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## **Chapter 1881 – Disaster Incarnate**

When Aqua Rose activated Vulcan's Sigh, which was powered by the Source of Blazing Fire, darkness suddenly flooded the sky above the battlefield. Following which, a gigantic spatial tear opened up in the sky.

Meanwhile, at this moment, the players and the monsters on the battlefield had frozen in their tracks, gazing at the black hole in the sky in fear.

“What did she do?”

Wind Hunter, who currently stood on Ancient Rock City's city wall, shuddered in fear when he saw the hill-sized eyeball inside the black hole. Right now, he could clearly feel death looming over him.

Let alone Wind Hunter, even the Tier 4 NPC Wales turned pale when he sensed the dreadful aura coming from the gigantic eyeball. He couldn't even move his body right now. As the aura intensified, the black hole spat out flaming meteors.

In the blink of an eye, the flaming meteors illuminated the sky brightly.

Before anyone could react, the flaming meteors descended on the Evil Beast and Evil Demon army, the impact causing countless explosions and screams of agony to resound in the battlefield. At this moment, it was as if Armageddon had arrived as the entire battlefield shook.

Among the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons caught within the range of the flaming meteors, those at the Lord rank and below were killed instantly.

Meanwhile, the meteor shower covered a 700-yard radius at the very minimum. By the time the meteor shower ended, the terrain of the battlefield had undergone an earth-shattering transformation. Aside from the monsters at the Great Lord rank and above, everything else caught within the AOE of Vulcan's Sigh was now ashes. Even the two Mythic Evil Demons, which were unfortunate enough to be in the attack's AOE, had fallen into a heavily injured state, their combat power plummeting.

In just one attack, more than 5,000 Evil Beasts and Evil Demons were killed.

The destructive power of Vulcan's Sigh stupefied everyone on the battlefield. The Dark Players that were originally planning on charging into battle all gulped audibly, their backs growing cold as they watched this scene play out before them.

"That was close! Fortunately, we didn't charge into battle too quickly. I never thought that Zero Wing would actually have such a trump card hidden as well. Had we charged into battle, we probably would've died to this large-scale destruction Spell."

"However, Zero Wing is already at the end of its tether. The number of Evil Beasts and Evil Demons killed is nothing to Beast Emperor. How does Zero Wing plan on repelling Beast Emperor's remaining forces? I refuse to believe that Zero Wing still has another Magic Scroll like that."

"I guess you're right. Once Zero Wing's members get scattered by the Evil Beasts, it'll be our turn to make a move. Zero Wing's members are all walking sacks of money. We'll be able to make a fortune if we manage to kill a few of them."

Although everyone was shocked by the might of Vulcan's Sigh, none of them was an ordinary player. They understood that such a powerful large-scale destruction Spell could be used only once. This was merely Zero Wing's last gasp before it got annihilated. It wouldn't stop Beast Emperor's forces from giving chase.

At this moment, Snow Scar, who was watching the battle from a short distance away, unsheathed the two sabers he carried in his bag and commanded, "Prepare to move out!"

This was the moment he had been waiting for.

When cornered, even a rat would bite back at the cat, not to mention a Guild like Zero Wing. Meanwhile, now that Zero Wing's last-ditch defense was over, it was the perfect opportunity for them to take action.

At Snow Scar's words, the eyes of Blackwater's members glowed with excitement and anticipation. The experts of the Heavenly Eagle Legion, in particular, had long since been dying to make a move. If not for Snow Scar holding them back, they would've charged at Zero Wing's army already.

However, just as the Blackwater members and Dark Players were preparing to rush down on Zero Wing's members, a deafening roar suddenly came from the fiery plains created by the meteor shower. Following the first roar, more roars shook the battlefield one after another.

Then, the meteors that landed on the battlefield started transforming. The flames surrounding the meteors grew considerably. As for the meteors themselves, they took on a humanoid form. In the blink of an eye, over 500 flaming giants appeared on the battlefield.

Even the weakest among these Flame Giants was a Level 75 Great Lord that was ten meters tall. Meanwhile, the majority of the Flame Giants on the battlefield were 20-meter-tall Grand Lords. There were also four 60-meter-tall Mythic Flame Giants. These four Mythic Flame Giants looked like four flaming mountains as they stood on the battlefield. Everywhere these Mythic Flame Giants passed

became a sea of flames. Lava also flowed down from their bodies continuously, turning the area within 100 yards of the Mythic Flame Giants into a lava field. Any Evil Beasts and Evil Demons caught within this lava field got burned and lost chunks of HP over time.

After taking shape, these Flame Giants slaughtered the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons before them and charged straight towards Ancient Rock City. The Level 83 Mythic Flame Giants, in particular, were simply unstoppable, sending even the Mythic Evil Beasts flying with a single slap. Meanwhile, the Lord ranked Evil Beasts caught within the lava fields formed by the Mythic Flame Giants lost HP at a rate visible to the naked eye.

In the blink of an eye, several hundred Evil Beasts and Evil Demons had been killed. The battlefield had been turned into a sea of flames as well. It was no exaggeration to say that this legion of Flame Giants was disaster incarnate.

“Damn it! Stop them! Quick! We must not let them enter the city!” Beast Emperor shouted, his complexion turning deathly pale when he saw the Flame Giants charging toward Ancient Rock City.

The Flame Giants’ bodies were massive. If they entered Ancient Rock City, the destruction they would cause would be unimaginable. This was especially true for the Mythic Flame Giants. Their entry would spell disaster for the city.

“Damn it! Zero Wing, just you wait! The Evil God’s Temple will flatten you sooner or later!” Wind Hunter bellowed as he glared at Zero Wing’s army. Gnashing his teeth, he promptly controlled all his Evil Demons and Evil Beasts to deal with the Flame Giants.

Ancient Rock City was the Evil God’s Temple’s foothold in the Ore Empire. They could not afford to lose it, no matter what. Although he did not think that the Flame Giant legion could destroy the entire city, even partial destruction was not a loss they could afford.

Following which, under Wind Hunter's command, Wales and the two Mythic Evil Demons moved to hinder the Mythic Flame Giants. As for the other Evil Beasts and Evil Demons, Wind Hunter tasked them with dealing with the other Flame Giants.

The number of monsters targeting Zero Wing's members decreased drastically. Using this opportunity, Aqua Rose activated the movement-type defensive magic array once again. Immediately after, she had the army beat a hasty retreat. At the same time, she also had Flying Shadow and the others recall the Divine Magic Dragons to support the army's withdrawal. Right now, the Flame Giant legion was more than enough to handle the frontline.

This sudden development gave the players seeking to attack Zero Wing's members pause.

With the three Divine Magic Dragons guarding Zero Wing's army, no player could poke their nose into this battle. Moreover, Zero Wing's defensive magic array was up again. There were also the 200 Miniature Ballistas continuously firing Exploding Arrows.

"We're retreating!" Snow Scar said, sighing as he sent a glance at Zero Wing's receding army.

"But..." The other members of the Heavenly Eagle Legion felt unreconciled as they looked at Snow Scar.

"Do you think you can handle those three Divine Magic Dragons?" Snow Scar asked as he eyed the 20-plus players behind him.

They might be able to do something about the defensive magic array and 200 Miniature Ballistas, but they would be helpless against the three Divine Magic Dragons. Although the Divine Magic Dragons were heavily injured, as they were controlled by players, the combat power they possessed was still above that of ordinary Mythic monsters. Not to mention, with the Divine Magic Dragons' Basic Attributes, all they needed was one hit to kill current players.

“If we use our trump card, what will those three Divine Magic Dragons amount to?” a white-clad Tier 2 Summoner argued.

“Trump card? Are you all going to expose our Heavenly Eagle Legion’s greatest secret without the Vice Guild Leader’s permission?” Snow Scar asked as he shot a cold glare at the Tier 2 Summoner.

Everyone present promptly fell silent.

“Relax. You’ll have plenty of opportunities to perform in the future. Not to mention, we got to see Zero Wing’s trump cards this time. A Guild that has its trump cards exposed is no different from a beast that has lost its claws and fangs. Zero Wing is no longer a threat to us,” Snow Scar said, a faint smile appearing on his face as he eyed the distant Zero Wing army.

When Zero Wing’s army completed its retreat from the battlefield, the battle at Ancient Rock City had also come to an end. Although Zero Wing had failed to capture Ancient Rock City, it had managed to destroy the city’s defensive magic array and retreat entirely unscathed. Most importantly, Zero Wing had also destroyed the Dark Witch’s Tower, an important gathering point for Dark Players in the Ore Empire.

After the battle ended, news of it spread like crazy to the kingdoms and empires neighboring the Ore Empire.

***Chapter 1882 – Everyone’s Considerations Dark Night Empire, Dark Night City:***

Many players roamed along the city's streets. Players visiting the city for the first time were awed by its prosperity. As one explored the busy streets, they'd encounter Level 55 or above players who wore Level 50 Secret-Silver Equipment. Tier 2 experts were also relatively common.

Meanwhile, Starlink's Guild Residence sat at the heart of the city. It was one of the most eye-catching sights within the city, and there was always a long line of players seeking to join the Guild outside its entrance.

"Why does it feel like more players have applied to join Starlink recently? I've even heard rumors that players from outside of the Dark Night Empire have come to join Starlink."

"That's only natural. I've heard that Starlink has acquired a Magic Crystal vein, so the Guild no longer lacks Magic Crystals. Moreover, the Guild recently cleared a path to the Sea of Trees and can now travel to the area."

"The Sea of Trees? Are you talking about the Dark Night Empire's rumored Dream City?"

