

## The Strongest

### Chapter 111 - Dragon Hidden in the Abyss

“Boss Ironsword!”

“Boss.....”

When a few players from Martial Union saw that Ironsword Lion was easily taken care of, they were all incomparably shocked. They had all personally witnessed Ironsword Lion’s great strength before, capable of killing players as though he was merely cutting up vegetables. Now, however, that Ironsword Lion had actually been killed by Shi Feng in just a few moves it was truly an incomprehensible sight.

The upper echelons of the various Guilds looking from afar were similarly tongue-tied from this scene. Only Stabbing Heart was well aware of Shi Feng’s strength. The moment Ironsword Lion had provoked Shi Feng, Stabbing Heart knew that the Martial Union in Red Leaf Town was finished.

However, the others present did not know this fact.

Regardless of what anyone said, Ironsword Lion had created much fame for himself within Red Leaf Town. Previously, they had only heard of Ironsword Lion being ambushed by Shi Feng, dying an accidental death. If it were a head-on fight, however, Ironsword Lion would definitely be the victor. Yet, nobody could have imagined that, in a straightforward exchange, Ironsword Lion was easily defeated in just a few moves.

As expected, rumors could not be trusted. Looking at the speed and accuracy at which Shi Feng drew his swords, creating four sword images with just two swords, even those in the various Guild upper

echelons would not be able to block off all those attacks. In addition to Shi Feng's excessively high Attack Power, Ironsword Lion was definitely not his opponent.

Shi Feng was no ordinary Swordsman. It was no wonder why the Snow Goddess would stick out and defend him.

"I had originally thought that Ironsword Lion would be a huge competition to us. Now that I'm looking at him, he is but an upstart from another small virtual reality game. I never thought that he would be such a brain-dead fool, biting at whoever he meets."

"Hehe, Martial Union is finished this time. First, he went and provoked such a top-tier expert. Now, he has even blindly declared war against the Snow Goddess. Did he think mingling in God's Domain was so easy?"

"It would be enough if he were to be a fool in reality. Now, he is even showing it in God's Domain. As expected of someone that came from a minor game. He truly does not know the immensity of heaven and earth. Martial Union will definitely have to remove their name from Red Leaf Town now."

There were plenty of Workshops and Guilds entering God's Domain every day. Similarly, there were also plenty of Workshops and Guilds who had vanished from God's Domain every day; this was a common occurrence within God's Domain.

After Ironsword Lion died, there was no longer anyone to command the players from Martial Union. Very quickly, turmoil ensued amongst the players from Martial Union, and all of them started madly running away for their lives.

Shi Feng naturally would not let go of this chance to give Martial Union a huge blow. Immediately after picking up the loot dropped by Ironsword Lion, Shi Feng activated Windwalk and hunted the remaining players.

Ignoring the Level 3 noobs, Shi Feng specifically chased after the elite players of Martial Union. With every kill of these players, Shi Feng would be able to obtain a piece of Bronze Equipment, causing a significant loss to Martial Union.

“Drifting Blood, we meet again.” Shi Feng blocked off the escape path of several Martial Union elites, discovering a person he was familiar with amongst them. It was Drifting Blood, the person who had harassed Violet Cloud, and had then gone on to seek trouble with Shi Feng.

Drifting Blood was shocked into a jump. He trembled as he pointed a finger at Shi Feng, timidly saying, “Ye Feng, you shameless bastard! What kind of expert are you, to bully four people with one?!”

Without speaking any further, Shi Feng stepped forward, slashing both of his blades. Eight sword images appeared, immediately aiming for the lives of the four players.

A Shield Warrior amongst the four immediately activated Shield Wall, prepared to receive Shi Feng’s attack. Meanwhile, Drifting Blood had used Chop at Shi Feng, while another Berserker used Charge, and a Cursemancer used Dark Arrow.

Shi Feng noticed that the cooperation between the four was very good. It would not be beneficial for him if he were to receive their attacks forcefully. Deciding so, Shi Feng used Phantom kill, his doppelganger blocking the attacks in front of him. Shi Feng then hurriedly turned his body, his feet carrying out an illusory footwork as they left behind afterimages.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng’s doppelganger had continuously fended off the attacks of the four players, receiving some damage in the process as well.

However, after Shi Feng himself moved to a side, he abruptly waved the Abyssal Blade. The three streaks of lightning from Thundering Flash had struck at the three melee players that were battling against his doppelganger, instantly killing Drifting Blood and the other Berserker. As the Shield Warrior had Shield Wall activated, he was able to barely survive the attack. However, Shi Feng's doppelganger had taken the chance to use a Chop on the Shield Warrior. Now, only the Curseman, who was in the midst of chanting, remained.

Shi Feng used Wind Blade, dashing up to the Curseman like a fierce gale. Seeing this scene, the Curseman was frightened into a run. However, Shi Feng had used Chop, his sword slashing down on the Curseman's back, causing a critical hit of -1156 damage and instantly killing the Curseman.

With the difference, in terms of equipment and battle techniques, Shi Feng was able to bring an end to the battle quickly. After looting the equipment dropped by the four players, Shi Feng continued hunting for the other elite players from Martial Union.

Ten minutes later, all the elite players from Martial Union were dead. The damage caused to Martial Union this time was absolutely devastating. It was practically impossible for them to contend with the other Guilds for dominance over Red Leaf Town now.

"Miss Snow, thank you for help today. Otherwise, our losses would be immeasurable," Shi Feng expressed his gratitude towards Gentle Snow.

Even if he could kill off many players in a battle against Martial Union, and even escaping in the end, his other party members would definitely have died.

"It's nothing. Just a minor effort. Although Martial Union's losses are devastating in Red Leaf Town, there are still members of Martial Union in other Towns. When everyone is gathered at White River City at Level 10, that version of Martial Union will not be as easy to deal with as this small group," Gentle

Snow softly said, "I see that you're just an independent player without any Guilds to rely on. If you do not have any large Guilds protecting you, you would easily become a target for Martial Union. Why don't you join Ouroboros?"

"Right, Big Brother Ye Feng! With Ouroboros' strength, by the time we reach White River City, even the people from first-rate Guilds would not dare to provoke us. Moreover, our Guild gives out extremely good benefits," Xiao Yue'er commented.

"Many thanks for Miss Snow's worries. However, I'm too used to freedom, so I never had any intentions to join a Guild before," Shi Feng straightforwardly rejected the invitation.

Although Ouroboros was a good Guild, they similarly had a lot of problems. Take Gentle Snow for example. She was clearly the First Vice-Leader of the Guild, yet, she had still left Ouroboros in the end, just like how Shi Feng himself was casually chased away from Shadow. At the end of the day, it was still best to hold his decision rights in his own hands.

"Since that is your way of thinking, I won't try to insist that you join us. However, if you ever change your mind in the future, Ouroboros would welcome you anytime," Gentle Snow could naturally see through Shi Feng's thoughts. However, everyone had their own ambitions, and it would not do well for her to force the situation. Right now, it was enough for them to maintain an amicable relationship.

Following which, Shi Feng led Blackie and the others away from the Dark Moon Graveyard, returning to Town to sort out everyone's bags. He then planned to take them to level up. Previously, he had always been tight for time. Now that he had finished dealing with his matters, the time was just right for everyone to rise up to Level 10 quickly.

Meanwhile, Zhao Yueru looked at Shi Feng's departing back, faintly feeling a sense of familiarity. She did not know why she was feeling an indescribable sense of loss in her heart.

“Snow, why didn’t you try harder? If you told him about the matters of the God Slaying Army, he might have even agreed to join,” Zhao Yueru asked.

Gentle Snow smiled, saying, “Didn’t you hate the thought of him joining us before? But now you want him to join us instead?”

A blush appeared on Zhao Yueru’s delicate face as she said in an upright tone, “Aren’t I doing this for you? Regardless of what anyone said, he is also a top-tier expert. If you were to lure him into Ouroboros, he would become a person on our side. In the future, if he gets along well in the God Slaying Army, he would be able to bring you a lot of influence and authority.”

“If he didn’t perform so outstandingly well just now, I would definitely try my best at pulling him over. However, he was just too remarkable, just like a true dragon. Right now, he is but a dragon hidden in the abyss. Sooner or later, he will be able to soar into the skies, and we will be able to do nothing to hold him back. Who knows, in the future, he might even become a headache of an opponent to Ouroboros,” Gentle Snow lightly laughed.

“An opponent, is it?” Zhao Yueru entered a deep thought.

## Chapter 112 - Seven Luminaries Gemstone

After Martial Union was exterminated, the news of its demise was quickly spread around Red Leaf Town.

Some people had even recorded the battle and posted it onto the official forums, the incident quickly becoming popular.

Ouroboros had first conquered the Hell Mode of Dark Moon Graveyard. They had then gotten rid of Martial Union's over one hundred members. The valiant appearance of the Snow Goddess had captured the hearts of all the male players, and instantly, Ouroboros' position and influence around the region of White River City had skyrocketed. As a result, countless players wished to join Ouroboros.

Due to the recording of this battle, there were plenty of upper echelons of Guilds that had noticed Shi Feng's existence.

The origin of this battle was, after all, due to Martial Union's enmity towards Shi Feng. However, not only had Shi Feng himself received the aid of the Snow Goddess, he had even personally killed off Ironsword Lion in a head-on confrontation. This was enough proof of Shi Feng's exceptional strength, and also his good relations with the Snow Goddess. Taking these points into mind, these upper echelons needed to let their subordinates pay more attention towards Shi Feng.

When Shi Feng and the others returned to Red Leaf Town, many players on the streets had shifted their gazes towards the group.

"Crap, isn't that Ye Feng, the person that went Dungeon raiding together with the Snow Goddess?" a male Warrior said.

"If I go and beg Big Brother Ye Feng, I wonder if Big Brother Ye Feng will bring me to Level 10?" another female Elementalist bashfully said to her companion.

Shi Feng had completely become a celebrity now. Wherever he went, there would definitely be someone paying attention to, and talking about, him.

“Brother Feng, you’re already a famous person. Now, you only need to wiggle your finger, and there would be a crowd of beauties running over to you. In the future, you mustn’t forget to introduce a few to me,” Blackie laughingly said.

“Stop talking nonsense. Our priority right now is to level up. The sooner we get to Level 10, the sooner we can compete for more advantages after we enter White River City,” Shi Feng smiled as he said, “Since everyone is tired now, let’s rest for an hour. We’ll gather again after you all get your equipment repaired, and replenish your necessities.”

After hearing Shi Feng’s arrangements, Blackie and the others immediately went to the Smithy to repair their equipment.

They did not know why, but normally when they were grinding on the Level 5 Forest Wolves, even if they had been grinding for over ten hours, the durability of their equipment did not fall by much. However, right now, just after raiding a Dungeon once, the durability of their equipment had all fallen by almost half. If they were to raid the Dungeon another time, the durability of their equipment might fall to 1 within just three to four hours, becoming useless.

