

## The Strongest

### Chapter 171 - Underworld Guard

Red Leaf Town, Slums, The Enchanted Bar.

It was currently daytime in God's Domain. A majority of the players were all out in the fields, leveling up, so there were very few players currently in the bar.

However, there were currently over ten men geared with high-level equipment sitting in the corner of the bar. A murderous air surrounded these ten-plus men, and each of them possessed a sharp gaze similar to that of a poisonous snake, causing the hairs of others to stand on end. The presence of these men kept other players a respectful distance from them, chasing them from the bar, one after another. Hence, aside from the NPCs present, only these ten plus men remained within.

There was a man with thick eyebrows who sat at the outermost edge of these players. He was a former captain of Martial Union, Ironsword Lion. At this moment, Ironsword Lion did not wear the Guild emblem of Martial Union, signifying that he was no longer one of Martial Union's men.

"Ironsword, you've done well this time. It is only thanks to you that Unstable Devastation has done as I wished. Once we return, I'll give you credit for your efforts. As long as you continue working hard, sooner or later, you can be the same as Absolute Heaven, an outer member of Underworld," seated at the head of the table, South Wolf praised Ironsword Lion.

"Thank you, Lord South Wolf, for your support! I will definitely give my utmost to complete all tasks given by the organization!" Ironsword Lion respectfully said, his face filled with extreme excitement.

Ever since Absolute Heaven had recommended him to South Wolf, Ironsword Lion discovered that his previous self was a frog in a well. His past self did not truly know how deep the waters of God's Domain were. The interests involved in God's Domain were simply too big for him to comprehend. If it were not for him coming into contact with a mysterious organization like Underworld, he would not know about this huge secret at all.

Ironsword Lion was immediately stunned when he found out about this secret. He even thought that he had heard wrong. It took him more than ten minutes before he could accept this chilling secret. He celebrated the fact that he could gain the favor of Underworld, leaving behind the worthless Martial Union.

God's Domain was not a place in which unrated Guilds like Martial Union could play around. Even third-rate Guilds could be annihilated at any time. Only those second-rate Guilds or above, which possessed a strong background, could qualify to compete for authority in God's Domain. If Ironsword Lion could become an outer member of Underworld, he could live a carefree life in the future. At that time, having an annual salary would only be a small matter. The more important part of becoming an outer member of Underworld was the status and authority that came with the position. He would be on equal standings with those big shots of corporations in the city; this was something that he had always dreamt of becoming.

"Let's continue by discussing how to deal with Ye Feng. With Unstable Devastation slandering him right now, Ye Feng will, sooner or later, fall from fame. The next step is destroying the relationship he has with Gentle Snow; then, finally giving Ye Feng a fatal blow, we will make him disappear from God's Domain completely."

When South Wolf recalled Shi Feng's arrogant words, he could not help but narrow his eyes, a cold glint shining in them. He wished he could get rid of Shi Feng right this instant. However, Young Master Feng had already given him a command and had even sent a party of Underworld Guards to assist him. Hence, South Wolf could only vent his anger by slowly toying with Shi Feng.

At this moment, Absolute Heaven, silent all this time, suddenly opened his mouth, saying, "It would be very simple to break apart the relationship between Ye Feng and Gentle Snow. The problem is, how are

we going to deal with Ye Feng? From the footage transmitted to us just now, I think that everyone has clearly seen how powerful he is. Even several hundred players could do nothing to Ye Feng. Who could block that frightening Attack Power of his? The last time I exchanged moves with him, I could withstand a few his blows. If I met him now, however, I probably wouldn't even have the chance to escape. As for a direct confrontation, he could most likely kill me in two to three moves."

"Dealing with Ye Feng right now? We'd only have a chance if we had ten or more top-tier experts to surround him. However, where can we find so many experts?"

"Naturally, I realize this. This is also the reason why we need to deal with Ye Feng. He possesses an Epic ranked item, so his strength is intense. However, you shouldn't downplay our strengths just because of this. He merely got rid of a group of trash like Martial Union. Although the Underworld Guards are not as capable as Ye Feng, we can do the same thing. The only thing we lack is Attack Power. Regarding pure technique, Underworld Guard is much stronger than Ye Feng."

"Moreover, Young Master Feng has specifically sent us a full party of Underworld Guards as assistance. With a party of Underworld Guards, even if Ye Feng has an Epic ranked item, he will still be helpless against them. So, you don't have to worry about this," South Wolf said, smirking.

"He is simply a small character that got lucky. If it weren't for Young Master Feng's command, I would be enough to deal with him. There would be no need for our entire party to take action" a Level 9 Assassin named Flying Rat said disdainfully as he toyed with his dagger. Flying Rat wore the Level 8 Mysterious-Iron Set Equipment, the Blood Dawn.

"That's enough, Flying Rat. That Ye Feng has some ability. Otherwise, Young Master Feng would not have told all of us to come here. South Wolf, contact us if you have any matters that you need us to deal with; the Underworld Guards aren't free all day. The higher-ups have already given us a command to reach Level 10 by tomorrow. Otherwise, they'll expel us from the Underworld Guards. So, we're off to level for now," Ming Sha, the party leader of this group of Underworld Guards, said.

Ming Sha had a large body, and he was a stern-looking man over forty years old. Killing intent radiated from his entire body, and even Absolute Heaven feared this man.

“That is only natural. How could I possibly waste Big Bro Ming Sha’s valuable time?” South Wolf said respectfully.

Within the Underworld organization, the position of the Underworld Guards was relatively high up as they were the core strength of all of Underworld. Normally, Underworld Guards would only listen to the commands of the Guild Leader or elders. As for Young Master Feng, however, he was not even an elder in the organization. He could only mobilize the Underworld Guards due to his position in Underworld being slightly special. If it were any other person, the Underworld Guards would not pay them any attention.

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Elsewhere, Shi Feng had already walked into the town hall.

“Sir, how may I be of service to you today?” an elegant female worker walked up and asked Shi Feng.

“I wish to activate the permission to utilize the teleportation circle,” Shi Feng said.

In God’s Domain, only when a player reached Level 10 would they have the qualifications to come to the town hall and utilize the teleportation gates. After all, teleportation gates were extremely precious, and their maintenance required a lot of resources. Not just anybody could use them.

“I understand. Please follow me.”

Following which, Shi Feng arrived at the front desk of the town hall. After dealing with all the necessary procedures, he obtained a new identity card. With it, he could freely utilize the teleportation gate. However, he would have to pay a fee each time he used it. Normally, when one teleported from a town to a city, the fees were 1 Silver Coin. Meanwhile, teleportation between cities was slightly more expensive, and the fees would change depending on the distance. Teleporting to one of the closest cities from White River City cost at least 20 Silver Coins. Meanwhile, teleporting to the capital city, Star-Moon City, from White River City, cost around 1 Gold Coin.

As a result, average players had no way to utilize these teleportation gates to travel between cities. Thus, average players would normally stay within the surroundings of their own cities to level up; they would not go to other cities to grind or do quests. Of course, they could run to other cities by foot as well. Only, they would need to spend at least a few days running to cross such a distance.

When Shi Feng arrived at the teleportation hall of Red Leaf Town, the place was void of players. There were only a few Level 100 Elite guards wandering about.

In actuality, Shi Feng did not originally intend to go to White River City so early. However, after the ruckus Unstable Devastation caused, his troubles had grown larger and larger. In order to develop his Guild in the future, he could only hasten his plans and take action now.

“Adventurer, you have to pay 1 Silver Coin to use the teleportation gate,” the magician guarding the teleportation gate informed Shi Feng.

Shi Feng paid the fees without hesitation, walking up to the teleportation gate.

Shua! Shi Feng disappeared from the teleportation hall of Red Leaf Town.

At the same time, a notification rang out throughout the Star-Moon Kingdom.

Star-Moon Kingdom Region System Announcement: Congratulations to Ye Feng for becoming the first player in Star-Moon Kingdom to arrive at a city! Rewarding 20 Reputation Points in White River City and the title of Honorary Citizen of White River City.

The appearance of this notice immediately sent trembles through all the players in the Star-Moon Kingdom.

## Chapter 172 - Shocking All Sides

Currently, the players of Martial Union hurried towards Clear Water Town.

Clear Water Town was the nearest town to Red Leaf Town, and the player base there was around five to six thousand.

“Hahaha! Although we will incur a huge loss moving our base of operations, we can just start all over again. However, Ye Feng, your reputation is ruined! Everyone is denouncing you right now! I really want to see just how you are going to mingling in God’s Domain, and who else will dare join your team now!” Unstable Devastation could not help but laugh as he read the forum post.

Originally, the others from Martial Union felt depressed over having to move to another town. However, after watching Shi Feng’s fame fall into complete ruin, their moods greatly improved.

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“What is this?” Unstable Devastation immediately froze, shocked, after listening to this system announcement. Five to six seconds passed before he sobered up, and questions instantly filled his mind.

How did Shi Feng reach Level 10 so quickly? The EXP required to go from Level 9 to Level 10 was several times that of the EXP needed to go from Level 8 to Level 9. Even for the upper echelons of first-rate Guilds, the most heaven-defying were only at 70% or so of Level 9 right now. Yet, Shi Feng had already reached Level 10.

This also meant that Shi Feng had reached Level 10 before they had surrounded him. In regards to an independent player, such a leveling speed was simply unimaginable.

“Boss Unstable, not good! A new post about Ye Feng has appeared on the forums, and it is filled with all sorts of reverence and support for Ye Feng!”

Unstable Devastation hurriedly opened the official forums.

At this moment, the post his subordinate mentioned already owned the top position on the forum, with the title: The number one player in White River City! Instantly, the popularity of the post surpassed the post Unstable Devastation had previously submitted.

In this post, aside from Shi Feng’s achievement of becoming the number one player in White River City, there were also plenty of other accomplishments mentioned.