"Of course. What else would I be talking about? I've heard that the Sea of Trees is a wonderful place, protected by the Six Great Primordial Elf Kings. It also has a passage that allows you to complete your promotion to Tier 2. You can actually skip the regular Tier 2 Promotion Quest. The passage is also easier than the normal Promotion Quest. Although, once you complete the trial, you don't get one of the main Tier 2 classes, but a special Tier 2 class."

"A special Tier 2 class?"

"That's right. It's a semi-support class called Traveling Bard. The class is a combination of the Berserker, Elementalist, Cleric, and Oracle classes."

“How awesome! You can actually skip the normal Tier 2 Promotion Quest?! The Tier 2 Promotion Quests are so difficult that you’re not guaranteed to pass if even with the full support of a large Guild. I wonder when we’ll get to visit the Sea of Trees. Even if I can’t complete my normal Tier 2 Promotion Quest, becoming a Tier 2 Traveling Bard isn’t a bad idea. At the very least, I’ll be much stronger than a Tier 1 Berserker.”

“Keep dreaming. That’s the Sea of Trees we’re talking about How could it be so easy to visit? Only Starlink, the force responsible for opening the path to the city, can lead a large number of players to it Why do you think experts from other countries are coming to join Starlink? Everyone’s trying to get into the Sea of Trees through the Guild.”

The independent players who loitered in the central district chatted as they watched the long line of players outside of Starlink’s Residence.

Although they, too, wished to join the Guild, Starlink was a large enough Guild that it could even contend with the various super-first-rate Guilds. Its recruitment requirements were intensely strict. Not just anyone could join.

Meanwhile, a dozen or so Tier 2 players had gathered in the Guild Leader’s office in Starlink’s Residence.

“Damn that Unyielding Soul! They actually secured the First Clear of a large-scale Hell Mode Team Dungeon before us and promoted their Guild to 3-star!” Lu Xingluo frowned as he glared at the people before him. “How did this happen? We’ve clearly held the lead. How did Unyielding Soul get the First Clear instead?”

“Guild Leader, based on our investigations, Unyielding Soul has acquired a large number of powerful weapons and tools to increase their raid team’s combat power significantly. Those items are the reason that they secured the First Clear,” Dawn Web, who was now a Level 57, Tier 2 Elementalist, explained.



“Powerful weapons? How is that possible?” The situation left Lu Xingluo confused.

Despite its current, dire straits, Unyielding Soul was still a super-first-rate Guild. Its main force should’ve already wielded the best equipment in God’s Domain. Even if Unyielding Soul borrowed equipment from other Guilds, it shouldn’t be able to increase its raid team’s combat power by such a large margin.

“It’s true. According to our spies, the Guild has acquired a large collection of Level 55 Dark-Gold Weapons,” Dawn Web said as he sent Lu Xingluo the information on the weapons. “Although these Level 55 Dark-Gold Weapons are inferior to most Level 55 Dark-Gold Weapons, they are still more powerful than Level 50 Dark-Gold Weapons.”

“Level 55 Dark-Gold Weapons? How did they get their hands on these? Not even Super Guilds have such an armory. There’s no way anybody would be willing to sell a large batch of these weapons,” Lu Xingluo said in surprise.

“Our spies have confirmed that the weapons came from Zero Wing. Zero Wing must have some special channel that allows it to collect such items,” Dawn Web explained. “I’ve already had someone investigate the Guild, but Zero Wing has kept a tight lid on this matter. So far, we have failed to discover the weapons’ origin. However, if I were to guess, it is highly likely that Zero Wing’s forgers crafted the items.

“Even the various superpowers are struggling to raid Level 50 Team Dungeons. Other than special quests or high-level Field Bosses, it is almost impossible for players to acquire Level 55 Dark-Gold Weapons right now. Furthermore, Zero Wing sold the weapons to Unyielding Soul in bulk. It is very likely that Zero Wing’s forgers have managed to create a Level 55 Dark- Gold Weapon by luck or found the forging designs, mass-producing the weapons.”

“Zero Wing?” Lu Xingluo’s expression darkened when he heard the name. “I’ve heard that Zero Wing just launched a sudden attack against Ancient Rock City. What was the battle’s outcome?”

Zero Wing had already dared to disobey him. Now, the Guild had assisted Unyielding Soul, his Guild's rival. Due to the assistance, Unyielding Soul had recovered its momentum and become an even greater thorn in his side.

"Zero Wing has failed," Dawn Web said softly after giving the matter some thought.

"I know that! That's Beast Emperor we're talking about. How could that old bastard be so easy to defeat? The old bastard was even lucky enough to acquire a Legacy from the Evil God's Temple," Lu Xingluo said, nodding. "I want to know how severe Zero Wing's losses were."

"There were none. After failing to capture Ancient Rock City, Zero Wing used a powerful Magic Scroll to stop Beast Emperor's army before retreating from the battlefield," Dawn Web explained. "Although Zero Wing failed to capture Ancient Rock City, however, the Guild did destroy the Dark Witch's Tower, one of the Dark Players' teleportation points in the Ore Empire..."

"How?" Lu Xingluo's eyes widened with shock. Finding this revelation somewhat unbelievable, he continued, "I thought Dark Soul guarded the town."

Although he did not know exactly how powerful the Dark Witch's Tower was, even superpowers would have to pay a high price to destroy it since it was protected by high-level NPCs, much less a Guild like Zero Wing. Moreover, Zero Wing had been engaged in a battle against Ancient Rock City while it had attacked the Dark Witch's Tower.

"That's correct During the battle with the Dark Witch's Tower, Zero Wing revealed war weapons that no one has seen in the game before. This weapon operates like a mobile Magic Tower. It even has extremely high Defense. The attack on the Dark Witch's Tower succeeded due to these weapons. All of the various superpowers are looking into it to find a way to acquire the weapons for themselves," Dawn Web reported, nodding. He then forwarded the Dark Witch's Tower's battle video to Lu Xingluo.

“The ability to produce Level 55 Dark-Gold Weapons and now this? Zero Wing is unexpectedly capable.” After Lu Xingluo watched the video, his lips curled into a smile as he said, “Very good. I had simply planned to destroy Zero Wing, but it seems that the Guild still has some value. Change of plans. Notify our subordinates to bring me these items!”

“What about the Sea of Trees? We’ve gone to great lengths to acquire the eight keys from the Thorn Fortress. Are we going to give up now that we’re so close to the final struggle?” Dawn Web asked hurriedly.

“Of course not. We’ll deal with the Sea of Trees first Then, we’ll take care of Zero Wing,” Lu Xingluo said. As he looked at the Hell Tanks on his screen, a hint of greed flashed in his eyes. “Alright, go; see to the necessary preparations.”

“Understood!” Dawn Web nodded. He then led his men out of the office.

Meanwhile, in Silverwing Town...

The return of Zero Wing’s army caused a huge commotion in the town. After all, the battle’s outcome had been striking. Although Zero Wing had failed to take down Ancient Rock City, the Dark Witch’s Tower’s destruction ensured that Dark Players would no longer pose a threat to Silverwing Town. Including the Guild’s occupation of the Secret Stone Fortress, Zero Wing had secured the Ore Empire’s southeastern region. No force would be able to hinder the Guild’s members now.

With the rich leveling resources in the Ore Empire, Zero Wing’s development speed would skyrocket.

For a time, independent players from other countries traveled to Silverwing Town in hopes of joining Zero Wing. Many among them were expert players.

“Guild Leader, the various superpowers’ representatives have left. They all expressed their congratulations on garrisoning in the Secret Stone Fortress,” Aqua Rose said, smiling at Shi Feng as he organized and inspected the loot he had acquired from the Dark Witch’s Tower. “However, Hell Fiend from King’s Return wore a particularly grudging look when he left. You should’ve seen how funny it was.”

“It seems that they intend to give up on pressuring our Guild.” Shi Feng nodded. The outcome didn’t surprise him. Now that the potential losses outweighed the gains, it was only natural that the various superpowers gave up on targeting Zero Wing.

“Right, Unyielding Heart has also come to meet you. He has brought a few people with him this time. He says that he has a huge business proposition for you,” Aqua Rose said. “They’re currently waiting in the second floor’s VIP reception room. Would you like to meet with them now?”

“A business proposition? Alright, let’s head over and see what they have to say.”

Shi Feng was relatively curious about Unyielding Heart’s sudden visit. He and Aqua Rose then left the Guild Warehouse and headed for the second-floor VIP reception room.

## **Chapter 1883 – Set Equipment of Astronomical Value**

Four people sat in the second-floor VIP reception room in Zero Wing’s Guild Residence. When Shi Feng and Aqua Rose entered, these four people shifted their gazes toward the door.

“Sorry for the long wait,” Shi Feng said.

He was already acquainted with two of the four players, Unyielding Heart and Mu Lingsha. Shi Feng also recognized the other two; they had been experts that ever large Guild in God's Domain had known about during his previous life.

One of these two was a Level 57, Tier 2 Elementalist called Long Soul, while the other was a Level 57, Tier 2 Guardian Knight called Hunting Blade.

In the past, Long Soul had also been known as the Crimson Wizard, whereas Hunting Blade had been known as the Iron Giant. Although neither had ranked on the God's Domain's Experts List in the past, the Secret Pavilion had given them official titles.

They hadn't ranked simply because they hadn't wanted to. Every superpower had their own secrets, and none of them would display every expert they had. Hence, under pressure from the various superpowers, the Secret Pavilion hadn't included every expert on the God's Domain Experts List. However, the Secret Pavilion had still provided a brief description of some of these experts.

All of the experts that had earned a title had striking battle records. Although Long Soul and Hunting Blade hadn't been as famous as Unyielding Heart, they weren't any weaker than the Guild Leader.