When everyone arrived at the Smithy to repair their equipment, they suddenly discovered a frightening matter.

Previously, it was a normal occurrence for them to change into new equipment. Hence, they had never repaired their equipment even once before. Now, however, all the equipment Cola was wearing only had half of its durability remaining. As a result, repairing all of it had required a fee of 1 Silver 63 Coppers. Such an amount was enough to purchase a Level 1 Bronze Equipment.

The higher the durability loss of an equipment, the higher the repair fees would be. If every piece of equipment on Cola’s character had dropped down to 1 it would take, at the very least, 4 Silver Coins to get it all repaired. Such an amount was the equivalent to two days of Cola’s earnings.



However, because Cola had become a follower of Shi Feng, the speed at which he earned money was much faster when compared to many other elite players. If those elite players were to repair their equipment, the total fees would be equivalent to several days of their earnings.

“Boss, are you trying to rob us here?” Cola complained, unwilling to fork out such an expensive repair fee. Previously, he had obtained a Mysterious Treasure Chest from clearing the hell Mode of Dark Moon Graveyard. From the Mysterious Treasure Chest, he had received over 3 Silver coins and five bottles of Intermediate Recovery Potions. If it weren’t for that Treasure Chest, just this repair fee alone would have turned him into a broke bastard.

“Adventurer, I have already given you a 10% discount. It is already a very cheap price,” the Blacksmith said with a huff.

Hearing the Blacksmith saying so, Blackie and the others suddenly came to a realization. Their Reputation in Red Leaf Town had already reached 30 points, receiving a 10% discount for all purchases made in Red Leaf Town. They truly did not think that it would be so costly just to repair their equipment. However, if their equipment turned to scrap, not only would they lose their equipment, their leveling speed would also be greatly reduced. Hence, they had no choice but to repair their equipment.

Trade Area, Auction House.

Shi Feng was frantically purchasing items from the Auction House. The previous Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs Shi Feng sold before had once again allowed him to profit greatly. Now, there were at least 73 Gold Coins in his bag. In the entire White River City, there was not a single player who was more rich than him at the moment.

Right now, if he saw any items whose prices would inflate in the future, he would buy all of them. This was because, once players reached higher levels it became much easier for them to earn game currency and, as a result, the value of game currency fell. Instead of just waiting for the Coins in his hand to

depreciate in value, he might as well purchase some items that would increase in value and store them in the Bank.

After some time not visiting the Auction House, the number of Hard Stones, Card Sets, and other items whose value would increase in the future had grown once more. Shi Feng had spent over 8 Gold Coins on such items, filling up the six 40-slot Bags he had just bought, and even needing to make several trips to the Bank. It wouldn't be long before these items would have their values increased by manifold. Just thinking about it gave Shi Feng a delighted feeling.

Meanwhile, the value of the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design had now begun to fall. Currently, each piece was only being sold for around 2 Gold Coins, and it wouldn't be long before it became completely worthless.

Seeing that the number of Guilds purchasing the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design was becoming fewer, Shi Feng decided to continue selling them for awhile more before thinking of another way to make money. Now, his main goal was to earn Credits. Just judging from the small amount of Credits he currently possessed, it was still not enough for his Workshop to squander.

Currently, Shi Feng still possessed more than 60 Gold Coins. He then took out 30 Gold Coins and registered them on the Virtual Trade Center. Right now, various large Guilds were in the midst of purchasing Coins in bulk. It wouldn't be long before he could sell all his Coins, earning him a lot of Credits.

Following which, inside the Bank, Shi Feng started arranging the harvest he obtained today. He had already obtained more than ten pieces of Bronze Equipment just from the elite players of Martial Union he had killed. Originally, Shi Feng had intended to sell off these equipment pieces. However, his Workshop would definitely be recruiting new members in the future. Hence, he decided to store them inside his Warehouse, as they might come into use in the future. In any case, he was not lacking in this small amount of money.

As for the Ash Blade, the most important item he obtained from the Dark Moon Graveyard, he kept it inside his Warehouse for now. It was still of no use to him right now. Only when he arrived at Star-Moon City would he have a chance at finding a clue about the Ash Blade.

After all, the owner of the Ash Blade had an unfathomable origin, being titled as the God Slayer in God's Domain; an existence feared even by the Gods. The clues relating to this Ash Blade could only be found in the Capital City of Star-Moon Kingdom.

"Ah? What's this thing here?"

Shi Feng dug up a crystal the size of his palm from his bag.

"En, isn't this one of the items dropped by Ironsword Lion?" Shi Feng discovered that he was somewhat familiar with this item. It was indeed one of the two items that were dropped by Ironsword Lion.

[Seven Luminaries Gemstone]

(Special Item)

Transports the user to Blackwing City.

(Uses remaining 4/5)

Dropped after death.

“This Ironsword Lion truly can’t be underestimated. It was no wonder he was so powerful in the previous life. It was all because of this item here,” Shi Feng looked at the Seven Luminaries Gemstone in his hand, unable to refrain from revealing a smile.

Blackwing City was no ordinary location. It was also not a place that players could simply go to as they wished. Players needed a Teleportation Crystal to go to that place, and the Seven Luminaries Gemstone was one of those passes.

In Shi Feng’s previous life, Blackwing City’s fame resounded throughout God’s Domain. All the major powers would willingly purchase the passes to Blackwing City at high prices. However, to an average player, it would be meaningless, even if they went to Blackwing City. At most, they would only go there to widen their horizons. However, to the upper echelons of a major power, it was an absolute heaven. After going there once, they would want to go there again.

Shi Feng looked at the time, discovering that today was a big day in Blackwing City. He definitely must make a trip to Blackwing City today. Hence, he sent a message to Blackie, saying, “Blackie, I still have some other things to take care of, so I won’t be able to bring you all leveling for now. After all of you are rested, go to the Level 8 area, Roaring Hill, to level up. As long as you guys are careful, your leveling speeds there will be extremely quick.”

## Chapter 113 - Blackwing City

Red Leaf Town, Slum Area.

Although it was still daytime, the Enchanted Bar was packed with Red Players that tread along the boundaries of darkness. However, amongst this crowd of players, there were several Green Players

present in the Bar, seemingly highly out of place. These players were Ironsword Lion and his several subordinates.

“Absolute Heaven, I need you to kill a person for me. Name your price,” Ironsword Lion said to the man before him. The man who held a stern expression was currently drinking from a beer bottle.

The stern-looking male did not pay any heed to Ironsword Lion, one of his arms wrapped around an alluring, well-developed woman, while the other held onto a beer bottle. The man only minded his own business as he flirted with the woman, his lips curling into a wicked smile, giving others a chilling feeling.

Ironsword Lion’s expression immediately sank.

Beside him, Drifting Blood immediately slammed his hands on the table, cursing, “Hey, can’t you hear that our Boss is speaking to you? Stop trying to act deaf!”

Just after Drifting Blood finished speaking, a snow-bright dagger had slashed across his neck. The dagger then stabbed into his heart, finally being abruptly pulled downwards and slashed apart a deep wound. A stab, a pull, and a slash, all three moves were executed in a very natural manner. Before Drifting Blood could even cry out in pain, his body had already fallen to the ground.

“Absolute Heaven, what are you trying to do? I’m here to talk business. What is the meaning of you killing my subordinate?” watching Drifting Blood be instantly dealt with, Ironsword Lion bellowed. However, he did not dare attack the man before him, because he knew that if he were to take action, his end would only be similar to that of Drifting Blood.

“Because I like it. What? You have something to say about it?” Absolute Heaven laughed as he indifferently looked at Ironsword Lion. He casually brandished his dagger, creating an image of a flower.

“You...” Ironsword Lion was angered to madness, but he still dared not let out the curse through his mouth.

Absolute Heaven was an assassin in real life... A famous one, to boot! He was also a top-tier expert within virtual reality games. However, there were very few people who knew of him. For those who did know him, they were usually ones who had been assassinated by him before. When Ironsword Lion used to play some other Wuxia game before, he had been assassinated by Absolute Heaven several times previously, which was how he got to know Absolute Heaven.

However, Absolute Heaven’s temper was extremely odd. Regarding the things he was uninterested in, no matter how much money he was offered, he would refuse to carry them out. He was only willing to carry out tasks that managed to pique his interests. Until today, he had yet to fail a single task that he had taken on.

If Absolute Heaven was threatened or compelled into doing something, then oftentimes, the customer that did so did not have a happy ending.

Ironsword Lion had once seen a customer wanting Absolute Heaven to kill a player back to Level 0 no matter what. However, Absolute Heaven refused to do so. That customer was similarly an ill-tempered person, declaring to take action against Absolute Heaven as well. As a result, that customer was personally killed by Absolute Heaven all the way back to Level 0, forced to delete his account in the end.

Seeing Ironsword Lion remaining silent, Absolute Heaven smiled. He then resumed hugging onto the beauty by his side and drinking his beer without a care in the world, acting as if everything before had never happened.

Drifting Blood being killed off in the Bar similarly did not attract the attention of any other players. That was because incidents like this occurred on a daily basis in this place. Everyone had long since gotten used to seeing it.

Meanwhile, Ironsword Lion could only inhale deeply several times, calming down the rage in his heart.

“Absolute Heaven, don’t be so quick to refuse. If I tell you the name of this person, you will definitely be interested,” Ironsword Lion said in a serious tone.

However, Absolute Heaven remained uncaring, as if Ironsword Lion was just empty air.

“This person is called Ye Feng. He is a top-tier expert. I only wish for you to kill him back to Level 0, or force him to delete his account and start all over again. As for the price, it is up to you to decide.” Ironsword Lion took out a recording, sending it to Absolute Heaven. The recording depicted the scene where Ironsword Lion himself was killed off by Shi Feng. Two swords, four images; impossible to fend off. The final strike that killed off Ironsword Lion was also extremely swift and graceful, impossible for anyone to block.

After taking a look at the recording, Absolute Heaven’s interest was immediately piqued. He then said, “A million Credits, one-time payment.”

Ironsword Lion’s heart could not help but twitch after hearing this price. However, he had long since known of Absolute Heaven’s way of setting prices based on the target’s strength. Normally, killing a player would only cost around 100,000 Credits. Ironsword Lion did not imagine that Shi Feng would be worth so much, actually requiring a million Credits.

“Fine. Give me your account; I’ll transfer it to you immediately. However, how much time would you require to get the job done?” Ironsword Lion was very determined. Even if he had to dig out all his resources, he still had to get rid of Shi Feng in order to appease his anger.

“Five days,” Absolute Heaven looked at Shi Feng inside the recording, excitedly saying so.