There was even uploaded footage of Shi Feng massacring the hundreds of players of Martial Union. In the footage, Shi Feng had killed close to a hundred players by himself, while he had frightened the hundreds of Martial Union's players present. Shi Feng's domineering actions had caused many players to start worshipping him.

Although the footage only lasted a few short seconds, even after viewing it over a hundred times, one would still not tire of it. Shi Feng's lightning-speed dodging techniques and battle techniques were especially worth watching and learning.

Previously, there had been quite a few people writing harsh words about Shi Feng, stating that he edited the footage and that it was impossible that he could be so powerful. They also argued that Shi Feng was only a back-stabbing, traitorous bastard, that there should be a limit to how far he could go, even when severing relationships. These people warned others not fall for such tricks, claiming that people like Shi Feng did not deserve praise.

However, very quickly, people started standing up and speaking for Shi Feng. These people had all personally witnessed the entire incident, and knew more information than others. Moreover, videos recorded in God's Domain could not be photoshopped, as these videos were under the supervision of the Main God System. Thus, the law acknowledged both the videos recorded and contracts signed in God's Domain.

Immediately, those who slandered Shi Feng fell abruptly silent, as they knew that they would only become a joke if they continued mindlessly causing trouble.

Simultaneously, plenty of people who explained the truth of the matter came out of the woodwork.

"These idiots only scandalize others because they can't stand others living a better life. I'm a player of Red Leaf Town, and I witnessed the incident very clearly. Even Martial Union was helpless against Ye Feng; do you think he'll need that trash's help? Those losers were people who took the bounty Ye Feng



offered, and they slandered Ye Feng simply because they were afraid of Martial Union taking revenge on them.”

“I’ve also heard about it. Those people are the scum of society! To avoid Martial Union’s retaliation, they were even willing to kill their own team leader! Meanwhile, Ye Feng killed all of them because he simply could not sit back and watch. Now, not only have these people not repented for their actions, but they also took the initiative to blame Ye Feng! They are simply too despicable!”

“Hahaha! Those people received a big slap to their faces! Ye Feng can frighten hundreds of players from Martial Union into a pause. Do you people really think that you are fit to become a god-ranked expert’s companions? You even have the gall to say that you helped Ye Feng? Is your second-grade syndrome incurable?”

“You guys don’t know how awesome Ye Feng is. Just a word from him, and right now, all of Martial Union is being removed from Red Leaf Town. You can’t find a single player from Martial Union standing on the streets now! Ye Feng is just too awesome!”

“As expected of a god-ranked expert! When god slaps faces, all of those haters will have to dismiss themselves.”

Unstable Devastation was immediately dumbfounded as he read the replies to the post. He had only managed to slander Shi Feng after great difficulties. Yet, in the end, without even saying a word, Shi Feng had recovered using a single system announcement. Not only did he solve the problem, but he had also increased his fame to greater heights.

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As for Fire Dance’s companions, when they saw the system announcement and the forum post, their expressions turned extremely ugly; even their intestines turned green with regret.

They did not imagine that Shi Feng was actually so powerful. How great would it have been if, at that time, they had joined Shi Feng's team with Fire Dance? Instead, they were now scorned and verbally abused by others. Furthermore, they had lost another level due to their deaths at Shi Feng's hands. They could not even compare to average players anymore.

At that time, they only acted in such a way to avoid the retaliation of Martial Union. In the end, however, Martial Union was deported from Red Leaf Town, so they wouldn't be able to retaliate against them in the first place. Such an end left them feeling empty and lost. Just why had they chosen such a path?

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Meanwhile, it wasn't just Unstable Devastation who was shocked by this development. On Underworld's side, both South Wolf and the Underworld Guards were similarly stunned by this news. Wasn't this Ye Feng's leveling speed a little too fast?

South Wolf nearly spat blood in anger. Now that Shi Feng had entered the city, his previous detailed plan was useless; he needed to start from the very beginning again.

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When Gentle Snow, who was currently in a Level 10 monster area, discovered this news, she fell into deep thought for quite some time.

“I truly underestimated him. Although my level is already quite high, I still have to grind for five to six hours before I can reach Level 10. During these five to six hours, Ye Feng might very well widen the gap in our levels even further after entering White River City,” Gentle Snow laughed bitterly.

Everyone knew that all virtual reality games shared a common point; the resources available were limited.

There were only so many leveling resources available in every region. Unquestionably, the more resources a person possessed, the greater their leveling and development speed would be.

As for the resources available in the city, without a doubt, the earlier one entered the city, the more resources one could obtain. There were plenty of high-level quests in a city. The existence of teleportation gates also enabled fast travel to leveling areas. Hence, by entering the city ahead of others, one could quickly monopolize the best areas for leveling up. In the city, the tools and items sold were also limited. These items would be of great help to a team’s speedy development.

This gap of five to six hours would allow Shi Feng to do plenty of things in the city.

“By the time we reach White River City, most likely, we would have to discuss matters of cooperation with him once again,” Gentle Snow revealed a helpless smile.

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In actuality, Gentle Snow wasn’t the only person who intended to discuss matters of cooperation with Shi Feng. The various large Guilds around White River City also tried desperately to contact Shi Feng. They all wished to recruit Shi Feng into their command.

As for the Guilds outside of White River City, they all developed a curiosity towards Shi Feng. An independent player was actually the first player to reach Level 10; it was an incredible feat. If Shi Feng were some great character from a large Guild, they might not have thought much about this matter. However, this was not the case.

The upper echelons of the various Guilds all had a group of elite players aiding them with grinding monsters. Thus, their leveling efficiency was much higher than other players. However, against all odds, the first person to enter a city was an independent player. How could this not shock them?

At the same time, Shi Feng's entrance into White River City had rung alarm bells to the many Guilds out there. Someone had already started their development in a city. If they continued dragging their feet, this would become a big threat to their futures.

To increase their leveling speed, they all focused on crafting Whetstones. They purchased Hard Stones in bulks, inflating the cost of Hard Stones once more.

However, all these large Guilds were unaware that their actions were precisely as Shi Feng had planned.

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White River City, one of the five major cities in Star Moon Kingdom.

From afar, one could see towering buildings erected throughout the city. It was a sight no town could ever hope to compare with. Just the number of NPCs residing within the city exceeded 100,000. Moreover, the city could hold over two million players within its walls. It was a sight that many Guilds would fight to possess.

At this time, Shi Feng walked down the main street of White River City. Before he had arrived in White River City, Shi Feng had wiped clean his name using the Demon Mask, so he was not afraid of the city guards. In any case, he was a globally recognized noble. Even if he entered White River City with a red name, he would not face any major challenges. Only, there were some NPCs unwilling to deal with red players, preventing Shi Feng from accepting any high-level quests. So, he chose to clear up his name.

Let's have a look at the city hall for now. Shi Feng revealed a faint smile. He took out the recommendation letter that he received from Blackbeard, the mayor of Stonehammer Town. This letter was one of the items he would use as capital to rise in White River City.

## Chapter 173 - Magistrate Weissman

White River City was the fifth most populated city in Star-Moon Kingdom. Although it was incredibly small compared to Blackwing City, if one wanted to explore the entire city fully, one would need at least several days.

The teleportation hall of White River City was located on the south-west side of the city. It was relatively close to the city's entrance. Meanwhile, the city hall was situated right in the heart of the city, by the White River Plaza in the Trade Area.

White River City was considered a city because its administration was far more strict than a town's. At the same time, it was also much active. Being the focal point of several hundred towns, there were many more merchants here. On either side of the main street, one could easily find various item shops, bars, restaurants, fruit stores, clothing stores, leather clothing stores, armor stores, magic stores, alchemy workshops, smithies, and much more.

In the city, players were not allowed to set up their own stalls. If they wished to sell their items, they needed to purchase a shop. However, it was extremely expensive to purchase a personal shop in the city; ordinary players could not afford a shop by themselves. Not just any player could purchase a shop

either. Players needed a set amount of reputation points before they were able to do so, and the locations of the shops they could buy depended on their status.

However, this didn't mean that players had no chances of selling their items at all.

The first method players could employ, other than purchasing their own shops, was the Auction House. The Auction House of White River City was extremely prosperous as it connected to the closest eight cities with lower populations. As long as players placed their items up for auction, players from the other eight cities could access them. However, the Auction House charged an extraordinary fee for their services. The registration fees depended on an item's selling price and the duration the owner wished to auction for. There was also an 8% auction fee after the item sold.

If players sold an item in the Auction House, overall, they would have to pay 15% of the item's value in fees. It was not worthwhile in the least. Items sold in a city's Auction House were extremely expensive. Some of the minor items were not even worth auctioning.

As for the second method, there would be a large-scale market once every three days in the plaza of White River City. Players only need pay a small fee, and they could set up their own stalls to sell their items. This method suited independent players extremely well. The only unfortunate aspect was that the market only occurred once every three days. Moreover, the market began at night and only lasted for ten hours.

For players uninterested in grinding and adventure, yet still desiring development within God's Domain, opening their own shops in a city was of the utmost importance. Only with a shop could players conduct business 48 hours in a day. Moreover, along with the development of God's Domain, the money one could earn from opening a shop in White River City could rival the earnings of opening a shop in real life.

In Shi Feng's previous life, there were plenty of players who were unimpressed by grinding monsters and leveling. Instead, these players spent all their efforts to purchase a shop. Although the locations of their

shops were very secluded, the amount of money they earned was enough to cover their living expenses in real life with a lot to spare as well.

Shi Feng rode a horse carriage towards the city hall.

Compared to the town hall in Red Leaf Town, the city hall in White River City was a much more spectacular sight. The building had a total of ten floors, and the area it covered was about the size of a football field. At the entrance of the building, there were more than twenty garrison knights standing guard. These guards were all Level 150 Elites. The garrison captain was a Level 160 Tier 2 Knight; with his strength, he could easily decimate an entire town.

