

The Strongest

Chapter 351 - Original Sin

“He didn’t fall for the bait?” Red Feather was slightly surprised when he saw Shi Feng’s contemptuous gaze.

Indeed, he had planned to trick Shi Feng all along. After Shi Feng approached him, he would kill Shi Feng, gaining easier access to the dropped items.

When people were desperate, they would grasp at even the tiniest bit of hope. This was a basic human instinct, and Red Feather had sought to take advantage of this. For many, even if they knew they were being cheated, they would still choose the risk.

However, what about Shi Feng?

Currently, tens of thousands of players surrounded Shi Feng in all directions. Even a fly could not escape.

Simply put, Shi Feng had zero hope of escaping alive.

Faced with such overwhelming numbers, any normal person would have long since broken down from the pressure. Even Red Feather could not guarantee that he would not be affected. No ordinary person could endure the condemnation of thousands, not to mention the murderous gazes of tens of thousands. Yet, even in such a situation, Shi Feng seemed unaffected in the slightest. Shi Feng even had the spare time to send him a contemptuous gaze....

Red Feather started to wonder whether or not Shi Feng was a human. Shi Feng could actually maintain such calm.

“However, even if you don’t take my bait, you still won’t escape.” Although Red Feather felt somewhat disappointed, his intention to kill Shi Feng had not changed.

Fire and arrows blotted out the sky above Shi Feng. Even though he was Level 34 now and possessed a severe level suppression over the other players, he still would not survive these attacks.

Not a single person present believed that Shi Feng could leave this place alive.

In the next moment, however, Shi Feng confused everyone.

At this crucial moment, Shi Feng activated Defensive Blade and continued to pick up drops. One after another, he placed the items in his bag, showing that he valued money more than his own life.

Many players expressed their confusion.

“Does Black Flame really think he can escape?”

“Does Black Flame believe that, as long as he claims the loot, those items will not drop after he dies?”

However, Shi Feng still smiled faintly. He paid no attention to the incoming attacks.

Following which, wave after wave of spells and arrows landed within 20 yards around Shi Feng, transforming the area into an ocean of ice and fire. Meanwhile, all players within this 20-yard radius turned into ash; Shi Feng was no exception.

“Hahaha! Black Flame! Finally!” Lone Tyrant laughed psychotically as he watched Shi Feng turn into particles of light. Although Lone Tyrant had not done the deed personally, when the news of Black Flame’s death spread, he would definitely become the laughingstock of God’s Domain.

Zero Wing’s Guild Leader, Black Flame, had actually thrown his life away because of greed. What could be more ironic than this?

“Wait, none of the items Black Flame picked have dropped!” a player with powerful eyesight suddenly shouted in surprise.

Hearing this, a realization struck the crowd.

Indeed, just as the player had said, although Black Flame had died, the number of items on the ground had not increased. Rather, there even seemed to be a few more pieces missing.

What was happening?

Did this mean that there was no two-hour wait to claim the loot from the Mechanical Slayer?

At this moment, Lone Tyrant was stunned as well. His eyes were glued to the location where Shi Feng had died. However, no matter how hard he racked his mind, he could not figure out what had happened.

Even if there really was no two-hour waiting time for the dropped items, as a Red Name, Black Flame should have at least dropped a few pieces of the equipment he wore upon death. Yet, he had not dropped a single item after he died.

“Big Brother Red, this is bad! If the items don’t drop from a player’s inventory, it will be far more difficult to steal them!” Flourishing Willow panicked.

“Since that is the case, we’ll grab as many as we can. Let’s go.”

Originally, they had prepared their path of retreat. However, he never would have expected that the drops from the Mechanical Slayer would play such a trick on them, destroying his plans. As for whether Shi Feng had actually died or not, Red Feather had no doubts. Thousand of attacks had bombarded the area, and any stealth effects would have been useless. Moreover, even in the very end, he had not seen Shi Feng activate any skills.

“Brothers, attack! Don’t let the powerful Guilds take the drops! As long as we put the drops into our bags, the items will be ours!”

Originally, the independent players had only intended to observe. They had no plans to compete for the loot. After all, without a Guild protecting them, the moment they picked up an item would be the moment they lost their lives. At that time, not only would they lose the items they picked up, but they would also lose their own equipment and levels. Only a lunatic would try their luck. However, the situation had changed.

Black Flame had picked up so many items as everyone watched, yet, after he died, not a single item that he had picked up had dropped. This showed that the Slayer’s loot would belong to whoever picked them up.

Previously, none of the independent players saw any chances or hope of obtaining an item for themselves. Now that there was a glimmer of hope of obtaining a Fine-Gold or even Dark-Gold item, why wouldn't they be excited?

Suddenly, the tens of thousands of players went into a frenzy. They frantically launched spells and attacks towards the dropped items, barring anyone from claiming the loot.

Unknowingly, the largest war in the entire Star-Moon Kingdom, no, in the entire God's Domain, had begun in White River City. The battle was a complete mess. Even great experts could not play much of a role in a war involving tens of thousands of players. They might even find it difficult to survive.

"Big Brother Shadow Sword, should we try for some of the drops as well? We might grab ourselves a Dark-Gold item! If we're lucky, we might even get an Epic item! If we do, we won't have to worry about futures anymore," Turtledove said in excitement. Currently, she stood on a rooftop far from the battlefield.

A war of this magnitude would shock anyone. They would find themselves wanting to join the battle and display their skills and obtain some treasures while they're at it.

"Alright, we'll try our luck." As a person who pursued combat techniques, Shadow Sword would certainly not miss out on this golden opportunity. Although Shi Feng had warned them not to involve themselves, Shadow Sword had to agree with Turtledove's suggestion.

If they could be like Shi Feng, grabbing thirty to forty items for themselves, even if they died, it would be an admirable death. After all, facing the attacks of tens of thousands of players, even the top ranking expert on the Secret Pavilion's Experts List, the Undefeated God, could not possibly survive.

“For your own good, I advise you two not to go. Even if you snatch an item, you won’t get anything after you die.”

At this moment, a calm and indifferent voice reached Turtledove and Shadow Sword’s ears.

When the two heard this voice and promptly turned their heads towards the source, shock immediately appearing on their faces.

“You... How did you resurrect?” Turtledove gaped at Shi Feng with disbelief. Currently, Shi Feng still wore his Black Cloak, a calm expression on his face.

“Resurrect? I never died, so why would I need to resurrect?” Shi Feng chuckled.

Making one-way trips was not brave, but stupid. Since he had charged into battle, naturally, he had long since prepared an escape.

Before Shi Feng had charged towards the Mechanical Slayer, he had already activated Phantom Kill. He had then sent his doppelganger away from the battlefield while he forged ahead to steal both the last hit and the treasure. After he had his fill, he immediately swapped positions with his doppelganger, letting his doppelganger endure the rain of attacks while he departed from the battlefield.

“You didn’t die? How is this possible? I saw countless spells hit before you turned into particles of light and disappeared.” Turtledove walked up to Shi Feng, her bright eyes scanning his body. After an extensive examination, she revealed a look that said, “You can’t deceive me.”

Shi Feng laughed and said, "That's only a doppelganger."

"Doppelganger?" Originally, Turtledove had not believed Shi Feng in the slightest. However, at the mention of the word "doppelganger," she suddenly understood the gist of the situation, feeling slightly shocked. She never expected that Shi Feng would have planned an escape.

However, Shadow Sword was far more shocked by this revelation.

With only the use of a doppelganger, Shi Feng had managed to toy with the tens of thousands of players present, causing them to start a massacre.

If Shadow Sword and Turtledove knew that Shi Feng had come to this tall building to look for an opportunity to re-enter the battlefield....

At this moment, Shi Feng sat quietly before calling up the system interface for the Seven Luminaries Ring.

"Finally, I can level these skills." Shi Feng looked at the seven great skills displayed on the Seven Luminaries Ring interface, growing excited.

Even at Level 1, these seven skills were immensely beneficial. If he could level these skills several times, his combat power would definitely reach the next level. It would also significantly assist with his class change quest.

Chapter 352 - One-Hit Asura (1)

The battle on the streets of White River City was in full swing now, and a large number of players died with every passing moment.

Surprisingly, however, even with such a massive war going on in the middle of White River City, none of the city guards had come forth to stop the players from killing each other. The guards had only sealed off the neighborhood around the Teleportation Hall where the battle took place. As long as a battle between players remained in this area, the guards would not pay it any mind. They would silently stand aside with spears in hand.

Meanwhile, the players in question had already gone completely crazy over the loot of the Mechanical Slayer. None of them even noticed Shi Feng who currently sat on top of a building at a distance. All of their attention was directed towards the items scattered across the ground.

However, when the female Guardian Knight, Turtledove, who stood beside Shi Feng, used an identification skill on him, she abruptly jumped in shock.

Level 34?! How is his level so high?!

Currently, a majority of the players in God's Domain had yet to reach Level 20, yet, Shi Feng was Level 34....

The sight of Shi Feng's Level of 34 was enough to cause any player to despair.

In God's Domain, the suppression of 5 levels was detrimental, let alone a suppression of over 10 levels.

However, Turtledove had quickly discovered Shi Feng's level falling by one. She was confused. Shi Feng had obviously not died, yet, his level had fallen.

Turtledove did not know that, at this moment, Shi Feng had assigned a large amount of EXP to the seven great skills of the Seven Luminaries Ring.

The amount of EXP that Shi Feng possessed at Level 34 was extremely abundant, and with the EXP of a single level, he had managed to upgrade all of the seven great skills of the Seven Luminaries Ring to Level 3.

[Aura of Earth]

Level 3 (Requires 6,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 4)

Defense increased by 40%.

Damage taken reduced by 25%.

Activatable Skill-

Absolute Defense: Provides immunity to 12 attacks.

Cooldown: 1 minute 20 seconds

[Aura of Water]

Level 3 (Requires 6,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 4)

Received healing increased by 40%.

Cast Consumption reduced by 20%.

Activatable Skill-

Life Bloom: Heals selected target for 15% HP every second for 30 seconds.

Cooldown: 1 minute 30 seconds

[Aura of Wind]

Level 3 (Requires 6,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 4)

Movement Speed increased by 30%.

Attack Speed increased by 30%.

Agility increased by 20%.

Activatable Skill-

Wind Rider: Enables temporary flight and Movement Speed increase of 120% for 15 seconds.

Cooldown: 2 minutes

[Aura of Fire]

Level 3 (Requires 6,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 4)

Defense increased by 35%.

Target's Defense reduced by 30%.

Activatable Skill-

Firestorm: Inflicts 600% damage within a range of 15*15 yards for 5 seconds.

Cooldown: 5 minutes

[Aura of Time]

Level 3 (Requires 10,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 4)

Cooldown of all Skills reduced by 25%.

Enemies within a 100-yard radius will have their Movement Speed and Attack Speed reduced by 25%, and Cooldown of Skills increased by 30%.

Activatable Skill-

Absolute Time: Prevents enemies within a radius of 60 yards from using any skills or tools for 20 seconds.

Cooldown: 2 minutes 30 seconds

[Aura of Illusion]

Level 3 (Requires 10,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 4)

All Attributes increased by 25%.

Enemies within a 100-yard radius will have all their Attributes reduced by 30%.

Activatable Skill-

Fantasy World: Immunity to all Magic Damage and 15% of Magic Damage received will be converted to healing to recover player's HP for 15 seconds.

Cooldown: 3 minutes

[Aura of Space]

Level 3 (Requires 10,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 4)

Immunity to all control and restricting effects.

Activatable Skill-

Space Movement: Instantly move to any location within a radius of 360,000 yards.

Cooldown: 8 minutes

As expected, the EXP required becomes increasingly abundant at the further levels. However, the skills have indeed significantly improved. I wonder how far I can upgrade them to if I dump in all the EXP I have? Once again, Shi Feng started assigning EXP to the Seven Luminaries Ring.

This time, Shi Feng had upgraded all of the skills to Level 5, reducing his level to 26.

[Aura of Earth]

Level 5 (Requires 12,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

Defense increased by 45%.

Damage taken reduced by 35%.

Activatable Skill-

Absolute Defense: Provides immunity to 16 attacks.

Cooldown: 1 minute 20 seconds

[Aura of Water]

Level 5 (Requires 12,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

Received healing increased by 60%.

Cast Consumption reduced by 30%.

Activatable Skill-

Life Bloom: Heals selected target for 20% HP every second for 40 seconds.

Cooldown: 1 minute 30 seconds

[Aura of Wind]

Level 5 (Requires 12,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

Movement Speed increased by 40%.

Attack Speed increased by 40%.

Agility increased by 30%.

Activatable Skill-

Wind Rider: Enables temporary flight and Movement Speed increase of 150% for 20 seconds.

Cooldown: 2 minutes

[Aura of Fire]

Level 5 (Requires 12,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

Defense increased by 40%.

Target's Defense reduced by 40%.

Activatable Skill-

Firestorm: Inflicts 800% damage within a range of 25*25 yards for 5 seconds.

Cooldown: 5 minutes

[Aura of Time]

Level 5 (Requires 20,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

Cooldown of all Skills reduced by 30%.

Enemies within a 150-yard radius will have their Movement Speed and Attack Speed reduced by 30%, and Cooldown of Skills increased by 40%.

Activatable Skill-

Absolute Time: Prevents enemies within a radius of 75 yards from using any skills or tools for 24 seconds.

Cooldown: 2 minutes 30 seconds

[Aura of Illusion]

Level 5 (Requires 20,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

All Attributes increased by 30%.

Enemies within a 150-yard radius will have all their Attributes reduced by 30%.

Activatable Skill-

Fantasy World: Immunity to all Magic Damage and 15% of Magic Damage received will be converted to healing to recover player's HP for 20 seconds.

Cooldown: 3 minutes

[Aura of Space]

Level 5 (Requires 20,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

Immunity to all control and restricting effects.

Activatable Skill-

Space Movement: Instantly move to any location within a radius of 400,000 yards.

Cooldown: 6 minutes

After Shi Feng examined the Attributes of the Level 5 Seven Luminaries Ring, his calm heart inadvertently grew excited.

In the legends, the Seven Luminaries Ring was said to be a Godly Relic. Even if it were just an Epic ranked Replica of the item, its strength far surpassed any player's imagination.

Currently, the Seven Luminaries Ring Replica Shi Feng possessed was only Level 5. Looking at the Replica's current Attributes, Shi Feng had even wondered if this Seven Luminaries Ring Replica could rival the strength an actual Legendary item.

However, if Shi Feng wanted to continue upgrading the Seven Luminaries Ring, he would need a horrifying amount of EXP. In his current position, it was simply impossible to upgrade the ring to Level 6.

Next, I need to work on the sure-kill skill, Flame Burst. Shi Feng called up the skill interface and began to upgrade Flame Burst.

Back in the Flame God's Cave, Shi Feng had upgraded the skill to Level 5.

[Flame Burst]

Level 5 (Requires 4,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Level 6)

Channeling time: 2 seconds

Gathers the power of flames to a single point and causes 420% damage to the target.

Attack Count: 6 times

Cooldown: 3 minutes 30 seconds

In a single breath, Shi Feng upgraded Flame Burst four times, the skill reaching Level 9. Meanwhile, Shi Feng's level had fallen from 26 to 21.

[Flame Burst]

Level 9 (Requires 60,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Tier 1 skill)

Channeling time: 1 seconds

Gathers the power of flames to a single point and causes 750% damage to the target.

Attack Count: 12 times

Cooldown: 3 minutes

Chapter 353 - One-Hit Asura (2)

"I never really have enough EXP. However, I can only leave it for now. Even if I fall back to Level 0, I won't have enough EXP to upgrade the skill," Shi Feng laughed bitterly as he looked at his own level.

Level 21.

His current level was even lower than before he had returned to White River City. However, his combat power was much higher than any ordinary Level 34 player.

Meanwhile, Turtledove and Shadow Sword were completely stupefied right now.

Within minutes, a Level 34 player had fallen to Level 21. Turtledove and Shadow Sword had even wondered if their eyes were playing tricks on them. How could a player's level decrease by itself? Although they both eagerly wanted to ask Shi Feng the about his Level, they felt embarrassed to do so. After all, they had yet to join Zero Wing officially. As the leader of a Guild, how could they presume to ask for Shi Feng's secrets?

Although Shi Feng could discern the doubts filling the minds of the two minds beside him, he did not bother to explain himself. This was his secret. If the matter of the Seven Luminaries Ring were revealed, a calamity would definitely befall him in the future.

At this moment, Shi Feng received another system notification.

System: Guild Crusade Quest completed. Zero Wing's Popularity increased by 30,000 points.

System: Congratulations player for completing a Guild Crusade Quest. Rewarding 70 White River City Reputation Points and 5,000,000 EXP.

Suddenly, Shi Feng's level recovered to Level 22.

“Guild Leader, we’ve secured all of the treasure in Creek Town. Everyone’s Reputation had increased beyond 100 points, and we’ve become nobles. We won’t suffer any consequences if we enter the city as Red Names now. Fire Dance and the others have returned to the city to accept their class change quests,” Aqua Rose suddenly reported through the team chat.

“Good. The rest of you should return as well. While you’re at it, summon all members of Zero Wing to the Teleportation Hall,” Shi Feng said, smiling faintly as he watched the current stalemate on the battlefield.

Today was destined to be an extraordinary night. It was also the night when Zero Wing would fully emerge from the shadows.

“I understand. We’ll hurry over immediately,” Aqua Rose answered without hesitation before disconnecting the call. At this point, Aqua Rose no longer doubted Shi Feng’s decisions.