Hearing Absolute Heaven's guarantee, Ironsword Lion could already picture the sight of Shi Feng being killed back to Level 0. He then transferred the money to Absolute Heaven.

On the other side, the person in question had already arrived at Blackwing City.

Blackwing City was one of the most mysterious Cities in God's Domain. It was much more flourishing than Star-Moon Kingdom. Just by standing on the streets, one could see gorgeous-looking, European-styled, medieval-aged buildings. Even if it was nighttime, the city was still illuminated with glorious lights.

Moreover, the NPCs that walked the streets were all over Level 100. There were even quite a few NPCs who possessed Tier 2, and even Tier 3, Jobs. Rumor had it when the King of Star-Moon Kingdom met up with the City Lord of the Blackwing city; even the King was required to act respectfully in fear of offending the City Lord.

Within Blackwing City, there were plenty of interesting things to be found. If one were to tour around the City, it would take at least a few weeks to do so. Blackwing City also had plenty of Masters of various Lifestyle Jobs living here. The items made by these Masters would usually end up being sold in shops in the city. Moreover, players were also able to purchase the specialties of other Countries in Blackwing City. This was definitely a treatment not found in other, ordinary Cities.

With all these attractions, the most famous amongst them was the Auction House of Blackwing City. The Auction House here held an auction once every week. Moreover, the items auctioned were all rare ones sold by NPCs. Epic Rank items would even be sold in this weekly auction. Such an item was definitely impossible to purchase outside of Blackwing City. Hence, this was the reason why the upper echelons of all the major powers wished to come to Blackwing City.



On the other hand, even if the average player were to come here, at most, they would only be here to sightsee. It was because they were completely unable to afford the items sold by the NPCs here. Moreover, there were no wild monsters here in Blackwing City. There were also no Quests to be found here. It was a City purely meant for players to conduct trade within. Blackwing City was a heaven, loved by the tycoons of the game.

There are still two hours before the auction starts. I'll go buy some local specialties first, then. Shi Feng looked at the time, discovering that he was still early. He hailed for a horse carriage, bringing him to the Business District of Blackwing City.

Blackwing City was just too huge. If Shi Feng were to walk on foot, he would need, at the very least, two to three hours to arrive at the Business District. Normally, players would spend money to hire horse carriages as a means of transportation. However, hiring a horse carriage did not come cheap. At the minimum, a horse carriage would cost 1 Silver Coin, and depending on the distance traveled, the price would similarly change. If an average player were to come to Blackwing City at this period of the game, they most likely would not even be able to afford a horse carriage...

After more than ten minutes had passed, Shi Feng alighted from the carriage, arriving at an Engineering Shop.

This Engineering Shop was not large. It was only a small building with two floors. There was an old-looking, wooden signboard hung at the entrance with the words, "Cruze's Workshop" carved into the wood.

Although the shop seemed shabby at first sight, Shi Feng knew that this shop was opened by the Engineering Grandmaster, Cruze Gaia. He was also the one and only Engineering Grandmaster in Blackwing City. As for the other Engineering Shops, those were all operated by Engineering Masters or Engineers. Although those shops appeared to be flourishing, the items sold by them were all very expensive, yet of poor quality. Back in the early days, Shi Feng had often been scammed by those shops.

Shi Feng pushed open the door, entering Cruze's Workshop.

The caretaker of the shop was called Luciola, a shy-looking girl who had her hair tied into two ponytails.

If one used Observing Eyes, they would quickly discover that this frail-looking girl was in actuality, a Professional Mage, a Job that advanced two tiers, from an Elementalist. Furthermore, she was even at Level 100.

A Level 100 Tier 2 Mage could easily extinguish a single Red Leaf Town. If a player dared to cause a scene in this shop, they would quickly turn into a pile of ash.

#### Chapter 114 - Blackwing Auction House

Very rarely did Cruze's Workshop have customers, and Shi Feng's entry into the shop immediately roused Luciola's attention.

"Lord Demon Hunter, I wonder what items my lord requires? Our shop has a variety of items, and we guarantee their quality," Luciola walked towards Shi Feng, asking respectfully.

Shi Feng did not think that, regardless of location, the Demon Hunter title would be so respected. The title even held effect in Blackwing City.

"I wish to have a look at the new goods you have this week," Shi Feng replied.

“My lord, our shop is stocked with many new items this week. I guarantee that my lord will be satisfied with them,” Luciola said.

“Guide me to them, then,” Shi Feng nodded his head.

In Shi Feng’s previous life, he had never once before gone to the second floor of the shop. He did not think there were even items being sold on the second floor.

“My lord, this way, please,” saying so, Luciola brought Shi Feng to the second floor.

The second floor was filled with display cabinets, all of them showcasing many rare Engineering Tools that dazzled a person’s eyes.

Amongst the display cabinets, there was an item that greatly attracted Shi Feng’s attention.

Rocket Boots!

One of the godly escaping tools in God’s Domain. With it, one could easily escape when met with dangers in the wild or when being hunted by other players.

Moreover, this was Epic Equipment that was made by an Engineering Grandmaster. Regardless if it was the Attributes or effects, both were not something with which the Common Ranked Rocket Boots could compare.

However, the price tag hanging on the Epic Ranked Rocket Boots was a frightening 1,200 Gold. Even if Shi Feng considered himself as rich, he could not even afford a fraction of such an amount.

After making a round through the display cabinets, a majority of the items sold were all to Shi Feng's liking. Moreover, they would be of huge aid to himself, and he could not help but wish that he could just take all of them away. However, his pockets were not sufficiently deep, and he could only lament over his fate.

"Lord Demon Hunter, are these items not to your liking?" Seeing that her long-awaited customer was shaking his head, Luciola hurriedly asked.

However, how would Shi Feng have the cheek to tell Luciola that he did not have that much money? Any of the items showcased here would, at the bare minimum, cost around tens to hundreds of Gold Coins. Just based on the thirty over Gold Coins in his bag, he would at most be able to purchase a single item here.

"Do you have Frost Grenades here?" after giving it some thought, Shi Feng decided that it would be better to buy some more useful items.

"Lord Demon Hunter, the Frost Grenades are sold in the Common Section on the first floor. The VIP Section on the second floor does not sell them. My lord, please follow me," Luciola brought Shi Feng down to the first floor once more.

At this moment, Shi Feng finally realized that the second floor was the VIP Section. It was no wonder the items on display there were so expensive. In his previous life, when he had discovered this Workshop here, he was already around Level 70 to Level 80. However, he did not possess the Demon Hunter title at that time, so he could only shop at the Common Section. Yet, even then his gains were already bountiful.

Now, he had inadvertently discovered the VIP Section on the second floor. Moreover, there were so many items sold in that section. Unfortunately, the money he possessed was just too little to buy anything. He could only come again in the future, after earning more money.

Corresponding to the lower number of items being sold on the first floor, their prices were similarly much lower.

“Lord Demon Hunter, these are the Frost Grenades that you requested. They are categorized into three tiers. "May I know what type you are seeking?"”

[Basic Frost Grenade]

Effective against monsters (and players) below Level 30.

Deals 200 frost damage in a radius of 10 yards, which freezes targets for 5 seconds, then reduces Movement Speed by 60% for a duration of 12 seconds.

Price: 1 Silver 50 Coppers

[Intermediate Frost Grenade]

Effective against monsters (and players) below Level 70.

Deals 800 frost damage in a radius of 12 yards, which freezes targets for 5 seconds, then reduces Movement Speed by 60% for a duration of 12 seconds.

Price: 10 Silvers

[Advanced Frost Grenade]

Effective against monsters (and players) below Level 120.

Deals 2,000 frost damage in a radius of 15 yards, which freezes targets for 5 seconds, then reduces Movement Speed by 60% for a duration of 12 seconds.

Price: 70 Silvers

Just a single Intermediate Frost Grenade was enough to instantly kill a Level 5 MT, fully equipped with Bronze Equipment. Meanwhile, although the Basic Frost Grenade could not instantly kill a player, it could freeze them for 5 seconds, followed by a 60% reduction in Movement Speed for 12 seconds. These effects were just too frightening.

As for the Advanced Frost Grenades, this item was not something with which an ordinary player could mess around. Not mentioning the 2,000 frost damage it could cause, it also possessed an effective radius of 15 yards. If Shi Feng were to have used this item in his previous battle with Martial Union, it would have saved him much trouble. Just throwing three of these things would rid him of all his problems.

However, a single Advanced Frost Grenade already cost 70 Silver Coins. It was just too expensive a price tag. Moreover, using such an item at his level was simply too extravagant.

“I want three stacks of Basic Frost Grenades and thirty units of Intermediate Frost Grenades.” Shi Feng thought that it was still best to purchase a few Intermediate ones as a preventive measure. If he were to end up being hunted by Martial Union again, these Intermediate Frost Grenades would aid him in getting rid of all those troubles.

A stack of Frost Grenades consisted of 200 units, and three whole stacks would be enough to last him for a very long time.

“Lord Demon Hunter, you can enjoy a 10% discount in our shop. The total amount for these items is 10 Gold 80 Silver,” Luciola brought out all the requested items, saying after making a quick calculation.

“Alright.” Shi Feng felt joy in his heart. In his previous life, even with his status as a Tier 3 Sword King, he had never received discounts when purchasing items here. He did not imagine that the Demon Hunter title would be so awesome, even earning him a discount within Blackwing City. This was truly an unexpected happiness.

After purchasing the Frost Grenades, Shi Feng rode on the horse carriage to the heart of the Trade Area, the Blackwing Auction House.

The Blackwing Auction House was one of the most majestic buildings within Blackwing City. The land it took up was the size of four football fields. Moreover, the building possessed 188 floors. The royalty of the various countries in God’s Domain, and even great characters, like Tier 5 NPCs, would sometimes visit this place to purchase items.

Immediately after arriving at the Blackwing Auction House, Shi Feng had noticed that there was actually a dozen or so players queuing up to enter the Auction House.

However, such a sight was nothing strange to behold. Even a small place like Red Leaf Town had managed to produce a pass to Blackwing City. There were hundreds of Towns under the influence of White River City, while there were over a hundred Cities under the rule of Star-Moon Kingdom. Moreover, there were hundreds of countries in the entirety of God's Domain. Hence, it was only normal for hundreds of players to appear in Blackwing City right now.

The ones who were capable of coming to Blackwing City right now were either those who had extremely good luck or those who belonged to the upper echelons of major powers. For the average players that did arrive at this place, however, they would quickly discover that although Blackwing City was a good location to be, it would be of no help to average players like them. Hence, it would be better for them to sell the entry ticket to a major power, earning some quick money.