Of course, the two players had only earned their titles after reaching Tier 3 in the game. At this point, few people knew these players' true abilities.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you've come," Unyielding Heart said, smiling as he stood. He then gestured to Long Soul and Hunting Blade and said, "Let me introduce you. This is Long Soul, Unyielding Soul's Chief Elementalist, and this is Hunting Blade, Unyielding Soul's Chief Guardian Knight."

“Hello.” Both Long Soul and Hunting Blade nodded at Shi Feng as they carefully observed the Swordsman’s every action, attempting to determine Shi Feng’s capabilities.

Shi Feng was a large part of the reason for Zero Wing’s current success. The Guild had even secured a foothold in the Ore Empire and forcibly dissuaded the various superpowers from targeting Zero Wing.

Some time ago, Zero Wing had even sold Unyielding Soul a large number of Level 55 Dark-Gold Weapons, which allowed Unyielding Soul to earn the First Clear in a Level 50, large-scale Team Dungeon and become the first Guild in the Dark Night Empire to reach 3-star status. It was because of these achievements that Unyielding Soul now had more capital to contend with Starlink in its home empire.

Once everyone had been introduced, Unyielding Heart removed a list from his bag and handed it to Shi Feng.

A quick glance at the list left Shi Feng confused.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, I suspect that you might be interested in the items listed; am I correct?” Unyielding Heart asked, smiling.

“You are. Zero Wing is very interested in acquiring these items,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

Every item on the list was a material that Zero Wing was currently trying to purchase in bulk. There were even materials for crafting the Hell Tank among them.

Certain materials the Hell Tank required couldn’t be acquired from Team Dungeons. Only a few special maps produced these materials. Unfortunately, the various large Guilds valued these materials and

usually didn't sell them. Hence, Melancholic Smile could only try her best to purchase these materials from other countries' independent players.

Since he had no real reason to hide the fact, Shi Feng acknowledged his need for these materials. Any large Guild could easily deduce that Zero Wing was attempting to collect materials, after all. Only, these Guilds did not know what Zero Wing wanted the materials for.

"Unyielding Soul is willing to sell these materials to Zero Wing in bulk and at market price," Unyielding Heart said.

"You're willing to sell Zero Wing?" Shi Feng smiled. "That would be wonderful, but I doubt that's why you're here."

If Unyielding Soul only wanted to sell Zero Wing these rare materials, Unyielding Heart wouldn't have personally visited the Guild. He could have simply sent a subordinate to initiate the transaction. Moreover, Unyielding Heart had gone so far as to bring the Crimson Wizard and Iron Giant with him.

"Of course, that's not the only reason I've come. I would like to trade these rare materials for the Dark Corrosion Set and Sundial Set earlier than planned. I believe the price I have to offer will be to your satisfaction," Unyielding Heart said, nodding as he revealed his true motive.

"You want to conduct the transaction in advance?" Glancing at Long Soul and Hunting Blade, Shi Feng realized why Unyielding Heart had brought these two with him today. "Unfortunately, I've already informed you and the Phoenix Pavilion Master of the auction date for the two sets. If I trade with you now, I'm afraid that it won't be fair to the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion."

The Dark Corrosion Set and Sundial Set were both Level 55 to Level 60 Dark-Gold Set Equipment. If Long Soul and Hunting Blade could use these sets now, they could be of great help to their Guild. It was no wonder why Unyielding Heart wished to conduct the transaction ahead of time.

“I understand. That is why Unyielding Soul is willing to offer you 70,000 Gold’s worth of rare materials or Magic Crystals for the two sets. I don’t believe that even the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion is capable of making such an offer. If you’re uncertain, we can also contact the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion and conduct an impromptu auction right now. I believe the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion won’t object to the arrangement,” Unyielding Heart said.

When Long Soul and Hunting Blade heard Unyielding Soul’s statement, their expressions changed. They both wondered if their Guild Leader had lost his mind. This wasn’t the price they had agreed on earlier.

Not only had Unyielding Heart asked to purchase the two sets for 70,000 Gold, but he even offered to settle the bill with extremely rare materials. For that price, they could purchase quite a few sets of individual Level 60 Dark-Gold Equipment

“Seventy thousand Gold in rare materials?” Shi Feng was astonished when he heard the proposal.

Shi Feng had to admit that the offer was tempting. He had intended to set the starting bid for the Dark Corrosion Set at 24,000 Gold, and that price was only so high because the set was meant for MTs. He had thought he’d be lucky to sell the Sundial Set for 10,000 Gold. At best, he had estimated that he could sell the two sets for a total of 50,000 Gold.

Yet, Unyielding Heart had just offered 70,000 Gold for the sets. Moreover, he was willing to pay with the rare materials Shi Feng needed to produce the Hell Tank.

As Unyielding Heart had stated, Phoenix Rain couldn’t match such an astronomical price. The Dark Corrosion Set and Sundial Sets were only Level 60 Dark-Gold Set Equipment at best, not Epic Equipment, which could be used until Level 100 or beyond.



Aqua Rose, who stood quietly to the side, flashed Unyielding a surprised expression. She hadn't expected the other Guild Leader to be so mad.

Now that Zero Wing had garrisoned in the Secret Stone Fortress and transferred a large number of Guild members to it, the Guild urgently needed a large number of Coins and resources. If Zero Wing could secure the resources Unyielding Heart had just offered, this transaction could accelerate Zero Wing's occupation of the Ore Empire's southeastern region.

When Unyielding Heart saw Shi Feng and Aqua Rose's satisfied expressions, his smile brightened.

Although he had offered to purchase the sets at a much higher price than he had initially planned, he had done so to avoid a scene. If he had competed with Phoenix Rain in an auction, the risk of leaked information would increase.

Remorsefully, Shi Feng shook his head.

"Seventy thousand Gold is indeed tempting, but please, allow me to refuse," Shi Feng said as he returned the list to Unyielding Heart, firm determination in his eyes.

"Are you not satisfied with my offer?" Unyielding Heart was stunned.

Long Soul and Hunting Blade stared at Shi Feng, as well. They both thought that Shi Feng had lost his mind. No one else would offer such a generous price, yet Shi Feng had rejected it.

"No, I find it quite satisfying," Shi Feng answered truthfully.

“Then, why?” Unyielding Heart’s confidence began to crumble as he stared at Shi Feng.

“Unfortunately, I’m more interested in the Sea of Trees,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

## **Chapter 1884 – Tier 2 Special Class**

After Shi Feng’s statement, the room fell deathly silent.

“This...”

Unyielding Heart couldn’t help but stare at Shi Feng in shock. He had never dreamed that Shi Feng’s appetite would be so intense. Not only wasn’t the man satisfied with 70,000 Gold in rare materials, but he had also set his sights on Unyielding Soul’s Sea of Trees.

“The Sea of Trees?” Questions filled Aqua Rose’s mind. She didn’t recognize the name, and that made her curious. What was the ‘Sea of Trees’ that it was enough for Shi Feng to refuse so many valuable resources? Moreover, based on Unyielding Heart and his companions’ expressions, the Sea of Trees clearly wasn’t ordinary.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, if you wish to involve the Sea of Trees in this transaction, Unyielding Soul will have to bow out,” Long Soul firmly declared as he stood. “It is best if you consider something else.”

The Sea of Trees was a legendary city in the Dark Night Empire. Anybody could learn that much after a little research. Besides, it was no longer a secret in the empire. Many experts had already learned of the Sea of Trees and traveled to Dark Night City to join Starlink.

However, unlike Starlink, Unyielding Soul had no intentions of sharing the Sea of Trees.

Hunting Blade nodded as well from beside Long Soul. The Sea of Trees was far beyond Unyielding Soul's bottom line. Zero Wing must be dreaming if it thought it could demand a share of the profits in exchange for two Dark-Gold Set Equipment.

"Don't be in such a hurry to refuse. Aren't you interested in what I have to offer?" Long Soul's reaction didn't particularly surprise Shi Feng.

The Sea of Trees was a unique secret land, which had been created by the Six Great Primordial Elf Kings. Like Primordial City, the Sea of Trees could provide players immense help, but the Sea of Trees primarily focused on magic research. Players could find many magic arrays that weren't available in God's Domain's NPC towns and cities. Players could also improve their grasp on magic arrays, as well as their Spell Completion Rates. Because of this, the various major powers in the past had placed heavy importance on the Sea of Trees.

After the Sea of Trees activated, players would only be able to visit the city if they had a key. As a result, the city's entry slots were incredibly precious. However, as players continued to unlock more of the city's features, the entry conditions would loosen. In the end, the Sea of Trees had become one of the most famous NPC cities throughout God's Domain.

Meanwhile, the Sea of Trees' most well-known benefit was its Tier 2 Special Class, Traveling Bard!

As one of the few semi-support classes available at Tier 2, the class had the ability to boost teammates, although the Traveling Bard didn't command high DPS. A Traveling Bard could increase a 100-man

team's combat power by at least 15%. This was why the various large Guilds had valued this Tier 2 Special Class.

Naturally, Unyielding Soul would have a greater advantage if it monopolized the class for as long as possible.

"It doesn't matter what you say. We won't budge on this matter," Long Soul growled resolutely.

Unyielding Soul had researched the Traveling Bard class in detail, so they knew just how much help the class would provide to a team. As long as Unyielding Soul had Traveling Bard players, the Guild could clear Team Dungeons far faster than other superpowers.

As for Starlink and Crimson Emperor, who had also obtained keys to enter the Sea of Trees, neither would share their slots to ensure their advantage over their competition.