After the call ended, Shi Feng remained sitting on the rooftop, quietly observing the intense battle below.

After another hour had passed, the number of players still alive on the battlefield had dwindled down from the initial 500,000 to less than 100,000. The brutality of the war far exceeded everyone’s imaginations.

Throughout this period, other players would slaughter anyone who dared approach the loot from the Mechanical Slayer regardless of who they were.

Even when a Guild had sent hundreds of members charging forward, the result was the same.

In the end, the situation had devolved into one where it became impossible for one side to steal any of the drops without annihilating everyone else.

However, along with the decrease of players, Guilds' advantages began to reveal themselves. Among the tens of thousands of players remaining, a large majority of them were Guild players. Meanwhile, the number of independent players decreased as some independent players had opted to give up and retreat from the battlefield.

Without the interruption from independent players, the various Guilds had also started to make their moves. Gradually, one Guild after another charged towards the unclaimed loot.

However, how could the other Guilds willingly sit by and watch as other Guilds obtained the drops of the Mechanical Slayer? Hence, the Guilds present split their members into two groups: one to hinder the other Guilds and one to seize the items.

As a result, the various Guilds initiated another intense battle with each other.

"These items all belong to Dark Star! Do you think small Guilds like you are worthy of fighting us?" Lone Tyrant swung his shield, slamming it into a Swordsman from a small Guild and sending him flying. He then bellowed, "Assassins, go for the items! Everyone else, protect them!"

Immediately, dozens of Assassins from Dark Star sped forward, while the other members of Dark Star opened a path for these Assassins.

"You wish to take those items? Have you sought my permission to do so yet?" Red Feather led his subordinates forward, gradually approaching the drops while hindering Dark Star.

Simultaneously, Emperor's Light, the Assassin's Alliance, and World Dominators also began to fight their way forward.

Although these powerful Guilds were very strong, the small Guilds were no fools. These powerful Guilds' main target would be the highest concentration of loot. Hence, as unrated Guilds, rather than competing over these locations, it would be far wiser for them to compete over locations with fewer items. That way, they would have fewer challengers.

Meanwhile, seeing the various Guilds picking up drops one after another, the independent players watching from the outskirts of the battlefield could not help but grow envious.

At this moment, however, the Guilds that had managed to secure some drops for themselves also displayed grim expressions.

Originally, they had been fighting vigorously while ignoring all costs in order to secure the loot. After all, as long as they put these items into their bag, even if they died, these items would not drop.

However, now that they had gotten their hands on these items, the result was completely different from what they expected.

Any players holding the dropped items had to stay alive and hold said items for two hours. If killed during this time, the dropped items would automatically fall from the player's bag.

"What the hell is going on here?" Lone Tyrant looked at the dropped item inside his bag, his brows wrinkled.

To secure the dropped items, they had not held anything back while slaughtering their way forward, even at the expense of sacrificing their own companions. Meanwhile, the only reason Lone Tyrant willing made such a huge sacrifice was because he knew that they could take ownership of the dropped items the moment they got their hands on them. At this moment, out of the 10,000-plus Dark Star members who had arrived, less than 1,000 remained. Yet, Lone Tyrant had made all those sacrifices only to find out that the battle was not over yet. The dropped items they had obtained could switch ownership at any given moment.

At this moment, all those who managed to obtain a dropped item felt their blood rush to their heads.

Due to this sudden change, another change also swept through the battlefield.

The various Guilds immediately started relocating their members who had managed to obtain a drop. Simultaneously, they had also sent more people to kill the members of other Guilds who held items. Suddenly, the battlefield became even more fierce than before.

At this point, the more members a Guild possessed, the greater the advantage it had. Meanwhile, as the Guild with the most members remaining at this moment, Dark Star was also the Guild that had looted the most items.

Very quickly, Dark Star looted another dozen or so items. In addition to the ones they had previously obtained, the number of dropped items now in Dark Star's possession totaled 24. At this moment, aside from Shi Feng, Dark Star had the largest harvest.

Just as the escort Lone Tyrant personally led was about enter White River City's safe zone...

Suddenly, a black figure appeared before Lone Tyrant.

“Black Flame, should I commend you for your bravery or stupidity? Despite managing to escape, rather than going into hiding with the items you obtained, you actually dare appear before me once again. Very well. Today, I will finish you off. As for the items in your possession, they will all belong to Dark Star.”

Lone Tyrant recognized Shi Feng almost instantly. With a sneer, he waved his hand. Over a hundred melee players surrounded Shi Feng, while the mages at the rear line started chanting their spells. The healers also began to back off. This time, however, they stood sparsely apart from each other. Obviously, they had done so to avoid getting caught by Shi Feng’s large-scale AOE magic and that silencing field which prevented them from using any of their skills or tools.

“Black Flame, you must feel so helpless when you see this formation, no? You will definitely die this time. If you have to blame someone, blame yourself for showing up in front of me,” Lone Tyrant boasted.

Shi Feng simply smiled at Dark Star’s formation.

If this had happened before he had upgraded the Seven Luminaries Ring, this formation would have caused him a headache. With several hundred people standing so sparsely, the effective range of Firestorm and Absolute Time would indeed be insufficient to deal with all of them. Without the silencing field, as the battle drew on, he would have no choice but to escape.

However, circumstances had changed.

Looking at the hundreds of Level 16 and Level 17 melee players charging at him from all directions, Shi Feng activated Absolute Time. At Level 5, Absolute Time had an effective radius of 75 yards, so it covered a large majority of the scattered players. As for those that were outside the range of Absolute Time, they were no threat to Shi Feng.

Following which, Shi Feng switched out the Aura of Time for the Aura of Fire on the Seven Luminaries Ring, increasing his damage dealt by 40%, while reducing his target's Defense by 40%.

However, Shi Feng was not done yet. Shi Feng then activated the additional skill of Purgatory's Shadow, Purgatory Power, increasing his Attack Speed by 100% and damage by 30% for 15 seconds. Immediately after, Shi Feng used Windwalk and advanced, abruptly charging towards the members of Dark Star.

Shi Feng's first target was a Level 17 Shield Warrior. Raising the Abyssal Blade, Shi Feng lightly slashed at the Shield Warrior. The silvery-gray Abyssal Blade transformed into a streak of silvery-gray light. Before the Shield Warrior could lift his shield against Shi Feng's attack, a deep slash appeared on his Mysterious-Iron ranked breastplate.

A critical damage of -3,216 appeared above the Shield Warrior's head.

Following which, this Level 17 Shield Warrior, which possessed slightly more than 2,600 HP, died.

Before this Shield Warrior's body hit the ground, Shi Feng had already arrived in front of a Berserker. Similarly, Shi Feng struck once before leaving behind an afterimage and charging towards the next Swordsman.

From an outsider's point of view, they could only see a dark shadow passing by the members of Dark Star. Then, for reasons unknown, those Dark Star members suddenly fell to the ground, their HP bars completely depleted.

Meanwhile, this dark shadow was so fast that it only took around six seconds to move through every single member of Dark Star.

By the time this shadow stopped moving, the several hundred Dark Star members had become corpses; only silence and hundreds of dropped items accompanied these corpses.

The players watching this scene play out from afar were completely stupefied.

This was too horrifying!

“Are you a ghost or a human...?” Lone Tyrant gaped at the hundreds of dead Dark Star elites in front of him in disbelief. Before he could make sense of what was happening, all of his companions had died. The word “fear” was no longer sufficient to describe what Lone Tyrant currently felt.

“What do you think?” Shi Feng said, smiling faintly as he shifted his gaze to Lone Tyrant.

Lone Tyrant’s heart jumped when he saw the ridiculing smile on Shi Feng’s face. At this moment, he no longer thought of retaliating. He even doubted that the person before him was Black Flame, but an Evil Rakshasa of God’s Domain instead. Otherwise, how could he possibly explain the unbelievable sight before him? How was it even possible for a player to be so powerful?

At this moment, escape was Lone Tyrant’s only hope.

Even if he had ten lives, they wouldn’t be enough against such an Evil Rakshasa.

However, as soon as Lone Tyrant turned around, he discovered that Shi Feng had already appeared in front of him. Immediately after, he saw the Abyssal Blade in Shi Feng’s hand give off a dazzling light. He also felt himself melt at the immense temperature radiating from Shi Feng’s sword.

This skill was none other than Shi Feng's recently-upgraded Level 9 Flame Burst.

Before Lone Tyrant could react, the scorching Abyssal Blade had run through his heart. The hell-like flames incinerated his body. At the same time, a massive damage of over -10,000 appeared above Lone Tyrant's head. Following which, as if struck by a meteorite, Lone Tyrant was sent flying backward. However, before his body made contact with a solid surface, he had become nothing more than ash in the wind.

Chapter 354 - Hunter and Prey

After killing Lone Tyrant, Shi Feng turned to face the remaining Dark Star members behind him.

At this point, Shi Feng had thoroughly frightened these players.

He only required one strike per person, a hundred strikes to bring about annihilation.

In the blink of an eye, hundreds of players had died, just like that. Moreover, even their Guild Leader, Lone Tyrant, could not withstand a single hit before the Evil Rakshasa burned him to ash.

The remaining Dark Star members felt a chill crawl down their spines when Shi Feng glanced at them. Their limbs felt like lead, incomparably heavy. At this moment, none of them had any courage to continue fighting.

Meanwhile, many players watching from afar immediately uploaded the videos they had recorded to the official forums, creating a huge sensation. As a result, the name Black Flame became even more popular than before.

“Run!”

No one knew who had shouted this single word. However, all of the remaining Dark Star members expressed their unanimous agreement as they scattered and ran in all directions.

With hundreds of players running away from him in all directions, even Shi Feng, as fast as he was, could not possibly kill all of them. Hence, Shi Feng decided to target the nine Assassins and Rangers who were being protected by a group of their companions.

These players bore the dropped items from the Mechanical Slayer. Shi Feng might be able to ignore killing everyone else, but he could not ignore these nine.

“Damn! Why is my luck so rotten!” one of the escaping Assassins paled with fright when he saw Shi Feng dart towards his group. Seeing as escape was no longer an option, the Assassin spun around and prepared for a desperate battle. “Face me if you can!”

However, by the time this Assassin turned to face Shi Feng, the blazing Abyssal Blade had already penetrated his chest. The Assassin’s HP quickly bottomed out, and three items dropped from his lifeless body. Among them, two were items dropped by the Mechanical Slayer.

Shi Feng immediately grabbed the loot from the Mechanical Slayer and tossed them into his bag. He then charged towards his next target.

By the time everyone from Dark Star had run out of Absolute Time's effective radius, Shi Feng had killed six people in quick succession, obtaining a total of 15 dropped items. As for the remaining three, they had escaped.

"Not a bad harvest," Shi Feng smiled satisfactorily as he looked at the new additions to his bag.

Including these 15 items, he had obtained a total of 52 dropped items. That was practically half of the Mechanical Slayer's drops.

Just as Shi Feng prepared to leave, he suddenly discovered the players from other Guilds all barreling towards him. Meanwhile, every one of these players wore greedy expressions, and they all thought of Shi Feng as a fat sheep.

If Shi Feng had only taken a handful of the loot, they would not have dared strike at Shi Feng even if someone put a gun to their heads.

However, the number of dropped items Shi Feng obtained was simply too shocking.

Hence, their greed had overtaken their fear.

Although the strength Shi Feng displayed defied all reason, everyone had the courage to charge at Shi Feng because they knew that his explosive strength could only last for a short time. Moreover, large-scale silencing skills like the one Shi Feng used would definitely have a very long Cooldown.

Knowing that the situation had become unfavorable, Shi Feng immediately turned and ran.

He had only recently used Absolute Time, so the skill was still on Cooldown at that moment. Without the skill, he stood absolutely no chance against thousands of players.

“Boss Red Feather, Black Flame is trying to flee. It will be difficult to deal with him if we allow him to escape into White River City’s safe zone. Should we use that item now?” a Cursemancer asked.

At this moment, Red Feather carefully considered the situation.

Standing by his side, Flourishing Willow said, “Big Brother Red, are we really going to make a move against him?”

Flourishing Willow’s words surprised her teammates.

Normally, Flourishing Willow was the most bloodthirsty out of any of them. How could her change of heart not surprise them?

“Willow, I thought you said that you wanted to teach Black Flame a lesson? What’s changed? Don’t tell me you’re afraid,” an Assassin on the same team joked.

“Huh? Who’s afraid? Are you itching for a beating? Why don’t we have a private spar once we return?” Flourishing Willow glared at the Assassin.

“Ah, No! I was just joking! You’re a great expert who ranks on the Experts List; why would you bully me?” the Assassin hurriedly said, concerned for his safety.

Aside from their Boss Red Feather, Flourishing Willow was the strongest powerhouse in their team, and nobody dared provoke her.

“Hmph,” Flourishing Willow proudly snorted. She then shifted her gaze to Red Feather, whose expression appeared melancholic, wondering what his decision would be.

Previously, Shi Feng had meant nothing to her. Even if Shi Feng’s past performances were outstanding, at most, he would only shine in White River City. However, things were different now.

Now that she had personally witnessed Shi Feng’s skilled and rapid movements, Flourishing Willow was sure that his strength would carry him beyond the confines of just a city. It was especially true for that frighteningly accurate swordsmanship of his.

In just a few seconds, Shi Feng had brandished his sword over a hundred times. He had even done so while moving at high speeds. It would have been reasonable if Shi Feng had simply killed the players of Dark Star. However, Shi Feng had actually managed to bury his sword in the heart of every player. Even Red Feather could not achieve such a feat.

In addition to being so highly skilled, Black Flame was also the Guild Leader of Zero Wing; his status was not low.

Even if they discarded all pretenses and killed Black Flame, it would not benefit the Star Alliance.

“Move out!” In the end, Red Feather still made his decision.

They had an opportunity of obtaining a large number of Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold items; so what if they had to offend Zero Wing? Moreover, the Star Alliance was a first-rate Guild. Even Ouroboros did not dare disrespect them, much less Zero Wing.

“OK,” the several Assassins in the team replied excitedly, each of them promptly retrieving a purple-gold crystal ball from their bag. Activating Wind Steps and Stealth, these Assassins swiftly dashed towards Shi Feng.

Shi Feng’s Movement Speed was extremely fast, and ordinary players had no chance of catching up to him. Even Rangers, Assassins, and Swordsmen, who all boasted high Movement Speeds, could not catch up to Shi Feng.

Surprisingly, however, the distance between Shi Feng and the players chasing him gradually shortened.

Initially, there had been a span of 100 yards between them; now, there were only 30 yards. If the distance shortened by just another step, the Shield Warriors and Berserkers could use Charge to pin down Shi Feng.

However, no matter how hard the Warriors tried, none of them could reduce this distance of 30 yards any further. It drove them all mad.

“That sure is a lot of people,” Shi Feng turned to look at the crowd chasing him, his lips curling upwards.

At this moment, none of the players pursuing Shi Feng had discovered that, instead of moving closer to White River City’s safe zone, they were actually moving farther from it.

Soon, Shi Feng would reach the entrance of the Teleportation Hall.

“Crap! He’s trying to escape through the teleportation array!”

The crowd started growing anxious. If they allowed Shi Feng to teleport from White River City, it would be extremely difficult for them to catch him.

“Look, there seems to be a group of people coming out from the Teleportation Hall!”

“Hey! Help us stop that person! That person has Dark-Gold ranked treasures on him! Those treasures will fall off his body as long as we kill him!”

Seeing that the group walking out of the Teleportation Hall consisted of over a hundred players, the crowd’s hopes rekindled. They tried thinking of how they could convince that group of players to hinder Shi Feng’s escape. As long as those players could pin him down for a moment, they could surround him once more.

When the players emerging from the Teleportation Hall heard these words, they immediately took action. Without hesitation, they blocked off the entrance of the Teleportation Hall. Seeing this, the crowd celebrated.

“Wait, why do those people look somewhat familiar?”

“Eh? Aren’t the two great beauties standing at the front Zero Wing’s Fire Dance and Aqua Rose?”

“Why would they be here?”

As the distance between them and the Teleportation Hall shortened, the crowd could gradually see more details of those hundreds of players. Suddenly, they realized that something was wrong. The gaze Aqua Rose and the others shot them was the same gazes that they had used to look at Shi Feng.

It was neither a gaze of ridicule or laughter. Rather, it was the predatory gaze a hunter used while watching prey.

Chapter 355 - Biggest Winner

“We’ve been had! This Black Flame is too cunning! He wasn’t trying to run away at all! Instead, he was luring us over here! Everyone, be careful!”

“What’s there to be afraid of? They only have over a hundred people. We have over ten thousand on our side. Do they think they can really turn the tide?”

Although the crowd had discovered that something was wrong, they couldn't care less.

An arrow fitted on the bow-string couldn't avoid being fired.

Shi Feng had simply obtained too many dropped items. They might not get another opportunity to find such a fat sheep in the future. Right now, the total number of drops all of their Guilds obtained was nowhere near what Shi Feng carried. Hence, they would not hesitate, even if they had to start a war with these hundreds of players from Zero Wing.

“Hahaha! Excellent! We could only play the role of side characters back in Creek Town. Now, I can finally exercise my hands!” Blackie said joyfully as he watched the incoming crowd.

“Blackie, don’t kill too many. Let the others get some practice as well. It isn’t very often we get to participate in such a large-scale battle,” Fire Dance smiled faintly as she unsheathed her daggers and entered stealth.

Black and Fire Dance’s excitement left their teammates speechless.