Moreover, for a large city like White River City, there would be two to three Tier 4 class NPCs on guard. Powerful monsters and dark powers dared not come near it.

Immediately after Shi Feng stepped into the city hall, an elegant beauty walked towards him.

“Esteemed Sir, is there anything I can help you with?” the beautiful employee blinked her doll-like eyes as she asked.

“I wish to see the Magistrate, Lord Weissman. I have with me Blackbeard’s letter of introduction,” Shi Feng said, displaying his Demon Hunter title.

Commoners had no right to meet the Magistrate of White River City, Weissman, as one needed sufficient status to do so. After all, a magistrate was equivalent of a mayor, and Magistrate Weissman controlled all military and political power in White River City. If one wished to speak with him, at the barest minimum, one needed to be a noble of White River City. However, Shi Feng’s reputation in White River City was far from a noble. He could only reveal his identity as a Demon Hunter.

“So it is Lord Demon Hunter. Magistrate Weissman is currently occupied with public affairs. My Lord will have to wait for some time before he becomes available. If you are not in a hurry, you can wait in the lounge, and I will notify Lord Weissman of your arrival,” the beautiful employee showed respect upon seeing Shi Feng’s title. A noble was not an existence commoners like her could afford to provoke, even if she worked for the kingdom.

“Yes, please notify him for me,” Shi Feng nodded. He then wandered towards the city hall’s lounge.

Sitting in the empty lounge with nothing better to do, Shi Feng switched his system communications back on.

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Previously, to avoid interruption, Shi Feng had intentionally switched off the system communication function; nobody could contact him that way. However, the moment he switched it back on, he discovered hundreds of communication requests pending his approval. Shi Feng was familiar with many of these players. A majority of them were the upper echelons of large Guilds situated in White River City. Some were even the Vice-Leaders or elders of Guilds.

Of course, Stabbing Heart and Gentle Snow were no exception to this list. After all, the advantage of entering White River City ahead of others was far too impressive to ignore. Before entering White River City, information such as the best leveling grounds and the best locations to farm resources were a big mystery to everyone. Without entering the city, one could not obtain any information about the quests available in the city and the city laws imposed on players.

To a Guild, obtaining such information before others was a great boon. They could occupy the best leveling spots and obtain high-level quests a step ahead of others. They could purchase daily and weekly limited items and gather herbs, ores, and such resources ahead of others. Guilds were most eager for this information as it would enable them to rise ahead of their competitors.



Especially now as these Guilds neared level ten and the ability to enter White River City. If they could obtain this information beforehand, they could adapt to the new environment quickly and confidently go out to grind and gather resources. They would not need to waste time collecting this information. They could also use the time saved to pull ahead of the other Guilds developing in other cities.

With so many benefits, these Guilds would not Shi Feng slip through their grasps. They would find a way to contact him. Unfortunately, the results of their efforts simply dumbfounded all of them. They did not think that Shi Feng would shut down all forms of communications, leaving them with no way to contact him at all.

The only choice they had left was to leave Shi Feng messages. As a result, thousands of messages filled Shi Feng's mailbox. If he read all of them, he would need to spend at least four to five hours.

However, since Shi Feng had nothing better to do right now, he looked at the messages sent by Guilds worth contacting. After all, he was an independent player. If he did not sell even any information, he would only gain enemies. With his current strength and influence, he would only end up in tragedy by doing so. So, he would choose a few to do business with. Naturally, Stabbing Heart and Gentle Snow were on his list of business partners. Shi Feng was already friends with them no matter how he looked at it. He would sell them information at a reduced price. However, it was a different story for the other Guilds.

Shi Feng also had to consider what information he would sell. After all, he knew White River City like his own backyard. However, there was no way he could sell all the information he knew. He needed to consider what information he could sell. This information should greatly interest these Guilds. He could charge a high price while not giving these Guilds too much advantage and hindering to his own future.

Shi Feng was gaining a migraine over this decision.

## Chapter 174 - Blacksteel's Contract

Shortly after Shi Feng entered White River City, all the players within White River City region entered a crazed state. The various large Guilds behaved in the same way. They all began forming teams to grind and level up, intending to enter White River City as soon as possible.

However, the higher level the monster areas they grinded in were, the more problems they encountered. Not mentioning the fact that more players explored the high-level areas, nor the matter of the Guilds competing and battling with each other, just the simple matter of weapon and equipment durability was already a huge headache to these various large Guilds.

“Have they still not sent the Whetstones, yet? The entire team’s weapon durability is almost at its limit,” Stabbing Heart said in the team chat.

“They just informed me that the forgers have just finished a new batch and are sending it our way,” a Ranger replied.

“How many are they sending?” Stabbing Heart asked.

“Five stacks, a total of 100 Whetstones,” the Ranger said in a soft and troubled tone.

“Why are there only 100? Didn’t we buy over 500 Hard Stones?” Stabbing Heart’s expression sunk, turning extremely ugly to behold. There were over 60 players in their elite team, and they all were currently grinding in a Level 10 monster area. Each Whetstone could recover 3 to 7 durability points on a weapon, and 100 Whetstones would only last them around an hour or so.

“They’ve already used all 500. We are trying to purchase them in bulk, but we simply can’t find any. Many players are just paying forgers to turn their Hard Stones into Whetstones. We’ve already sent out many of our newcomers to grind for Hard Stones in Dark Moon Valley. However, ever since God’s Domain’s upgrade, the drop-rate of Hard Stones has decreased.”

“Moreover, the ten plus forgers we’ve nurtured are only Basic Forging Apprentices right now; they have a very low success rate for making Whetstones. The success rate would be higher if they were Intermediate Forging Apprentices; we wouldn’t have to waste so many Hard Stones. However, the increase in proficiency in forging is just too slow. Right now, they don’t have enough proficiency points to become an Intermediate Forging Apprentices at the moment.”

The Ranger’s face turned awkward as he explained. Nurturing forgers and potionmakers had been very important to their Guild for some time. However, where would they find enough money and resources to invest in them? Until now, these lifestyle players had not supplied any advantages to the Guild.

“Hah...” Stabbing Heart let out a deep sigh. He grew worried as he listened to his subordinate’s report.

Only now did he truly realize the importance of forgers. Although their Guild had started nurturing forgers from an early period, collecting plenty of resources and investing a great amount of money into their development, they never thought that it would be so hard to raise a forger. If the Guild had an Intermediate Forging Apprentice right now, they wouldn’t have been so desperate for Whetstones.

“I understand. Tell the elite team members to use them sparingly, then. Try to reduce the contact their weapons have with monsters; that way, they can slow down the damage to their weapons. Also, tell the outer members to put more effort into gathering Hard Stones,” Stabbing Heart said helplessly.

The lack of Whetstones had left a second-rate apex Guild like the Assassin’s Alliance in such a poor state. Of course, this wasn’t due to them not having money, but simply because they could not buy any Hard Stones, not to mention Whetstones. Even if a stack of Whetstones sold for 10 Silver Coins at the

moment, Stabbing Heart would not hesitate to purchase it. Unfortunately, there were none to be found on the market.

The Assassin's Alliance wasn't the only Guild faced with such a predicament. All the Guilds throughout the Star-Moon Kingdom currently held an intense desire for Whetstones. Only, they were not as tense as the Guilds situated within the White River City region. Speaking of which, the Guilds in the White River City region were currently in a desperate situation. The durability of their weapons fell too quickly, so they could not battle for long periods. However, without weapons, how could they battle at all? Even though they had such a large-sized Guild, there were only a scarce few forgers that could create Whetstones.

An average Guild based in a town would normally have an elite team of around 30 players grinding in high-level monster areas. As for the third-rate Guilds in the White River City region, they had elite teams of around 500 to 600 players, while second-rate Guilds had over 1,000, and first-rate Guilds had over 3,000 to 4,000 players. Of course, there were still the independent players. Right now, the demand for Whetstones throughout the White River City region was intimidating.

However, due to all of these Guilds desperately grinding towards Level 10, the price of Hard Stones soared once again. Each stack of Hard Stones sold of 1 Silver 20 Coppers right now. Yet, even with such a high price, the many Guilds in the White River City region still failed to purchase any...

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White River City, City Hall.

Unknowingly, more than half an hour had passed since Shi Feng began his wait.

During this half hour or so, Shi Feng managed to tidy up all the information regarding White River City. To the Guilds in the White River City region that did not know anything, this information was gold.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng had organized this information into two versions. One was the simplified version; the other was the luxury version. After players read the simplified version, they would only have a rough understanding of White River City. For example, they would know that White River City held a large-scale market once every three days. However, the simplified version would not touch on the topic of resource distribution. On the other hand, the luxury version would give a rough introduction to it. It would tell the owner which locations were suited to certain classes for leveling, and which locations would have the most of a particular resource and more such information. This was the information large Guilds needed the most.

Originally, Shi Feng intended to sell this information to these Guilds personally, converting it into Gold Coins. However, it was simply too troublesome to carry out these tasks. Moreover, Shi Feng did not lack Gold Coins right now, but Credits. After some careful consideration, Shi Feng finally decided to sell the information through the official forums. He would conduct the trade in Credits. The simplified version would target the independent players, while the luxury version would target the Guilds.

Shi Feng sold the simplified version for 300 Credits. If players possessed the simplified version, it would be the equivalent of purchasing a guidebook of the city. At the very least, players would not be at a complete loss after entering the city, not knowing a single thing.

As for the luxury version, Shi Feng sold it for 20,000 Credits. Although these Guilds would, sooner or later, discover the information themselves, they would need to waste a lot of time to do so. According to Shi Feng's estimates, at the very least, they would need to spend two to three days' time investigating. Moreover, the information they obtained by themselves would not be as accurate as Shi Feng's. Two to three days' time was incomparably precious to a Guild, so they would not pay any heed to wasting 20,000 Credits.