Meanwhile, the players that were lined up here all had very high levels. The highest amongst them was a Level 7 bearded man. The large man wore a complete Level 5 Bronze Set Equipment and was also carrying a Mysterious-Iron Ax on his back. One glance at the man was enough to tell that the man's strength was not to be trifled with. As for the other players, they were all at Level 6, each wearing complete Bronze Set Equipment, and none of them looking to have a simple background.

Noticing Shi Feng walking over, these players all discovered that Shi Feng was surprisingly at Level 7, the same level as the bearded man beside them. However, the silvery-white, delicate Set Equipment worn by Shi Feng faintly gave off a chilling and heavy pressure. Although it was a Bronze Set Equipment, a single look at it and anyone could tell that it was not just any ordinary Set Equipment. Moreover, there were even individual pieces of Secret-Silver Ranked Equipment. Although they could not tell what rank the black sword hanging around Shi Feng's waist was at, the other sword gave off the glow of a Secret-Silver Equipment. Compared to the bearded man, Shi Feng was obviously much more powerful, and the players present immediately started having notions of befriending him.

"This one is Lonely Goose of the Moon Temple. Fellow friend, I have never seen you around before. Is this your first time visiting Blackwing City?" a gentle scholarly-looking, Level 6 Swordsman walked up and asked Shi Feng.

After arriving at Blackwing City, Shi Feng did not disguise his equipment, leaving them in their original appearance. He had only altered his own facial appearance, turning it into the appearance of the middle-aged man, Black Flame. That way, nobody would be able to recognize him as Ye Feng.



Hearing this scholarly person introduce himself, Shi Feng could not help but size up this man called Lonely Goose.

## Chapter 115 - Egoistic Blade

The Moon Temple was a very well-known Guild in God's Domain. However, their area of influence was not situated in Star-Moon Kingdom, but instead, the Tulip Empire. The competition between Guilds there was much more intense compared to Star-Moon Kingdom. Meanwhile, the Moon Temple was one of the top few Guilds in Tulip Empire. Compared to Ouroboros, they were much stronger.

The scholarly Lonely Goose in front of Shi Feng right now was also a famous top-tier Swordsman.

It would be advantageous to Shi Feng if he befriended such a person.

"Hello," Shi Feng nodded his head, giving others a taciturn feeling.

Aside from Lonely Goose, several more players came up and introduced themselves to Shi Feng. They all wished to befriend him. After all, an additional friend meant an additional path they could have in the future. It was especially true for the top-tier experts that could arrive at Blackwing City. As to whether they would become enemies in the future, the possibility of such a situation happening was low.

As for the reason to such a conclusion, up till now, the group of them had yet to see a top-tier expert belonging to the same country as them in Blackwing City. Also, every country was very far apart from each other, and countries coming in touch with each other would be a matter in the far future.

On the other hand, if they could become friends and have a cooperative relationship, then it would be beneficial to both sides.

This was also one of the hidden benefits of Blackwing City.

The bearded man swept a glance at Shi Feng, discovering that Shi Feng's level was actually the same as his own. Being able to reach Level 7 was an achievement of which he was extremely proud. However, now that he realized he was the same level as an independent player, he immediately felt a sense of provocation. In addition to the other players trying to befriend Shi Feng, the bearded man snorted, "Hmph, he's just an independent player. What is the point in trying to curry favor with him?"

With the bearded man's words, the entire atmosphere in the Auction House became tense.

Playing the part of the friendly guy, Lonely Goose said with a smile, "Brother Egoistic Blade, not everyone can easily come to Blackwing City. Is there a need for such a cold treatment? If we can all get along with each other, it would be a great benefit for all of us in the future."

"Help?"

"Just based on the luck of an independent player, how would he be able to mutually cooperate with us?"

"How can he be of any help to us?"

The disdain in the bearded man's words kept on growing. The man then flaunted the Guild emblem on his chest, the words "Bloodthirsty War God" written on the emblem. The emblem was silver in color, signifying that the bearded man was at the rank of an elder within the Guild.

Bloodthirsty War God was one of the top three first-rate Guilds in Black Dragon Empire. Bloodthirsty War God was a long-established Guild, its lengthy history tracing back at least 60 years ago. At that time, not even Shi Feng's parents had been born yet.

Looking at Egoistic Blade behaving so, even Lonely Goose felt helpless about it. He then looked at Shi Feng, apologizing, "Truly sorry. Brother Egoistic Blade doesn't usually behave this way. Maybe he is in a bad mood today."

"This should be Brother Black Flame's first time coming to the Blackwing Auction House, right? You've come at a good time. Today just happens to be a day where the Blackwing Auction House is holding an auction. However, if you wish to participate in the auction, you need to purchase a Blackwing Insignia that costs 2 Gold Coins. You will only be allowed entry if you possess the Blackwing Insignia. Furthermore, the players who possess the Blackwing Insignia can bring along two more players with them."

"How about Brother Black Flame let me bring you into the auction? You could save a big expenditure that way."

As Shi Feng was about to voice his rejection, Egoistic Blade sneered, "A beggar that can't even afford a Blackwing Insignia, what right do you have to come along with us?"

"I only have one thing to say. I don't wish to be together with this little bastard. If you all wish to form an alliance, it's either me or him. You guys make your choice. Either he goes, or I go."

Egoistic Blade had the Bloodthirsty War God serving as his background, while Shi Feng had nothing he could rely on. Egoistic Blade was extremely confident that Lonely Goose and the others would choose him without even the need to think.

Only when the strong cooperate with each other, would they be able to bring out the greatest benefits. If they were to cooperate with an independent player, who could guarantee that, after this person's entry ticket to Blackwing City had been used up, he would still be able to return to Blackwing City. Meanwhile, Egoistic Blade had a first-rate Guild supporting him. It would be tens of thousands of times easier for him to obtain another pass to Blackwing City when compared to a mere independent player.

If Shi Feng did not even possess the ability to frequently visit Blackwing City, how would he be able to guarantee a mutual cooperation?

"Brother Egoistic Blade, must you do so?"

Lonely Goose and the others could not help but have a headache as they tried to mediate the situation. They only wished to mutually profit from each other. Yet, Egoistic Blade had created such a situation and had even spoken such words. If they chose to accept Shi Feng into their group, then Egoistic Blade would definitely feel humiliated. However, if they accepted Egoistic Blade, then Shi Feng would naturally leave feeling angry and as though he had been crossed.

On one side, it was a first-rate Guild. On the other, it was an independent player. The situation left everyone in a state of distress.

"What are you all hesitating about? Is it such a hard decision to make? I have the Bloodthirsty War God backing me. The information and resources I have at my disposal far exceed what any of you can imagine. If you all do not wish to cooperate, then I can simply look for some other Guilds to cooperate with. No matter what, I don't wish to see an independent player within our alliance group," Egoistic Blade looked at Lonely Goose and the others, saying in an extremely displeased manner.

Shi Feng watched Egoistic Blade's extremely stubborn behavior as if the world revolved solely around him alone. The man was even using the influence of his background in order to chase Shi Feng out of the group. Although Lonely Goose and the others had clearly come up to Shi Feng on their own accord, they now showed signs of hesitation. Seeing this situation, Shi Feng sneered, "Since I'm just an independent player, I won't trouble you any longer, Brother Lonely Goose. People who walk different paths cannot make plans together. Let us go our separate ways from now on."

Finished saying so, Shi Feng walked towards the entrance of the Auction House.

Looking at Shi Feng walking away in a huff, Lonely Snow and the others could do nothing but drop the subject. After all, Shi Feng was but an independent player. Although he was an expert, he would not be able to bring them much benefit.

"Hmph, a mere independent player wishes to have the same standing as us? Don't even dream about it," Egoistic Blade jeered.

After some time, the gates to the Auction House opened, allowing the masses entry into the building.

When Egoistic Blade and the others walked to the entrance...

"I'm sorry, Sir, but you are not allowed to enter." A Knight blocked Egoistic Blade and the others.

"Lord Knight, all of us possesses the Blackwing Insignia," Lonely Goose pointed towards the insignia on his chest, saying.

“The auction held today is the VIP Auction. Commoners are not allowed entry. The normal auction will only be held next week, so please come back again at that time,” the Knight explained.

Egoistic Blade then pointed at Shi Feng, who was currently walking into the Auction House, moodily saying, “Lord Knight, then what right does that person have to enter? He doesn’t even have a Blackwing Insignia on him. It won’t be good if you do something like that, right?”

The Knight became extremely displeased by Egoistic Blade’s attitude. However, he still looked along the direction Egoistic Blade pointed to, discovering the Lord Demon Hunter, Shi Feng. The Knight then swept his gaze at Egoistic Blade and the others, saying in disdain, “Just based on you commoners, you all wish to have the same standing as the Lord Demon Hunter?”

“Be smart and get lost quickly! I’ll have all of you arrested if you continue making a scene!” the Knight angrily yelled at Egoistic Blade and the others.

Egoistic Blade was extremely shocked. How could a random, independent player they met be so awesome? He then thought back to the mocking words said by the Knight. Weren’t they the words he had uttered just now?

If there was a hole available right now, Egoistic Blade wished he could have jumped into it immediately. It was simply too mortifying.

Lonely Goose and the others were even more startled. They looked at Shi Feng with shocked expressions, endless regret filling up their hearts.

After making plenty of investigations, they discovered that there would be an auction held today. Moreover, the items auctioned were extremely rare, so they had paid a huge price in order to prepare a significant amount of Coins. Yet, in the end, they couldn’t even manage to get past the entrance...

Looking at the Knight's respectful attitude towards Shi Feng, they immediately knew that the title of Demon Hunter must be a very powerful title. Shi Feng definitely would have been able to bring along a few more players with him. However, they had chosen to forsake Shi Feng instead, missing out on the chance to participate in the auction this time around. The regret in their hearts was quickly pushing them to their deaths right now. At that time, just why did they choose to give up on Shi Feng?!

Lonely Goose and the others then thought of Egoistic Blade, the main perpetrator of this disaster. If it weren't for Egoistic Blade, such an incident would not have happened.

Immediately, everyone turned to look at Egoistic Blade in rage and bitterness.

## Chapter 116 - Silver Dawn

"Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, please come over here. Take the floating platform up to the 66th floor; there will be a person assigned there to receive you," a golden-haired beauty stood beside the floating platform, saying with a smile.

The floating platform of the Blackwing Auction House was extremely large, capable of fitting more than 50 people at a time. It was from Seven Luminaries Crystals[1], which have extremely good magical conductivity. Many magical runes were carved onto the crystals, allowing the platform to freely float in the air. However, the floating platform was extremely expensive to make, and even if all of Red Leaf Town was sold, it would not be enough to make a floating platform as large as the one in Blackwing City.

In the entire Star-Moon Kingdom, only the Auction House at Star-Moon City, and also the Royal Palace, had a floating platform implemented. Moreover, the size of each of those floating platforms was much

smaller when compared to the one in the Blackwing Auction House. It displayed the level of wealth held by the Blackwing Auction House.