In Zero Wing, it was common knowledge that Blackie and Fire Dance were the two gods of slaughter in the Guild. In the previous war involving four of the top six Guilds of White River City, if Blackie had not wielded large-scale magic such as the Stars of Light, Fire Dance’s total number of kills would have definitely surpassed his.

“Everyone, be careful. Since these people have survived until now, they should have some strength.” Aqua Rose simply ignored Blackie’s and Fire Dance’s actions. The Attack Power the two of them possessed was simply not something others could replicate.

“Big Sis Aqua, don’t worry! Now that we have upgraded our equipment, this is a perfect chance to see how much we have improved.”

The others started laughing.

After the death of the Mechanical Slayer, the magic barrier protecting the treasures of the Blood Hand Association also disappeared. The Blood Hand Association's treasures were a great eye-opener for everyone. In total, they claimed several hundred Mysterious-Iron items. There were also plenty of Secret-Silver and Fine-Gold ranked weapons and equipment. After distributing and equipping these items, everyone's equipment standard had significantly improved.

Now, although their opponents numbered over ten thousand, they possessed the advantage of levels and equipment. They also occupied a strategic location. After all, the Teleportation Hall could only hold so many people at a single time. It was not possible for all of the incoming players to squeeze into the hall simultaneously. In other words, despite the overwhelming odds, they were not without a chance for victory.

At this moment, Shi Feng stopped right before the entrance of the Teleportation Hall. He then turned to face the various Guilds charging at him.

On one side, there were over ten thousand players, while on the other, there were a hundred or so players. The difference in numbers was over 100 times. However, the various Guilds abruptly stopped when the distance between them and Shi Feng shortened to 50 yards.

"Black Flame, don't think that you are invincible just because you now have back up! If you hand over the loot, we will consider sparing your life! Otherwise, today will be the day that your legend comes to an end!"

"Hand over the drops, and we'll spare you your life! Otherwise, you and your team will be finished!"

The Guild Leaders of the various Guilds glared at Shi Feng with crazed eyes. They wanted nothing more than to murder Shi Feng right now. Previously, the massacre the Mechanical Slayer carried out under Shi Feng's lead severely wounded their Guilds. Afterward, due to Shi Feng faking his own death, they even began to slaughter each other indiscriminately, decreasing their numbers once more. Now, so many reinforcements suddenly appeared. Who knew if Shi Feng had anything else prepared?

Now that Shi Feng had suddenly turned to smile at them, how could they not feel worried? Hence, they all decided to halt their steps rather than continuing to charge forward.

What if they recklessly rushed again, only to find themselves caught by another one of Shi Feng's traps?

Thus, nobody dared to be the first to charge over.

"What's the point of talking so much trash? You've chased me for so long, so shouldn't it be my turn now?" Shi Feng smirked at the army of players before him. Revealing a faint smile, he slowly unsheathed the Abyssal Blade.

Shi Feng's calm reaction began to unnerve some of the Guilds present.

Facing an army of over ten thousand, even a first-rate expert would react anxiously. However, even after observing Shi Feng for so long, they could not detect the slightest hint of panic on his face.

Did Shi Feng truly possess another card that could allow his small team to defeat them?

"Big Brother Red, there is definitely something suspicious going on. Now that Black Flame has reached the Teleportation Hall, he can escape at any time. Yet, instead of doing so, he actually plans to take a stand," Flourishing Willow said, her brows tightening.

Red Feather nodded in agreement, feeling that something was indeed wrong with this situation.

Before, Shi Feng could have simply escaped into White River City's safe zone. At that time, with the protection of the city guards, it would not be so easy to steal the Mechanical Slayer's loot from him anymore.

Yet, instead of doing so, Shi Feng had gradually lured everyone to the Teleportation Hall. Why would Shi Feng do such a thing?

"Crap! We've been tricked! Black Flame is trying to buy time!" Red Feather suddenly panicked. Hurriedly, he opened the team member display to check whether or not his team members inside the White River City safe zone were safe.

"Big Brother Red, what's going on?" Flourishing Willow looked at Red Feather, confused.

"Black Flame is trying to lure the tiger away from the mountain. Zero Wing has over 5,000 members, yet, only a hundred or so are here. Since he could call over these hundred or so members, why didn't he send for even more reinforcements?" Red Feather explained. "The only reason he did not send for more reinforcements was that he had sent the rest to hunt the transport teams who are safeguarding the loot. Moreover, by blocking the Teleportation Hall, he can choose to attack or retreat any time he wants. As soon as the other members of Zero Wing obtain the drops, they can leave immediately."

Red Feather had not used the team chat when he spoke. Moreover, he had not kept his voice down, so the other Guilds had heard his words very clearly. Suddenly, the Guild Leaders of the various Guilds turned pale.

Immediately, they started contacting the players that were transporting the dropped items.

However, none of their calls connected. The results were the same when they tried contacting the other team members of the transport team.

“You’ve only realized it now? Unfortunately, it’s too late,” Shi Feng laughed, shaking his head as he watched the various Guilds’ actions.

Indeed, just as Red Feather had guessed, even before he had slaughtered the members of Dark Star, he had arranged for Zero Wing’s army to keep an eye on the transport teams of the other Guilds. When Shi Feng started his battle with Dark Star, Zero Wing’s army took action.

As the various Guilds had lusted after the items on Shi Feng, they had not allocated many members to escort the transport team. Some Guilds only allocated a few dozen members, while some had only allocated a dozen or so. Meanwhile, each of Zero Wing’s groups consisted of at least more than a hundred. Some even possessed up to 400 members. There was no way they would fail.

Moreover, in order to prevent these transport teams from reporting back to their respective Guilds about the ambush, Shi Feng had purchased a large number of Information Sealing Scrolls from the Magic Shop. The Information Sealing Scroll was extremely expensive, with each one costing 50 Silver Coins. This scroll could neither attack nor defend. It was also not a support item. In addition, the scroll could only target players. This scroll’s only function was to prevent players from using the game’s communication system for a certain amount of time. During this period, players could not receive or send any messages. The only form of communication they could use was ordinary speech. Hence, all this time, the Information Sealing Scroll was an item that the player populace of God’s Domain had ignored.

During the ambush, although these transport teams were just a short distance away from the battlefield, they could not contact their respective Guilds to request reinforcements. Faced with troops several times their number, these transport teams had no chance of protecting the loot they carried.

Also, even though these transport teams were inside the city’s safe zone, the city guards needed time to come to their rescue. During this time, unless the transport team of a Guild possessed only top-tier experts, their deaths were all but certain. Even if the city guards arrived later, the dropped items of the

Mechanical Slayer could simply be passed on and claimed by the Zero Wing members who had not participated in the battle.

At this moment, Red Feather was livid. Although he did not know how Shi Feng had sealed off their communication, when he saw the HP bars of his team members decreasing, he could guess what had happened.

Without a doubt, his team members were definitely caught in an intense battle.

At this moment, Red Feather finally realized that he had massively underestimated Shi Feng. He had been thoroughly fooled by Shi Feng's facade of a first-rate expert. Compared to Shi Feng's combat techniques, his cunning was far more terrifying.

Despite the price so many players and Guilds had paid, in the end, Zero Wing became the biggest, no, the only winner of this war.

Rather than calling Shi Feng a fledgling fox, it would be more appropriate to consider him an old demon fox that has lived for countless years.

Chapter 356 - One Man Holding Out against Ten Thousand

"Big Brother Red, their HPs aren't declining that rapidly. They should have started fighting not that long ago. Also, they're only a short distance away from us. If we run back there right now, we might still be able to save them," Flourishing Willow said hurriedly.

However, the moment Flourishing Willow finished speaking, one of the members on their transport team suddenly died.

“What?!”

Flourishing Willow looked at one of the HP bars on the list of team members in disbelief. The dark HP bar proved that this player was already dead. She was very clear on the strength of the team transporting the dropped items. They were all elites of the Star Alliance. Yet, just shortly after the battle started, one of these elites had already died. How could she not be shocked by this situation?

“It’s too late. At this point, we can only kill Black Flame to make up for our losses.” Red Feather shook his head. He then looked at Shi Feng, rage burning in his eyes.

In reality, Red Feather was not the only person present who was angry. The other Guilds were similarly enraged.

Shi Feng had so easily taken away the dropped items they had paid such a large price to obtain. This also meant that, at this moment, Shi Feng had obtained all the drops of the Mechanical Slayer. So, how could they not feel angry?

They had far underestimated Shi Feng’s ambitions. From the moment the Mechanical Slayer attacked the city, Shi Feng never had any intention of letting anyone obtain a share of the loot.

Now, they finally realized how naive they had been. They had lost the battle from the very beginning...

The battle between their transport teams and the members of Zero Wing had been going on for some time now. It would be too late even if they tried to rescue the transport teams. The only thing they

could do now was to get rid of Shi Feng. In any case, the number of drops Shi Feng had on him was almost the same as the number of drops of the Guilds combined.

“Kill him! Kill him right this instant!”

“Black Flame, today will be your funeral!”

None of the Guilds present could care less anymore. All of them started charging at Shi Feng one after another, not caring whether or not Shi Feng had set up any traps for them.

However, when the various Guilds started charging at him, Shi Feng and the others of Zero Wing also retreated into the Teleportation Hall. Facing death with a smile, the various Guilds rushed into the building without a moment's hesitation.

Seeing the large number of players swarming into the Teleportation Hall, Shi Feng said in the team chat, “Start!”

Blackie, who had been eagerly waiting for this moment, immediately cast Stars of Light.

The entrance and hallway of the Teleportation Hall was not very spacious, with a capacity of only around a hundred players or so. Meanwhile, the range of the Stars of Light just happened to completely cover this area.

One after another, stars of sacred light shot down from the sky, rocking the entire Teleportation Hall. Even with the preparations the Guilds made, the might of the Stars of Light was simply too overwhelming. Despite the healers at the rear trying their best to save their companions, Blackie's Stars

of Light destroyed even the MTs, who possessed the highest HP and Defense, in just two to three rounds.

After the duration of Stars of Light ended, many members of the various Guilds had died.

Shi Feng estimated the death toll for Blackie's skill at over 500. At this moment, Blackie's name looked more black than red. If not for the guards of White River City temporarily halting their management over the vicinity of the Teleportation Hall, the guards would have killed Blackie dozens of times by now.

Meanwhile, Blackie's skill had thoroughly shocked the various Guilds.

The scene before them brought home to the crowd once more the importance of large-scale destruction spells. Even before their frontline players had a chance to clash with the enemy, their side had already suffered so many deaths...

This was just like the battlefields of ancient times when archers would already fire their bows before the two sides could even clash. In this case, however, since their side did not possess any archers, they would naturally suffer a one-sided beating. The only thing they could do in this situation was to endure and hope they survived.

Fortunately, large-scale destruction spells like this definitely had a very long Cooldown time. After all, if such powerful skills could be used constantly, would there even be a need for them to fight? They might as well stand still and await their deaths.

"Don't be afraid! Charge! They should have used up their skills already!" Red Feather calmly shouted a reminder to everyone.

Following which, the members of the various Guilds charged at Shi Feng once more. In addition, the number of players that charged into the Teleportation Hall this time was even greater than before.

At this moment, the members of Zero Wing were also ready for battle.

“Just in time. Let’s see how powerful my newly improved skill is, then.”

At this moment, Shi Feng finally utilized the Seven Luminaries Ring and activated Firestorm. The Level 5 Firestorm was even more powerful than Blackie’s Stars of Light.

Towering flames brightly illuminated the entire Teleportation Hall. The temperature inside the building rose by tens of degrees as well. Numerous butterflies formed by flames fluttered gracefully around the Teleportation Hall, creating a beautiful scene to behold. However, all the players touched by these flame butterflies instantly combusted, their bodies turning into ash shortly after. Before the healers standing at the back could react, countless players had already died. The number of deaths caused by Shi Feng’s Firestorm far surpassed Blackie’s Stars of Light.

“Why do they still possess large-scale destruction spells?”

The various Guilds present had long since known about Blackie’s Stars of Light. After all, the scene of Blackie using this skill had appeared on video recordings many times by now. Since they had been prepared for it, they had not sent their full force in the initial charge.

For their second charge, however, they had held nothing back.

Yet, now, Zero Wing had revealed a second, and even more powerful, large-scale destruction spell. This situation greatly confused everyone. Just where did Zero Wing manage to obtain so many large-scale destruction spells?

Just having one of such spells was already a near-impossible feat. At this stage of the game, not even first-rate Guilds possessed a single one of such powerful spells. Yet, Zero Wing actually laid claim to two.

After Firestorm ended, the members of the various Guilds turned silent. No longer did anybody dare to rush forward.

After seeing this second large-scale destruction spell unleashed, the various Guilds present started hesitating. Instead of letting their blood rush to their heads, they started calmly observing the situation.

Looking at Shi Feng's leisurely behavior as he stood inside the Teleportation Hall, they could not help but wonder whether Shi Feng still had another card hidden up his sleeves. From beginning to end, Shi Feng had never considered the army before him a threat. The expression Shi Feng had, in particular, made it seem as if everything was under his control.

If there were still members among Zero Wing capable of using large-scale destruction spells, wouldn't they just be seeking their own deaths by recklessly charging ahead?

Before arriving at the Teleportation Hall, the various Guilds present had already suffered immense losses. Now, the two spells they suffered were like fuel added to the fire. If they were to take another one or two of such blows, just how were they supposed to cope with the losses?

"Why aren't you guys charging?! It is impossible for Zero Wing to possess any more of such large-scale destruction spells!" Red Feather shouted anxiously as he looked at the various Guilds.

“Brother Red Feather, it’s not that we are unwilling to charge. However, our manpower is limited. What if they reveal another large-scale destruction spell? My Guild can’t hope to endure another blow like that.”

“Brother Red Feather, why don’t you lead the charge for us? If Zero Wing has indeed run out of large-scale destruction spells, we’ll then follow you in your charge.”

Red Feather nearly spat out a mouthful of blood at these Guild Leaders when he heard their words.

He had brought only a small number of members with him on this expedition to White River City. After going through the two great wars earlier, he had lost over half the members he had brought. Just moments ago, Zero Wing had also killed his transport team. In the end, the only thing he gained from this trip was losses! If he were to send his few remaining members at Zero Wing right now, wouldn’t he just be seeking his own death?

At this time, the various Guild Leaders present were also unwilling to let their own subordinates act as cannon fodder. Every death was a loss of money to them. As of this moment, they had yet to gain a single thing, so how would they be willing to continue throwing lives away?

Previously, they had gotten caught in Shi Feng’s plots one after another. Now, Zero Wing’s performance had even surpassed their expectations. After suffering successive blows, they were truly afraid now.

“What? Not gonna charge at us anymore? If you guys aren’t coming, then we’ll be leaving.” Shi Feng stood at the stairs of the Teleportation Hall, looking at the various Guilds that did not dare to enter the building.

The calm and easygoing smile Shi Feng wore made it impossible for anyone to guess at his thoughts.

Looking at Shi Feng's relaxed and indifferent attitude, as well as the low-grade provocation he used, the various Guilds present became even more certain that Shi Feng still possessed a hidden trump card. As long as they dared to charge at him, what awaited them would be an even greater loss.

At this moment, the independent players observing from afar were completely stupefied by this scene.

An army of tens of thousand!

Shi Feng actually intimidated such a force all by himself, such that they didn't dare to set even a single foot inside the Teleportation Hall.

This scene was truly one man holding out against ten thousand.

Before today, nobody present would have believed such a nonsensical feat was actually possible. Now, however, they believed it. After all, Shi Feng was the best proof.

It would be an honor to die to such a player!

After a stalemate of more than ten seconds, Red Feather suddenly stepped forward.

"Everyone, don't be fooled by Black Flame! Do you think large-scale destruction spells can be obtained so easily? He is simply buying time! As long as we charge at him once more, the drops Black Flame obtained will be ours!" Red Feather did not believe that Shi Feng still possessed a third large-scale destruction spell. Shi Feng was definitely tricking them. Emphatically, Red Feather advised, "If anyone

doesn't believe me, then our Star Alliance will compensate you with five times the losses you will suffer!"

Chapter 357 - Six-star Extermination Magic Array

Red Feather's offer of compensating five times the losses had they suffered was very tempting, and many Guild Leaders present hesitated at the offer.

Unlike the powerful Guilds in White River City, as unrated Guilds, they did not have much financial support as unrated Guilds. Their sources for Gold Coins were also limited. If they signed an agreement with Red Feather, their subordinates' deaths would only profit them in the future.

If they took Red Feather's offer, however, they would sacrifice a lot of their Guilds' strength. Moreover, they would also lose the faith of their Guild members.

Seeing these Guilds hesitate, Red Feather started to panic. Although he was unsure of whether Zero Wing still possessed large-scale destruction spells or not, he had a guaranteed method to kill Black Flame. As long as he could approach the man, Black Flame would die even if he were an expert ranked on the God's Domain Experts List.

Once Black Flame died, the dropped items he carried would fall from his bag. Meanwhile, Red Feather would be the first person to grab those items. Afterward, he could simply use the teleportation array to leave White River City.

Now that the dropped items his team had previously obtained were no more, if he could not snatch the items on Black Flame's body, how could he walk away with satisfaction?

“Don’t tell me that none of you want the loot from the Mechanical Slayer?”

“That was a monster that even a Tier 4 Great Wizard struggled to kill. Not to mention Dark Gold items, it would not be odd to find Epic items among the drops. Don’t you want the power of an Epic item?”

Red Feather’s comments excited the various Guild players.

None of them had even seen a Dark-Gold item before, let alone an Epic item.