"What if I told you that I have a way to increase players' success rate of becoming Traveling Bards?" Shi Feng asked, chuckling. "I know a little about the Traveling Bard class. I have heard that a limited number of players can class-change into a Traveling Bard; 20 per week, I think? Moreover, I don't believe that Unyielding Soul is the only Guild in the Dark Night Empire that has acquired the keys to enter the city."

"How do you know this?!" Long Soul stared at Shi Feng in shock.

The matter regarding the city's keys should've been a core secret that only their three Guilds knew.

Players outside of the Guilds should only know that they could become Traveling Bards after visiting the Sea of Trees, but how could such a massive advantage exist without limit? There was indeed a player

limit for the Promotion Quest; only 20 players could acquire the class each week. Once that limit had been reached, players would have to wait seven days before they could attempt the class-change.

“Increase the class-change success rate? Guild Leader Black Flame, do you really have a way of doing so?” Unyielding Heart could not help his growing interest.

Although seven days wasn't a long time, it wasn't very short, either. The various superpowers' main force members would surpass Level 60 after two Cooldown cycles. At that time, Tier 2 players would not be as much of a rarity. Fortunately, the Traveling Bards' value wouldn't lessen in that time, although the class would be most valuable during the first two Cooldown cycles.

Currently, the Dark Night Empire's three main powers vied for these first 20 slots. If it were possible to increase the class-change success rate, Unyielding Soul would have a massive advantage over its competition.

“Of course. Moreover, my method increases the success rate by at least 20%,” Shi Feng confidently explained.

“A 20% improvement?” Unyielding Heart gasped.

Although the Traveling Bard's Class-change quest was slightly easier than the usual Tier 2 Promotion Quest, that didn't mean it was easy. The experts Unyielding Soul had carefully selected to attempt the class-change only had a success rate of roughly 50%. If it were possible to increase that by 20%, Unyielding Soul could monopolize the 20 slots.

“The Sea of Trees' initial entry slots are incomparably precious. Besides, how do we know that you're telling us the truth?” Long Soul stated.

“I don’t have any proof. It is up to you to believe me or not. I only want 10 entry slots into the city. I’ll also reduce the price for the two sets to 50,000 Gold in resources,” Shi Feng said, smiling.

“You...” For a time, Long Soul was at a loss for words.

“Alright, I’ll agree to your offer on behalf of Unyielding Soul,” Mu Lingsha, who had remained silent all this time, said suddenly.

“Miss Mu, what if he’s just spouting nonsense...” Long Soul tried to dissuade the woman.

“I don’t believe that Guild Leader Black Flame would trick us. Furthermore, his understanding of the Traveling Bard class isn’t inferior to ours in the least. This proves that he knows what he’s talking about,” Mu Lingsha said.

Since Mu Lingsha was so determined, Long Soul had no choice but to nod silently.

However, as Mu Lingsha had implied, only the core upper echelons of the Dark Night Empire’s three major Guilds should know any details related to the Traveling Bard class. Information leaks should be impossible, yet Shi Feng had revealed accurate information on the class. This proved that he indeed knew something.

“Alright, let us sign a contract, then.” Once Unyielding Soul’s group had agreed, Shi Feng revealed a contract he had prepared beforehand. He then filled in some of the blank areas of the contract before handing it to Unyielding Soul’s representatives.

The conditions were very simple. Unyielding Soul would give Zero Wing ten entry slots to the Sea of Trees and 50,000 Gold in rare resources. In return, Zero Wing would hand over the two Dark-Gold Set Equipment and the information on how to increase the class-change success rate for the Traveling Bard class.

After both sides had signed the contract, Shi Feng revealed his method to Mu Lingsha.

In truth, the method was very simple: learn how to produce magic arrays. As long as one could manufacture Intermediate Magic Arrays, players would have a far easier time when attempting the Traveling Bard Class-change Quest.

Although the method was simple, nurturing players to the Intermediate Magician standard wouldn't be. Hence, Shi Feng had only asked for ten slots. After all, the number of Tier 1 players that could craft Intermediate Magic Arrays was incredibly low. Most expert players in God's Domain would be fortunate if they could produce Basic Magic Arrays, much less Intermediate rank.

Both sides then agreed to meet up in Dark Night City two days before they'd head to the Sea of Trees.

When Shi Feng had completed his side of the bargain, he received 50,000 Gold in resources.

These materials should be enough to set up the Basic Teleportation Device. Shi Feng smiled at the Magic Crystals and materials Unyielding Heart had transferred to him.

Although the system had awarded a Basic Teleportation Device, setting it up in a town or city required additional Magic Crystals and materials. In fact, the task demanded 20,000 Magic Crystals and roughly 4,000 Gold in materials. Previously, due to the battle against Beast Emperor, Zero Wing had spent most of the Magic Crystals it had stockpiled.

Fortunately, Shi Feng's deal with Unyielding Heart had netted him 40,000 Magic Crystals, more than enough to set up the Basic Teleportation Device.

Immediately after the meeting, Shi Feng made his way for Silverwing Town's most popular attraction\_the airport.

### **Chapter 1885 – Basic Teleportation Device Silverwing Town, airport**

Due to the airport's appearance, the previously desolate sector of the town had become a hub for players and NPCs. Many players lingered outside of the airport, hawking their wares or recruiting team members.

“So, this is Silverwing Town? The players here are so high-leveled! The town's average level can already complete with Black Dragon City's players.”

“Don't you know? Many expert players have come to develop in Silverwing Town since it has become easier to travel here from Star-Moon City and the town's transportation quests offer such bountiful rewards. I've heard that players can even purchase cheap Secret-Silver weapons and Equipment from Silverwing Town's Transportation Firm from time to time.”

As players left the airport, some couldn't help their surprise when they saw how prosperous Silverwing Town had become. Practically every player roaming the street outside the airport was Level 53 or above, with the majority being Level 54 and 55. Tier 2 experts were also common. However, the players selling equipment and tools were the most shocking.



In Black Dragon City, the Black Dragon Empire's imperial capital, players rarely sold Level 50 Secret-Silver Equipment. However, on the street outside the airport, quite a few players did just that. Moreover, their prices were 20% lower than in Black Dragon City. Although, despite the 20% discount, the prices were still beyond ordinary players' budgets.

Meanwhile, after receiving a brief explanation on Silverwing Town, first-time visitors' eyes glowed with excitement.

Based on what they had heard thus far, developing in Silverwing Town would be far more successful than in Black Dragon City. Not only did the town offer many income sources for independent players like themselves, but acquiring Level 50 weapons and equipment was also easier here. It was even said that the Transportation Firm offered Level 50 Fine-Gold Weapons and Equipment. The only problem was the Transportation Firm Contribution Point requirement, and those would not be easy to collect.

The airport's benefits are really amazing. It's no wonder why Guild Towns with airports had quickly become Advanced Cities, Shi Feng thought as he gazed at the crowded street before him. He had never thought that the airport would become so prosperous after just a few days.

Although he had told Aqua Rose to increase Silverwing Town's player population limit, he didn't think it would be long before they reached the new limit.

If he wanted to resolve this issue, he'd have to upgrade Silverwing Town to an Advanced Town soon. Although an Advanced Town was still a town, it was significantly larger than an Intermediate Town, nearly half the size of a Basic City.

However, upgrading Silverwing Town to Advanced rank wouldn't be an easy task.

Aside from the required Popularity, neutraltowns needed sufficient security to qualify for a promotion.

Currently, gaining Popularity wasn't a problem for Silverwing Town. With how many players the airport and Transportation Firm attracted, Silverwing Town gained a large amount of Popularity each day. It wouldn't be long before Silverwing Town met the requirement for an Advanced Town. Unfortunately, doing the same for the town's security would be challenging.

In terms of defensive structures, Silverwing Town definitely passed as it had five Magic Towers and a large number of Defense Turrets. However, any additional Defense Turrets wouldn't provide much to the town's security.

A town or city's security was divided into two factors; defensive structures and NPC soldiers.

There were two methods of increasing NPC soldiers' strength. The first involved improving the soldiers' combat standards. The second required upgrading the NPC soldiers' weapons and equipment. Unfortunately, not even Shi Feng had a method of improving the NPCs' combat standards. It all depended on the NPCs the town recruited. All he could do right now to strengthen Silverwing Town's NPC soldiers was improve their weapons and equipment. However, boosting the NPC soldiers to meet the strength requirement for a promotion would require a large number of Coins...

To reach the security standard for a promotion to Advanced rank, 600 of Silverwing Town's 2,000 NPC soldiers would need to wear full sets of Fine-Gold Equipment. Currently, only 120 NPC soldiers wielded Fine-Gold Equipment. Meanwhile, gearing the remaining 480 NPCs would cost close to 290,000 Gold in total...

The greatest difficulty other Guilds faced when trying to upgrade a neutral town was the town's Popularity. During his previous life, the Guild Towns had generally fulfilled their security requirements long before they fulfilled their Popularity requirements. However, Zero Wing was the exact opposite.

This was precisely the reason for Shi Feng's current headache.

Zero Wing simply didn't have enough money!

From an outsider's point of view, Zero Wing was quite wealthy. However, Shi Feng knew how truly broke his Guild was. Just taking care of Silverwing Town's development had drastically slowed Zero Wing City and the Lost Town's. Now, he also needed 290,000 Gold to upgrade Silverwing Town...

This predicament was the reason he had set his sights on the Sea of Trees.

In Unyielding Soul's opinion, he just wanted the Traveling Bard class to strengthen Zero Wing's teams so that the Guild could secure better weapons and equipment. In reality, however, the Traveling Bard class was nothing to him.

The Sea of Trees itself was his true target.

As players gradually unlocked the city's various features, the legendary Dream City would enjoy immense fame throughout the continent of God's Domain.

Thus far, the populace was still unaware that the Sea of Trees was actually a trade city for the various neutral races.