"Lord Demon Hunter, Magistrate Weissman waits for you in the parlor. Please, follow me," the beautiful employee suddenly returned to Shi Feng's side, softly saying.

"Alright, lead the way."

Shi Feng stood and nodded. He followed the female employee up to the parlor on the building's second floor.

When he stepped into the spacious and elegant-looking parlor, the person waiting for him wore a silvery-grey-colored robe. The well-dressed man was in his fifties, and he held a staff with a deep-blue-colored gemstone embedded in it. The man currently sat by the window, gazing at the scenery outside the window in silence.

This man was the Magistrate of White River City, Weissman. He was also a Tier 4 Wizard, and he was a Level 200 NPC. Without question, he was one of the strongest individuals currently in White River City. Even though Weissman stood there in silence, Shi Feng could clearly feel the elemental mana in the room frantically gathering around Weissman, forming a weak magical domain that pressured others.

However, this was merely an unconscious action of Weissman's. It went to show just how frightening a Tier 4 powerhouse was. If Weissman employed his magical domain, he could instantly turn Shi Feng into a pile of ash.

Although Weissman only appeared to be a man in his fifties, his true age was well over 100-years-old. He was, without a doubt, an old monster.

"Young man, I hear you have a recommendation letter from Blackbeard?" Weissman asked, smiling at Shi Feng.

Although the Demon Hunter title held sway over normal NPCs, to a powerhouse like Weissman, it was nothing worthy of mention. Weissman's identity as a Tier 4 class far exceeded the status of a Demon Hunter.

“That’s right. Mayor Blackbeard wanted me to pass this to you,” Shi Feng took out the recommendation letter, handing it over to Weissman.

After Weissman received the letter, he did not immediately open it. He simply let out a deep sigh as he looked at Shi Feng, saying, “That which should have come has finally arrived. I’ve waited for this letter for thirty years. Only, I never imagined a young man like you would bring it to me. I guess it is now time for me to fulfill the contract made so long ago.”

## Chapter 175 - Demon's Heart

“Contract?” Shi Feng silently murmured, confused.

From the information he collected in his previous life, there was no mention of a contract. That fortunate player had not revealed this information, so naturally, Shi Feng had no idea. However, since that fortunate player managed to complete the quest, Shi Feng did not believe that he could not complete it himself. After all, he was much stronger than that fortunate player in his previous life, so there was no reason why he couldn’t do it as well.

As long as he completed this quest, he would have the capital to establish himself in White River City.

As for what that capital was...?

Was there even a need to mention it?

To any players new to White River City, there was nothing better than to own their own real estate. Moreover, this real estate wasn't ordinary; it was one of the noble's mansions, located in the heart of the Trade Area. Only with a mansion could one establish a Guild Residence.

A Guild Residence was extremely important to a Guild. It was a Guild's most important benefit, second to none.

Every Guild Residence acted as private territory. The greatest benefits it provided were an increase in leveling speed and unique Resident Quests. As long as a Guild possessed a Residence, all members that rested within could gain a Double EXP buff. With this buff, whether grinding or questing, players could obtain double the original EXP.

However, players needed to rest in the Guild Residence for a certain amount of time to gain the Double EXP buff. Normally, resting for 48 hours would grant a player 20% Double EXP, and players could gain up to an entire level's worth of Double EXP. To Guild members tired from battle, this feature was fatally tempting.

There were also the special Resident Quests only available in the Guild Residence. The local NPCs commissioned these quests, and there would be some available every day. Moreover, the rewards for these quests were quite bountiful. There were even times that a quest would reward a Dark-Gold ranked item. When these Resident Quests were completed, the Guild would also receive Guild Reputation and Guild funds, as 20% of the remuneration for these Resident Quests would belong to the Guild. However, even though the Guild members only received 80% of the reward money, it was still a great deal more than the reward money of the majority of high-level quests.

Aside from all that, a Guild Residence had many more functions. Thus, a Guild Residence was the core of a Guild.

Unfortunately, it was extremely hard for Guilds to obtain their own Residence. First-rate Guilds could usually not obtain a Residence until more than a month had passed since God's Domain's release, not to



mention the second-rate and third-rate Guilds. Even after four months, there would still be plenty of third-rate Guilds without Guild Residences.

In Shi Feng's previous life, Shadow only managed to obtain its first Guild Residence after seven months in God's Domain. By that time, a majority of the players were already around Level 50 or so. After much difficulty, Shadow only secured a Guild Residence in a relatively isolated city with only a population base of 200,000 to 300,000. From that moment onwards, Shadow had finally begun walking the path of a rated Guild.

In God's Domain, a Guild would only be officially recognized when they possessed a Guild Residence. Also, the speed at which they procured a Residence displayed the Guild's strength.

Shi Feng's goal was to attain his own Guild Residence fifteen days after he entered White River City, and Blackbeard's recommendation letter was the fastest way to achieve that goal.

"Right, however..." Weissman measured up Shi Feng in detail, shaking his head, saying, "Young man, you are still too weak right now. I'm afraid that you cannot fulfill this contract. Although I don't understand why Blackbeard places such trust in you, it is still too early for you right now."

"Lord Weissman, I believe that I am competent enough to complete this quest," Shi Feng spoke with determination.

Weissman couldn't help but smile. Young people are so confident. However, they will realize their ignorance when they meet true trouble. He immediately replied, "Young man, how about we make an accord?"

"If you can pass the test I give you, I'll agree to your request. I will even aid you in completing Blackbeard's contract. If you fail, however, then please, only return after you have officially become a Swordsman. How about it?"

Shi Feng lowered his head in silent contemplation. Based on what he could recall from his past life, that fortunate player also received his private territory when he was only around Level 10. Meanwhile, Weissman insisted that Shi Feng only return after officially becoming a Swordsman.

At the beginning of the game, players did not actually start out with official classes; they were merely class apprentices. If they wished to receive an official class, a Tier 1 class, they needed to reach Level 20. Players would then need to apply for a class examination at the Class Association. Only when players passed the test would they officially be a Tier 1 class. In Shi Feng's case, after he passed the class examination, he would officially become a Swordsman. At that time, not only would his Attributes greatly increase, but he could also learn skills that catered to Tier 1 Swordsmen. He would also receive an official Swordsman's emblem.

If even that Level 10 fortunate player could clear the quest, Shi Feng did not believe that he couldn't. After all, he was already Level 13; he hadn't just reached Level 10. Moreover, the equipment he wore was extremely good quality, so there was no reason for him to fail the quest.

"Lord Weissman, I accept your test," Shi Feng nodded his head in affirmation.

"My requirement is very simple. Bring me a Demon's Heart. In the Cursed Land, there is a demon's castle. Originally, it was the residence of a lord. However, after being tempted by a demon, that lord became a demon himself, reborn as the Dark Knight Gaia. He then cursed the land he ruled over, turning all of its people into demonkin. I need you to retrieve Gaia's heart to dispel this curse. I wonder if you would be willing to go to that cursed castle and kill Dark Knight Gaia, fetching his heart for me?" Weissman asked, his tone stern.

"The Demon's Castle in the Cursed Land?" Shi Feng could not help his shock.

That was where the apex 20-man Team Dungeon for levels 10 to 15 was. In the past, there had been countless Guilds who experienced team-wipe after team-wipe raiding the Demon's Castle. They had all died at the hands of Dark Knight Gaia.

"That's right. If you can't accomplish even this task, I can only advise you to give up on the contract," Weissman persuaded.

"Is there a time limit?" Shi Feng asked.

"None. It will be fine even if you complete the task after you've been promoted to an official Swordsman," Weissman smiled.

"Alright, then. I accept this agreement," Shi Feng released a breath. Most of the players in God's Domain had yet to reach Level 10. If there were a short time limit, he could not complete this quest at all. If there were no time limit, however, then there would not be any huge problems.

Shi Feng finally understood how that fortunate player completed this quest.

At that time, a large majority of the players had already reached Level 20 or so. The elite team of a third-rate Guild could easily raid and conquer the Demon's Castle, obtaining the Demon's Heart. However, to the current Guilds in God's Domain, it was an impossible task.

At the very least, a team of twenty players was necessary to raid the Demon's Castle. Moreover, their levels needed to be around Level 12 or Level 13, and they needed to possess adequate equipment. Otherwise, raiding the Demon's Castle was only a pipe dream.

It seems that I need to hurry up and establish a team. Shi Feng now had an approximate goal in his heart. The Fellowship Party being held in a few days time was an especially a good place for Shi Feng to recruit new members. If he had sufficient capital, he might be able to establish a powerful team. At that time, conquering the Demon's Castle would be much easier.

Watching Shi Feng leave, Weissman suddenly thought of something. He called at Shi Feng, saying, "Young man, wait a moment! I still have something very important to tell you."

## Chapter 176 - Blazing Meteor

Shi Feng could not help but wonder when he was suddenly called.

After all, Weissman was a Tier 4 Wizard and the tyrant of White River City. Any item he gave would have unlimited uses to Shi Feng.

"Regardless of the circumstances, my good friend still sent you. Take this item and this letter; hand them over to Master Seliora. It may be of some help to you," Weissman took out a flame-red-colored crystal and a letter, handing them to Shi Feng.

"Lord Weissman, thank you for your help. I will complete this agreement as soon as possible," Shi Feng said gratefully.

System: Unique Quest "Demon's Heart" accepted.

Quest details: Go to the Demon's Castle and obtain the Demon's Heart for Weissman.

Quest rewards: Unknown.

System: Hidden Quest "Search for Seliora" accepted.

Quest details: Look for Seliora in White River City and pass her the items that Weissman has given you.

Quest rewards: Unknown.

Instantly, Shi Feng received two precious quests. They were both more amazing than any high-level quests, especially the Unique Quest. As long as Shi Feng completed it, he could earn shocking rewards.

Since he had received the quests, Shi Feng would not continue to waste his time here. He departed from the city hall immediately, summoning a horse carriage and dashing towards the Free Zone of White River City.