If a Guild obtained an Epic item, it would instantly become a hot topic throughout the entire God’s Domain. At that time, even an unknown Guild would become famous, attracting the attention of many guildless players. Although it would still be no match for a truly powerful Guild, it could still become an overlord of a city.

The might of an Epic item was unimaginable.

In God’s Domain, Dungeons were one of the main sources for players to obtain weapons and equipment. As only a limited number of players could enter a Dungeon, if one wanted an easier time raiding, they could only do so by upgrading the combat power of a limited number of players. Hence, not only were Epic items significant symbols to a Guild, but they also played a very large role in the Guild.

At this stage of the game, if a Guild could obtain an Epic item, the strength of the Guild would instantly soar to the next level.

The Mechanical Slayer's loot needed to be appraised before anyone could discern quality and Attributes. Hence, nobody knew the exact quality of the Slayer's loot. However, seeing as the Mechanical Slayer had been such a powerful monster, it would not be surprising even to find Epic items among its loot. As long as there was the slightest possibility, nobody among the crowd would easily give up on this chance.

"Charge!"

"For the Epic items!"

"Black Flame, hand over the Epic items, and we'll spare your life!"

The various Guilds charged at Shi Feng once more with passion. Setting aside Red Feather's offer, the lure of an Epic item alone was worth any price.

At this moment, Aqua Rose walked up to Shi Feng's side, suggesting, "Guild Leader, they're charging at us once more. We've bought enough time now. Should we depart?"

Although they had the absolute advantage of levels, equipment, and terrain, if they had to face so many players, death and injury would be inevitable. Since they have already achieved their goals, it was not necessary to continue fighting.

"Okay, let's withdraw," Shi Feng nodded. "Pass me the Tier 3 Magic Scroll that you obtained from Creek Town. I'll stall for time and leave them with a memento. Take this chance to activate the teleportation array."

Indeed, just as Red Feather had guessed, large-scale destruction spells were not so easy to come by. At this moment, only he and Blackie possessed such spells. Although they had plenty of small-scale AOE attack spells, the might and range of these spells were not enough. They would not play a significant role in this battle.

“Are we really going to use that Tier 3 Magic Scroll? That’s the only one we received from the crusade. Why don’t we just have everyone hold those players off for a bit? In any case, we only need to stall for a moment. If we don’t have to fight for that long, we should not incur any casualties.” Aqua Rose’s heart ached when she heard Shi Feng’s intentions. The value of a Tier 3 Magic Scroll far surpassed a single Dark-Gold item.

“It doesn’t matter. Now is the best time to use it.” Shi Feng waved his hand.

Aqua Rose simply sighed in response to Shi Feng’s decision. With a heavy heart, she handed the Tier 3 Magic Scroll over. She only had herself to blame for working under such a Guild Leader. Normally, Shi Feng spent his money lavishly, not bothering with a budget. However, it was also a fact that the results of his spendthrift actions would always pay off.

“Go. Leave this to me.”

The Tier 3 Magic Scroll Aqua Rose had handed Shi Feng was deep-blue with gold inlaid around its edges. Upon receiving the scroll, Shi Feng unrolled it and clicked “Use.”

The Tier 3 Magic Scroll they had obtained from the Blood Hand Association’s hidden warehouse was entitled Water Dragon’s Flurry. This Magic Scroll contained a very rare large-scale destruction spell with a 2-second cast time.

As water-type mana began to gather around Shi Feng, a large-scale, deep-blue magic array formed beneath his feet.

“Crap! It’s another large-scale destruction spell!”

The Tier 3 spell’s generated momentum was so immense that the incoming tide of players quickly discovered its appearance. The crowd immediately panicked and tried to withdraw. At this moment, Red Feather’s face turned ashen. He would never have thought that Shi Feng still possessed another large-scale destruction spell.

Although the crowd retreated quickly, it was too late as Shi Feng had already unleashed the magic of the Tier 3 Magic Scroll in his hands.

Water gushed down from the sky like a massive waterfall, rolling into a tidal wave that was over a dozen meters high. The wave smashed across all of the Guild players within the Teleportation Hall, and in the blink of an eye, the violent tidal wave devoured hundreds of players. Following which, the turbulent water flooded from the building’s entrance. It was like a tsunami. The massive wave devoured many of the players outside the Hall, and every victim of the spell became nothing more than an icy corpse.

As to how many players had died, even Shi Feng himself was not sure. However, what Shi Feng did know was that the Water Dragon’s Flurry had killed more players than both Stars of Light and Firestorm combined.

“It’s about time for me to leave as well,” Shi Feng examined his surroundings, satisfied. The Teleportation Hall was void of any members of the various Guilds.

“Oh? That’s not right. Someone’s still here.” Shi Feng suddenly sensed danger.

Shi Feng was very familiar with this feeling, so he knew to keep his guard up. Such a feeling only occurred when he encountered life-threatening danger. Hence, Shi Feng immediately activated Omniscient Eyes.

Since he had not seen anyone inside the hall, the only possibility left was Assassins.

Omniscient Eyes allowed Shi Feng to perceive any invisible or stealth units within 100 yards.

After activating the skill, a golden glow enveloped both of his eyes. He then observed his surroundings. Like a god overlooking all lifeforms, nothing could hide from his vision.

“Six people, is it?” Shi Feng quickly discovered six obscure figures slowly approaching him from 30 yards away.

These six Assassins felt a chill down their backs the moment Shi Feng’s gaze landed on them.

“Damn it. We’ve been discovered.”

“Forget about it. This distances should be enough. We can’t disappoint Boss Red Feather.”

The six Assassins were all experts. Hence, they immediately decided to reveal themselves and take out the purple-gold crystal balls.

That’s the Six-star Extermination Magic Array! How could they have it?! Shi Feng was abruptly shocked when he saw the purple-gold crystal balls in the hands of the six Assassins.

These items were no less rare than a Tier 3 Magic Scroll. Though they were far more powerful than a Tier 3 Magic Scroll, the requirements and limitations were also far more troublesome than a Tier 3 Magic Scroll.

Chapter 358 - Cornered Beast

Although Shi Feng knew that these Assassins intended to use the Six-star Extermination Magic Array, it was too late for him to stop them.

In the next moment, the crystal balls released a dazzling purple glow. Purple flames then burst forth, enclosing Shi Feng and the six Assassins within a barrier of purple fire.

This barrier only covered a small area of 30*30 yards. With their levels, it would only take a few steps to cross this distance.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, since you so arrogantly offended the Star Alliance, we’ve come to teach you some manners.”

“Tiger, what’s the point of talking to him? He is merely a frog at the bottom of a well. How could he possibly know how amazing our Star Alliance is? Let’s finish him off immediately. Boss Red Feather is waiting for us.”

“I’m trying to give him some time to mourn his own loss! Now that the barrier has been activated, nobody can possibly interrupt us. We can take our time dealing with him since there’s no way for him to escape anyway.”

“You’re right. Wouldn’t it be boring if we killed this insufferably haughty Guild Leader Black Flame in just two to three hits?”

“Does Guild Leader Black Flame have any last words? Hahaha!”

The six Assassins chatted merrily among themselves. They looked at Shi Feng as if he were an ant. It was as if everything was within their control, and victory was already within their grasp.

The Six-star Extermination Magic Array was a magic barrier that possessed several restrictions. Unlike a normal Magic Scroll, activation required six players. Moreover, once the barrier was cast in a specific location, excluding the six wielding the crystal balls, it would randomly choose one player within range and trap them within. As for everyone else who was within the magic barrier’s range at the time of activation, all would be sent out of the magic barrier including players, NPCs, and monsters. After erecting the magic barrier, not even an army of tens of thousands could penetrate it. The same went for those inside the magic barrier; they could not leave. The magic barrier would only dissolve itself when the targeted player died, or the six activators were annihilated. In addition, while the barrier did not impose restrictions on the six casters, the targeted player, on the other hand, was banned from using any skills.

To any player in God’s Domain, losing one’s skills was like a tiger losing its claws and fangs. It was similar to how Shi Feng could one-sidedly massacre hundreds of players after activating Absolute Time, a regional silencing skill.

Although part of the reason Shi Feng could achieve such a feat was due to his frightening combat power, the regional silencing skill Absolute Time played a similarly large role.

Currently, Shi Feng had to face six Level 20 Assassins who were capable of using all their skills. He was also trapped in this barrier until he defeated these six elite players. One could just imagine how dire the situation was.

“What a pity,” Shi Feng sighed as he looked at the purple flames surrounding him before shifting his gaze towards the six Assassins.

Normally, the Six-star Extermination Magic Array was used to deal with high-tiered mage-type Bosses. Compared to a high-tiered Magic Scroll, although Barrier Crystals possessed many restrictions, players could use it within a Dungeon. On the other hand, Tier 3 Magic Scrolls like the Water Dragon’s Flurry were useless inside a Dungeon.

At this moment, however, these six Assassins had used such a precious Barrier Crystal to deal with a single Swordsman like Shi Feng. The word “waste” could not even begin to describe their actions.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, so even you know the word ‘pity’? It would indeed be a pity if we were the only ones to witness your death. However, you can rest assured that we will upload a video of your death to the forums, showing everyone the end of your undying legend.

“When that time comes, Guild Leader Black Flame, you should not blame us for your ruin. Instead, blame yourself for being too arrogant and greedy. You actually dared to oppose the Star Alliance.”

The six Assassins laughed maniacally, having already foreseen how Shi Feng would become the laughingstock of God’s Domain in the near future. As for the six of them, after killing Shi Feng, they, too, would instantly become the focus of Star-Moon Kingdom.

Saying so, the six Assassins immediately activated Stealth and advanced on Shi Feng.

However, Shi Feng was a step ahead. Without the slightest bit of panic or hesitation, Shi Feng dashed towards the six Assassins with frightening speed.

The strength of Assassins lay in death from the shadows. If exposed, however, they were only half as dangerous. Knowing this, Shi Feng darted forward without hesitation and sliced up the six Assassins.

Dang! Dang! Dang!

Six clangs of metal clashing resounded inside the magic barrier, and the Assassins who had just entered stealth were immediately exposed. Enraged, they glared at Shi Feng.

“Black Flame, no matter how much you struggle, the result will be the same! Since you want to die early, let me fulfill your wish!” a tanned and short Assassin named Grey Squirrel tightened his grip around one of his daggers and jabbed it at Shi Feng’s abdomen. With even greater speed than before, Grey Squirrel drew a strange arc with his other dagger, sliding it smoothly towards Shi Feng’s side.

Under normal circumstances, players would instinctively try to defend against the first attack and neglect the dagger from the side. Even if they managed to discover the second dagger, their instincts would still focus on the first.

This deliberate misdirection clearly displayed how skilled this Assassin named Grey Squirrel was. He was not an ordinary player but an expert.

As long as the Assassin’s blade found its mark, Shi Feng would enter a Fainted state. At that time, he would be at the Assassins’ mercy. They could simply incapacitate him indefinitely until he died.

Moreover, while Grey Squirrel attacked Shi Feng, the other two Assassins beside him had also aimed their daggers at the Swordsman.

The three remaining Assassins standing at a distance, however, had not taken action. On the contrary, they simply stood there, watching with ridiculing smiles.

In their opinion, Shi Feng was just a cornered beast struggling to stay alive. His initial charge was simply his last-ditch effort at survival.

Just when the two daggers from Grey Squirrel were about to penetrate into Shi Feng's body, Shi Feng shifted his footsteps slightly and retreated half a step, effortlessly evading the two daggers. Immediately, he spun sideways, escaping the pincer attack of the two Assassins behind him. The entire process was as smooth as flowing water without any excess movement.

The Assassins were inwardly startled.

Shi Feng had actually evaded their perfect joint attack with such simple motions.

Shi Feng's quick-witted response left the six Assassins shivering slightly. However, he couldn't care less about his enemies' thoughts. Without a pause, Shi Feng brandished the Abyssal Blade and the Purgatory's Shadow, sending over a dozen afterimages slashing at the three Assassins. Shi Feng's swords moved with lightning speed, the three Assassins emitting ear-piercing screeches as the blades found their vital points.

The three attacking Assassins were greatly shocked by this counterattack. In a panic, they hurriedly used their daggers to defend themselves, even going as far as using Block.

Although all three of them managed to defend against the afterimages sent at them, Shi Feng's superhuman strength forced them into a retreat, the clash leaving their hands numb.

"Such speed and strength."

At this moment, these three no longer dared to underestimate Shi Feng. During their brief exchange, they could tell how powerful Shi Feng was. Normally, when the three of them attacked together, even Red Feather would temporarily retreat rather than face them directly. However, Shi Feng had done the exact opposite and fought them head-on. Surprisingly, he even forced them into a retreat. If they had not combined their strengths to block Shi Feng's attacks just now, they might have joined the many souls who had died under Shi Feng's swords.

All six of the Assassins instantly came to a conclusion.

Although the Shi Feng before them had lost his fangs and claws, he was no tiger. He was a monstrous beast clad in human skin. He could easily suppress them by only relying on his strength. Faced with Shi Feng, only death awaited them.

Suddenly, the Assassins realized that they had made a massive mistake. They had actually chosen to lock themselves up with such a monstrous beast....

As expected, it isn't possible to get rid of them quickly without the 100% speed boost from Purgatory Power. Shi Feng's onslaught had failed to achieve its intended purpose, though it did allow him to gain a general understanding of his attackers' strengths. In conclusion, these Assassins were definitely experts.

The three Assassins had exposed many holes in their defenses after Shi Feng shook them off. Hence, he brandished his blades once more, intending to strike the iron while it was hot and finish them off before they could reunite with their other companions. At this time, however, the other three Assassins had already circled and arrived behind Shi Feng. They immediately launched a flurry of attacks, giving Shi Feng no choice but to stop his attacks and deal with the immediate threat first.

Shi Feng abruptly spun around, swinging his swords with all his might at the three new arrivals. Like before, his attack sent all three Assassins flying. Shi Feng then charged at the Assassin in front of him, brandishing his swords multiple times. The Assassin receiving Shi Feng's attacks was greatly frightened. Immediately, the Assassin used Silent Steps, hoping to take advantage of the short period of invulnerability the skill provided to defend against all these sword flashes. By doing so, he could also gain some precious time to allow his companions to come to his rescue. Otherwise, only death awaited him.

The Assassin's decision to use Silent Steps had undeniably given his five other companions plenty of time to react. After regaining their composure, the five Assassins immediately dashed at Shi Feng, forcing him into a momentary retreat.

"We can't let this continue. We can't hold back any longer. All of you, use the Berserk Potion," Grey Squirrel commanded.

The other five looked at one another and nodded silently. At the same time, they all took out blood-red potions. This potion was none other than the extremely precious Berserk Potion. Originally, this potion was a last resort. They never thought that they would have to use it so quickly.

“First, they used the Six-star Extermination Magic Array. Now, there are even Berserk Potions. Red Feather really is wealthy.” Shi Feng immediately recognized the blood-red potions in the six Assassins’ hands.

At this stage of the game, there were no players capable producing a Berserk Potion.

Moreover, the recipe was not easily obtainable. The only way to obtain these potions was through killing the Bosses of a Team Dungeon. However, the drop rate was very low. Statistically, it was only 0.2%. In other words, one could only obtain two bottles after killing 1,000 Team Dungeon Bosses. Hence, without sufficient strength, it was impossible for a Guild to obtain six Berserk Potions.

When consumed, the Berserk Potion would stimulate a player’s physical potential, increasing their Strength and Agility. The player’s physique would also exceed its limits, allowing the player to carry out actions that they normally couldn’t do. To put it simply, the Berserk Potion was a very overbearing potion.

“Black Flame, we admit that you are impressive. However, playtime is over.” After the Assassin named Grey Squirrel drank the Berserk Potion, his skin began to turn red. The blood vessels all over his body bulged, and his body started emitting waves of heat. His aura had also completely changed.

The moment Grey Squirrel finished speaking, his body flickered, and the ground under his feet cracked. Leaving behind an afterimage, Grey Squirrel instantly appeared behind Shi Feng. His bright snowy dagger transformed into a white flash that flew towards Shi Feng’s back, his speed reaching far beyond that of his previous attacks.

Startled, Shi Feng hurriedly spun and used the Abyssal Blade to meet Grey Squirrel’s dagger.

Peng!

Sparks flew in all directions as metal clashed.

The collision forced Shi Feng back by half a step. Grey Squirrel, on the other hand, was forced to take a full step backward. In terms of Strength, Shi Feng was still obviously superior.

However, this single exchange forced Shi Feng to take things seriously. From this single exchange, Shi Feng could feel that the Assassins Attributes were not far below his own.

Facing Gray Squirrel and his team, Shi Feng's small advantage of Attributes was almost nonexistent without the use of his skills. Even in a one-on-one battle, it would be very difficult to achieve victory, let alone a one-on-six battle.

Compared to Shi Feng's astonishment, Grey Squirrel and the others were even more shocked by their brief confrontation.

After drinking the Berserk Potion, they understood just how amazing the potion's effects were. Yet, even with the effects of the Berserk Potion, their Attributes were still inferior to Shi Feng's.

Shi Feng's strength completely surpassed their imaginations. This revelation was astonishing.

"Just how excellent is Black Flame's equipment?" Grey Squirrel kept focused on Shi Feng, his expression becoming serious. He then said to his five companions, "We'll attack him together!"

The other five nodded. If they only relied on Grey Squirrel to deal with Shi Feng, the final victor of the battle would most likely be Shi Feng.

Seeing all six opponents approaching simultaneously, Shi Feng dared not underestimate them. Shi Feng took out a Basic Frost Grenade from his bag, tossing it at the Assassins.