Of course, this feature would only become available after players had removed the city's second seal. At that time, neutral NPCs would swarm to the Sea of Trees, and after the third seal was removed, neutral players would join them. At that time, like Blackwing City's passes, the Sea of Trees' keys would become more common in neutral races' maps. The keys would no longer be limited to the Dark Night Empire. Unlocking this feature would also open trade between human players and neutral players.

Although there did not seem to be many neutral players in the game right now, when they gathered, they would easily outnumber an empire's player population. After all, many players desired a stronger body, and becoming a neutral race would satisfy this desire.

Since no one knew this secret yet, he had to prepare to secure a share of the profits, using this opportunity to make a fortune. It wouldn't be long before the Sea of Trees' second seal was removed, and if he didn't take action quickly, the Dark Night Empire's three main powers would claim the Dream City's benefits.

However, gaining these benefits had a prerequisite.

Coins!

Lots and lots of Coins!

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng hurried towards a large, empty Shop not far from the airport. This was one of the many Shops Shi Feng had left empty specifically for the airport.

Immediately, Shi Feng took out the Basic Teleportation Device and a large number of materials from his bag. He then began to set up the device in the center of the Shop's main hall.

After working non-stop for eight hours, Shi Feng finally formed the necessary magic arrays and magic circuits, connecting them to the Basic Teleportation Device. As he finished his work, he released a sigh of relief.

The necessary magic arrays were not easy to form. Players needed a strong understanding of Advanced Magic Arrays to do so. Creating the necessary magic circuits was even more complex. These magic circuits had to be connected to God's Domain's leylines. Normally, the task required three Advanced Magicians, but since he was Zero Wing's only Advanced Magician right now, he had to complete the task slowly. Fortunately, he had grasped the production process for Advanced Magic Arrays. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to utilize the Basic Teleportation Device at all.

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System: You have successfully connected the Leyline Magic Circuit. Do you wish to activate the Basic Teleportation Device?

...

"Activate!"

## **Chapter 1886 – Prosperous Silverwing**

In the quiet hall, the Basic Teleportation Device activated, and magic arrays began to manifest on the ground. A short moment later, a silver, threefold magic array appeared above the Teleportation Device, glowing with a dazzling light.

The moment this threefold magic array appeared, the ambient Mana rapidly gathered to the Teleportation Device.

A pillar of silver light rose from the Teleportation Device, piercing through the ceiling and rising out of the Shop. Every player in Silverwing Town could see the commotion activating the Teleportation Device had caused.

As the silver light pillar rose beyond the clouds, it exploded. A silver light then rippled through the sky. In the blink of an eye, the ripple had enveloped all of Silverwing Town. Then, as quickly as it had appeared, the silver ripple vanished.

“What just happened?”

“Was that some kind of magical attack?”

“Isn’t the airport in that sector? Did someone just attack the airport?”

As the light pillar and ripple disappeared, questions overwhelmed the town’s players. Some curious players started to make their way towards the airport to investigate.

Meanwhile, inside the large Shop...

Shi Feng grinned as he looked at the operational Teleportation Device.

If an airport could attract players to a town, boosting its development, then a Teleportation Device would bring abundant wealth. This was especially true for Silverwing Town, a town in a dangerous place like the Ore Empire.

Hopefully, this thing's teleportation range is a little longer. Shi Feng immediately inspected the Teleportation Device.

In God's Domain, Teleportation Devices' range wasn't fixed, even for devices of the same rank. The Teleportation Devices' range varied based on its environment. Basic Teleportation Devices' teleportation range could cover anywhere between 500,000 yards and 1,000,000. The range was vast enough to teleport players across a small leveling map.

Meanwhile, the further the Basic Teleportation Device could reach, the larger Silverwing Town's safe zone would be. After all, if enemy players attacked Zero Wing's within the teleportation range, the Guild could send reinforcements instantly.

This was also the reason that other powers rarely attacked towns with Teleportation Devices. A single mistake could easily lead to utter annihilation.

As Shi Feng called up the Basic Teleportation Device's Attribute Panel, the system revealed the device's statistics.

Maximum teleportation distance: 710,000 yards  
Maximum users at one time: 100 people

Teleportation cost: Every 150,000 yards per person requires 1 unit of Mana

One unit of Mana for every 150,000 yards with a maximum of 710,000 yards? Not bad. Shi Feng was relatively satisfied with the Teleportation Device's statistics.

One Magic Crystal yielded between 100 to 130 units of Mana. In other words, one Magic Crystal would be enough to teleport between 100 to 130 people across 150,000 yards. This cost was much lower than an ordinary Teleportation Magic Array. For example, the teleportation house in White River City cost one-fifth of a Magic Crystal to teleport one player from White River City to the Twin Towers Kingdom, which was 20 units of Mana or more.

After inspecting the statistics, Shi Feng transferred 20 NPC managers from the Battle Arena to the Basic Teleportation Device. He also set this Shop up as Silverwing Town's teleportation point.

As for the usage fees, he had set it at 80 Copper per 150,000 yards per person. Although the profits wouldn't be astronomical with this price, even ordinary players would find it acceptable. This would no doubt attract many players to the teleportation service, which would, in turn, generate massive income. At the very least, Silverwing Town's Teleportation Device would earn him more than the Secret Stone Fortress's teleportation service. Although the teleportation array in the fortress consumed far less Mana than this Teleportation Device, the fortress's managers only received a portion of the profits after deducting the operation costs.

Once Shi Feng finished with the Shop, he instructed his NPCs to open it to the public.

Many players had already gathered on the street outside of the Shop due to the airport, and after seeing the silver light pillar, even more players had joined the crowd.

The moment the Shop opened, a flood of players surged in out of curiosity.

"What's going on? Silverwing Town even offers teleportation services to nearby areas?"

"I thought only fortresses have this kind of teleportation function?"



“This is wonderful! Traveling into the Ore Empire’s inner region to quest is such a pain. Now that I can just teleport there, I’ll save so much time!”

When the crowd of independent players discovered the Teleportation Shop’s function, their eyes glistened with excitement. Although the teleportation price was slightly higher than that in the Ore Empire’s fortresses, it was still within ordinary players’ budgets.

Moreover, Silverwing Town’s living standards were far better than that of teleportation fortresses. Not only was the town’s Mana density incredibly high, but it also had a Battle Arena, in which players could train. Silverwing Town even had the Transportation Firm, which offered high-ranked weapons and equipment. The services Silverwing Town offered were no match for teleportation fortresses.

As news of the Teleportation Shop spread, thousands of players fought to use it. In the few minutes since the Shop had opened, it had generated 10 Gold in profit. The Teleportation Shop’s money-making speed was simply frightening. At this rate, as long as there were enough Magic Crystals available to continue operation, generating 10,000 Gold in profit would be child’s play for the Teleportation Shop. Silverwing Town’s Teleportation Device was even more lucrative than Zero Wing City’s Four Towers of Elements.

Of course, Shi Feng had expected this.

There were already more players using Silverwing Town’s teleportation service than those in Zero Wing City, which had decreased since the players who wanted to travel to the Ore Empire had long since done so. Moreover, most players visiting the empire were here to develop themselves. They’d likely remain in the Ore Empire for some time.

Furthermore, due to the airport’s recent construction, many players had opted to travel to the Ore Empire via airship. This further reduced the number of players who used Zero Wing City’s teleportation services.

In addition, Silverwing Town's teleportation service allowed players to teleport directly to the Secret Stone Fortress. Players could then use the Secret Stone Fortress's teleportation service to travel to the Ore Empire's inner region. Players who wanted to enjoy both Silverwing Town's benefits and grind in the empire's inner region would frequently use the town's teleportation services. Including the players trying to enter the town each day, far more players would utilize the town's teleportation services than those in Zero Wing City.

News of Silverwing Town's teleportation service quickly spread throughout the Ore Empire. It was enough motivation for players that quested and grinded in the empire to shift their base of operations to Silverwing Town.

Previously, not many players had settled down in Silverwing Town since it was so far from the Ore Empire's inner region, making travel to and from inconvenient, but since Shi Feng had resolved this issue, these players would naturally set up their base in the town. Although the cost would be slightly higher, the town's benefits would make it worthwhile. The players operating in the Ore Empire's inner region were at least elites, as well, so spending a few extra Silver Coins each day wouldn't be a problem.

For a time, the number of players trying to enter Silverwing Town skyrocketed. Meanwhile, Blackwater's upper echelons and Beast Emperor learned about this recent development, they wore gloomy expressions.

They had hoped that the various superpowers would gang up on Zero Wing, but not only hadn't that happened, but Silverwing Town also had a teleportation function now. With this, Zero Wing's control over the Ore Empire's southeastern region would grow even stronger.

"Dust, the item you've mentioned is incomparably precious. It will definitely be difficult to acquire. If you have it, how confident are you of gaining full control of the Evil Dragonification Magic Array?" Beast Emperor asked the man beside him, Dust Edge, from his seat in the Evil God's Branch Temple in Ancient Rock City.

He had planned to use the Dark Players and bounty hunters to whittle Zero Wing's combat power and financial strength down, but now, this plan would likely fail. He also lacked the forces to launch a direct assault on Silverwing Town.

Although Blackwater was powerful, it had recently acquired the Crimson Flame Fortress. It was still in the process of reinforcing its strength and also lacked the power to destroy Zero Wing's town.

Currently, Dust Edge's Evil Dragonification Legacy was his only hope. Unlike nurturing Evil Beasts and Evil Demons, producing Evil Dragons only required rare materials and players.