To say the least, the Blackwing Auction House was extremely large in size. It was categorized into three different sections, which were the Common Section, the VIP Section, and the Luxury Section.

The auction venue for the Common Section was located from the 4th floor to the 36th floor. As long as one possessed the Blackwing Insignia, they could participate in the Common auction. However, there were much less rare items auctioned there.

The auction venue for the VIP Section was located from the 50th floor to the 100th floor. One must have a certain amount of status before being allowed to participate in the VIP auction. As for the items auctioned, rare items were the mainstay of the auction, with the occasional precious item.

The auction venue in the Luxury Section was located from the 150th floor to the 180th floor. Aside from those with transcendental strength, they were usually the overlords of a region. For example, the characters at the pinnacle of Star-Moon Kingdom.

In Shi Feng's previous life, after he became a Tier 3 Sword King, he obtained a relatively good title, allowing him the fortune of entering the VIP Section. As for the Luxury Section, only the Guild Leaders and Vice-Leaders of first-rate Guilds had the right to enter this area. The pinnacle players who had reached Tier 5 in their Jobs were also allowed in this area. As to what items were sold at the Luxury auction, Shi Feng had no information about them whatsoever. It was a secret only known to the tyrants and pinnacle players of God's Domain.

Shi Feng arrived at the auction venue on the 66th floor.

The entire venue was about the size of a single football field, and at this moment, it was completely packed with people. These people were all NPCs with the status of nobles or above, and it was an



extremely difficult task for players who wished to compete for items with these NPCs. These NPCs were here specifically to prevent players from easily winning a bid without any competition.

Frankly speaking, the NPCs were just props at the auction venue. If a player's bid did not reach the standard amount, then the item would be taken away by the NPCs, preventing players from conveniently obtaining rare items.

After everyone was seated, the auction officially started. After a white-bearded old man walked up to the stage, declaring the start of the auction, an item was slowly brought out onto the stage.

The first item auctioned was a Level 20 Secret-Silver Chestplate, its starting bid set at 2 Gold.

"The Attributes on it are good, but the price is just too expensive," clicking on the equipment's information, Shi Feng quickly gave up after looking at its Attributes.

Although it was good equipment, he was unable to put it to use right now.

If Shi Feng could really buy the item for only 2 Gold, then he might have still considered it. However, after a bout of bidding from the NPCs, the price of the equipment had already soared to 7 Gold.

If he were to sell the Chestplate to a first-rate Guild, he could not possibly obtain 7 Gold for it. At most, he could sell it for 3 to 4 Gold. After all, to the average players right now, even Copper Coins were considered a precious commodity, not to mention Gold Coins.

After which, piece after piece of Secret-Silver Equipment was brought out. There was even Fine-Gold Equipment being auctioned. However, not a single piece managed to attract Shi Feng's attraction.

The reason was simple. All of them were just too expensive.

If the average level of players reached around Level 20, then the prices of equipment would become much cheaper. However, God's Domain had started its operation only recently, so most players were still around Level 4. Where would these players find that much money?

Half an hour later, the equipment phase of the auction finally ended, and the auction for other items began.

"The following item being auctioned is a Weapon Forging Design. This Forging Design is a fine work of Master Corian, and the bid for it will start at 3 Gold Coins."

Immediately, Shi Feng's interest was roused. He then clicked to check on the item's information.

[Silver Dawn Forging Design] (Secret-Silver Rank, One-handed Sword)

Level 10

Seeing that it was Secret-Silver Ranked, Shi Feng knew that his luck had come. Moreover, the Silver Dawn was a Level 10 weapon; it was absolutely something that he needed the most. The Abyssal Blade also needed ten Level 10 Secret-Silver Weapons to level up. With this Forging Design, that problem would easily be handled.

However, besides Shi Feng, there were still a few other Forgers who participated in the bid. After all, a Secret-Silver Forging Design was extremely rare. With that, the bidding for the Forging Design quickly started.

Within moments, the bidding price had already reached 6 Gold.

Shi Feng gritted his teeth, shouting, "7 Gold!"

"7 Gold 30 Silvers."

"7 Gold 50 Silvers."

"8 Gold."

With the crazed bidding from the NPCs, the price for the Silver Dawn steadily rose.

"Crap, I bid 15 Gold!" Seeing that the price has reached 13 Gold, Shi Feng immediately raised it by 2 Gold, showing his determination, and shaking the composure of these NPCs. If the price continued to rise, even Shi Feng would not be able to stomach it. After all, he only had slightly more than 20 Gold Coins remaining.

"16 Gold!"

The original worth of this Forging Design was around 15 Gold Coins. Shi Feng did not think that the NPCs would still compete.

“17 Gold!” Shi Feng made his decision. If the NPC Forgers were to bid once more, he would immediately bid 20 Gold for it. At that point, if it was still no good, then he could only consider himself as unlucky.

Finally, the NPC Forgers shook their heads at this price, no longer competing in the bid.

“Congratulations to Mister Black Flame for winning Master Corian’s Silver Dawn Forging Design!” the white-bearded old man clapped his hands, congratulating Shi Feng.

After receiving the Forging Design, Shi Feng let loose a sigh of relief. At the very least, he did not waste a trip to the Auction House this time. As for the 17 Gold, he had spent, sooner or later, he would be able to get it all back through the Silver Dawn.

After auctioning off the Forging Design, the white-bearded old man continued, “The next item is a super-rare skill for melee Jobs, the bid starts at 5 Gold Coins.”

[Thunder Flame Explosion] (Action-type)

Requires: Melee Weapon

Causes 200 base damage, and additional flame and thunder damage to enemies within a 5-yard radius. Enemies struck will be placed in a fainted state for 4 seconds.

Cooldown: 45 seconds

Shi Feng's eyes shone after seeing this item. Thunder Flame Explosion was definitely a super-skill for melee Jobs and was one of the most precious items in this auction.

"What to do? I don't have enough money right now..." Shi Feng greatly desired this skill book. However, the starting bid for it was already at 5 Gold. At the very least, the final price for it would be 20 Gold or above.

While Shi Feng was in silent contemplation, the price for the skill book had already risen to 10 Gold. Compared to the Silver Dawn, the bidding for the skill book was even more fiery.

Shi Feng had no choice but to call out the interface for the Virtual Trade Center, canceling the remaining Gold Coins he had registered.

"Thank god..." Shi Feng let loose a breath as he discovered that there was still 23 Gold remaining out of the 30 Gold he had registered. In addition to the Coins he had on hand right now, it just barely totaled over 30 Gold. Such an amount should be sufficient to purchase this Thunder Flame Explosion.

"20 Gold!" Shi Feng shouted.

"20 Gold! Mister Black Flame has bid 20 Gold. Is there anyone else interested in bidding? This is the only precious item in the auction this time around. Everyone should not miss this chance to obtain it!"

Shi Feng could not help but send a disdainful glare at this old man.

"21 Gold."

“Since it is a precious item, then it definitely won’t be anything simple. I bid 24 Gold,” a Tier 2 Swordsman pleasingly said.

“I bid 26 Gold,” a Tier 3 Shadower yelled.

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The majority of the NPCs present in this auction consisted of melee Jobs. Hence, the competition for the skill book was extraordinarily intense. Moreover, the higher tiered NPCs were all filthy rich. Just by doing a simple Quest, they would be able to obtain compensation of several Gold Coins, so their rate of income was extremely quick. If Shi Feng did not earn a lot previously, he stood absolutely no chance at competing with these high-tiered NPCs.

Looking at these high-tiered NPCs, he found each one of them was more powerful than the other. There was even a Tier 4 NPC placing a bid for the skill book.

Seeing as the price was about to reach Shi Feng’s bottom line...

“30 Gold!” Shi Feng placed his final bid. He would either succeed or die trying.

TL Notes:

[1]Seven Luminaries Crystals: it is a different item from the Seven Luminaries Gemstone mentioned in Chapter 112. The raws actually write both as crystals, one as 水晶, while the other as 晶石. They serve

different purposes altogether. The former is just some sort of ticket to Blackwing City, while the other is a precious material.

## Chapter 117 - Aqua Rose

With Shi Feng's bid of 30 Gold Coins, the price of the skill book was greatly increased.

A few Tier 2 NPCs shook their heads at this sight, giving up the bid, one after another. Although this skill book was good, its price was simply too high.

Just as Shi Feng was about to relax...

"35 Gold!"

A resonant voice resounded throughout the entire auction venue.

Shi Feng turned his head to look at the source of the voice, nearly cursing out loud as he found the voice's originator.

The person who yelled out the bid was actually not an NPC with a melee Job, but a Tier 4 female Wizard.

Magicians[1] were always the richest individuals in God's Domain. To a Tier 4 Wizard, they only need carry out a single magical research to earn 30 to 50 Gold Coins.

"How unfortunate."

Shi Feng shook his head, no longer competing for the skill book. He only had slightly over 30 Gold Coins. He couldn't compete for it even if he wanted to. If he had known this skill book would be sold, then he would not have chosen to sell his Gold Coins for Credits.

Although Shi Feng had retired from the bidding competition, the other Tier 4 melee Job NPCs were still fervently competing over it. The price of the Thunder Flame Explosion had already risen to 45 Gold at this point. Aside from the equipment that were over Level 100, none of the items auctioned so far could beat this price.

"45 Gold going once!"

"45 Gold going twice!"

At this moment, the sound of a notification from the System arrived.

System: The Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design you have placed on auction has been sold. After deducting the processing fees, a total of 2 Gold 31 Silver have been added to your bag space.

System: The Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design you have placed on auction has been sold. After deducting the processing fees, a total of 2 Gold 44 Silver have been added to your bag space.



System: The Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design you have placed on auction has been sold. After deducting the processing fees, a total of 2 Gold 27 Silver have been added to your bag space.

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A series of notifications arrived, numbering at least twenty. Shi Feng was immediately shocked when he heard these notifications arriving.

He did not understand what had actually happened. During the time he had been in Blackwing City, there were actually so many players who had bought the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design, that in just a moment, his wallet had greatly expanded.

Since Shi Feng's wallet was bulging now as he yelled out without hesitation, "46 Gold!"

"45 Gold going thrice!"

"This gentleman has bid 46 Gold! Are there any higher bids?"

"49 Gold," the Tier 4 female Wizard knit her brows slightly.

Shi Feng was now extremely confident. If the female Wizard truly wished to buy the skill book, then he would definitely lose the bid. However, the value of this skill book was certainly not that great to this lady. Shi Feng did not believe that she would spend such a large amount of money just to buy it.

“55 Gold,” Shi Feng decided to be decisive instead of waiting for the price to slowly rise.