Although he could not use skills, there was no restriction on the items inside his bag. Compared to Absolute Time of the Seven Luminaries Ring, the Six-star Extermination Magic Array was inferior.

When the Frost Grenade exploded, the six Assassins charging at Shi Feng failed to react in time and froze on the spot.

The six of them knew the dangers of being restrained. Hence, they all used Vanish to dispel the freezing effect. Originally, they had intended to continue their charge. However, the six of them suddenly saw Shi Feng remove an extremely familiar item from his bag.

Berserk Potion!

“How do you have one as well?!” Grey Squirrel’s eyes widened, intense fear appearing on his face.

“What? Your Star Alliance can obtain this item, but our Zero Wing can’t? Don’t forget that I am also the leader of a Guild. There should be a limit to how much you look down on us,” Shi Feng revealed a faint smile as he held the blood-red Berserk Potion before emptying the contents of the bottle.

In the next moment, Shi Feng’s skill turned blood-red. His entire body shown with a faint blue shimmer as well. Following which, his body emitted a violent heatwave, and even the six Assassins, who were over seven yards away, felt it. The effects displayed after Shi Feng drank the Berserk Potion were far stronger than theirs. Clearly, the increase Shi Feng received was much greater than theirs.

The Berserk Potion would display strength corresponding to the potential of the consumer's existing physique.

Shi Feng was superior to the six Assassins in every aspect. Hence, after drinking the Berserk Potion, the resulting upgrade was far more impressive.

"Let's start the second round, shall we?" Shi Feng cracked his knuckles. He could feel his entire body brimming with strength. Despite the fact that he stood still, cracks already began to form beneath his feet. His strength now far surpassed the strength he possessed after activating Purgatory Power. He then smiled at the six terrified Assassins.

The Assassins stared at Shi Feng as if he were the Demon God, and they couldn't help but gulp.

Taking a step forward, Shi Feng suddenly disappeared. Before the six could react, Shi Feng appeared before Grey Squirrel. The silvery-grey Abyssal Blade descended.

Grey Squirrel tried to raise his daggers to block the attack. However, he suddenly discovered that his speed could not keep up with Shi Feng. As he had already used his lifesaving skill, Vanish, Grey Squirrel could only stare helplessly as the Abyssal Blade cleaved down into his body. A damage of -2,641 points appeared above his head, decimating his HP that was barely over 2,000. Moreover, the strike had not been a critical hit.

The other five broke down at this sight.

The speed of that strike was far too fast.

Today, they had finally witnessed what the words “In the world of martial arts, there are no impregnable defenses; only swiftiness is invincible” meant.

Before Shi Feng drank the Berserk Potion, they could cope with his speed and Strength. After he drank the potion, however, they had no chance. If they had known, they would never have chosen to drink the Berserk Potions.

However, it was already too late....

Meanwhile, while Shi Feng fought inside the Six-star Extermination Magic Array, the various Guilds outside the Teleportation Hall also recomposed themselves. Once more, they charged into the building.

The moment they entered the building, however, they noticed a giant magic barrier of purple flame blocking the corridor, preventing them from advancing.

The various Guilds grew anxious, having no idea what was happening.

Red Feather, on the other hand, had an indifferent look on his face when he saw this purple flame barrier. The appearance of this barrier meant that Grey Squirrel and his group had succeeded. Shi Feng, who was trapped within the barrier, would definitely die. As soon as the barrier lifted, the drops Shi Feng had looted, as well as the equipment he wore, would belong to the Star Alliance.

A moment later, the purple flame barrier began to vanish, holding everyone’s attention.

Good. The next thing we need to do is to get Grey Squirrel and the others out of here. Red Feather felt ecstatic in his heart. Although they had wasted the Six-star Extermination Magic Array, close to half of the Mechanical Slayer's loot belonged to them now. Compared to such a gain, the loss of a Barrier Crystal was insignificant.

After the purple flames completely dissipated, a figure appeared before the crowd.

Red Feather's ecstatic mood instantly fell into an abyss. Following which, his face turned pale as he glared hatefully at the lone figure that had appeared. Gnashing his teeth, Red Feather bellowed, "Black Flame!"

Red Feather could not believe that Shi Feng had actually defeated six expert Assassins. Moreover, Shi Feng had done so without the use of his skills. As a precaution, Red Feather had even given each of the six Assassins a Berserk Potion. Yet, the result was still a resounding defeat.

"Crap! Zero Wing has activated the teleportation array! Black Flame is going to escape!" a player shouted, reacting quickly.

However, by the time everyone heard this reminder, it was too late. Shi Feng's body flickered, easily throwing off the crowd as he drilled his way to the teleportation array. Aqua Rose promptly clicked "Teleport." In the next moment, the members of Zero Wing disappeared from the Teleportation Hall, leaving behind a crowd of stupefied Guild players, as well as Red Feather, whose heart bled in pain.

Not only had Red Feather lost the Six-star Extermination Magic Array and the Berserk Potions, but he was also required to compensate the losses of the various Guilds present. Meanwhile, he had gained absolutely nothing.

As for pursuing Shi Feng and the others from Zero Wing, that was impossible. Ignoring the fact that he had no idea where they had teleported to, even if he knew, it was impossible to kill them while inside the city's safe zone without overwhelming force.

As of this moment, the war inside White River City had finally reached its end.

In this war, aside from Zero Wing obtaining the most astonishing harvest, the Assassin's Alliance, Emperor's Light, and Ouroboros had also gained a small harvest. These three Guilds had immediately fled the battlefield the moment they claimed some of the drops. They made no attempts to snatch the drops from Shi Feng like how the other Guilds had. As for the other Guilds, every single one of them had suffered immense losses.

As for the members of Zero Wing that had escaped, after the restriction on the dropped items lifted, Shi Feng allowed everyone to get some well-deserved rest. After all, long battles were very taxing on one's spirit. Meanwhile, Shi Feng also rented a room at a hotel and promptly logged off.

During this war in White River City, many spectating players had recorded videos of the battles and uploaded them to the official forums. The videos caused a huge sensation throughout the entire Star-Moon Kingdom. It was especially true when everyone watched Black Flame's battle.

He only required one strike per person, a hundred strikes to bring about annihilation. Moreover, with his strength alone, he had managed to shake an army of tens of thousands. Everyone watching the video trembled with excitement.

Suddenly, every player throughout the Star-Moon Kingdom knew the name Black Flame.

"Say, do you guys think that Black Flame will make it onto the Secret Pavilion's Experts List this time?"

“What are you talking about? Of course, he will! If he doesn’t make it, then the Secret Pavilion is blind. I’m just wondering what rank Black Flame will get.”

“Won’t we know once the Secret Pavilion publishes the new Experts List tomorrow?”

After the war in White River City ended, the Star-Moon Kingdom official forums exploded with activity. Many people discussed Black Flame and the Secret Pavilion’s Experts List.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng simply chuckled as he read through these forum discussions. After drinking a bottle of Nutrient Fluids, he began his physical training.

The Secret Pavilion was indeed a well-known existence in the virtual gaming world. Countless players dreamed of ranking on the Secret Pavilion’s Experts List. In the past, Shi Feng had dreamed of the same thing.

However, there were simply too many players in God’s Domain.

Star-Moon Kingdom was only one of the hundreds of countries within God’s Domain. If the positions on the Experts List were averagely allocated, each kingdom and empire in God’s Domain would only receive several spots. In other words, among the hundreds of millions of players residing in Star-Moon Kingdom, only a few would have the privilege of ranking on the Secret Pavilion’s Experts List.

However, through the Experts List, Shi Feng had also discovered information relating to the experts of God’s Domain. For example, he had learned of the Cleric God Violet Cloud, the Mage God Aqua Rose, and many other god-ranked experts.

“Hm? What’s going on today? Why have I suddenly become stronger?” Shi Feng, who was currently working out in his room, felt something amiss.

In the past, after completing a set of exercises, he would lay paralyzed on the floor for quite some time. Today, however, he could stand and move with ease. He could feel that his body was still far from reaching its limit.

Normally, physical improvement occurred gradually. It was impossible significantly improve within a short time. Yet, such a situation had actually occurred. So, how could Shi Feng not be surprised?

“It seems that I’ll have to head to the Big Dipper Training Center to take a test.” Unable to figure out the reason for his sudden improvement, Shi Feng had no choice but to have himself examined. He might even learn some secrets to improving his physical fitness.

Chapter 360 - Deviated Path

When Shi Feng thought of his sudden change, he lost his enthusiasm to train. He then threw on a blue tracksuit and left his new apartment. He hailed for a cab and headed towards the Big Dipper Training Center.

As the most famous training center in the city, the Big Dipper Training Center was located in the center of Jin Hai. The Training Center was about the size of three stadiums. The training facilities were all top class within the country. Moreover, they also employed many top class doctors and dietitians, as well as first-rate instructors.

After arriving at the Big Dipper Training Center, Shi Feng immediately noticed multiple large luxurious buses parked in front of the building.

Handsome young men and beautiful young women alighted from the buses, one after another. They were all high school students, and at this moment, they all had excited expressions plastered on their faces. These high school students then orderly entered the building under the lead of a Big Dipper receptionist.

“Is Big Dipper holding a tour for students?” Shi Feng was slightly surprised. It was the first time he had seen such an occurrence.

Even in the past, he had never heard of Big Dipper allowing students to tour its facilities.

Ordinary people could not gain easy access to the Big Dipper Training Center. Only members were allowed entry into the building. If one were not a member they were not even allowed through the entrance of the training center itself.

Meanwhile, becoming a member of Big Dipper was no easy task. Without having a certain status in society or obtaining a referral from someone influential, it was impossible to become a member. If Zhou Yuhu had not entered the top ten in Jin Hai University’s fighting competition, he would not have obtained a Big Dipper membership card.

Now that hundreds of high school students suddenly entered the training center, no matter how one looked at it, something must have changed.

However, this was no concern to Shi Feng. He had only come here for a physical check-up. Fortunately, the Big Dipper Training Center possessed inspection equipment and other facilities that even the hospitals envied. Following which, Shi Feng had also followed the crowd into the building.

“Excuse me, sir, only members can enter,” a robust security guard said as he blocked Shi Feng’s path.

“Here is my membership card,” Shi Feng swiped his Big Dipper member card at the electronic lock. The red display on the machine promptly changed to green, signifying that Shi Feng was allowed to pass.

The tempered glass doors then parted.

Seeing that there were no problems, the bodyguard promptly turned and left.

The fifteenth floor of the Big Dipper Training Center contained equipment for testing punching power, grip strength, speed, reaction, and much more. At this moment, many people crowded around the equipment.

Shortly after arriving on the fifteenth floor, Shi Feng discovered a familiar figure currently testing her reaction time.

“Why is she here?” Shi Feng was very surprised.

It was none other than his female class monitor, Zhao Ruoxi.

At this moment, Zhao Ruoxi had her hair pulled back into a ponytail. She wore a black sports vest and a pair of tight capris. Zhao Ruoxi's perfect figure, which she normally hid, was vividly displayed at this moment, and she looked completely different from when she was at school.

The reaction machine would fire varying amounts of special rubber bullets at the examinee. One could test their reaction time by dodging these special rubber bullets.

Faced with the flying bullets, Zhao Ruoxi danced like an elegant butterfly and effortlessly dodged the rubber bullets, one after another. Many of the men present were mesmerized by her fluid movements, and they only wished they could approach and strike up a conversation with her.

However, this wasn't unusual. Zhao Ruoxi was already an alluring beauty. In addition to her elegant and noble demeanor, ordinary girls were simply no match for her.

When the test ended, and Zhao Ruoxi exited the reaction testing room, many were startled.

The result displayed on the testing machine was actually "Intermediate Perfection."

"Who is this beauty?"

"She can't possibly be a professional fighter, right?"

Many people inside the hall started a discussion among themselves. At this moment, even the handsome men who had intended to talk to Zhao Ruoxi hesitated.

As frequent customers of the Big Dipper Training Center, they had an acute understanding of that result's significance.

The reaction test was categorized into four ranks: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Special. Meanwhile, every rank had the sub-categories of Unqualified, Qualified, Excellent, and Perfection.

In the city, even professional fighters could only obtain Intermediate Qualified on the reaction test, while only well-known fighters could achieve Intermediate Perfection.

"Huh? Shi Feng, why are you here?" Zhao Ruoxi immediately discovered Shi Feng a short distance away and walked over to him quickly.

"I just came here to test myself. What about you? Why are you here? If the others in the class find out about this, they will be shocked to think that the normally gentle and elegant class monitor actually has such a side to her," Shi Feng said, a grin plastered across his face.

When Zhao Ruoxi realized that Shi Feng has watched as she tested, not knowing why, her cheeks burned slightly and a small shred of happiness filled her heart. Immediately after, she waved her little fist at Shi Feng, softly saying, "You are not allowed to tell anybody about this. If you do, I'll get very angry, and you'll have to suffer dire consequences."

"Class Monitor, since you have ordered it, I will naturally keep my lips sealed," Shi Feng laughed, failing to detect the minor changes to Zhao Ruoxi's expression. He only felt that Zhao Ruoxi was far more approachable than he previously thought.

"That's more like it. At least you have some conscience left in you," Zhao Ruoxi nodded with satisfaction. "The testing machines here are somewhat complicated to operate. Seeing as this is your first time

coming to this place, as your reward for helping me keep my secret, I'll introduce to you how the machines work."

Originally, Shi Feng had intended to tell her that he already knew how to operate these machines. After all, he had frequently visited the Big Dipper Training Center after becoming the Guild Leader of Shadow in his previous life. However, to avoid suspicion, Shi Feng had no choice but to nod in agreement.

Following which, Zhao Ruoxi led Shi Feng, touring the facility and introducing to him the various testing machines. Many of the men in the hall looked at each other in confusion, their hearts filled with envy and hatred for Shi Feng. They could not understand why a frail and ordinary looking person like Shi Feng deserved such treatment from a great beauty like Zhao Ruoxi. At this moment, they wanted to pull Zhao Ruoxi over, telling her to ditch Shi Feng and let them escort her instead.

However, despite having sensed the jealous stares directed towards Shi Feng, Zhao Ruoxi still gladly pulled him along, introducing to him the various testing apparatuses one.

Just as Zhao Ruoxi was about to teach Shi Feng how he could operate these testing machines, a few Big Dipper staff members suddenly led a large group of high schoolers into the hall.

"This floor is Big Dipper's testing hall. All of you are the elites that Big Dipper has selected. In a moment, all of you will be tested here, and we will record your results to help determine what kind of privileges you will have in the future. So, all of you must give it your best when testing," one of the staff members leading these high schoolers explained slowly.

The high schoolers started rubbing their fists and palms together in excitement when they heard the staff member's explanation. Many of them wished they could break Big Dipper's previous records.

"Big Dipper actually chose these high school students as elites? What is happening, exactly?" Shi Feng had overheard the staff member's words. Watching this situation, it would seem that the Big Dipper Training Center intended to cultivate their own group of elite fighters. However, Shi Feng simply could

not understand why. After all, Big Dipper was only a training center. Why would they suddenly wish to cultivate their own fighters?

In the past, Shi Feng had never heard of such a thing. In this life, however, it was happening before his eyes. Shi Feng had a bad feeling about this. History was already gradually deviating from the path he recognized.

Chapter 362 - S-Rank

Although Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan had not voiced their opinions, their expressions exposed the disdain they felt. If Manager Xiao had not been present, they might have even taught Shi Feng a lesson, teaching him what it meant to be wet behind the ears.

As to why the two would not dare take action in front of Manager Xiao, it was not because of Manager Xiao's position in the Big Dipper Training Center. Rather, they feared Manager Xiao's personal strength.

Because Manager Xiao's strength frightened Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan, they would not make any casual remarks in front of him. Why else would geniuses like them remain silent at such a ridiculous statement?

Manager Xiao's full name was Xiao Yan, and he was well-known in Jin Hai City. He had also been a professional fighter during his youth. However, after winning a championship, he retired as a professional fighter. He then joined the Big Dipper Training Center and developed himself there.

Even though Xiao Yan was over forty now, he would frequently spar with some of the top fighters in the city, thoroughly defeating them.

“Uncle Xiao, why do you look so surprised?” Zhao Ruoxi’s lips curled up slightly when she saw Manager Yan’s face. “Since you don’t believe me, why don’t we place a bet?”

Zhao Ruoxi’s mesmerizing smile left Manager Yan greatly confused. He could not figure out what the little girl before him was trying to accomplish. However, since Zhao Ruoxi wished to play, he certainly wouldn’t mind humoring her for a while. When all was said and done, her father was a good brother of his, and he had pampered her like a little princess since she was a child.

“It seems that you have a lot of confidence in your classmate, Shi Feng, Ruoxi. In any case, since you’ve already made the offer, I’m guessing that you won’t let your uncle say ‘no.’ What do you wish to bet, then? However, I’ll tell you this in advance. Your Uncle Xiao cannot get you the Secret Pavilion’s information viewing rights,” Manager Xiao laughed, having already prepared to lose.

Hearing the words ‘Secret Pavilion,’ both Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan behind Manager Xiao were shocked.

What was the Secret Pavilion?

Anyone who played virtual reality games definitely knew about the Secret Pavilion.

The Secret Pavilion was the creator of the Experts List that recorded all the excellent individuals throughout the world. The Secret Pavilion’s information gathering was unmatched throughout virtual gaming world. It had also been titled as Omniscient. In the virtual gaming world, it was an exalted existence.

Other than the Experts List, one could also search for various information relating to the virtual gaming world through the Secret Pavilion's official website. However, depending on the type of information, the price varied.