"I can't guarantee success, but I'm 80% confident I can gain full control over the magic array. Once I do, I'll be able to create even stronger Evil Dragons. Including the Evil God's Temple's current forces, destroying Silverwing Town should be a breeze!" Dust Edge proclaimed, confidence shining in his eyes. "We'll wipe all of Zero Wing from the face of God's Domain, not to mention removing the Guild from the Ore Empire."

"Good. I'll notify Blackwater and Dark Soul now and have them secure the item for you as soon as possible." Seeing the confidence in Dust Edge's eyes, Beast Emperor couldn't wait to see the completed Evil Dragon.

Meanwhile, in Silverwing Town's Candlelight Trading Firm, Shi Feng had begun to rent out the Shops around the airport. He had set the rent at 3,000 Gold per month for small Shops and 5,000 Gold per month for large Shops. Naturally, there were a limited number of Shops available, so they would be rented out on a first-come, first-served basis.

The moment the Guild revealed the rental prices, the town's interested merchant players were stunned.

"This is insane! Has Zero Wing gone mad for money?!"

## Chapter 1887 – Foundations Solidifying

Once the Candlelight Trading Firm had published the Shops' rental prices, the town's merchant players and nearby bystanders gaped in shock.

"Crap! Three thousand Gold to rent a Shop for one month?! I can buy a Shop in an NPC city with that kind of money!"

"Silverwing Town can't even compare to an NPC city, yet Zero Wing dares set the rent so high. Who could possibly afford such a price?"

"If I had 3,000 Gold, I could fully equip myself in top-tier equipment. With that kind of equipment, I'd be able to earn back the Gold in a month if I'm lucky. It'd be far more profitable than renting a Shop in Silverwing Town."

For a time, Silverwing Town's players heatedly discussed the astronomical rent.

"Guild Leader, I'm afraid that very few merchant players will be able to afford this price. Many capable trading firms have offered to rent the Shops long-term if we lower the price by 30%, as well. Why don't we drop it just a little?" Aqua Rose suggested from her seat in the second-floor hall.

Truthfully, even she thought that Shi Feng's price was a little too high. It might be acceptable for the Shops in Zero Wing City since the city had over 5,000,000 player residents. The city's merchant players would accept such a high rent. Even the players that purchased permanent Shops in NPC cities still had

to pay a 15% monthly property tax, after all. Moreover, this property tax would change based on the Shop's monthly evaluation. The tax wasn't fixed based on the initial purchase price.

However, Silverwing Town wasn't Zero Wing City. Although it had already become an Intermediate Town, it could only accommodate a limited number of players at a time. Right now, its player population was nowhere near that of a major NPC city, not to mention Zero Wing City.

"Tell them that my price isn't that high considering Silverwing Town's current prosperity. If they refuse, we won't push the matter. However, I can't guarantee that the prices won't increase after another fortnight," Shi Feng said nonchalantly.

Silverwing Town was home to the treasure trove known as the Transportation Firm, which allowed players to purchase rare items. If players purchased these rare items before reselling them in other countries, they could make quite a profit. In addition, the Shops themselves could be used as warehouses to store items.

If his plans for the Sea of Trees hadn't required so many Coins, he wouldn't have chosen to rent out Silverwing Town's Shops yet.

"Guild Leader, I've also received a report regarding the Ore Capital City. It seems that Blackwater has removed the seal on the Ore Capital City's armory. The various large Guilds have already dispatched expert teams to explore the armory. Although we are attempting to do the same, Blackwater's surveillance around the Regional Dungeon is quite tight. If we approach, Blackwater's members will intercept us. We can't get anywhere near the city," Aqua Rose said worriedly. "However, the Ore Capital City's armory is guaranteed to contain a plethora of war weapons. If we let Blackwater claim them, it'll be detrimental for our Guild's development in the empire."

"They've opened the Ore Capital City's armory?" Shi Feng frowned. "Blackwater is certainly impressive."

The Ore Capital City was an Asura Mode Regional Dungeon, which doubtlessly had bountiful resources. Needless to say, plenty of war weapons were stored within Regional Dungeons' armories. It was a perfect location to secure war weapons for the large Guilds that lacked such things.

However, since Blackwater controlled the Crimson Flame Fortress, it essentially controlled the path to the Ore Capital City. Moreover, Blackwater would have a much easier time eliminating Zero Wing's members once they entered the city since the Guild had the home ground advantage.

If Blackwater truly acquired a large number of war weapons, it would become a detriment to Zero Wing.

Zero Wing had solidified its position in the Ore Empire because it had far more and stronger war weapons than other Guilds. If it lost this advantage, Blackwater would have a much easier time capturing Silverwing Town. The various superpowers might even take advantage of the situation to strike at Zero Wing while it was down.

"Based on our reports, the various superpowers have begun to prepare for the armory's exploration. If we fall behind..." Aqua Rose felt utterly helpless about the situation.

While Zero Wing could sneak some of its experts into the Ore Capital City, they could only send in so many before attracting Blackwater's attention. If they didn't send in enough, however, the participating superpowers could easily chase them away.

"We'll give up on the Ore Capital City," Shi Feng decided after considering the matter.

"Give up? But..." Shi Feng's response surprised Aqua Rose.

If they gave up on the Ore Capital City, Zero Wing's situation would become quite awkward once the various superpowers had explored the armory and acquired a stock of war weapons.

"I'm not done. Although we'll give up on the Ore Capital City, we can still explore other locations. The Ore Capital City isn't the only Regional Dungeon in God's Domain," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "How many Tier 2 players do we currently have?"

"Thanks to the Primordial Souls, our members have had an easier time with their Tier 2 promotions than other Guilds' members. We now have more than 400 Tier 2 players, and quite a few players are still attempting to complete their Promotion Quests. I don't think it will be long before we have 1,000 Tier 2 players," Aqua Rose said, a little excited.

Zero Wing already had enough Tier 2 players to rival superpowers, and as time passed, the Guild might even surpass the various major powers in God's Domain.

She had to admit that monopolizing a large fraction of Primordial City's resources gave Zero Wing a massive advantage.

Zero Wing had far fewer experts than the various superpowers, but after acquiring the Primordial Souls, Zero Wing's members had a much easier time with their Tier 2 Promotion Quests. The Guild also had an advantage in the equipment its members wore.

"We have so many already?" Shi Feng was a little surprised by this revelation. It was far more than he had expected. Currently, the various first-rate Guilds were lucky if they even had 40 Tier 2 experts. "Excellent. In that case, take Icarus's Heart and organize a 300-man team to raid the Salock Mountains. Grind the Giant Rock Beasts there. Kill as many as you can for their loot. It'll also be a good opportunity to level up. However, be careful as you explore the map. Although it isn't an Asura Mode Regional Dungeon, it is still one of the rare Hell Mode Regional Dungeons."

The Salock Mountains occupied a Level 60 to Level 90 neutral map near the Storm Empire. Meanwhile, the Regional Dungeon was well-known for its production of Fine Titan Ore.

Fine Titan Ore was far more valuable than Titan Ore. Although it could be acquired from 100-man Team Dungeons, the drop-rate was painfully low. Although the Fine Titan Ore's drop-rate in the Salock Mountains was also relatively low, less than 3% for Great Lord ranked Giant Rock Beasts, the Regional Dungeon was home to plenty of these monsters.

However, grinding in the Regional Dungeon had a condition—players had to reach Tier 2 first.

Previously, Zero Wing had only nurtured several dozen Tier 2 players, not nearly enough to grind in the Regional Dungeon effectively. Hence, he had set the endeavor aside. However, now that the Guild had so many Tier 2 players, he could use this opportunity to collect Fine Titan Ore, which was the main material needed to produce the Guardian Puppet. Once he had the Fine Titan Ore, he would only have to wait until Melancholic Smile had nurtured the necessary Master Lifestyle players.

Shi Feng's ordered left Aqua Rose a little confused. She didn't understand why he wanted to grind monsters so far from their territories, but since he had given the order, she had no choice but to accept Icarus's Heart and do as he had told her.

Meanwhile, all 20 of the Shops Shi Feng had offered had been filled after only a day. Of the 15 small Shops and five large Shops he had prepared, none were vacant. In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng had earned 70,000 Gold. This dumbfounded many merchant and independent players. They all wondered if the Shop's tenants were crazy to spend so many Coins on these Shops.

By the time the appointed date to set off for the Sea of Trees arrived, Shi Feng had earned a total of 120,000 Gold from Zero Wing's territories and selling the materials he had acquired from the Ice Crystal World.



Following which, Shi Feng took his money and nine Tier 1 experts to the Dark Night Empire's Dark Night City.

Chapter 1888 – Undead Knight Dark Night Empire, Dark Night City:

When Shi Feng and the nine experts Aqua Rose had carefully selected left the Teleportation Hall, they were greeted by a crowded street. Many of the players among the crowd were independent experts.

Many of these independent players were at Level 55 or above and very well-equipped, with quite a few pieces of Level 50 Secret-Silver Equipment. As if they were on a pilgrimage, these independent players ventured towards Dark Night City's business district. At a glance, there were easily more than 5,000 of these players.

Why are so many experts here? Shi Feng was surprised by the number of experts on the street.

While it was true that a large number of experts tended to gather in empire's capitals, he had never seen so many independent experts in an imperial capital before. Not even the Four Major Empires' capitals were this popular.

As Shi Feng wondered about the reason for this gathering, he heard shouting from a short distance away.

"Players wishing to class-change to a Tier 2 Traveling Bard, head to Starlink's Residence to apply as soon as possible! The Guild will only accept applications for another 30 minutes!"

Upon hearing the announcement, the independent experts began to charge down the street.

“Starlink is so stingy. Despite controlling the path to the Sea of Trees, it’s only recruiting 200 non-Guild players.”