For just a skill book, 55 Gold Coins was definitely an astronomical price. The female Wizard was no fool herself, so she immediately gave up on winning the bid.

Seeing Shi Feng bidding with such a high price, the other NPCs looked at Shi Feng like they saw a fool. Even if they were to hire a Tier 3 or Tier 4 Job-related tutor to teach them a skill, the fees would not exceed one or two dozen Gold Coins. Moreover, the skills they could learn were much better than the Thunder Flame Explosion. Now, Shi Feng was actually spending 55 Gold Coins to learn such a skill. He was no different than a fool for doing so.

However, NPCs would not be able to understand the world of players. In the initial stages of the game, the prowess of a skill could greatly change the overall strength of a player. It was especially true for a super-rare skill like Thunder Flame Explosion, which was an AOE skill that carried along a Fainting effect. It would bring endless benefits to Shi Feng in the future. Even if he had to spend 100 Gold Coins for the skill, it would still be worth it.

Without any more NPCs joining the bid, the white-bearded old man finally slammed the hammer.

“Congratulations to Mister Black Flame for winning the Thunder Flame Explosion!”

Shi Feng joyfully handed over the 55 Gold Coins, receiving the Thunder Flame Explosion skill book in return. He then immediately learned the skill.

Thunder Flame Explosion was a godly skill for grinding monsters and PK in the early stages of the game. With the skill in hand, Shi Feng had thought of several more ways to grind monsters.

Following this, the auction went on for another hour or so before ending. However, none of the items that appeared were the ones Shi Feng needed right now. Moreover, every one of those items was auctioned off at prices of over a hundred Gold. The final item to appear was even an Epic Ranked item. Many Tier 4 NPCs madly bid for the item, with the final bid priced at over 5,000 Gold. Shi Feng could only observe the bidding process at that time, unable to join in on the actual fun.

After the auction ended, Shi Feng walked out the entrance of the Auction Hall, satisfied. He wanted to return to Red Leaf Town immediately to find out what had actually happened there. Just why did the number of players who purchased the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design increase so much?

If there was still money that could be earned from the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design, then he would immediately create another batch. He would earn as much money from it as possible, alleviating the emptiness of his wallet in the process.

Shi Feng was originally considered a very wealthy person within the region of White River City. However, after making a trip to Blackwing City, he had suddenly discovered that he was actually just a poor bastard.

Just as Shi Feng was about to leave Blackwing City, a hurried shout came from behind.

“Brother Black Flame, please hold on!”

Shi Feng turned his head around, discovering Lonely Goose and the other players from before. Amongst the bunch, there was also Egoistic Blade, the person who had eagerly tried to chase him away.

“What?” Shi Feng indifferently asked.

Although Shi Feng could understand the reason behind Lonely Goose's exclusion of him just now, understanding only remained as understanding.

After all, who would have any pleasant feelings with being chased away just after being invited?

Hearing Shi Feng's indifferent tone, Lonely Goose helplessly smiled, saying, "Brother Black Flame, I apologize for the incident just now. It was all a misunderstanding. I wonder if we can still have a chat?"

"Brother Lonely Goose, I've already said before, people who walk different paths cannot make plans together."

How would Shi Feng not know what the thoughts Lonely Goose and the others were? Before, these players were able to discard him because of profit. Now that they had found out he could enter the Auction House, they all came running back.

Regarding the behavior of Lonely Goose and the others, he felt only disgust for it. Forget cooperation, who knows when they would sell him out for profit once more?

Seeing that Shi Feng had turned around to leave, Egoistic Blade furiously shouted, "Don't simply throw away this chance we've given you. The influence that first-rate Guilds like us possess far exceeds what you can imagine. By aiding us, you will be able to receive a generous return of at least 5 Gold Coins; that's enough for you to become the richest person in a Town. Others won't ever get a chance like this, so you best think it through clearly. After some more time passes, your title will be of little value. This is definitely your one chance to make a lot of money."

To any independent player, being able to become the richest person in a Town was definitely just a pipe-dream. Achieving such a feat meant that a player had to have more than three to four Gold Coins in

their pockets. To a Town that was still using Copper Coins as the main medium of trade, this was definitely an astronomical sum.

“Richest in Town?” Shi Feng could not help but laugh, saying, “This is truly an attractive remuneration. Unfortunately, I’m not interested in it.”

What a joke. Before he had come to Blackwing City, he was already the richest person in the City. He did not lack in that amount of money at all.

“May I know if you are Mister Black Flame?”

At this time, a beautiful female player walked over, asking. The girl looked to be between the ages of 21 and 22, her appearance extremely beautiful, and her body garbed in a gorgeous purple robe. The girl had her lips pursed; her eyes squinted into a smile as she looked at Shi Feng. On her delicate white cheeks, a tinge of blush could be seen as she smiled at Shi Feng, further increasing her charms.

“That’s right, and you are?” Shi Feng was not familiar with this girl before him. However, seeing that she was a Level 7 Cursemancer and she wore a complete Mysterious-Iron Set Equipment, it would seem that her strength was definitely out of the ordinary.

“Hello, you can call me Aqua Rose. We previously met inside the auction venue, but you might have missed me there,” the elegant girl named Aqua Rose said with a smile.

Hearing the girl’s self-introduction, Shi Feng was greatly shocked.

One of the top ten ranking Cursemancers in God’s Domain, the Tier 6 Curse God, Aqua Rose. Shi Feng was actually able to meet her at this place.

In Shi Feng's previous life, Aqua Rose's fame was much greater than the Cleric God, Violet Cloud.

"En, were you at the auction just now?" Shi Feng was startled. It should be known that, in order to enter the VIP Section's auction venue, one required a certain amount of status. Shi Feng was only fortunate to have obtained the Demon Hunter title after doing the first phase of an Epic Quest.

"I naturally can't compare to Mister Black Flame. I was only in there to take a look, unlike you, Mister Black Flame, spending 55 Gold just to buy a single skill book," Aqua Rose sighed, saying, "Hence, I am representing Twilight Echo to seek cooperation with you. I wonder if Mister Black Flame would be interested in this?"

Twilight Echo was a grandly reputed Guild in the virtual gaming world, a titanic existence. Meanwhile, Aqua Rose was one of the more famous elders of Twilight Echo, and her position was extremely high within the Guild. Her fame was no less than that of Gentle Snow, and she was an existence of which very few had not heard.

Hearing the conversation between Aqua Rose and Shi Feng, Egoistic Blade and the others were extremely shaken, their tongues tied up as they dumbly stared.

Originally, they had thought of Shi Feng as a mere independent player. So, how much money would a player like that possess? If they were to give him 5 Gold Coins, he would definitely be deeply grateful to them. Yet, from Aqua Rose's words, Shi Feng had actually spent 55 Gold just to buy a single skill book.

Even if they added up all the money they possessed, such an amount was still more than double theirs...

Just who was this Shi Feng actually?

TL Notes:

[1]Magician: I'm not really sure about this class, but since it wasn't mentioned in one of the 12 main classes, I'm assuming that it is some hidden class or one that was limited to NPCs only.

## Chapter 118 - Another Road to Wealth

Receiving Aqua Rose's invitation, Shi Feng nodded his head in agreement.

In any case, he was bound to have to cooperate with the large Guilds in Blackwing City. So, instead of choosing Bloodthirsty War God and Guilds of similar influence, it would be much better for him to choose the more famous and more influential, Twilight Echo, with which to cooperate.

Moreover, Aqua Rose was a very well-renowned name. She was not a girl who prioritized profits, but more friendly relationships.

In Shi Feng's previous life, one of Aqua Rose's close friends was targeted by a first-rate Guild. The first-rate Guild in question wanted to kill her friend back to Level 0 no matter what, and they even wanted her friend to hand out all of her precious items. In order to aid her friend, Aqua Rose had unhesitatingly declared war with that first-rate Guild. As a result, both Guilds incurred massive damage, and Twilight Echo's overall strength was greatly reduced, becoming only an ordinary first-rate Guild from then on.

If a person prioritized profit over friendship, then they would never have done such a damaging action just to help a friend. However, Aqua Rose had done it.

Aqua Rose's friend became extremely touched because of Aqua Rose's actions, becoming one of the fierce generals of Twilight Echo. In the end, Aqua Rose's friend, Unyielding Ice, had even become a Tier 6 Mage God, turning Twilight Echo into a tyrannic existence in God's Domain.

With Aqua Rose's personality guaranteed, Shi Feng felt much more assured at cooperating with her.

"I know a good restaurant up ahead. Let's have a chat over there," after Shi Feng agreed to her invitation, Aqua Rose revealed a faint smile. She then guided Shi Feng towards the restaurant.

After Shi Feng and Aqua Rose departed, Egoistic Blade curled his lips in disdain, sourly saying, "Does he think he's amazing just because he has some money? He's just a wealthy spindrift. Sooner or later, I'll definitely be richer than him."

Hearing Egoistic Blade saying so, Lonely Goose and the others could not help but look at him in disdain. Shi Feng was already having discussions of cooperation in Blackwing City with Aqua Rose. Based on Shi Feng's formidable wealth and special status, he would definitely become an influential figure in Blackwing City in the very near future. Shi Feng was not someone that Egoistic Blade could compare to.

In fact, Egoistic Blade himself knew this truth. He was only speaking to ease the pain in his heart.

**Red Rose High Class Restaurant:** It was one of the few upper class restaurants in Blackwing City. Just the NPCs that were guarding the restaurant's entrance were already Level 180 Tier 2 Jobs. Moreover, the delicacies served here were of absolute perfection. Even if the food served was just a virtual object, eating it would give one an unspeakable sense of satisfaction. However, the average player would definitely not have the courage to dine at this place. That was because just a random cup of tea already cost over a dozen Silver Coins.



Inside a luxurious private room on the fourth floor of the restaurant building, Aqua Rose had casually ordered a few of the most expensive teas available. She sat down quietly, staring at Shi Feng, completely unfazed at spending more than 30 Silver Coins on just beverages.

“Whatever sorts of cooperation you have in mind, just speak. It would feel extremely awkward if you just keep staring at me like that.” Looking at Aqua Rose’s smiling expression as she stared at him, Shi Feng started inwardly getting the chills.

“Pardon me; I was just very curious about you. I never imagined that the famous Chief Forger of Star-Moon Kingdom would actually be such a matured and composed man like you. Originally, I had even thought that the Chief Forger would be some quirky old man in his fifties or sixties,” Aqua Rose smiled.

“I didn’t know that Miss Aqua would be so interested in Forging. Could it be, Miss Aqua wishes to recruit me into your Guild?” Shi Feng drank a mouthful of the black tea served, smiling faintly.

Shi Feng did not feel anything out of the ordinary from Aqua Rose knowing his identity as a Forger. After all, the name of Black Flame had become relatively huge now. As long as one made a quick search on the internet, they would be able to find plenty of related information.