If one had a strong relationship with the Secret Pavilion, they could obtain different levels of information viewing rights. To those who played virtual reality games, that kind of access was a dream.

Even Shi Feng who taken aback by Manager Xiao's words. He had not thought that the Big Dipper Training Center would have a relationship with the Secret Pavilion.

"I know. I never said I wanted to bet the viewing rights anyway." Although Zhao Ruoxi made that claim, inwardly, she was somewhat disappointed. She then smiled and said, "Let's bet three bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids! I know that you have recently received some!"

Manager Xiao laughed bitterly when he heard her offer. "Little girl, you are always thinking about taking what little family fortune I have left. I've only managed to obtain these few bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids after much difficulty, and I had planned to reward them to the most excellent students."

When Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan heard these words, their hearts began to pound with excitement. They had even thought that they had heard wrong for a second there.

Even C-rank Nutrient Fluids were considered a luxury, let alone S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

S-rank Nutrient Fluids could not be purchased even if one had the money for it. When consumed, S-rank Nutrient Fluids provided notable physical recovery and enhancements. It even played a role in delaying the body's aging process and was known as the Water of Life. Moreover, even if one found the opportunity to purchase these S-rank Nutrient Fluids, each bottle cost one million Credits. Ordinary

people could not afford it even if they bankrupted themselves. Only a wealthy organization like Big Dipper could willingly award such an item.

If Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan could each obtain a bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluids before the Provincial Youth Fighting Competition, they would have more confidence in succeeding in the competition.

“Uncle Xiao, you aren’t going back on your word, right? If so, I’m going to tell Big Sis Bing Yu that you’re bullying me,” Zhao Ruoxi giggled.

“Hah... You’re the one who bullies your Uncle Xiao. Since I’ve already agreed to your bet, I won’t go back on my word. Say it, then. What are the terms?” Manager Xiao agreed without hesitation upon hearing the name “Bing Yu,” his actions stupefying both Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan.

“Hm...” After giving it some thought, Zhao Ruoxi shifted her gaze towards Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan. She then smiled faintly as she pointed towards the two, saying, “The two of them, then.”

“What do you want the two of them to do? Don’t tell me you want them to fight your classmate. Ruoxi, you should consider this carefully. Although Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan are not professional fighters, an ordinary university student is no match for them,” Manager Xiao kindly explained.

Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan both proudly raised their heads upon hearing Manager Xiao’s words, expressing their agreement. After all, they were the most excellent candidates selected by Big Dipper.

“Of course not. It would be too unfair to them if we let them fight Shi Feng,” Zhao Ruoxi said righteously. For a second there, even Manager Xiao almost believed her. “So, let’s compete using the punching power test and reaction test results. That way, they can’t complain when they lose.”

Zhao Ruoxi's words left both high schoolers utterly speechless. The two of them promptly shot a glare at Shi Feng, provocation filling their eyes as if saying, "A brat like you thinks you're fit to compete with us? You'll pay for this!"

"Hah... Little girl, what goes through your mind all day long? You better not blame me when you lose," Manager Xiao sighed. He then looked at Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan, asking, "What do you think? If you two lose, your S-rank Nutrient Fluid rewards will be gone. If you win, I will double the rewards."

"We don't have any problems. However, we wish to retake the test and use the new results. Will that be fine?" Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan had long since discussed the bet among themselves. Hence, they quickly put forward their request.

This surprised many of the silently spectating crowd. They could not understand why the two students would request for a retest. After all, their previous test results were the best out of three tries. If they retook the test, they might not get better numbers.

Only Manager Xiao understood the two students' intentions. Nodding his head, he said with a smile, "Okay. I knew you two little brats were holding back just now."

The realization struck the spectators upon hearing Manager Xiao's words.

"They managed to get such high test results even while holding back? Are those two really high school students?"

"Those two are simply too frightening!"

Many among the crowd expressed their shocks at this revelation.

However, Shi Feng was not the slightest bit surprised at this news. Only, he was very surprised by Zhao Ruoxi's actions. He could not figure out just what she was trying to do.

"I've earned you the chance to obtain three bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids. The rest is up to you now. Also, I prohibit you from losing!" Zhao Ruoxi walked up to Shi Feng and smiled, not giving him a chance to say "No."

After Zhao Ruoxi issued her command, Shi Feng finally realized what she wanted to accomplish. It turned out that she had played this little game just to gain him three bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

Before Shi Feng could utter a word of gratitude, Zhao Ruoxi, with slightly red cheeks, cut him off, saying, "Don't think too much about it. Aren't we friends? I know that you've been secretly and desperately training to improve physically. Since we're friends, it is only natural that we help each other out. As for thanks, it isn't necessary. If you really wish to thank me, then come to my birthday party next month. Even if you're a busy man, you must come. You're also not allowed to be late, alright?"

Shi Feng's heart warmed when he heard Zhao Ruoxi speaking. Although he had many things he wished to say, after racking his mind on what he should say, a single, simple sentence left his lips, "I'll be there."

However, when Manager Xiao heard Zhao Yueru's demand, his originally friendly smile suddenly froze. He then shifted a stiff gaze towards Shi Feng, looking at the youth with disbelieving eyes.

Just what sort of demonic power does this brat have? Manager Xiao could not help but pay more attention to Shi Feng. There must be a reason why the little swindling girl had such an optimistic opinion of him.

Following which, Shi Feng, Wang Cheng, and Wu Chuan walked towards the punching power testing apparatus to begin their examination.

Chapter 363 - Breaking the Record

“Is this really happening? They’re going to compete with each other?”

“Both Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan are the most excellent among these students. Their results were so impressive despite their age. Calling them geniuses wouldn’t be an exaggeration. That guy called Shi Feng is only going to humiliate himself.”

“You don’t know? Shi Feng didn’t request this competition himself. Instead, it is the great beauty standing beside him who claimed that Shi Feng could defeat Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan in a fight easily. For fairness’ sake, they chose to compete using the test results.”

“That beauty is blinded by love. Does she really believe whatever that Shi Feng says?”

“What do you even know about it? This is called having skill. However, that Shi Feng is going to suffer for his bragging. Soon, the tests will reveal his true colors.”

The testing hall had originally been very lively. Now, because of the competition between Shi Feng and the two students, everyone immediately crowded around the trio. The spectators present had already witnessed Wang Cheng’s and Wu Chuan’s strengths, though none of them had ever seen Shi Feng before. However, nobody among the crowd felt optimistic about Shi Feng’s chances. Shi Feng possessed neither a strong and sturdy frame, nor a giant muscular body. Shi Feng’s appearance was simply too

ordinary. Shi Feng was overestimating himself by challenging Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan's punching force and reaction time.

"Let's start with the punching test first. Each one of you will have three tries. Wu Chuan, you'll go first," Manager Xiao said from beside the testing apparatus.

Although Wu Chuan's test results before had not been as eye-catching as Wang Cheng's, his strength was still over 320kg. He was already at the standard of a professional fighter.

Wu Chuan nodded before stepping up to the testing apparatus. Holding up and clenching his fists, his arms abruptly burst with strength as he sent three accurate strikes towards the leather target.

Peng! Peng! Peng!

Three deep, muffled noises resounded simultaneously.

Wu Chuan was satisfied with his punches. He then turned and walked away from the testing apparatus, smirking arrogantly at Shi Feng.

The numbers displayed on the testing apparatus continuously changed before finally displaying three scores.

341 kg, 346 kg, 342 kg.

The crowd suddenly went into an uproar when these three scores appeared.

Wu Chuan's results were close to Wang Cheng's previous results. Regarding pure strength, Wu Chuan definitely ranked second within the elites Big Dipper had recruited.

Manager Xiao was elated when he saw these numbers. His heart was already set on placing more emphasis on Wu Chuan's training in the future. After all, Wu Chuan was far more superior than Wang Cheng in reaction time and speed. Overall, Wu Chuan was more powerful than Wang Cheng.

"Next, Wang Cheng!" Manager Xiao shouted.

Wang Cheng walked up to the testing apparatus and took up his stance. Immediately, his muscles bulged, and the blood vessels across his arms also appeared. Wang Cheng sent three quick punches towards the leather target.

Peng! Peng! Peng!

The punching power testing apparatus suddenly released three crisp sounds, and even the machine itself trembled slightly. Meanwhile, the score the machine displayed broke through the 300kg threshold and continued to rise. Within a moment, it shot the 360kg threshold. Wang Cheng had surpassed even his previous highest record.

Finally, the punching power testing apparatus displayed the final results.

385 kg, 391 kg, 388 kg.

Three scores. And each one surpassed Wang Cheng's previous record.

"Impressive! I didn't realize how much you had held back!" Manager Xiao laughed upon seeing the scores. His fondness of Wang Cheng grew the more he looked at the young man. The standard of a top fighter in Jin Hai City was 400kg. Meanwhile, Wang Cheng was only a thread away from reaching that standard. Based on the youth's potential, after Big Dipper nurtured him, he should have no problems entering the top ten in the Provincial Youth Fighting Competition.

Zhao Ruoxi's confidence wavered when she saw the results. Wang Cheng's punching force had surpassed even Zhang Luowei's....

Although there was only a difference of around 30kg between Wang Cheng's previous record and his current scores, it was exceedingly difficult to increase one's force by even 1kg after passing the 350kg threshold. Many years of effort were required to increase one's force by 30kg. It was impossible to achieve such a feat in a short amount of time.

Although Shi Feng had defeated Zhang Luowei, Zhao Ruoxi guessed that the two of them were almost equal in terms of strength. Only, Shi Feng's combat techniques and experience far surpassed Zhang Luowei's. Thus, he had effortlessly defeated the renowned fighting genius. If she had known that Wang Cheng had held back so much of his strength, she would never have chosen to compete using the test results....

"Next, Shi Feng."

Although Manager Xiao did not know why Zhao Ruoxi had such a favorable opinion of Shi Feng, he knew that it was impossible for Shi Feng to surpass Wang Cheng's record of 391kg.

Shi Feng walked up to the testing apparatus, smiling bitterly at the displayed "391 kg." Inwardly, Shi Feng thought, He is just a high school student, yet, even before undergoing systematic training, he is already so strong. This should be the so-called "genius."

Originally, Shi Feng had simply come to the Big Dipper Training Center intending on checking his progress. Yet, he had somehow gotten caught up in this farce. If he did not give it his all, he might really become a laughingstock. Although he did not mind being laughed at, the spectators behind him would ridicule Zhao Ruoxi for trusting the wrong person, and that was something he absolutely would not permit.

I wonder how much I've improved. Shi Feng then began to warm up, preparing a full-powered punch.

The last time he tested himself, he only obtained 256 kg, placing him above the standard of ordinary people. Though he had improved since then, it was impossible for him to have improved overmuch. He would be impressed if he could achieve 290 kg.

"Damn, can you be any slower? Isn't it just a punch? Is all this build-up necessary?"

"I think he's frightened. He is just trying to stall for time. In a moment, he might even say that he feels ill!"

Watching Shi Feng take his time warming up, many in the crowd began to grow impatient and taunt him.

Shi Feng paid no attention to the noisy crowd behind him and continued with his warm-up.

"That should be enough." After feeling his entire body loosen up, he clenched his fist and sent a quick punch at the target.

Peng!

The testing apparatus displayed a score of 302 kg.

“The heck? Here I thought he would be amazing, but he only managed to hit 302 kg!” Many among the crowd laughed when they saw Shi Feng’s first result.

In the next moment, however, Shi Feng abruptly took half a step forward, firing a punch once more.

This time, the crowd could faintly hear the joints all over Shi Feng’s body crack.

Pa... Pa... Pa...

A series of eight pops resounded. In addition to the sounds, some of the spectators with sharp eyesight noticed that, while Shi Feng launched his second punch, the hairs all over his body had stood on end. Following which, Shi Feng’s punch landed on the target.

Boom!

This time, instead of a normal punch, Shi Feng had used the One-inch Punch.

This move concentrated the power of his entire body into a single burst. It was an advanced technique that required a certain degree of control over their own body.

The testing apparatus trembled slightly from Shi Feng's strike, and the score promptly changed to 437 kg.

However, he was not done. In the next moment, Shi Feng whirled his body around and threw out a punch, his fist striking the target.

Suddenly, the testing target bent inwards, and the entire apparatus rocked back slightly. Meanwhile, as if struck by a sledgehammer, web-like cracks appeared on the marble floor where Shi Feng's foot landed.

At the same time, the testing apparatus complained loudly, the machine's display revealing a frightening score of 576 kg. Shi Feng's punch had broken the punching power test record of the Big Dipper Training Center.

"What... the..." Wang Cheng's eyes nearly popped out of their sockets after seeing this score.

"What the hell?!" Wu Chuan was greatly shocked as well.

Shi Feng's final result stupefied every witness in the testing hall, every one of them falling silent.

Not only did Shi Feng knock the punching power testing apparatus back with a single punch, but he also cracked the marble floor with a single stomp.

However, there was one point that confused everyone watching.

Shi Feng's punch and stomp both looked very light, and no matter how one looked at the two actions, it was impossible for them to exert such immense power. Yet, the impossible had actually happened. Moreover, the burst of power was simply terrifying.

Shi Feng's punch and stomp struck the testing apparatus and the marble floor, respectively. If they landed on someone's body... Wouldn't the hits be fatal?

Both Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan inadvertently gulped when they saw the cracked marble floor. They no longer looked at Shi Feng with contempt. Instead, they gazed at him in awe. Only now did they understand why Zhao Ruoxi's claim. If they fought Shi Feng, the result would not be pleasant.

What a hateful bastard! Despite being so powerful, he is constantly trying to hide it. For a second there, I was afraid he might lose. Zhao Ruoxi finally sighed in relief after watching Shi Feng's stunning performance.

Standing beside the testing apparatus, Manager Xiao gaped at Shi Feng's flushed and sweating face with disbelieving eyes. He suddenly thought of a possibility for Shi Feng's shocking results, and he couldn't help but ask softly, "Is this internal force?"

Manager Xiao was well-versed in physical techniques and combat. He knew only Grandmaster martial artists could utilize an advanced technique like internal force.

“Mhm. It is,” Shi Feng nodded, not expecting Manager Xiao to recognize the technique.

Internal force was an advanced combat technique. It was not a myth or a legend, and it was not a superpower. In the past, in order to learn this technique, Shi Feng had spent many years consulting several martial arts masters, constantly training and refining his skills in God’s Domain. Only after he finally achieved a certain level of control over his own body could he perform this technique.

Although internal force granted vast destructive power, it was also extremely taxing on the body. A single strike fatigued him. Right now, he began to show signs of collapsing. If he launched another strike using internal force, he would most likely fall flat to the floor.

“Mister Shi... I represent... Big Dipper to thank you for breaking our all-time punching power record. According to Big Dipper’s rules, we will award you 300,000 Credits for this achievement. However, at my disposal, in addition to paying you 300,000 Credits, Mister Shi, in the future, you will be a Platinum Member of Big Dipper. You can enjoy a 60% discount on all expenses at Big Dipper. You will also receive a specially reserved Platinum Suite at the Big Dipper Training Center for your pleasure, Mister Shi.” After receiving Shi Feng’s nod of recognition, Manager Xiao was nearly speechless from excitement. He no longer looked down at Shi Feng as a member of the younger generation. Instead, he treated Shi Feng as his predecessor, even changing the way he addressed Shi Feng.

Since his youth, Manager Xiao had been infatuated with martial arts. He had never stopped training his body. Even now, his dream was to achieve a higher level in martial arts and successfully practice internal force. However, despite his many years of effort, he had never been successful. So, now that an internal force expert stood before him, how could he contain his excitement?

Martial arts did not judge by age. Only one’s achievements were important.

Although he was young, Shi Feng’s capabilities with internal force signified him as Manager Xiao’s predecessor in the man’s eyes. Naturally, he would have to treat Shi Feng with respect.

“Uncle Xiao, since when were you so generous?” For a second, Zhao Ruoxi even thought she had heard wrong. At this moment, her Uncle Xiao not only gazed at Shi Feng with respect and reverence, but he also addressed her classmate as “Mister.” He even upgraded Shi Feng from a Normal membership to being a Platinum Member.

There were less than 100 Platinum Members in all of Jin Hai City. It was a symbol of status. Even she was only a Gold Member. Zhao Ruoxi could not understand what her uncle was thinking.

“Little girl, Mister Shi is a true martial arts expert! Why would you be surprised by this upgrade? On the other hand, why didn’t you tell me that Mister Shi was a martial arts expert, little girl? You’ve really caught me by surprise this time,” Manager Xiao said sharply, shooting a glance at Zhao Ruoxi. “Didn’t you say that you wanted Mister Shi to teach these students? This isn’t the proper place for such a discussion. Why don’t we go to a meeting room and have a proper chat?”

“Uncle Xiao, what about the results of the competition?” Zhao Ruoxi pointed at the score on the testing apparatus.

“Of course, Mister Shi won this bet. There’s no need to employ the reaction test anymore. I’ll have the three bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids delivered to you later,” Manager Xiao said. He then shifted his gaze to Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan, asking, “Do you two have any concerns?”

Both Wang Cheng and Wu Chuan hurriedly shook their heads.

Even a person as skilled as Manager Xiao treated Shi Feng with great respect. Shi Feng’s strength and skill were obvious. If they continued to compete with him, they would only humiliate themselves.

“Mister Shi, now that this competition is over, let’s go to a meeting room upstairs and talk. I have many things I would like to ask you,” Manager Xiao said.

Zhao Ruoxi’s heart fluttered with joy when she saw her Uncle Xiao’s respectful attitude towards Shi Feng. She also felt a little prideful as if Shi Feng’s success were her own.