“I know, right? How could 200 slots be enough for so many people? I’ve heard that players had begun to line up outside of Starlink’s Residence ten hours ago. There are already more than 100,000 players in line right now. The most infuriating part of it all is that instead of recruiting based on individual strength, Starlink is recruiting based on one’s skill with magic arrays. I’m a Berserker; I almost never have to deal with magic arrays. Even magical class players rarely learn that stuff. That subclass can’t help improve one’s combat power, and you have to waste a lot of time researching arrays.”

“However, I’ve also heard that if you become a Traveling Bard, you instantly get access to the same treatment as Starlink’s core members.”

“If you don’t want to compete in Starlink, you can do so over at Unyielding Soul. Shortly after Starlink began its recruitment, Unyielding Soul did the same for the Traveling Bard class-change. However, it only has 100 slots available. Though, like Starlink, you’ll receive core-member treatment if you complete the class-change.”

“I really didn’t expect a Tier 2 class-change to require knowledge on controlling magic arrays. If I had known about it earlier, I would’ve studied magic arrays a while ago.”

The players on the streets chatted as they watched the swarm of players rush towards Starlink and Unyielding Soul’s Guild Residences, discussing the two Guild’s recruitment standards. They also expressed their regrets about not learning to control magic arrays earlier.

Starlink is recruiting players with knowledge on magic arrays? Shi Feng frowned a little when he overheard the nearby players' conversations. Does Unyielding Soul have a leak?

Aside from himself and Aqua Rose, only Unyielding Soul's members knew about the method of increasing players' success rate during the Traveling Bard's Class-change Quest at this stage of the game.

Unless Starlink had discovered it as well, its recruitment conditions wouldn't have been so specific. Magic arrays were usually only useful to Lifestyle players; the benefits of manipulating magic arrays would be minuscule at best to combat players. Moreover, that was limited to magical classes. Knowledge regarding magic arrays was basically useless to physical classes.

While Shi Feng and his group traveled toward the Purple Night Plaza, the agreed meeting place, players crowded every inch of the plaza. Tens of thousands of players from Unyielding Soul, Starlink, and Crimson Emperor surrounded the area, and every one of these players wore full sets of Level 50 Secret-Silver Equipment at minimum. Some of these Guild players even carried Level 50 Dark-Gold Weapons. The scene made the lingering independent players envious.

Meanwhile, only these three Guilds' members were allowed to enter the Purple Night Plaza right now. Outsiders could only watch from a distance.

As Shi Feng and his group approached, Mu Lingsha, who had been waiting for them for quite some time, led them to an area Unyielding Soul's members had cordoned off, instantly attracting many players' attention.

"Who are those people? Didn't they say that the three Guilds have reserved the entire plaza?"

"Based on their Guild Emblems, they don't seem to be from Unyielding Soul."

“I think I’ve seen that Guild Emblem before... Right! That’s the Guild Emblem for the Guild that has garrisoned in the Ore Empire’s Secret Stone Fortress! That’s Zero Wing’s Emblem!”

“But why are Zero Wing’s members here? Didn’t they say that the three main Guilds weren’t even giving the Sea of Trees’ slots to players from first-rate Guilds?”

“Zero Wing is pretty impressive. It actually gained Unyielding Soul’s favor and earned some slots for itself.”

“Tch. So what if Zero Wing got some slots? It’s not like they’re guaranteed to complete the class-change.”

As Shi Feng led his team into the Purple Night Plaza, his nine guildmates grew nervous. This was the first time they had encountered such a large group of experts.

Of the tens of thousands of players in the plaza, all would be rare experts in a kingdom. With so many in one place, they radiated an immense pressure. Experiencing such a phenomenon would likely be rare for first-rate Guilds’ upper echelons.

Moreover, Unyielding Soul and Starlink’s members stared each other down in the center of the plaza. A chilling atmosphere lingered between the two Guilds. As for Crimson Emperor, their players seemed slightly more relaxed, but although the Guild was acting like a spectator, it would take action if given the opportunity...

“Bright Dawn, I had truly never thought that you would betray the Guild to join Starlink. Just what benefits did they offer you?” Unyielding Heart hissed, rage flashing in his gaze as he glared at the indifferent man beside Lu Xingluo. The indifferent man carried a bone greatsword across his back.

When Shi Feng saw the indifferent man, he was stunned.

This man was none other than Bright Dawn, Unyielding Soul's Third Vice Guild Leader. Bright Dawn was also a Tier 2 Undead Knight, given the title 'Undead Swordsman' by the Secret Pavilion.

In terms of strength, Bright Dawn was on par with Unyielding Heart. He had been one of Unyielding Soul's three main pillars.

As far as Shi Feng knew, Bright Dawn hadn't betrayed Unyielding Soul in the past, yet he had done so now. This wasn't the history he remembered...

In response to Unyielding Heart's question, the indifferent man revealed a calm smile and responded, "You should be fully aware of Unyielding Soul's situation. Rather than fall with the ailing Unyielding Soul, isn't it better to join the rising Starlink? Moreover, the Starline Corporation has offered me far more than Unyielding Soul. Why don't you join me? With your fame and strength, the Starlink Corporation won't offer you any less than it has me. As for breaching your contract, the corporation will handle everything."

## **Chapter 1889 – Change in Trajectory**

At Bright Dawn's invitation, Unyielding Soul's members gasped. They finally realized why a Vice Guild Leader like Bright Dawn would dare to betray Unyielding Soul.

Tight restrictions tied every upper echelon to their Guild. If an upper echelon wished to withdraw from the Guild and retain their game accounts, they only had two choices. The first required automatic expulsion from the Guild, while the second option required the upper echelon to pay a high compensation fee for breaching their contract. For a Vice Guild Leader that had spent more than a decade with Unyielding Soul, the required compensation wouldn't be trivial. It wouldn't have been odd if Bright Dawn had even gone bankrupt after paying the compensation fee.

Yet, not only had Starline Corporation foot the compensation fee, but it had even offered Bright Dawn a high salary. Including Starlink's limitless potential due to the Starline Corporation's backing, it was only natural that the Guild had lured over Bright Dawn.

"Of course, I'm sure that you have no interest in these factors. In that case, I'll tell you about something that will definitely catch your attention. A Fantasy Star! Unyielding Soul will never get its hands on something like it. Why don't you give the option some consideration?" Bright Dawn smiled at Unyielding Heart, who had aged past his vibrant youth.

Everyone's eyes glowed as they listened to Bright Dawn's offer.

Fantasy Stars were a special ore that humanity had discovered during the interstellar era, and they only had one purpose. When worn, these stars would recover and retain a human's youth for a long time. Although Fantasy Stars couldn't extend one's lifespan, if one consumed the Green God Company's products while wearing a Fantasy Star, they could extend their youthful glow for another decade or two even without physical training. In other words, a middle-aged individual, around forty-years-old, that didn't maintain their physical fitness could look like an early-twenty-year-old with the Fantasy Star's help.

The Fantasy Star was an absolute treasure to professional gamers who relied on their youth to make their living. Although one's physical body in the real world wouldn't affect the performance of their virtual body in God's Domain, their mental performance would. People past their prime generally had slower reactions than younger individuals. Even if one trained diligently to maintain their physical form, their age would, more or less, affect their mind. Needless to say, improving one's mental fortitude past one's prime was a daunting challenge.

However, the Fantasy Star couldn't just restore one's youth; it could also maintain mental function, allowing humans to operate at their peak.

Hence, the Fantasy Stars were extremely valuable. Not even the wealthiest individuals could afford one. Moreover, Fantasy Stars were incredibly rare. To purchase one, one needed sufficient status as well as funds.

Meanwhile, the Starline Corporation just so happened to be one of the few Fantasy Star suppliers in the world, which meant that Bright Dawn had likely told the truth.

A Fantasy Star? No wonder why he betrayed his old Guild. After hearing about the Fantasy Star, Shi Feng understood why Bright Dawn had turned traitor. Bright Dawn currently looked to be in his forties, and Vice Guild Leaders from super-first-rate Guilds had no need for money. However, everyone craved youth. Once he acquired a Fantasy Star, Bright Dawn could recover to his peak. With his abundance of combat experience and combat techniques, he could improve himself further with his recovered youth.

When Mu Lingsha heard what Bright Dawn had been offered, she glanced at Unyielding Heart nervously. Not only was Unyielding Heart one of Unyielding Soul's three main pillars, but he was also the Guild's First Vice Guild Leader. If Starlink poached him, it would deal a devastating blow to Unyielding Soul.

"So, you betrayed your brothers in arms for a stupid Fantasy Star?! I was blind to think of you as a friend! From now on, I will have nothing to do with you!" Unyielding Heart growled. He then glared at Lu Xingluo, who had maintained his smile, and said, "Just you wait! Sooner or later, Unyielding Soul will chase you out of the Dark Night Empire and regain its former glory!"

Unyielding Heart's words restored his dispirited Guild members with fighting spirit. They all cheered their First Vice Guild Leader while ridiculing Bright Dawn.

“Regain your former glory?” Bright Dawn could not help but laugh at Unyielding Heart and the other members of Unyielding Soul. “And how will Unyielding Soul do that, exactly? Will it rely on an old fellow like you, Heart? Or the ignorant Miss Mu?”

Or are you going to rely on Zero Wing, your pitiful partner?

“Open your eyes and take a good look! Unyielding Soul is finished! The only thing holding it together is a group of useless, old bastards! We’ve already gathered over 50 experts who are capable of manipulating Intermediate Magic Arrays! Unyielding Soul should give up the hope of nurturing a single Traveling Bard!”

“No, to be precise, you won’t even get into the Sea of Trees!”