Aqua Rose shook her head, softly saying, “No. I know that Master Black Flame’s ambition is not that small. Hence, I do not have such an intention. I only wish to purchase a few Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs, and also some equipment made by Master Black Flame. For example, a Secret-Silver Weapon such as the Silver Dawn. In addition, I wish to make a long-term purchase of Gold Coins from Master Black Flame. Naturally, I would buy the Coins at 20% above the market price. I wonder how Master Black Flame feels about all of this?”

“There won’t be a problem with selling you the Forging Designs and equipment. However, I can only say that I am helpless about the sale of Gold Coins. Moreover, I have an additional condition myself,” Shi Feng said after some thought.

If Aqua Rose was willing to purchase his items in bulk, then it would naturally be a good thing. It was especially true for the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design. Selling that item was no different than carrying out daylight robbery. Furthermore, Shi Feng could also utilize Twilight Echo to purchase some items for him. As for the Gold Coins, Shi Feng had no intentions of selling them.

“Master Black Flame, please speak. If it is something that we, Twilight Echo, can carry out, we will definitely do so,” Aqua Rose joyfully said as she saw Shi Feng agreeing to her conditions.

“I need various types of ores and stones. You should know that a lot of ores and materials are required to forge equipment. With the influence of Twilight Echo, I deem that it should be very easy for you all to purchase a large number of ores, right? In addition, I also require the entry pass for Blackwing City. If I cannot frequently come to Blackwing City, I would also be unable to conduct trade with you all,” Shi Feng calmly said.

“At this point, Master Black Flame can rest assured. I can obtain as many ores for you as you want. Moreover, their prices will definitely be cheap. As for the entry pass to Blackwing City, even if Master Black Flame does not mention it, we will definitely prepare them for you.” Hearing Shi Feng’s request, Aqua Rose’s smile became even more dazzling.

Twilight Echo’s location was situated in the Storm Empire. The Storm Empire was a giant at ore production. Hence, the quantity of ores available was extremely high, while their prices were extremely cheap. It would be a very easy task for Twilight Echo to obtain a large amount of ores and stones for forging. Moreover, they could also earn a large sum of money from selling the ores and other materials.

Shi Feng naturally knew why Aqua Rose was so cheerful.

Star-Moon Kingdom was unlike the Storm Empire. Its geography was situated on flatlands; hence, the amount of ores available was very little, while their prices were extremely high. Hence why Shi Feng

wanted Aqua Rose to provide him with a large amount of ores, while he would provide the equipment, making it a mutually beneficial exchange.

Moreover, if he was unable to use up the ores and materials he purchased at a low price, he could simply sell them off to the other Guilds in Star-Moon Kingdom. These Guilds all needed to nurture their own Forgers. Hence, they would need a very large amount of ores and materials. Shi Feng would not have to worry about looking for a buyer at all.

Shi Feng did not imagine that, just by making a single trip to Blackwing City, he would obtain both the items he wanted, and also another road to wealth.

“Let’s trade the Forging Designs first, then. As for the other equipment and materials, we will trade them on another day. How about two days later?” Shi Feng’s heart was constantly filled with thoughts regarding the Fellowship Party of Jin Hai University. It was only a few days before the Fellowship Party would be held. With his forging skills, if he were to put all his efforts into forging equipment in these two days, he should be able to make a large sum of money. If he took the chance to sell off ores as well, he would make even more money.

If his luck was good, he might be able to obtain a good harvest from the Fellowship Party.

“Master Black Flame, you too should know that God’s Domain has only recently started its operation, so every Guild is slightly tight on Gold Coins. Can we perhaps conduct the trade with both Gold Coins and Credits? If we can conduct the trade in this way, Master Black Flame, I will purchase as many Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs as you possess,” Aqua Rose said in a slightly embarrassed tone.

“Oh dear...”

Shi Feng pretended to sigh, showing a troubled expression. Seeing this, Aqua Rose became slightly panicked.

Right now, every large Guild was tight on Gold Coins, and though they wished to purchase them in bulk, it was an extremely difficult task. After all, God's Domain only acknowledged Coins, not Credits. Moreover, the officials of God's Domain had also declared that they would not activate the mechanics of exchanging Credits to Gold Coins. Instead, they only conducted the exchange of Gold Coins to Credits.

Regarding the selling price of the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs, Aqua Rose had previously conducted an investigation. Each Forging Design was sold at around 3 Gold Coins. If she was to use only Gold Coins to conduct the exchange, she would at most be able to buy four to five pieces. However, after purchasing them, the Gold Coins spent would greatly affect the development of her Guild.

Yet, looking at Shi Feng's appearance, he did not seem to be very lacking in Credits. If she had to trade in only Gold Coins, then she would truly be left helpless.

## Chapter 119 - God's Domain Upgraded

"Miss Aqua, I wonder in what ratio you wish to trade at?" Shi Feng let out a dry cough, softly saying.

If it was the Shi Feng of before, he would not have minded fully selling the Forging Designs for Credits. However, it was a different story now.

Although Credits were extremely important to Shi Feng, the value of Gold Coins right now was similarly huge. It was especially true after Shi Feng had come to Blackwing City. All the good items sold here had astronomical prices. Moreover, the NPCs here only accepted Gold Coins, running a "no money, no talk" policy.

“If possible, 2% Gold Coins and 98% Credits. What do you think, Master Black Flame?” Aqua Rose’s curved eyelashes flickered as she spoke in an embarrassed tone.

After all, the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs were just too expensive. Moreover, she intended to buy a large amount of them. Even if she were to pay just 10% of the price in Gold Coins, Twilight Echo might not be able to handle it.

Shi Feng nearly spat out the tea he was drinking after hearing her offer.

Paying 2% in Gold Coins meant that, for a transaction worth 100 Gold, Shi Feng would only receive 2 Gold, while receiving the remaining 98% in Credits. Although Shi Feng was not trying to be petty, wasn’t this amount a little too low?

“Miss Aqua, after arriving at Blackwing City, you should know that the items sold here will be of great help to us. However, the items here are just too expensive. In addition, the Auction House would often sell top-tier items. The value of Gold Coins goes without saying. The ratio for Gold Coins you offered is truly not enough. At the very least, it should be at 10%,” Shi Feng unhurriedly said.

“I know that I am troubling Master Black Flame. However, Twilight Echo is truly unable to bring out that many Gold Coins. If Master Black Flame is willing to reduce the ratio down to 5%, I am willing to pay out an additional 20% in Credits. I wonder if that would be possible?” Aqua Rose was similarly helpless. However, the Coins in God’s Domain were simply too valuable. Even the Coins obtained by the money-farming teams of Twilight Echo, which consisted of 3,000 players, was not enough to support the Guild’s expenditure. Although Twilight Echo was constantly expanding the size for the money-farming teams, from beginning to end, the amount obtained was never enough. Otherwise, Aqua Rose would not be bargaining ceaselessly with Shi Feng.

Shi Feng entered a deep thought.

The 5% was very close to his bottom-line already. Moreover, Aqua Rose was willing to pay an additional 20% in Credits. To Shi Feng, this was an extremely attractive proposition. Currently, 1 Silver Coin was priced at 100 Credits. It could be said that the value of Coins was the highest at this moment. At the very minimum, their trade would be worth at least 50 Gold Coins. An additional 20% would be the equivalent of over 90,000 Credits, after tax. It was already a large amount.

“Alright, we’ll go with 5%, then. How many pieces of the Forging Design does Miss Aqua wish to buy?” Shi Feng nodded his head, asking.

Aqua Rose stretched out five of her delicate fingers.

“Five pieces, is it?” Shi Feng could not help but be startled.

After a half a day’s worth of discussion, she only wanted five pieces? Was she toying with him?

Aqua shook her head at Shi Feng’s words.

“It can’t be 50 pieces, right?” Shi Feng was shocked. If all 50 pieces were sold at an additional 20% based on the market price, then each piece would be priced at 3 Gold Coins. Fifty pieces would be 150 Gold Coins!

Just thinking about it was enough to cause Shi Feng to be excited. He didn’t think that Aqua Rose would have such a big appetite, making a 150 Gold transaction amount. This had far exceeded his initial estimates.

Just within moments, Shi Feng was able to earn several millions of Credits. With this amount of money, he would have much more confidence when attending the Fellowship Party. After all, if one wanted to develop their influence, money was an absolute necessity.

“No, I want 500 pieces. I wonder if Master Black Flame has that many pieces?” Aqua Rose brightly smiled. It was as if she was not buying Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs, but a stack of plain paper.

“Miss Aqua, are you sure you wish to buy 500 pieces? You should know that the price for such an amount is not a joke,” Shi Feng verified once more. He could not help but admit that Aqua Rose frightened him.

With this many pieces of Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs, it was sufficient to provide for the needs of more than a dozen Guilds. Twilight Echo would absolutely be unable to use all of them.

“Master Black Flame, I am very sure of it. However, with such a large transaction, I too have an additional condition,” Aqua Rose said with a mysterious smile.

“Speak,” Shi Feng said.

“Within Blackwing City, your Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs are only allowed to be sold to us, Twilight Echo. Moreover, with such a large transaction, even if only 5% of it would be traded in Gold Coins, that would still be 75 Gold Coins. I can only pay all these Gold Coins in installments. Of course, the first payment would be 10 Gold Coins. Afterward, I will make sure to pay off the debt within a month. I wonder if you can be satisfied with that?” Aqua Rose said.

After hearing Aqua Rose speak, Shi Feng immediately understood her intentions. This girl intended to purchase his Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs to resell them to the other Guilds. That way, she too would be able to earn a ton.

Shi Feng similarly understood the reason for Aqua Rose's sincerity. Furthermore, he was not a petty person himself. He immediately said in a generous tone, "Alright, and since you are buying that many pieces, you only need to pay 10 Gold Coins. The remainder you can just pay it all off in Credits."

It would be fine as long as he could sell off the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs. As for who he sold them to, it did not matter that much. He wouldn't be envious of Aqua Rose either.

Aqua Rose's connections were much, much wider than his own.

Being able to sell that many pieces of the Forging Designs, and at an even higher price, would all be due to Aqua Rose's own ability. On the other hand, Shi Feng did not possess such an ability, so why should he bother himself with these matters? He would be satisfied as long as he could earn all the money possible for him to earn from the Forging Designs.

Following which, Shi Feng searched for a lounge, spending more than two hours in it to make over 600 pieces of Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs. Yet, even after making so many of them, his cost did not even exceed 2 Silver Coins. This way of earning money was literally quicker than robbing an NPC Bank.

Shi Feng passed 500 pieces of the Forging Designs to Aqua Rose, receiving 10 Gold Coins in return. At the same time, Aqua Rose immediately deposited 17.88 million Credits into Shi Feng's account. In addition to the Credits Shi Feng earned previously, he now had over 18 million Credits in his bank account. Shi Feng had become a millionaire within an instant.