The person Weissman wanted him to look for, Seliora, was a Master Forger. In White River City, very few players would know of Seliora's fame. However, that did not mean that Seliora was not amazing. On the contrary, Seliora was known as a genius in the forging world. Seliora had become a Master Forger at a very young age, and she was only a step away from becoming a Grandmaster Forger. However, Seliora preferred to maintain a low profile, so not many people were aware of her existence.

Shi Feng was one of the scant few players who knew about Seliora. Moreover, Shi Feng even knew where Seliora lived.

The Hidden Quest Weissman gave might have troubled other players, but it was no trouble to Shi Feng at all.

As for the Unique Quest 'Demon's Heart,' Shi Feng could only leave it alone for now. He also still had the Epic Quest 'Darkness Descends.' Although Sharlyn was also in White River City, Shi Feng was too poor right now; he could not afford the information fee of 10 Gold Coins. So, he could only leave it alone for now as well.

Moreover, when compared to the 'Demon's Heart' quest, an Epic Quest was most likely much harder to complete.

Even if Shi Feng had the clue to complete the Epic Quest, he would still be powerless to complete it. So, he might as well set it aside for now. In any case, he had 30 days to complete it, and the time limit was still far away. It would not be too late for him to accomplish the quest after he further raised his strength.

Twenty-something minutes later, Shi Feng finally arrived a very small smithy located within the Free Zone; the wooden door to this smithy was still closed. If outsiders saw this, they would think that the smithy was either closed to the public or no longer in operation. So, naturally, nobody would visit this place.

After paying the 60 Copper carriage fee, Shi Feng walked towards the humble-looking smithy, knocking on the door gently.

However, even after a long time, Shi Feng did not receive an answer.

"Hello, Master Seliora. I was sent here by Lord Weissman. I have with me a letter for you from the Magistrate."

If Shi Feng barged into the smithy, even after having knocked for a long while without an answer and possessing the status of a noble, the guards would apprehend him and lock him up in jail for a good while. Hence, Shi Feng could only use a big character like Weissman to lure Seliora out. That way, Seliora would not continue feigning ignorance.

After some time, there was finally some movement in the house.

Kachik. The thick wooden door opened, and a great beauty dressed in a black leather shirt stepped out. Below the large V-shaped collar, her ample bosom revealed itself. The beauty wore a pair of extremely short leather pants, revealing her long and slender legs. Her skin was a healthy wheat-color, and her dark hair cascaded down to her fine and delicate waist. Her entire body gave off a wild charm.

The woman before him was indeed the Master Forger, Seliora.

If Blackie could see this sight before Shi Feng right now, he would whistle his praise, his drool puddling on the ground. For Shi Feng, however, he had long since grown accustomed to such a sight.

Seliora was the black rose of the forging world, and she was one of the rare few beauties who worked as a forger. After all, most forgers were muscular barbarians, unlike Seliora who was a young beauty, both sexy and attractive.

"I'm very busy. Pass me the thing and leave," Seliora spoke impatiently, glancing at Shi Feng.

Hearing Seliora speaking in such a way, Shi Feng felt extremely familiar with these words. He felt as if he had heard of them before from somewhere.

After giving it some thought, Shi Feng suddenly recalled something. Wasn't he usually fond of using these words?

"This is the letter that Lord Weissman wanted me to give you," Shi Feng took out the letter, passing it to Seliora.

Seliora received the letter. Not sparing the letter a single glance, she arbitrarily said, "You can return now."

Seliora started shutting the wooden door.

Shi Feng was immediately left speechless, even though he had long since known of Seliora's personality. He couldn't help but admit that any sort of master would have their own strange personality; Seliora was no exception.

However, Shi Feng had made Seliora submit in his previous life, so there was no reason he could not do so now.

Moreover, he seemed to have learned his catchphrase, "I'm busy," from Seliora.

"I'll leave, then," Shi Feng took out the flame-red colored crystal given to him by Weissman as he said so. He toyed with the crystal as he turned to leave.



The flame-red crystal gave off a dazzling red-colored glow. Just by taking it out, the fire-type mana in the surrounding area started crazily gathering around the crystal. The flame-red glow increased its brilliance, attracting the attention of all onlookers.

“Wait!” Seliora suddenly called out to Shi Feng.

“Master Seliora, do you still have some other matter?” Shi Feng turned, a faint smile on his face as he asked.

At this moment, Seliora’s large eyes were already glued onto the flame-red crystal in Shi Feng’s hand. She was like an enamored little kitten, and her eyes followed the flame-red crystal’s movement in Shi Feng’s hand, going up and down with great interest.

Although Seliora’s personality was somewhat strange, she too faced a common problem that all forgers faced, the desire of rare forging materials.

There was not a single forger out there who did not wish to create an item, famed throughout the entire continent, in their lifetime.

Meanwhile, the prerequisite to create such an item was incomparably precious materials. Take the Abyssal Blade in Shi Feng’s hands for example. In order for its fame to spread throughout the continent, the famous smith, Olysses, used the Black Dragon King’s fang as its core forging material.

What was the Black Dragon King?

That was the king among dragons, which represented destruction. It was a frightening creature that was the closest being to a God. Just the breath it spat out could destroy a city with millions of inhabitants. It was a frightening existence that could single-handedly destroy an entire kingdom.

Meanwhile, to create the Abyssal Blade, the most precious fang of that frightening existence's body was necessary. In the end, after the Abyssal Blade's creation, it became one of the thirty-six famed swords in God's Domain. The Abyssal Blade's existence shook all of God's Domain, and even after thousands of years, its might was still boundless.

"Can you sell me that item?" Seliora asked, her face filled with desire, her tone making a complete transformation.

Shi Feng shook his head, saying, "I am truly sorry, Master Seliora, but Lord Weissman originally wanted me to bring this item to you to forge an item for me. However, seeing as you are busy, I would feel bad to continue disturbing you. So, I intend to look for Master Praust and see if he will make the item that I want."

"What? You are actually going to take this precious material to that old bastard, Praust? Do you know how wasteful you are being? If you want to forge an item, I can help you. Also, since you are a Swordsman, with this item, I would have no problems forging a Blazing Meteor of relatively high quality. If you give this material to that old bastard, he will definitely ruin it."

## Chapter 177 - Seliora's Shock

Seliora stared at Shi Feng with her almond-shaped eyes, her hands on her hips; she looked like an angry lioness. This scene dumbfounded Shi Feng; he did not know what to say in this situation.

Before, Seliora simply reacted with cold indifference towards him, yet, now, she was so obedient?

The Blazing Meteor was a weapon that only Seliora knew how to create, and it was also her most famous creation. It was a weapon that all Swordsman dreamt of having.

In Shi Feng's previous life, as long as one was a Swordsman, they would definitely have begged Seliora to create a Blazing Meteor for them. Many players were even willing to go bankrupt to obtain a Blazing Meteor. Shi Feng, who at that time, had already become a Sword King, was no exception. He only managed to obtain one with much difficulty after a very long time.

Although Shi Feng had already met his goal, he still toyed with Seliora by pretending hesitation. Immediately, Seliora started panicking. If she truly allowed that old bastard Praust obtain such a large Starfire Crystal, that old rat would come over to her place to show off and very often, at that.

"You should know that I am the most amazing Master Forger in White River City. None of the items I forge are of ordinary quality. Moreover, I am in a very good mood right now, so I will even use a rare material from my exclusive collection to forge a Blazing Meteor suitable for you! If you don't believe me, then come in and have a look!" Seliora hurriedly pulled Shi Feng into her smithy, letting Shi Feng witness the masterpieces she had created.

After entering the house, one would immediately discover that the exterior and interior of the house were practically two entirely different worlds. Although the exterior of the house was broken-down and humble, the interior was both beautiful and magnificent. Fine weaponry and equipment were all showcased within crystal cabinets.

Not a single one of these weapons or equipment were of ordinary quality. They were all masterpieces of Fine-Gold rank or above. These were all masterpieces because, when compared to items of the same rank and level, the Attributes of the weapons and equipment made by Seliora were far superior.

“How is it? Do you see that dark-red-colored greatsword placed in the highest position? That’s an Epic Weapon that I personally made,” Seliora stuck out her chest, boasting.

Indeed, it was as Seliora had said. Among all these weapons and equipment, the most amazing item was the Level 120 Epic Weapon. In terms of strength, it exceeded the Mavis’ Protection by leaps and bounds. It was Seliora’s greatest creation to date, and it was also the only Epic ranked item that she had ever made.

The reason Seliora bore the title of genius of the forging world was due to her accidentally creating this Epic Weapon. After all, it was nearly impossible for a forger to forge an Epic Weapon intentionally, as the success rate for even a Master Forger was abysmally low. Normally, only Grandmaster Forgers could achieve this feat. Unfortunately, Seliora was stuck at a bottleneck, and she would constantly be a step away from becoming a Grandmaster Forger.

Hence, Seliora did not wish for anyone to disturb her as she stayed hidden in the Free Zone of White River City, continuously researching the art of forging.

“Now you know how amazing I am, right? Aside from those old hidden monsters, there has not been anybody else who can beat me regarding forging techniques,” Seliora grinned; her gaze shifted back to the Starfire Crystal in Shi Feng’s hand. “With my techniques and the Starfire Crystal, I guarantee that I can create an exceptional Blazing Meteor. Moreover, since Lord Weissman sent you to me, I will naturally give it my all to help you.”

Shi Feng simply smiled at Seliora’s words. He handed the Starfire Crystal over to Seliora, softly saying, “I’ll be troubling you, then, Master Seliora.”

Seliora revealed a wide smile as she received the Starfire Crystal. Immediately, she ran towards her forging room, intending to create the Blazing Meteor straight away.

“Master Seliora, please wait a moment,” Shi Feng hurriedly said.