After the crowd in the testing hall dispersed, Manager Xiao led Shi Feng and Zhao Ruoxi to a meeting room on the 21st floor.

“Mister Shi, would you be interested in becoming the Head Instructor of Big Dipper?” Manager Xiao asked seriously. “As long as Mister Shi is interested you can state any conditions you want.”

It was extremely rare to meet an internal force expert. After all, every one of these experts was a master of the martial arts world. Their statuses and positions were all extremely impressive. Manager Xiao could not meet such a master even if he wanted to. Employing such a master to Big Dipper was an even more impossible task.

The Big Dipper Training Center was famous in Jin Hai City and possessed a certain amount of influence. Outside of Jin Hai City, however, it was unknown and insignificant. Big Dipper had no way to compete with the training or fitness centers commanded by martial arts masters.

If Big Dipper had an internal force expert like Shi Feng in command, their long-time goal of becoming famous beyond Jin Hai City might soon become a reality.

“Uncle Xiao, are you joking?”

Zhao Ruoxi was stunned. The position of Big Dipper's Head Instructor was no laughing matter. At that time, the rights Shi Feng would possess would surpass even Manager Xiao's. In her opinion, Shi Feng was only a university student slightly skilled in martial arts. In the beginning, she had pestered her Uncle Xiao with the intention to help Shi Feng get a good part-time job, as well as train the current batch of students. Now that the situation had evolved, even she was slightly caught off-guard.

"Since when has your Uncle Xiao joked around before? I am very serious. I am only afraid that Mister Shi Feng is unwilling to accept my offer." Manager Xiao did not know what to say to Zhao Ruoxi. Despite clearly having an internal force expert by her side, she had not realized the true value of an internal force expert. Manager Xiao's anxiety was overbearing. He was deeply afraid that Shi Feng would just stand up and leave, taking Big Dipper's dream of growing out of Jin Hai City with him.

"Big Dipper's Head Instructor?" Shi Feng thought for a moment before saying, "It isn't impossible, but I have two conditions."

"Mister Shi, please speak your mind," Manager Xiao hurriedly said.

"I want to become a member of Big Dipper's Board of Directors and establish a specialized training area. Meanwhile, I want full responsibility over this training area," Shi Feng demanded earnestly.

Chapter 365 - Ranked

Shi Feng's conditions were quite harsh.

Manager Xiao's brows pinched upon hearing them. His expression turned somewhat grim, and he was at a loss on what to do.

If Shi Feng had only wanted some of Big Dipper's shares, Manager Xiao could easily approve by himself. The Chairman of Big Dipper would also happily agree with Manager Xiao's decision. However, it was a different story if Shi Feng wanted to become a member of the Board of Directors.

Manager Xiao did not have the authority to make that decision.

The Board of Directors controlled every aspect of Big Dipper. In other words, the Board of Directors held absolute authority. Why would they allow an outsider to have access to such power?

Moreover, Shi Feng had also demanded permission to establish a training area that would be solely under his supervision. This request was equivalent to cutting off a portion of Big Dipper and giving it to Shi Feng. It was more incredulous than his first request.

If Shi Feng were a famous martial arts master, the Directors might even agree to his requests. However, no one knew of Shi Feng. There was practically no chance that the company would accede to his demands.

Sitting by the side, Zhao Ruoxi was similarly stunned by Shi Feng's conditions, and she began to look at Shi Feng in a different light.

Is this really our classmate Shi Feng? This question resounded in Zhao Ruoxi's heart.

Shi Feng's exorbitant demand surpassed even her greed.

Head Instructor was only a title. In reality, it was a very relaxing position, and normally, Shi Feng would not have much to do. However, the Head Instructor of Big Dipper's status was extremely high, and countless people coveted the position. Even the famous fighters of Jin Hai City yearned for this position. Unfortunately, Big Dipper had never found anyone worth consideration. On the other hand, despite being offered such a coveted position, Shi Feng still demanded such a high price. Zhao Ruoxi could not understand what Shi Feng was thinking.

In Zhao Ruoxi's opinion, Shi Feng's actions were somewhat excessive. However, Zhao Ruoxi felt they were justified. Shi Feng was not an unreasonable person.

Indeed, just as Zhao Ruoxi had guessed, Shi Feng was completely reasonable with his demands. His price was actually quite low. If not for his consideration of Zhao Ruoxi, his demands would have been more exorbitant than a position on the Board of Directors and a training area under his supervision.

Although Zero Wing's strength was limited to White River City at the moment, after the looting war in White River City, Zero Wing had become famous throughout the entire Star-Moon Kingdom. Moreover, Zero Wing had long since established a strong and sturdy foundation. It already qualified to fight for the position of overlord of Star-Moon Kingdom.

It was possible that only the higher-ups of first-rate Guilds knew what this signified.

There were hundreds of millions of players. Moreover, this number increased which each passing day. Only a few million people lived in Jin Hai City. At most, it was as large as White River City. As for the authority Zero Wing commanded in White River City and the Big Dipper's authority in Jin Hai City, it would not be an exaggeration to describe the difference between them as the difference between heaven and earth.

Moreover, as God's Domain grew increasingly popular, the number of people Zero Wing could influence would also grow. That influence could massively impact whichever training center it partnered with.

What about the training center itself?

To put it bluntly, it was simply a place for people to improve physically. What sort of influence could it possibly have?

A casual remark made by a first-rate Guild could allow a training center to rise to prominence at any given minute. Hence, rather than sharing the profits with others, wouldn't it be better just to establish their own training centers?

"What is your opinion on this, Manager Xiao?" Shi Feng looked at Manager Xiao and asked.

"Mister Shi, your conditions are a little harsh. How about 5% of Big Dipper's shares?" Manager Xiao could tell that Shi Feng was not some random knowledgeable person, and Shi Feng most definitely knew the value of an internal force expert. Hence, after giving it some thought, he offered the highest possible benefit that he could authorize by himself.

"Although 5% of the shares of a successful company like Big Dipper is generous, my conditions are firm. It would truly be a pity if you cannot agree to them," Shi Feng shook his head.

"This... Mister Shi, I do not have the authority to agree to the demands you've stated. Can you give me some time? I'll report this to my superiors. After they have reached a decision, I'll give Mister Shi an answer. How about it?" Shi Feng's unwavering attitude frightened even Manager Xiao. Originally, he had thought that a young man like Shi Feng would jump with joy when offered the position of Head Instructor and 5% of Big Dipper's shares. However, he had never expected anything like Shi Feng.

Manager Xiao refused to believe that Shi Feng was only a university student. Five percent of Big Dipper's shares was a lot of money, enough to grant one a lifetime of luxury. However, Shi Feng had insisted on his original demands. If Shi Feng were not insane, then he was absolutely confident.

"Certainly. I'm not in a hurry for this matter. I'll wait for your reply," Shi Feng smiled. He had not expected to deal with Zero Wing's training issues in a short amount of time. He still had many things he needed to do in God's Domain. Zero Wing's Workshop had also just opened, and he needed time to allow all these changes to settle in.

He had simply come here today to test his physical limits.

However, Shi Feng also had Zhao Ruoxi to thank. If not for her, establishing a dialog with Big Dipper's upper management would have been a struggle and taken some time. His current progress had already surpassed his expectations.

Following which, Manager Xiao had consulted with Shi Feng on some matters relating to martial arts. Although Zhao Ruoxi was indifferent to such topics, when she saw how her Uncle Xiao looked up to Shi Feng, she could not help but find the scene funny. If she related this matter to her father, her father would definitely be shocked.

After roughly three hours of lengthy conversation, Manager Xiao's admiration towards Shi Feng had grown by leaps and bounds. If not for the lack of time, Manager Xiao would have continued the conversation for three days and three nights.

After Shi Feng left the Big Dipper Training Center, Zhao Ruoxi drove him back to his rented apartment.

Meanwhile, Manager Xiao immediately contacted Big Dipper's Chairman, his elder brother, Xiao Yu. Manager Xiao was prepared to discuss Shi Feng's demands in detail.

As the sun set, a bright red luxury sports car stopped in front of Shi Feng's apartment complex.

"Shi Feng, you must store these three bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids properly. Unlike other Nutrient Fluids, S-ranks need to be kept below freezing. Otherwise, their effects will gradually weaken, and after two or three days, they will lose their effects completely. Also, you can only consume them once every five days. It would be detrimental to your body if you drink them more often. You must keep this in mind, alright?" Zhao Ruoxi said, carefully handing over the metal briefcase containing the S-rank Nutrient Fluids. She reminded Shi Feng repeatedly, worried that he would carelessly waste the S-rank Nutrient Fluids as he had never consumed them before.

Although one million Credits was only a small matter to her, S-rank Nutrient Fluids were impossible to obtain even if one had the money. Shi Feng could not easily get more. Big Dipper was only lucky enough procure a few bottles after much difficulty because of some of its connections.

"Mhm, I understand," Shi Feng said, a bitter smile on his face. In reality, this was not his first time consuming an S-rank Nutrient Fluid. However, Zhao Ruoxi did not know about that.

"I'll take off, then. Don't forget about my birthday party next month! I know where you live now, so if you're not there, I won't let you off lightly!" Zhao Ruoxi brandished her little fist through the car's window. She then sped away in her hovering red sports car.

At this moment, Shi Feng finally reacted. It turned out that Zhao Ruoxi had actually sent him home with such intentions. Although he was almost never on time, he shouldn't be that unreliable of a person, right...?

When Shi Feng turned around and was about to enter the apartment complex, he suddenly discovered someone squatting by the building's entrance. That person stared at Shi Feng with a wretched smile on his face.

It was none other than Blackie.

"Brother Feng, you're simply too amazing! I don't see you for a few days, and already, you've managed to hook up with Class Monitor Zhao! You need to teach me some of your skills! If you don't, I'll tell Sister Fire Dance!" Blackie said, giving Shi Feng a meaningful smile.

"Scram! Don't think that I don't know how frequently you hook up with some of the beauties in the Guild!" Shi Feng rolled his eyes at Blackie. Although Blackie had attempted to behave himself ever since he joined Zero Wing Workshop, a man's nature would not change easily. Currently, he was already growing closer with one of the female mages in the Guild. "Speak. Why are you here?"

"Okay, okay! I admit! I have important news that I needed to relay to you personally! After you hear it, don't get too excited," Blackie said excitedly. Clearing his throat, he happily announced, "One hour ago, the Secret Pavilion published its latest Experts List. Meanwhile, Brother Feng, your ID has been included! Right now, the entire Star-Moon Kingdom is going crazy!"

Chapter 366 - Virtual Gaming Cabin

Listening to Blackie's excited report, Shi Feng was speechless.

Even if Blackie hadn't told him the news, he would have discovered it after he entered God's Domain. There was not necessary for Blackie to hunt him down.

“Did you run all the way here just to tell me this?” Shi Feng asked.

“Of course not! Sister Aqua said that using the advanced virtual gaming helmet constantly would affect your strength and growth in game. After all, the helmet only has a synchronization rate of 90%. The cabin, however, has a synchronization rate of 97%. So, some time ago, she tried to buy a few virtual gaming cabins,” Blackie said. “However, there aren’t many of them. Even with Sister Aqua’s influence, she could only purchase five cabins for us. I came to deliver your unit. The workers have already installed the cabin in your apartment; you can use it immediately.”

“Virtual gaming cabin? Where did you guys get so much money?” Shi Feng could not help his shock.

Although there was quite a lot of money in the Workshop’s bank account, it was not enough to buy five virtual gaming cabins.

A single unit cost three million Credits. Moreover, virtual gaming cabins were always scarce as they were extremely difficult to manufacture. Unlike the virtual gaming helmet, the materials the virtual gaming cabin required were very rare, so they only produced and sold a limited number each day. Wealthy tycoons usually snatched up the cabins the moment they came out of production.

Many people usually wondered why these virtual gaming cabins were so popular.

Despite the cabin being so expensive and only having a 7% sync rate increase over the helmets, it was still immensely popular.

In the past, Shi Feng had thought similarly. Wasn’t it just 7%? How much would a player’s strength in game possibly increase after using the cabin?

Why bother wasting so much money for such a measly improvement?

However, after Shi Feng obtained his own cabin and subsequently tested it, it instantly changed his mind.

That 7% made a world of difference. In the past, an expert had been involved in an experiment using the two machines to test combat power. In the end, the expert exhibited 71% of his combat power while using the virtual gaming helmet. However, when using the virtual gaming cabin, the expert managed 75%. Furthermore, not only could the gaming cabins allow a player to raise their combat power, but they could also allow a player to improve their techniques at a quicker rate. The cabins could also develop the potential of a player's brain, as well as restore and enhance their physical fitness.

In the past, if Shi Feng had purchased a virtual gaming cabin earlier on, he would not have stagnated at the peak of Tier 3. He had poured his heart and soul into God's Domain to build his own legacy. In the process of doing so, he had neglected his physical fitness, which deteriorated with each passing year. By the time he realized the problem, it was already too late.

"Sister Aqua paid for them with her own money. She said that, as the number one Workshop in Jin Hai City and the sensational Guild of White River City, if others discovered that the Guild Leader of Zero Wing still used a virtual gaming helmet, Zero Wing would become a laughingstock. Hence, we needed to buy the cabins no matter what, and you, Brother Feng, must use one. This concerns Zero Wing's reputation," Blackie said eloquently, leaving Shi Feng with no room to refute.

"Alright, then. I'll accept the cabin. However, we must pay Aqua back for all of the money she spent. There's still around two million leftover from the White River City Guidebook sales; send that to Aqua for now. I'll think of a way to gather the rest." Shi Feng agreed that he needed a virtual gaming cabin. However, he couldn't have purchased one before because he lacked the proper channels. Since Aqua Rose had already bought one for him, he would gladly accept this favor, but there was no room for negotiation regarding money money.

However, he did not possess a lot of Credits right now. Although he had previously earned quite a bit and received the 50 million compensation from Twilight Echo, he had already spent most of it purchasing the real-estate and all of the necessary equipment for the Workshop. He now had very little Credits on hand. Coins, on the other hand, he had a lot of. If he converted the Coins into Credits, he would have more than enough to repay Aqua Rose.

However, unless he had no other choice, he would never trade his Coins for Credits. There was not much time left to complete the Epic Quest "Gospel Project." After his few recent large purchases, the Gold Coins he had on hand had grown further and further from his target of 30,000 Gold. He could no longer afford to trade Coins for Credits. He could only search for other avenues to earn Credits.

"Hahaha! Brother Feng, Sister Aqua truly understands you! She knew you would say such a thing. So, she told me to tell you that since she was paid 5% of Zero Wing's shares for doing nothing, you can consider this as her investment in Zero Wing. Also, if you really wish to repay her, make Zero Wing a Guild that surpasses Twilight Echo. To her, this would be the greatest form of repayment," Blackie said. He laughed when he heard Shi Feng reply exactly how Aqua Rose said he would. "The cabin has already been installed in your home. Since I've finished my report, I'll return to the Workshop now. You have no idea how busy the Guild is right now."

Finished speaking, Blackie quickly departed from the apartment complex.

"Surpass Twilight Echo, huh?" Shi Feng muttered as he watched Blackie leave.

His goal was not just to surpass Twilight Echo. However, there were still too many things he needed to deal with in White River City right now. It was especially true for Underworld. They had been too quiet during the looting war. This was out of character for them.

After a short moment of silent contemplation, Shi Feng turned and walked into the apartment complex, returning to his apartment.

Inside his home, as expected, Shi Feng discovered a white virtual gaming cabin that was 2.5 meters long, 1.8 meters wide, and 1.5 meters tall quietly laying inside his bedroom. He would no longer have to rely on the virtual gaming helmet to play God's Domain.

There were Nutrient Fluids as well as various health monitoring devices implemented in the cabin. Players would not have to worry about hunger or physical discomfort for extended periods of time while inside. On the contrary, they would get plenty of rest and recovery.

Moreover, with the 97% sync rate, players would find their five senses reaching new heights in the game.

With the cabin, Shi Feng could finally display his true strength in God's Domain.

Shi Feng examined the cabin before shifting his gaze towards the furnishing around the room. His apartment suddenly felt empty. There was absolutely nothing in his home that was even close to rivaling the value of the virtual gaming cabin. Rather, the cost of a single cabin could pay for the whole apartment.

"It should be about time," Shi Feng looked at the time. It was currently 8 pm and about time for him to enter God's Domain once more. Following which, Shi Feng went to the kitchen and stood before the fridge. He then removed the bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids from the metal briefcase.

Shi Feng placed two bottles in the freezer, opening and drinking the last bottle.

Compared to the lower grade Nutrient Fluids, the S-rank Nutrient Fluid was very special. Despite being stored in freezing temperatures, when he drank the liquid, it felt as if he had swallowed a mouthful of liquid fire. Every organ the liquid passed, from his mouth to his stomach, felt as if they had been scorched. There was no pleasure when drinking the S-rank Nutrient Fluid, only piercing pain. Moreover, this pain quickly spread throughout his body. Even his skin started to redden. It felt as if hot air flowed through his body, cleaning away all the toxins and restoring the vitality of his cells.

His previous efforts had paid off, increasing his punching power from 256kg to 302kg.

Everything in life involved balance. It was the same with the human body. If there were gains, then there were bound to be losses as well.

Such a huge and sudden improvement would definitely cause plenty of damage to his body. Originally, Shi Feng had intended to purchase an A-rank Nutrient Fluid to recover slowly. However, that was no longer necessary.

A single bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid could completely heal all the damage to his body.