Shi Feng nearly fainted from the rush of joy he felt.



Originally, Shi Feng had thought that it would be fortunate if he was able to earn a few million Credits in the following few days. Now, however, he had earned nearly 18 million Credits in an instant. In a few more days, that amount might even rise to 20 million. Although it was not enough to put him on the same level as the young masters of large corporations, it was still enough for him to compete with Shadow at the Fellowship Party. Moreover, he would be able to establish a high quality Workshop quickly.

Aqua Rose became overjoyed when she received the 500 pieces of Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs. With Twilight Echo's influence, she would definitely be able to sell out all of the Forging Designs, earning a large sum of Gold Coins. The speed at which she earned Gold Coins would be several hundred times faster than that of the money-farming teams. With this many Gold Coins, the development of the Guild would definitely rise greatly. Who would be able to compete with Twilight Echo from then on?

"Master Black Flame, let's set our next transaction to be at three days later, then. At that time, I will bring you the various ores that you require. Also, please don't forget to bring more Weapons and Equipment. I want as many as you have."

"Alright, you won't be disappointed."

After the two of them finished their trade, both promptly departed from Blackwing City, returning to their own respective countries to make preparations.

At that moment, the sky in Red Leaf Town was growing dimmer. The players outside the Town were all starting to return. After dark, the monsters in the wild would have their strength increased by 20%. Moreover, their numbers would greatly increase. If a player had the misfortune of being wrapped up like a dumpling by the monsters, dying back to Town, then that would be a true tragedy.

After returning to Red Leaf Town, originally, Shi Feng had intended to investigate the situation at the Auction House. He wanted to know why exactly the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs were being so well-received.

However, the color of the sky suddenly changed. The azure colored sky turned rainbow-colored. It was a magnificent sight, which bewitched a person's mind. Immediately after, the entire sky had let out an overwhelming sound that resounded throughout the entire God's Domain.

System Announcement: Emergency notice! Emergency notice!

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A series of four consecutive System Announcement resounded throughout the entirety of God's Domain. Countless players were shaken by the sight and sound coming from the sky, all of them starting a discussion over it. They did not understand just what had happened to God's Domain. Why was there a need for such a sudden upgrade to the System?

"Just what is happening here? Why is God's Domain evolving so quickly?" Shi Feng's brows creased into a bundle after hearing the System Announcement. According to his memories, God's Domain's first upgrade would only happen at least a month later. Right now, God's Domain evolving was bad news to Shi Feng.

## Chapter 120 - Evolution

Once the System Announcement ended, every single player began looking for a safe location, preparing to log out of the game.

Although many players held resentment towards the System upgrade, God's Domain was quickly entering nighttime. Even if they stayed in the game, they would not be able to do much. The only things they could do were to trade off the day's harvest or chat with their companions, enjoying their time.

Shi Feng took this chance to immediately run towards the Auction House of Red Leaf Town, clearing out items such ore, herbs, and various other materials; as long as they were rare materials, Shi Feng bought them all. After purchasing all the items he could and filling his bag up completely, Shi Feng ran towards the Bank, intending to return to the Auction House once more to do more shopping.

Unfortunately, the system notified him that he only had three minutes remaining to logout. He would not have enough time to make a return trip from the Bank.

"Hah... I only managed to buy this many..." Shi Feng looked at the time, releasing a helpless sigh.

Fortunately, he had obtained quite a number of Gold Coins from the trade just now, allowing him to purchase materials worth more than a dozen Gold Coins.

Soon after, Shi Feng headed to the Hotel, preparing to log out.

On his way, he met many players who were uncontrollably excited over the System upgrade that was to come. They all started a discussion amongst themselves, anticipating the benefits that would come with this System upgrade.

Shi Feng only wanted to chuckle at them due to their anticipation.

Without a doubt, there would be benefits from the evolution of God's Domain. However, many would be unexpected.

After arriving at the Hotel, Shi Feng paid a fee of 10 Coppers to rest for a day.

Meanwhile, the other players noticed Shi Feng was extravagantly spending 10 Copper Coins to rent a room. They could only obtain such an amount after putting their all into grinding monsters for five to six hours. Such spending was simply too wasteful. However, when they saw that Shi Feng had already reached Level 7, none of them dared comment on his actions. A Level 7 player was definitely a character at the apex of Red Leaf Town. If they accidentally provoked Shi Feng, it would not be an impossible matter for them to die back to Level 0. After all, these sorts of incidents often occurred in Red Leaf Town. These players could only inwardly look at Shi Feng in disdain.

One could be quite capricious when one was rich!

Shi Feng only minded himself as he entered one of the guest rooms, paying no heed to those other players. He would not bother explaining to those players the reason why he chose to rent a room and not just log out of the game from a random location.

As the morning sun rose, Shi Feng got up from his bed, removing the advanced gaming helmet from his head. It was eight o'clock in the morning, just in time to start his usual morning training.

At that moment, Shi Feng's phone rang, the caller ID showing it was Blackie calling him.

"Blackie, did something happen?" Shi Feng answered the call, asking curiously. Normally, Blackie would not take the initiative to contact him unless it was an urgent matter.

"Brother Feng, something big has happened! Quick, turn on your TV! Right now, the news channels are showing it right now. Almost every TV channel is showing it!" Blackie said with ragged breaths, his tone greatly excited. If Shi Feng was unfamiliar with Blackie, he might've thought Blackie had been doing some sort of extreme exercise.

Shi Feng turned on the old and small TV in his broken down apartment. He then switched the channels, discovering that every TV channel was interrupted by the same news report.

"Today at 5 a.m., the top 1,000 largest global corporations all announced their decision to invest in God's Domain. They wish to improve the development of the virtual economy further. At the same time, each of these corporations will all be establishing their own God's Domain Workshops.

"As for the latest report on God's Domain, according to official statistics, all the vendors selling the God's Domain virtual gaming helmets were flooded with customers within the short three hours since the announcement. This is all due to the corporations across the globe investing in the game. As a result, the player population of God's Domain suddenly increased by over 800 million users. At the same time, the current player population was boosted to 1.8 billion users, breaking the world record for the number of players of any virtual reality game."

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Various news constantly played on the television. The news reports were advertising the idea of making God's Domain a second world for mankind, encouraging everyone to experience the game. Also, to further advance the data collection by the Main God System, further completing God's Domain, the price of the basic virtual reality helmets reduced from 8,000 Credits to 4,000 Credits. As for the price of advanced virtual reality helmets and virtual gaming cabins, those remained unchanged.

"That was fast," Shi Feng revealed a faint smile after listening to these reports. However, he was not shocked by them.

Although... the report arrived slightly earlier than he expected.

In Shi Feng's previous life, these reports only surfaced after ten days of God's Domain's operation. Due to these large corporations investing themselves in God's Domain, virtual reality games began receiving an extensive range of attention. The entire virtual gaming world similarly burned like a raging inferno, and the previously retired gaming experts all joined God's Domain. Moreover, the few remaining popular virtual reality games were forced to shut down due to the popularity of God's Domain. As a result, all the affected gamers transferred to God's Domain, instantly causing the game's player population to explode. The competition within the game similarly grew fiercer.

All virtual reality games had a definite similarity with each other - limited resources. If the original population of a single Town suddenly grew from several thousand to over ten thousand, the number of players competing over the available resources greatly increased. Naturally, the prices of items would also greatly increase.

"So that's why..." Realization suddenly struck Shi Feng.

It was no wonder why the number of people buying the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs had increased. It turned out that it was all due to these large corporations investing in the game and the

additional 800 million new players joining the game. These players were all Level 0; so, naturally, their need for equipment was intense. They would not hesitate to buy the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs, forging a large amount of Glimmer Chestplates and earning a lot of money.

“What a shame. These new players came at such a bad time.” Shi Feng pitied the players who had just joined God’s Domain. The timing they chose to join was just too unfortunate. Of all the times they could have chosen, they chose to join immediately after God’s Domain had its first evolution. With this, they were destined to be doomed.

The upgrading of God’s Domain was the game’s self-evolution. However, nobody understood the true meaning of this matter. Only after they experienced it for themselves would they come to understand fully.

The reason Shi Feng chose to use the words ‘evolution’ instead of ‘upgrade’ was because ‘evolution’ represented evolving and adapting. It was survival of the fittest, in short. While players were living their lives in God’s Domain, the Main God System constantly collected various data from the game. When the data collected reached a certain degree, quantitative change would become qualitative change, which meant evolution.

Virtual reality allowed players the ultimate experience of a realistic fantasy world. However, the process of turning something ‘virtual’ into ‘reality’ was just incredibly difficult. Moreover, God’s Domain was an extremely realistic world in which magic and superhumans existed. Hence why the existence of the Main God System. The System’s purpose was to turn God’s Domain into an even more realistic world, constantly perfecting and evolving God’s Domain.

Shi Feng felt the main perpetrator for hastening the evolution should be himself.

His reasoned that, in his previous life, the Hell Mode of the Team Dungeon was cleared exactly a month after God’s Domain’s opening, with the upgrade following soon after. Right now, the Hell Mode of the Team Dungeon had been cleared, and similarly, the game announced a System upgrade almost immediately. In the end, they greatly expedited the schedule.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng suddenly felt he should be more careful with his future actions.

Due to his good luck this time, he was able to have a chance encounter with Aqua Rose from Twilight Echo. This fortunate encounter allowed him to earn over ten million Credits easily. Even now, Shi Feng felt like he was in a dream. However, after this evolution, it was practically impossible for him to earn that much money so easily.

If he did not earn a large sum of money during this time, now that the major corporations have decided to involve themselves, in addition to God's Domain's evolution, his plans in God's Domain would suffer severe disruption.

Finished reading the reports, Shi Feng proceeded to train his body. This was an assignment he had to carry out every single day. Now that the major corporations have entered God's Domain, they would surely have poached plenty of veteran gamers and newcomers with great potential. They may even recruit experts from fighting tournaments. These experts' standards were entirely different from the average player's of God's Domain. They would only take a short time becoming an expert in the game. With the proper guidance, their development would have rapid progress.

The arrival of these players would massively impact God's Domain.

In order to maintain an even greater advantage, Shi Feng needed to quickly and diligently train his body. Training his body would hasten the absorption process of the energy from the nutrient fluids, providing even more nutrients and increasing the activity of the brain. This way he would be able to increase his combat prowess in God's Domain further.

After going through his morning training, Shi Feng prepared to leave the house to restock his nutrient fluids. He would also search for a better home. It would have a negative impact on his body if he continued staying in this rented apartment, surrounded by an unhealthy environment. Since he had earned quite a bit of money, it was high time for him to switch to find a new place.