“What is it? Don’t tell me that you’re going back on your word?” Seliora’s eyebrows slightly wrinkled. She was extremely reluctant to part with the Starfire Crystal in her hands.

“You misunderstand me, Master Seliora. I think that this item should be of some help to you?” Shi Feng took out a piece of Runic Steel that he received as a system reward. This item could increase the forging success rate, and at the same time, it had a chance to increase the forged item’s Attributes.

Seliora could not help her shock when she saw the Runic Steel. She instantly snatched it out of Shi Feng’s hands. She then started appraising Shi Feng with her charming eyes, her delicate tongue sliding across her pouty lips. Giggling, she said, “Why, I didn’t think you would have so many precious treasures on you. What else do you have? Just pull them all out.”

“Alright, then. I still have an item that I can temporarily lend to you,” under Seliora’s eager gaze, Shi Feng could not help but smile bitterly. He then took out the Book of Forging.

Suddenly, Seliora’s eyes widened as they locked onto the Book of Forging in Shi Feng’s hands. She was under immense shock, unable to speak a single word.

“This is the Book of Forging personally penned by the Forging God! You... Why do you have this item?!” Seliora was incomparably shocked, and her voice trembled with excitement as she spoke. She could not help but immediately snatch the Book of Forging, delving in.

“Master Seliora, I assume that you also know how precious this item is. I can loan it to you temporarily; so I hope you can use it properly and create a masterpiece,” Shi Feng held high expectations of the Blazing Meteor. So, naturally, he would not hold anything back in its creation. Moreover, NPCs could not steal items owned by players.

“Really?” Seliora could not believe her own ears. She pounced Shi Feng in excitement, planting a kiss on him. She then took the Book of Forging, rushing into her personal forging room. “Wait here for awhile; I guarantee that you will not be disappointed.”

Shi Feng was stunned. However, he recovered very quickly, revealing a bitter smile.

Seliora needed a long time to forge a piece of equipment. Since Shi Feng had nothing better to do, he continued enhancing the luxury version of the White River City Guidebook. After all, he had an expansive amount of information on White River City. Although he had already made plans for its revelation, he couldn't explain everything in a few sentences.

Time flowed by unnoticed, and two hours had passed since Shi Feng entered White River City.

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Meanwhile, the various Guilds in the White River City region were in full swing. They continuously purchased and exchanged Whetstones, and at the same time, desperately grinded in high-level monster areas.

“Snow, the number of players here grows larger and larger, and it is slowing our leveling speed by a lot. Why don't we go to the Gloomy Valley to level up?” With a single Triple Flame Barrage, Zhao Yueru finished off a low HP Level 10 Shadow Werewolf. She then turned to Gentle Snow and spoke.

Originally, there had not been that many players in this Level 10 area. However, due to Shi Feng's actions, Level 8 and Level 9 players began arriving, crowding the area. Every region had limited leveling

resources, and every extra player in a region decreased the availability of those resources. With a decrease in resources, naturally, leveling speed would similarly fall. Thus, Zhao Yueru suggested going to the Gloomy Valley, which was a monster area of an even higher level.

The Gloomy Valley was a Level 11 to Level 14 monster area. With their current equipment, they could still deal with Level 11 and Level 12 monsters. Only, the danger would increase significantly. However, their leveling speed there would surpass that of this place by leaps. The Gloomy Valley was also only a short distance from their current location. If they hurried, they could reach it in just half an hour. If they used a Speed Scroll, they could arrive there in ten minutes or so.

Gentle Snow looked at her surroundings, discovering that the number of players had certainly increased. Moreover, these players were all elites of various large Guilds. Whether luring or snatching monsters, they were all extremely experienced. As a result, the number of monsters available decreased, and their current leveling speed was less than half of what they started with. The players gathered here were still increasing in number. If this situation continued, they might not even reach Level 10 within seven to eight hours grinding here.

“Alright, then. After we receive the new batch of Whetstones, we’ll head for the Gloomy Valley,” Gentle Snow looked at her weapon’s durability as she spoke. Only 9 points remained. As her weapon was Secret-Silver rank, she could still wield it for over an hour before its durability reached a critical point.

At this moment, Gentle Snow’s communicator rang out.

Originally, Gentle Snow intended to reject the call without giving it much thought. However, when she saw that the caller was Shi Feng, a faint smile appeared on her face.

Previously, after Shi Feng entered White River City, she had tried contacting Shi Feng as well. However, Shi Feng had immediately shut down all forms of communication, leaving her with no way of contacting him. She could only send him a message. Now that he was personally contacting her, it was possible that he had finally seen her message.

## Chapter 178 - Super Dark-Gold Rank

Since Shi Feng attempted to contact her, Gentle Snow would not reject the call. In any case, there was still some time before the new batch of Whetstones would arrive.

“Busy man, you finally have the time to contact me?” Gentle Snow laughed softly after the call connected.

“You jest, Miss Snow. I am helpless about this as well. I was worried that my communicator would ring endlessly and distract me, so I simply turned it off. Didn’t I immediately contact Miss Snow after I finished with my matters?” Shi Feng smiled.

From Gentle Snow’s tone, Shi Feng could somewhat discern her aggrieved feelings. However, he was simply helpless with this.

He had spent quite a long time conquering White River City. Moreover, he needed to waste even more time. After all, if he published the White River City Guidebook shortly after he entered White River City, others would become highly suspicious. Without spending some time, how could he conduct an investigation? If he made the guidebook without any prior investigation, it would be strange if nobody suspected him.

Hence, Shi Feng intentionally took such a long time before he initiated contact, letting others think that he used this time to inspect White River City.



“Since you’ve come looking for me, it means that you’ve seen my message regarding the information about White River City. What are your thoughts? Name a price; I’ll buy it all,” Gentle Snow said seriously.

If she could obtain information about White River City, she could prepare ahead of time. This way, they could get a huge lead on the other Guilds. As for the matter of money, she rarely paid any mind. Moreover, she believed that Shi Feng would not just set a random price.

“I’ve already compiled a guidebook with information about White River City. The guidebooks are divided into two versions; a simplified version and a luxury version. I’m prepared to publish and sell them on the official forums after some time,” Shi Feng nodded as he spoke.

Gentle Snow was at a loss when she heard Shi Feng. She couldn’t help but admit that Shi Feng was too good at grasping business opportunities. If Shi Feng truly did such a thing, in addition to his identity as the first player to enter White River City, the legitimacy of the White River City Guidebooks were surely guaranteed. The various large Guilds would all compete for them.

She had to admit that even she admired Shi Feng’s business acumen.

There were countless Guilds, both large and small, within the White River City region. A rough estimate would put the number at over a thousand. Even if Shi Feng earned only a thousand Credits from each of these Guilds, he could still earn well over a million Credits. When she heard of him mention a simplified version, it was clearly meant for average players. There would definitely be countless players purchasing it, so Shi Feng would earn quite a lot from them as well.

Just by collecting information for a few hours, in addition to his title as the Number One of White River City, Shi Feng had already made a net profit of several million in a single night. It was possible that only Shi Feng was capable of such a feat.

“I can’t help but praise your idea. However, I wish to obtain this information in advance. Of course, I will pay a higher price. To put it another way, I hope that you can delay the information’s release for three or four hours. Not only will I purchase the information at a high price, but I am also willing to pay a million Credits as a postponement fee. I wonder if that would be possible?” Gentle Snow inquired, smiling.

“A one million Credits postponement fee, is it?”

Shi Feng was truly shocked. Originally, by contacting Gentle Snow, he merely intended to sell the White River City Guidebook to her in advance. He didn’t think that Gentle Snow would have a move like this. He could not help but appreciate her intelligence. In actuality, even if Gentle Snow did not pay any compensation, he would still delay the release of the guidebooks by two or three hours. That way, the credibility of the guidebooks would be even higher.

At the same time, it would increase those Guilds’ urgency. After all, they were already close to reaching Level 10, so they were in dire need of information about White River City.

“Is it not enough? Then two million should be fine, right?” Gentle Snow wrinkled her eyebrows slightly, feeling that Shi Feng was somewhat too greedy for money.

“No, one million is enough. It’s just... I wonder if you want the simplified version or the luxury version?” Shi Feng teased with a laugh.

“Do you even need to ask? The more detailed, the better,” Gentle Snow rolled her eyes at Shi Feng.

She was even willing to spend a million Credits as an extension fee, so would she even lack that kind of money?

“That would be the luxury version then. I’m selling it for 20,000 Credits. As a matter of fact, I still have a super-luxury version of the guidebook in my possession. I wonder if Miss Snow would be interested in it?” Shi Feng smiled as he asked.

“A super-luxury version? How much do you want for it?” Gentle Snow responded, slightly contemptuous.

“One million!” Shi Feng said earnestly.

“The luxury version is selling for 20,000 Credits, but you’re selling the super-luxury version for one million Credits? Are you taking me for a fool?” Gentle Snow accused.

“How could that be? I’ve poured my blood into making it. If you don’t want it, so be it. It is similarly sufficient to purchase just the luxury version,” Shi Feng was only filled with kind intentions.

He would add some of the truly important information to the super-luxury version. For example, information pertaining to the matter of how to quickly develop oneself and information about the various daily quests available in White River City that could quickly increase one’s level and reputation. Although it was not a lot of information, the help it provided was still considerable. It was enough to allow Gentle Snow to pull ahead of the other Guilds by a great distance.

Originally, Shi Feng did not intend to sell this information. However, Gentle Snow was a slightly special case.

The main reason was that Ouroboros, the Guild Gentle Snow belonged to, did not have any conflicts with him. After all, Ouroboros’ main power was based in the capital city, Star-Moon City. Gentle Snow would, sooner or later, have to head to the capital to continue her development. Right now, he simply

offered Gentle Snow a favor. In the future, if he were to meet with trouble, he might even be able to get Gentle Snow to help him. After all, the competition in White River City was bound to be intense. If some large Guild intentionally targeted his own while his tasks swamped him, he could ask Gentle Snow for assistance. With Gentle Snow's personality, she would definitely lend him a hand.