After saying so, Bright Dawn raised his hand. In response, some of Starlink’s members in the Purple Night Plaza began to make their move, each holding a silver crystal ball.

As these Starlink members completed an incantation, silver magic arrays began to manifest before them, releasing a bright light. A massive barrier then enveloped both Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor’s members in the plaza.

“Have fun inside this barrier. It isolates everything within in a different dimension. Although this barrier requires 288 Level 50-plus players to sacrifice five of their levels permanently, the barrier will hold every one of you for eight hours. With that said, we’ll be taking our leave now,” Bright Dawn said, laughing at Unyielding Heart. He then took a key from his bag and opened a teleportation gate to the Sea of Trees.

Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor’s members could only watch as Starlink’s members entered the teleportation gate and disappeared from the plaza. No matter how much they attacked the magic



barrier, they couldn't damage it in the slightest. To make matters worse, the surrounding NPC soldiers were ignoring the magic barrier.

"Damn it! To think they had planned such a trap!" Unyielding Heart cursed as he attacked the illusory magic barrier with his greatsword. However, it felt as if he attacked nothing but air. The barrier didn't react as his greatsword sliced through it.

Currently, the magic array in the center of Dark Night City's Purple Night Plaza was the only path to the Sea of Trees. Unfortunately, since they were now trapped in this magic barrier, they could open a teleportation gate even if they had the keys to enter the Sea of Trees.

If they were truly stuck in this barrier for eight hours, Unyielding Soul would fall behind Starlink. Starlink's players would likely complete at least one-third of their Class-change Quests by the time they were freed. How were they supposed to catch up in that case?

Meanwhile, Mu Lingsha glared at the barrier before her, clearly livid. Unyielding Soul had gone to great lengths to obtain the First Clear of a Level 50 large-scale Team Dungeon in the Dark Night Empire, allowing the Guild to catch a breather. However, if Starlink monopolized all 20 of the initial Traveling Bard slots, Unyielding Soul would suffer unimaginable consequences.

After attacking for more than two minutes, Unyielding Soul's members gave up. They had no other choice but to wait until the barrier faded. Shi Feng, however, approached the barrier, step by step, his nonchalant expression seeming as if he were admiring the Purple Night Plaza's view. At the same time, he pulled a Magic Scroll from his bag.

"Huh? What is he trying to do? Does he plan to test the barrier as well?"

“It’s pointless. Both our Guild’s experts and those from Crimson Emperor have tried everything we can think of. What could one person from Zero Wing possibly do?”

The plaza’s occupants watched Shi Feng approached the barrier in confusion, including Unyielding Soul and Mu Lingsha. They had already expended a precious Tier 4 Matic Scroll to attack the barrier, but they had accomplished nothing.

Even if Shi Feng did the same, nothing would change.

When Shi Feng arrived before the barrier, he activated the Summon Guard Scroll in his hands.

Immediately, a golden-haired beauty in sacred robes appeared beside Shi Feng.

“Destroy this magic array!”

## **Chapter 1890 – Breaking the Barrier in One Hit**

When the watching crowd saw the Level 85 Personal Guard, Anna, they were dumbfounded.

“Destroy it?”

Unyielding Heart and the other Unyielding Soul members felt their anticipation melt away when they saw that Shi Feng had merely summoned his Personal Guard. Meanwhile, Crimson Emperor's upper echelons couldn't help but laugh at the Swordsman.

"Is that kid stupid? What is a Tier 2 NPC going to do in this situation?" a woman in white robes among Crimson Emperor's members said as she shook her head. She had a tall, slender figure and radiated a mature charm.

While Anna was no doubt the highest-leveled Personal Guard she had ever seen, Anna was still only Tier 2. She wasn't much different than the players trapped in the plaza.

Magic arrays couldn't be destroyed simply by someone with a high-level. Otherwise, a Level 200, Tier 1 NPC should be just as capable of destroying a town's defensive magic array as a Level 80, Tier 4 NPC. Unfortunately, that was not the case. In reality, a Level 200, Tier 1 NPC would struggle to damage a defensive magic array, whereas a Level 80, Tier 4 NPC would have no trouble doing so.

This was the power of tiers!

Not only did higher tiers provide quantitative transformations, but they also qualitatively improved one's power.

This was the case for magic arrays as well. The higher-ranked a magic array was, the purer its Mana would be. Depending on the purity of the Mana powering the magic array, the barrier could be as weak as paper or as tough as iron.

Hence, Anna was only superior to Tier 2 players on a quantitative level; there was no difference in the quality of their strength. Since none of the players in the barrier had managed to deal any damage to it, Anna wouldn't be able to, either.

“Vice Guild Leader, Starlink’s trap is simply vicious. We have no choice but to sacrifice one of our players. We can have them pass the key to the Guild Leader to prepare another team,” a Level 57, Tier 2 Guardian Knight quietly suggested to the white-clad woman.

The white-clad woman was none other than Illusory Words, Crimson Emperor’s Second Vice Guild Leader. Illusory Words had also been recognized as one of the Ten Great Clerics by the Secret Pavilion.

“Alright, get it done.” Illusory Words nodded.

There was a method to escape the magic barrier before its duration ended, although players wouldn’t use this method unless absolutely necessary. That method was death. When players died, they’d automatically resurrect in the nearest graveyards half an hour after their death. While doing so would allow players to escape the barrier, it would cost a level.

However, the current situation did not allow for such concerns. It was better to have one player die and get the key to their Guild Leader within 30 minutes than waste eight hours in the plaza. Their Guild Leader could organize another team to enter the Sea of Trees while the player waited for resurrection.

If they got lucky, they might claim two or three Traveling Bard spots. At the very least, it’d be better than nothing at all.

As Crimson Emperor’s members prepared to enact their plan, Anna finished chanting her incantation and writing the series of divine runes. Immediately, a golden magic array formed above the plaza, and a Level 85 Valkyrie with pure-white wings descended before the trapped players.

The Tier 4 Valkyrie's aura was so intense that it felt stifling to the players in the plaza.

"A Tier 4 Valkyrie?" When Illusory Words saw the white-winged Valkyrie hovering in the air, she could not help but turn to Shi Feng's cloaked figure. "Could he be Black Flame?"

A lot happened in God's Domain each day, and a new power or rising expert practically emerged with each sunrise. Not even she, one of Crimson Emperor's Vice Guild Leaders could remember each of these powers and experts, but she had a clear impression of the Tier 4 Valkyrie. After all, the Tier 4 Valkyrie was a considerable threat to any superpower.

With a slight flap of her wings, a storm brewed, and the Valkyrie vanished. By the time she reappeared, she hovered before the illusory barrier. The Valkyrie then thrust her Sacred Thunder Spear at the semi-translucent wall.

Boom!

With a deafening explosion, countless arcs of lightning crashed into the magic barrier.

The barrier began to tremble. Despite the assault of so many players earlier, the barrier hadn't reacted in the slightest, yet just one of the Valkyrie's attacks was enough to shake it.

What power! Illusory Words watched with slight surprise.

The barrier hadn't even reacted when Unyielding Heart had attacked with a Tier 4 Magic Scroll, but now, the Valkyrie's attack had deformed the barrier. One could easily imagine how powerful the Valkyrie's attack was.

However, as the lightning began to fade, the magic barrier stilled. A second later, the barrier recovered to its original state as if it hadn't been attacked at all.

"Even that wasn't enough?" Unyielding Heart's expression soured as the magic barrier recovered.

While it was true that the Valkyrie's attack had been effective, it was clear that the strike had only depleted a small portion of the magic barrier's energy reserves. It would take a considerable amount of time for the Valkyrie to destroy the barrier. Unfortunately, he was somewhat familiar with Shi Feng's Valkyrie; he knew that it could only remain for a short time. Most likely, the Valkyrie would not be able to deplete the magic barrier's energy reserves before her duration ran out.

This left them with only the option of escaping by death. Although he knew it would be meaningless.

Players that could manipulate Intermediate Magic Arrays would have a 20% higher chance of completing their class-change. Even if Unyielding Soul formed another team, locating Tier 1, Intermediate Magician experts would be impossible. Intermediate Magician experts were extremely rare, and he had already gathered every one his Guild had here.

Even if the Guild organized another team to enter the Sea of Trees, if Unyielding Soul's members were 30 minutes late and had a lower success rate, how could they compete with Starlink?

Of course, they could sacrifice the Intermediate Magician experts with him. It would give them a better chance of competing, but that plan left another issue.

Would players resurrect inside the magic barrier after they died?

If players resurrected inside the barrier instead of the nearest graveyard after the 30-minute wait had passed, they'd sacrifice a level for nothing.

Is there no choice but to risk it? Unyielding Heart gritted his teeth as he considered the option.

As Unyielding Heart contemplated, the Valkyrie readied to throw her Sacred Thunder Spear at the magic barrier.

However, the surrounding crowd had already given up hope. Since the previous attack had failed, this one shouldn't fare any better.

However, Shi Feng, who had remained still earlier, suddenly activated Heavenly Dragon's Power, his aura's intensity instantly skyrocketing. He then slashed at the barrier with Killing Ray.

Lightning Slash!

The Valkyrie threw her Sacred Thunder Spear at the same moment.

Two streaks of light, one blue and one gold, collided at a single point on the magic barrier as one.

Boom!

With another explosion, the two streaks of light shot through the barrier. Following which, the crowd heard the sound of cracking glass.

Cracks then began to web themselves across the illusory barrier.

Peng!

A moment later, the blue sky returned above the players' heads.

“How is this possible?”

“The barrier shattered?”

“What did he do?”

Both Unyielding Soul's Unyielding Heart and Crimson Emperor's Illusory Words gave Shi Feng incredulous looks.