Also, another reason Shi Feng did such a thing was to disperse the attention from himself. Destruction always pursued the great. If there were another, more outstanding, existence around, the various large Guilds would shift their line of sight from Shi Feng to that existence.

Shi Feng could kill two birds with one stone with his action, and only Gentle Snow's decision remained as the final hurdle.

After a few seconds of silence, Gentle Snow let out a deep sigh as she said, "Alright, then. I'll buy it. When can you give it to me?"

"In half an hour," Shi Feng affirmed.

"Good, then. I'll transfer the money to you at that time," Gentle Snow disconnected the call.

Standing beside Gentle Snow, Zhao Yueru had heard every word of the conversation. Puzzled, she asked, "Snow, I'm not trying to reprimand you, but although that Ye Feng is one of the rare top-tier experts, within only a short few hours, just how much information could he possibly have gathered? Not to mention, that information is even priced at one million Credits. He is clearly just trying to make a quick buck off of us. That Ye Feng is insincere. We have already helped him out so much and even dealt with the matter of Underworld targeting him."

“Let’s have a look at it before we judge,” Gentle Snow sighed. In reality, even she did not hold much hope about the information. If it truly contained some valuable information, she would not take too big of a loss, at the very least.

Following which, Shi Feng also made a similar deal with Stabbing Heart of the Assassin’s Alliance. However, he did not offer the super-luxury version this time. After all, the Assassin’s Alliance’s main power was stationed in White River City. He only sold them the information in advance because of the friendship he had with Stabbing Heart.

Stabbing Heart naturally knew this, so he was greatly touched by Shi Feng’s actions. He immediately paid 50,000 Credits as gratitude to Shi Feng. At the same time, with this information about White River City in hand, Stabbing Heart would also have the confidence to request the higher-ups to review the matter of suppressing Martial Union’s development in White River City. That way, Martial Union would not even have the time to find trouble with Shi Feng.

Soon, another half hour passed by.

Shi Feng finally managed to compile and arrange the super-luxury version of the White River City Guidebook. He then sent it to Gentle Snow, Blackie, and the other members of his team. With Blackie’s power-leveling speed, every member of the team would quickly rise to Level 10. They would be much faster than Gentle Snow, so Shi Feng had to provide Blackie and the others with a better understanding of White River City ahead of time. Otherwise, they would simply be lost after entering White River City.

At this moment, the metal door of the forging room opened, and Seliora walked out.

Compared to when she entered the forging room, Seliora clearly felt more fatigued now. Crystal clear sweat coated her healthy, wheat-colored skin, and she looked like she had just stepped out of a pool of water; her appearance was utterly seductive.

“Here, this item’s for you,” Seliora took out the Book of Forging, handing it to Shi Feng with great reluctance. She then took out a flame-red flying dart. This flying dart radiated a brilliant red that intoxicated a person’s heart. “Aside from the Epic ranked greatsword, this item could be called my greatest masterpiece. Due to the quality of the materials being a limiting factor, this item could not achieve Epic rank. However, it has still surpassed Dark-Gold rank. You could call it a Super Dark-Gold ranked throwing weapon; so you have to cherish it properly.”

“Super Dark-Gold Rank?”

“What’s that?”

Doubt filled Shi Feng. If it was Dark-Gold, then it was Dark-Gold. If it was Epic, then it was Epic. Why would there be a Super Dark-Gold rank? Looking at the meaning that Seliora tried to express, this item seemed to possess a special quality between the two ranks.

## Chapter 179 - Pseudo-Extraordinary Attributes

Within Shi Feng’s memories, there was no mention of a Super-Dark Gold rank.

However, if a Master Forger like Seliora called it such, that’s what it was. Only, just what kind of Attributes would this Blazing Meteor possess?

“Are you unsure of what the Super Dark-Gold rank is?” Seliora was in a very good mood after forging such a masterpiece. Hence, she explained, “It is utterly understandable that you have not heard of it. Matters like these are only privy to those old monsters of the Grandmaster Forger rank. Even I discovered it by chance.”

“Indeed, in God’s Domain, the rank after Dark-Gold is Epic. However, between these two ranks, there is a humongous threshold. One could say that items undergo a massive leap in quality when upgraded from Dark-Gold rank to Epic rank. Don’t you feel that it is strange?”

Shi Feng nodded, deeply expressing his agreement.

It was just like Seliora had said. Dark-Gold Equipment was only somewhat stronger than Fine-Gold Equipment. However, regarding Attributes, Epic Equipment was several tiers above Dark-Gold Equipment. Take the Mavis’ Guard in Blackie’s hands for example. It was far superior to the Silver Lake in Shi Feng’s hands that possessed Attributes rivaling a Dark-Gold Weapon.

Simply equipping an Epic Weapon instantly gave Blackie a stronger damage output and Attack Power than Shi Feng’s. The power of an Epic ranked item was obvious.

“It seems that you also understand the gap between these two ranks.” Seliora revealed a smile, saying, “In actuality, Epic ranked items possess another name.”

“Another name?” This was the first Shi Feng had heard of this.

“That’s right; another name. This is also something I found out after researching the Book of Forging you lent me, coupled with the literature I’ve collected over the years,” Seliora nodded. “During the ancient times, Epic ranked items were also called Extraordinary items. The owners of these items would possess an absolute strength that allowed them to surpass ordinary mortals; thus they were known as Extraordinary. Meanwhile, I did not utilize any extraordinary materials in forging the Blazing Meteor, so it could not become an extraordinary item. However, it can still be considered a Pseudo-extraordinary item.”

“A Pseudo-extraordinary item?” Shi Feng started to understand a few points. He could not help but grow even more curious about the Attributes of the Blazing Meteor, which caused Seliora so much excitement.

“Have a look at it yourself, then.” Seliora handed the Blazing Meteor over to Shi Feng, softly saying, “A Pseudo-extraordinary item is the maximum limit that mortals can achieve with their own power, while this Blazing Meteor can be considered a masterpiece, the closest thing to an extraordinary item.”

Shi Feng’s heart started beating quickly as he heard those words. It was an item that approached the quality of an Epic ranked item. Most likely, aside from his Magic Weapon, the Abyssal Blade, no other item in his possession could rival this Blazing Meteor. Furthermore, the Blazing Meteor he received in his previous life was only Dark-Gold rank. He did not expect to obtain a Pseudo-extraordinary item in this life.

Shi Feng immediately received the Blazing Meteor from Seliora, taking a look at its Attributes.

[Blazing Meteor] (Throwing Weapon, Dark-Gold Rank)

Equipment Requirement: Strength 120, Agility 140

Attack Power (Player’s Strength\*2)

Strength +50, Agility +65, Endurance +10

Attack Speed +5



Maximum throwing distance: 45 yards

Ignore Levels +8

Attack Speed increased by 15%

When attacking:

35% chance to ignore target's Defense.

30% chance to activate Quadruple Phantom effect, each phantom causing 50% flame damage.

10% chance to activate Knockback effect.

5% chance to activate Burning Flames effect, dealing 200 flame damage to the target every second for 10 seconds. Stacks up to 5 times.

Additional Skill: Flame God's Fury. Deals physical and flame damage to enemies within a 40\*3 yard area. Deals 900% damage to the initial target and damage reduces by 10% with each consecutive enemy hit to a minimum of 500% damage.

Cooldown: 3 minutes

The Blazing Meteor was forged by the Grandmaster Forger, Seliora. Due to the limit of its materials, it is only a Pseudo-extraordinary item possessing strength at the very limit of mortal men. The Blazing Meteor can be reforged into an Epic Ranked item after gathering Epic ranked fire-type materials.

User restriction: Ye Feng

Unable to be dropped.

Unable to be traded.

Shi Feng was instantly dumbfounded when he saw these Attributes. As expected of a Pseudo-extraordinary item, it was far superior to ordinary Dark-Gold ranked items. As long as Shi Feng's Attributes reached the prerequisite and he equipped the Blazing Meteor, his strength would instantly soar by several tiers.

After receiving the Blazing Meteor, Shi Feng finally felt that he was a true Swordsman.

There were two variations of the Swordsman class: duel-wielding Swordsmen and two-handed Swordsmen. At the same time, a Swordsman could also equip a long-range throwing weapon. However, a Swordsman was still a melee class at its heart, so their ranged attacks were not particularly powerful. A majority of the Swordsman players did not pay much attention to ranged throwing weapons.

However, Shi Feng heavily relied on his ranged attacks. After all, there were many instances when facing monsters with melee combat was troublesome. If he could switch to ranged attacks, he would have a much easier time. Moreover, there were plenty of shared skills in God's Domain. Among them, there

were quite a few throwing skills. If Shi Feng could learn a few of them, he would not fall too far behind the other ranged classes.

Now that he had the Pseudo-extraordinary item, the Blazing Meteor, ranged attacks were no longer one of Shi Feng's weaknesses.

Moreover, throwing weapons were not consumable items. Due to the magical ingredients involved in its forging, the Blazing Meteor number of uses were limitless. Whenever a throwing weapon hit an enemy, it would instantly vanish and reappear in the player's hands. It was an extremely convenient function.

Unfortunately, Shi Feng's current Attributes prevented him from equipping the Blazing Meteor. Only by replacing and upgrading the equipment he currently wore could he achieve the requirements of the Blazing Meteor.

After Shi Feng finished reading the Blazing Meteor's introduction, he was suddenly shocked.

Seliora was originally a Master Forger, so why did the introduction describe her as a Grandmaster Forger?

"Master Seliora, could it be that you're... already a Grandmaster Forger?" Shi Feng looked at Seliora with doubtful eyes. The system introduction could not be faked. If the system displayed it, it must be true. However, that was inconceivable. Seliora, who was not even thirty years of age, had actually become a Grandmaster Forger.

There was not a single Grandmaster Forger throughout all of the Star-Moon Kingdom. Grandmaster Forgers were existences that stood at the pinnacle of forging in God's Domain, and even Tier 5 apex powerhouses had to suck up to a Grandmaster Forger. Their statuses were no lower than the ruler of a country. Normally, one could only meet a Grandmaster Forger with luck in the capital city of an empire or places like Blackwing City. Meanwhile, the Seliora before him was one such existence.

“Hmm! I didn’t expect your eyesight to be so sharp! I have indeed become a Grandmaster Forger! However, this is all thanks to you. If you did not lend me the Book of Forging, allowing me to unravel the mysteries that have troubled me for the past several years, it would still be impossible for me to become a Grandmaster. As a thank you, here is my communication crystal. In the future, you can contact me at any time through this item,” Seliora nodded, smiling as she spoke.

System: Hidden Quest “Search for Seliora” completed, exceeded by aiding Seliora in becoming a Grandmaster Forger. Rewarding player with the Pseudo-extraordinary item, the Blazing Meteor. Rewarding Seliora’s Communication Crystal. Seliora’s Favorability increased by 200 points. Reputation in Star-Moon Kingdom +50. Reputation in White River City +300. Obtained the title “Grandmaster’s Friend.” Forging Proficiency increased by 500 points. Rewarding 200,000 EXP.

Instantly, Shi Feng rose to Level 14.

Shi Feng was stunned for a long time when he saw this series of rewards. Ignoring the fact that, with Seliora’s Communication Crystal, he could often request Seliora to handle certain affairs for him, just the 300 Reputation Points in White River City would make the purchase of a real estate in White River City much easier. As long as he became a Baron, he could purchase private territory in White River City, establishing a Guild Residence. However, a Baron could only purchase the outermost land of White River City.

As for Seliora, she had only recently become a Grandmaster Forger, so she intended to go on a journey. She wanted to commemorate her achievement by making her first Epic ranked item, so she needed to explore and search for materials.

Soon after, Shi Feng departed from the smithy.

Seeing that the time was just about right...

Shi Feng posted the White River City Guidebook on the official forums, setting the post to publish in three hours. He then used the pass to Blackwing City, teleporting there.

Shortly after Shi Feng departed, another batch of players set foot in White River City. Immediately, White River City Region System Announcements rang out.

## Chapter 180 - Anonymous Sensation

“Hahaha! We’ve finally arrived in White River City!”

“This place looks spectacular!”

“Such amazing NPCs!”

The moment Blackie and the others arrived in White River City, the amazing sight stunned them all. Their feelings alternated between joy, excitement, and an indescribable sense of pride.

Everyone had suddenly arrived in White River City. Aside from Blackie and Lonely Snow, who both remained relatively calm, Cola and the others were in a daze. They thought that they were in a dream.

When Fire Dance and Cola regrouped with Blackie, they discovered that Blackie and Lonely Snow had actually brought them to deal with a group of Level 20 monsters. At that time, they nearly had heart attacks from the shock.

God's Domain was unlike any other virtual reality game, and killing monsters of a higher level in God's Domain was an extremely difficult task. Moreover, their average levels did not even reach Level 8. It was simply suicidal for them to challenge a Level 20 Swamp Rhino.

Yet, Blackie and Lonely Snow immediately dragged their group and charged towards the Swamp Rhinos. The two acted as if the Swamp Rhinos were not Level 20 monsters, but Level 0 Green Gnomes awaiting death.

However, Fire Dance and Cola could not have imagined what had actually occurred. Blackie instantly roasted the Level 20 Rhinos Lonely Snow had lured with a single Hell Flame. It was like the Rhinos suffered from some weakening aura. At that time, their experience bars instantly increased by a huge chunk.

Looking at this scene, Cola and the others' eyes nearly popped out of their sockets in surprise.

There was a saying; after three days had passed, one could no longer use one's old perspective to judge others[1]. However, that involved the prerequisite of three days passing!

It had only been several hours since separated from each other, but the growth rate of Blackie and Lonely Snow had switched from ascending by climbing a ladder to ascending by using an elevator. It was as if their growth rates had received hormone injections, increasing by tens of times.

Within half an hour, they had all collectively gained a level. When they asked about Blackie and Lonely Snow's levels, Cola and Fire Dance were both utterly shocked; they were both already Level 13. This gap made a world of difference.

How did Blackie and Lonely Snow suddenly become so powerful? The only possibility they could think of was that their team leader, Shi Feng, had power-leveled the two. It was also the only logical explanation for Blackie and Lonely Snow's achievements.

Meanwhile, Fire Dance and Water Buffalo were both utterly shocked by Shi Feng. It would be fine if Shi Feng were the only one so powerful. However, their team even had two other Level 13 powerhouses. Just how powerful was this team?

If others' discovered this, they might be less shocked by the sky falling.

After several hours, Cola and the others reached Level 10, one after another. Meanwhile, Blackie and Lonely Snow had both risen to Level 14. They acted in accordance with Shi Feng's request, entering White River City and familiarizing themselves with the city. They would then receive some of the rare and daily quests, obtaining some rare items in exchange for the quests' completion.

However, shortly after they entered White River City, a system announcement entered their ears.

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After the announcement repeated thrice, all the players within the White River City region were sent into a daze.

What sort of situation was this? More than five players have already entered White River City? How long had it been since Shi Feng accomplished that feat?

“Crap! What did these people eat when they grew up? I’ve only reached Level 8, yet there is already a bunch of Level 10s! Can’t they play normally?!”

“It can’t be, right? None of these people are Guild players! How could they all be independent players?!”

“Hahaha! Too awesome! Didn’t those Guilds think they were very amazing? This will teach them that independent players like us are still the strongest!”

“Why haven’t I heard of these people before? Just who are these people? Moreover, they even entered White River City together. They can’t be players of the same party, right...?”

Players throughout the White River City region discussed Blackie and the others’ entrance to White River City and the activation of the regional Ranking List. The players on the Ranking List were, without a doubt, everyone’s focus right now.

“Investigate! I want to know just who these people are immediately!”



“They are all independent players! Immediately contact them! Even if we have to give them official positions, we must recruit them into our Guild!”

The various large Guilds all felt a heavy pressure weighing down on them.

The Ranking List should have been a competition between the various large Guilds, yet, it now belonged to a group of independent players. Moreover, they had taken hold of the top six positions. This utterly embarrassed these large Guilds. Right now, these Guilds needed to recruit these independent players into their Guilds. That way, these Guilds' names would also appear on the Ranking List.

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Meanwhile, Blackie and Lonely Snow obeyed Shi Feng's previous request; the moment they entered White River City, the system asked if they wanted to place their names on the Ranking List. They both immediately rejected the offer. However, it was not a big deal for Cola and the other five members of the team. It was a good chance to cause panic in those large Guilds, and they could increase their fame while doing so.

After all, Cola and the others were still Level 10. It was an expected level. However, if Blackie and Lonely Snow add their names to the Ranking List...

It would be a double-edged sword; bringing them fame while also poisoning their lives.

Right now, these large Guilds could understand Cola and the others reaching Level 10. However, if two Level 14 players suddenly appeared on the Ranking List, no amount of brainpower could allow these

Guilds to make sense of things. Just leveling up from Level 9 to Level 10 would require more than an entire day's grinding. It was understandable if Blackie and Lonely Snow had powerful techniques and found a good leveling spot.

However, a gap of 4 Levels would simply provoke these Guilds. They would create unscrupulous ways to obtain this leveling secret. Right now, if Blackie and Lonely Snow displayed their names on the Ranking List, they would gain the enmity of every single player in the White River City region.

"Why isn't Ye Feng's name there? Moreover, why do these names seem so familiar?" Gentle Snow opened the Ranking List, discovering that the top six players were all uniformly Level 10. However, the number one position did not belong to Shi Feng, but a player named Fire Dance. Moreover, Shi Feng's name was not among the top six Level 10 players at all. This situation confused Gentle Snow greatly.

"Snow, aren't Cola, Drowsy Sloth, and Gluttonous Mouse Ye Feng's teammates? They even left their names with ours at the Dark Moon Graveyard. I never thought that their leveling speed would be so fast." Zhao Yueru quickly recognized the names on the Ranking List. This scene had shocked her. After all, she had a clear understanding of the background of these players. They were definitely noobs of God's Domain, and they were not even close to being experts.

The first time they met was at the Deathly Forest, and at that time, they were simply noobs that Shi Feng had randomly chosen to party with. The second time they met, though their levels had not equaled hers, the gap between them had somewhat shrunk. Now, however, they had surpassed her. It was unbelievable.

After receiving Zhao Yueru's reminder, sudden realization struck Gentle Snow. As a result, the usually calm and confident Gentle Snow, at this moment, revealed a look of surprise and bewilderment.

Ye Feng, just who are you? Gentle Snow could not help but inwardly wonder.

Leading a group of noobs into becoming the focal point of the entire White River City just how did Shi Feng do it?

Also, Shi Feng, his good friend Blackie, and Lonely Snow had actually refrained from displaying their names on the Ranking List. Gentle Snow could not understand this action. After all, the noobs that Shi Feng had personally led had all risen to Level 10. She did not believe that his good friend, Blackie, and Lonely Snow had not become Level 10. The only possibility was that they hid their levels. But why would they want to hide their levels?

Wasn't this a good chance to increase their reputation?

Why would they hide them? What was there to gain?

Suddenly, Gentle Snow thought of a possibility, or better yet, the only possibility.

After she thought of this possibility...

Gentle Snow involuntarily shuddered.

TL Notes:

[1]after three days had passed, one could no longer use one's old foresight to judge others (士别三日 · 当刮目相待): This is a Chinese idiom that tells one not to view others with an old perspective, as after three days of not meeting, others would already have some improvements.