“It’s been so long since I’ve drunk this. I almost forgot about the burning sensation.” Shi Feng smiled faintly. Although he was in pain, his body had never felt better. As for the remaining two bottles, he planned to leave them for his parents. That way, it could also help strengthen his parents and relieve some of the exhaustion they had piled up from work.

Following which, Shi Feng lay down in the virtual gaming cabin and connected to God’s Domain.

The drops from the Mechanical Slayer still waited for his appraisal. After all, aside from a two-hour waiting period, there was also a twelve-hour period before the drops of Field Bosses could be unsealed, appraised, or used. Fortunately, by the time Shi Feng logged in, that twelve-hour period should be almost over.

The drops of a Mutant.... Just thinking about them excited Shi Feng. In the past, the drops from a Common Mutant were enough for Guilds to drool over. Meanwhile, the Mechanical Slayer was a High Lord Mutant. Shi Feng couldn't even begin to guess just how amazing its drops would be.

Chapter 367 - Asura

A series of notifications flooded Shi Feng the moment he logged into the game.

"There sure are a lot of people trying to contact me," Shi Feng slowly browsed through the notification list, discovering that a vast majority were friend requests or private messages. Among them, there were plenty of messages from high-ranking members of first-rate Guilds. Most of them wanted to acquire Zero Wing.

There were also a few first-rate Guilds who had messaged Shi Feng with different intentions. These first-rate Guilds stated that, as long as Shi Feng willing joined their Guilds, they promised to promote him into an elder position in their Guild immediately and offered him a significant percentage of the Guild's shares. Shi Feng couldn't understand these offers. Since when had he become so valuable?

"Even Feng Xuanyang sent me a message? Interesting," Shi Feng read Feng Xuanyang's message, feeling slightly surprised. Although he had yet to discard all pretenses with Feng Xuanyang, they were already mortal enemies; neither would rest until one side was annihilated. Based on Feng Xuanyang's arrogance, it would be a miracle if he stopped trying to dispose of Shi Feng. So, why would Feng Xuanyang contact him? This wasn't his style at all.

When Shi Feng opened and read Feng Xuanyang's message, he could not but laugh.

“Feng Xuanyang sure is quick to change his attitude. It’s no wonder he was promoted to Underworld’s management.”

In the message, Feng Xuanyang had expressed his agreement to the conditions Shi Feng had previously stated. He was willing to invest one billion Credits in Zero Wing in return for 10% of Zero Wing’s shares. As for the finer details, they could discuss that further once Shi Feng contacted him.

“What the hell happened while I was away?” Everything had happened too suddenly, and Shi Feng was at a loss.

The looting war in White River City should not have warranted such a change in Feng Xuanyang. There must be some other reason.

Although Zero Wing had become a major force, in the end, it was limited to White River City. There over a hundred cities in the kingdom. To first-rate Guilds, the gain or loss of a single city was insignificant. As for Underworld, they surpassed even first-rate Guilds.

Moreover, among some of the messages Shi Feng had received, a few of the major Guilds from the other countries in God’s Domain had invited Shi Feng to their Guilds. They even offered very enticing salaries. No matter how Shi Feng looked at it, there was definitely something wrong with this situation.

However, even after a long moment of contemplation, he still couldn’t figure it out. Hence, he logged onto the official forums to get a better understanding of the situation.

The moment he logged in, however, he was stunned.

Under the Star-Moon Kingdom's forum section, posts about Black Flame and the God's Domain Experts List flooded the page.

Star-Moon Kingdom's Top Player, Black Flame!

Appearance of the Experts List Top 500 in Star-Moon Kingdom!

God amongst men! One against ten thousand! Killing thousands and escaping alive!

Experts analyze of the various Guilds in Star-Moon Kingdom. Zero Wing overall strength ranked first.

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However, among the numerous posts, the most popular was titled "One-hit Asura" with a view-count of over ten million.

God's Domain Experts List Rank 481: Black Flame

Class: Swordsman

Title: Asura

Black Flame had undergone numerous great battles in White River City. He once successfully killed Lone Tyrant, the Guild Leader of Dark Star, while surrounded by over a thousand Dark Star members. Afterward, he fought several hundred elite players in White River City, killing every player with a single hit. Nobody could stop his mighty sword as he effortlessly annihilated over a hundred players. Shortly after, tens of thousands of players from multiple Guilds hunted him down. Not only did he paralyze those players with shock, but he also killed thousands of players by himself before safely departing the battlefield....

Secret Pavilion's Evaluation: One hit per person, possessing strength like a demon.

The Secret Pavilion hereby gives Black Flame the title of Asura.

Below the introduction, the post contained video highlights of Black Flame's battles.

"Black Flame is simply too amazing! He is the role model of us Swordsmen! I must take him as my teacher! I heard that the Secret Pavilion doesn't give out titles casually. It's a pity that Black Flame has been in so few battles. Otherwise, he would definitely get a higher ranking on the Experts List."

"You don't say? One hit per person. Black Flame even killed a Level 19 Shield Warrior with a single hit, and he only took a few seconds to kill over a hundred players. With such godlike strength and techniques, no matter how you look at it, he should not rank at just 481. In my opinion, first place should be just about right. The Secret Pavilion is definitely pulling some strings, so they're using the title of 'Asura' to divert people's attention."

"I had hesitated about joining Zero Wing before. Now, however, I've decided to head straight for White River City. I must join Zero Wing no matter what!"

“Hah! I’ve long since arrived at White River City. I heard that the benefits Zero Wing offers to its members are superbly good. The weapons and equipment available for trade are also top-tier. In particular, the core members’ equipment is a feast for the eyes. You’ll just be ashamed if you wear Secret-Silver Equipment in front of them. The lowest quality equipment is at least of Fine-Gold rank! Moreover, Zero Wing also has a Guild Residence. I hear that there are private rooms in the Guild Residence, and even normal members can rent these rooms. After I join Zero Wing, it will only be a matter of time before my equipment surpasses a major Guild Leader’s.”

Many players had begun discussing Shi Feng’s title of Asura and the revelation of the various benefits that Zero Wing offered its members. At this moment, Black Flame and Zero Wing had become the most popular existences in Star-Moon Kingdom, and their fame far exceeded first-rate Guilds’ like the Star Alliance and Ouroboros.

As Zero Wing did not recruit players outside of the city, White River City had become Zero Wing’s recruitment center. Many players throughout the Star-Moon Kingdom began pouring into White River City, causing the population to rise suddenly. Unknowingly, Zero Wing had become the most dominant force in White River City.

While the reputation of One-hit Asura spread, many players also cursed Shi Feng as a shameless villain.

Shi Feng had lured the Mechanical Slayer to kill countless innocent players, dragging many players into the fray. These players claimed that Shi Feng should compensate them by handing over all the drops from the Mechanical Slayer. Meanwhile, these players cursing Shi Feng were all the subordinates of Lone Tyrant and the Guild Leaders of the various Guilds in White River City who had joined to take down Shi Feng.

After the looting war, their hatred for Shi Feng was higher than the sky and deeper than the ocean.

Any players who the Slayer had killed had lost two levels. They also had to wait one natural day before they could revive. Moreover, after reviving, they suffered a weakened state for two natural days. During this time, all of their Attributes had reduced by 30%, and their EXP gain reduced by 50%.

Dark Star had already suffered severe losses during the looting war. However, Lone Tyrant had never imagined that it was only the start of his nightmare. With this penalty, how Dark Star ever catch up to the other Guilds in the future?

The other Guilds were in a similar situation as well. At this moment, their eyes had turned bloody-red with rage. Just why had they so foolishly sent their members after Shi Feng?

Thinking up to this point, their hearts crumbled.

However, regardless of how much regret filled their hearts or how many curses they spewed at Shi Feng's despicable behavior, at this moment, nobody paid them any attention. Rather, they had set themselves up to become the joke that served to uplift Zero Wing's fame even further.

"So that's why. Rank 481 and a title. It's no wonder why even first-rate Guilds from other kingdoms and empires have made such grand offers. Even Feng Xuanyang has swallowed his pride and agreed to invest in Zero Wing." Reading up to this point, Shi Feng finally understood the reason behind all those messages.

There were countless experts in God's Domain. However, there could only be 1,008 players on the Experts List at a single time. These players were the at the apex in God's Domain.

Players capable of placing on the Experts List were also symbols of strength and status for Guilds. The more Experts List players a Guild possessed, and the higher the rank of said players, the more potential and strength a Guild would have. As a result, players on the God's Domain Experts List became targets for first-rate Guilds and various organizations.

Take Red Feather for example. Despite ranking only within the top 900, the Star Alliance treated him like their precious baby. The Star Alliance had even given Red Feather a certain percentage of the Guild's shares.

As for Shi Feng, not only did he rank within the top 500 on the Experts List and was the number one player in Star-Moon Kingdom, but he had also received a title from the Secret Pavilion. Naturally, he was quite valuable.

Just as Shi Feng was about to contact Aqua Rose and have her appraise the drops from the Mechanical Slayer with him, he suddenly received a call request from Feng Xuanyang. Shi Feng had only logged into the game moments ago, and already, Feng Xuanyang had contacted him. Feng Xuanyang's speed left even Shi Feng speechless.

Chapter 368 - Lunatic against Lunatic

Maple City was one of the major cities in Star-Moon Kingdom's eastern region. Although its population was no match for White River City, it was not too far off.

At this moment, over half of Maple City had fallen under Underworld's control, and it was only a matter of time before the organization controlled the city entirely.

"Young Master Feng, do you really plan to contact Black Flame?" South Wolf asked curiously, watching Feng Xuanyang as he sat on the sofa enjoying delicacies.

Currently, Black Flame had become one of the great experts ranked on the God's Domain Experts List and had even received the title of "Asura" from the Secret Pavilion. He had now become an expert recruiting. However, Black Flame had once rejected their kind offer in the past, going as far as to toy with Feng Xuanyang. He had even ruined Underworld's plans. Based on Feng Xuanyang's personality, he would continue to plan Black Flame's destruction.

Now, however, Feng Xuanyang had actually taken the initiative to contact the Black Flame he hated so fiercely.

"There are some things you will never understand. Based on our previous investigations, that Mechanical Slayer was a very special monster," Feng Xuanyang said as he examined the compiled data in his hands, a playful smile appearing on his handsome face.

"A special monster?" South Wolf was confused.

"That's right. According to the information I have here, any player killed by the Mechanical Slayer had to wait one natural day before reviving. Even healers' resurrection skills were ineffective on these players. Moreover, the penalty for death doubled. After these players revived, they also entered a weakened state for two natural days. During this period, all their Attributes have decreased by 30%, and the EXP they can receive has decreased by 50%," Feng Xuanyang reported pleasantly as he lightly shook his head. "Do you understand what this means?"

South Wolf shook his head, growing more confused at Feng Xuanyang's words.

"Have you ever seen a monster with such strength?"

"With God's Domain's basic settings, the stronger a monster is, the greater its loot will be. The Mechanical Slayer's loot must be stunning. There might even be many Epic items among its drops.

“Meanwhile, Zero Wing is the largest beneficiary from the looting war. They claimed more drops than any other Guild in White River City. Obtaining these drops could skyrocket Underworld’s future development. However, it is simply too difficult for us to obtain them. Moreover, we don’t have any concrete information about the loot. Trying to steal it from Zero wing would not be easy.

“Hence, I’ve decided to invest in Zero Wing. Although we would have to spend a large sum of money, when I become one of Zero Wing’s stockholders, I can easily obtain any information I want. Afterward, I can just set up a trap to steal those items and, slowly but surely, destroy Zero Wing from the inside.

“Isn’t it just money? I have plenty of that.”

Feng Xuanyang was determined to join Zero Wing. Nobody could resist the enticement of one billion Credits. As long as he could get ahold of a small percentage of Zero Wing’s shares, he could obtain all information relevant to Zero Wing fair and square. Previously, not only had Shi Feng acted so arrogantly before him, but Shi Feng had also caused his plans to support Dark Star to fall short. So, why would he ever let Shi Feng escape his punishment?

South Wolf trembled upon hearing Feng Xuanyang’s plans.

Suddenly, South Wolf realized that he was still naive. His understanding of Feng Xuanyang was still too shallow.

Feng Xuanyang’s plans were simply insane and terrifying.

In South Wolf's opinion, Feng Xuanyang's plans weren't related to the Mechanical Slayer's loot at all. Feng Xuanyang just wanted his revenge on Shi Feng. The drops were an excuse to take action.

To think that Feng Xuanyang was actually willing to spend one billion Credits just to destroy Zero Wing and get his revenge.... He was a lunatic!

"Young Master Feng, I'm not trying to overstep my boundaries, but we have gone looking for trouble with Black Flame many times before. We have hunted Zero Wing's core team. Now that we are trying to become the Guild's shareholders, won't he just reject us outright?" South Wolf said softly.

"Of course, I have already considered that. Although we were behind the attacks on Zero Wing, Dark Star stood in the forefront. I have never personally made an appearance. Although Black Flame knows the truth, on the surface, we maintain our pretenses with each other. Moreover, the reason I've contacted Black Flame during his time of glory is that I want him to think that I noticed his potential and that I am willing to pay any price to obtain him. That way, I can smoothly become a shareholder of Zero Wing without arousing any suspicion," Feng Xuanyang smiled coldly as he gazed into the wine glass in his hand. After taking a sip, he added, "Besides, is there anyone who would willingly refuse money? I've investigated Zero Wing's background. This Guild does not possess any sort of funding. If Black Flame wishes to develop his Guild further, he will inevitably need large sums of Credits. To Zero Wing, one billion Credits is like a heaven-sent fortune.

"If Black Flame is intelligent, he will set aside personal feelings and act logically. He has no reason not to accept my offer."

South Wolf's heart suddenly pounded. He never expected that his guess would hit the mark. Feng Xuanyang's true goal had never been to obtain the drops of the Mechanical Slayer. Instead, he only ever cared about Zero Wing's destruction. To put it another way, Feng Xuanyang planned to "incidentally" obtain the drops after he destroyed Zero Wing.

As fear began to grip South Wolf's heart, Feng Xuanyang contacted Shi Feng.

“Oh? Vice-Leader Feng, to what do I owe the pleasure of your call today?” Shi Feng asked rhetorically the moment the call connected.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, regarding the matters we discussed during our last meeting, I have thought them through. Regarding a Guild with boundless prospects like Zero Wing, Underworld is willing to pay one billion Credits to become one of its shareholders. At that time, with the support of Underworld, Zero Wing will certainly grow to become the overlord of Star-Moon Kingdom’s eastern region. Guild Leader Black Flame, when will you have time to sign the contract with us?” Feng Xuanyang asked, smiling.

“It looks like you have finally realized Zero Wing’s value. Although your previous conduct was slightly excessive, I will be magnanimous and forgive you this time. Let’s first talk about the shares, then. If there are no problems after our discussion, we can discuss a time to sign the contract. After all, the shares of the utmost importance to Zero Wing,” Shi Feng said, expressing his interest.

However, the moment Feng Xuanyang heard Shi Feng’s words, he very nearly erupted into a flurry of curses. The wine glass Feng Xuanyang had held, however, was less fortunate as it fell from his trembling hand and shattered on the floor.

Shi Feng spoke as if he thought Feng Xuanyang was a child who had done something wrong, and that Feng Xuanyang was currently pleading for Shi Feng’s forgiveness. Why wouldn’t such blatant humiliation enrage the proud and arrogant Feng Xuanyang?

Black Flame...! I will...endure...today’s matters... ! The moment I become a shareholder of Zero Wing, I will sign your death certificate! Feng Xuanyang inwardly swore as he suppressed his anger. As calmly as possible, he said, “Of course. Underworld will willingly purchase 10% of Zero Wing’s shares for one

billion Credits. We will also supply Zero Wing with 100 Gold Coins every week, as well as send a large number of experts and talents from various fields, allowing the Guild to become the overlord of White River City.”

“One billion for 10% of the shares?” Shi Feng shook his head. Revealing a cold smile, he said, “I think we may have a misunderstanding. Vice-Leader Feng, do you know what ‘times have changed’ means?”

“Is Guild Leader Black Flame planning to reject my well-intentioned investment because of our previous issues?” Feng Xuanyang hurriedly said. “It was truly just a misunderstanding. I had no knowledge of the actions against Zero Wing. Lone Tyrant was responsible for those attacks. Despite my explicit command barring him from taking action against Zero Wing, Lone Tyrant insisted on doing so. Underworld never intended to strike Zero Wing.”

“Vice-Leader Feng, you misunderstand me. I’m not saying that I don’t agree to

Underworld’s investment. However, one billion for 10% of Zero Wing’s shares? Vice-Leader Feng, don’t you think you’re being a little too greedy?” Shi Feng shook his head slightly. He said seriously, “Vice-Leader Feng, greed can ruin one’s life. However, seeing Vice-Leader Feng’s sincerity, I will sell you 0.1% of Zero Wing’s shares in exchange for one billion Credits. What do you think?”

At this moment, Shi Feng’s tone implied that this was an incredibly generous offer. There was no sense of disharmony in Shi Feng’s words, and it sounded as if his every word was true.

“Black... Flame!” Feng Xuanyang’s face immediately flushed red upon hearing Shi Feng’s remarks, the hair all over his body standing on end and the blood vessels on his forehead surfacing. Feng Xuanyang was no longer capable of suppressing the rage within him. Word by word, he angrily bellowed, “Have you gone insane?! Why don’t you rob a bank instead?!”

Shi Feng’s offer even frightened South Wolf.

A 100 fold increase.... Even if Zero Wing had grown....

Chapter 369 - King's Return

By demanding such a price, Shi Feng made it clear that he was still angry about Feng Xuanyang's previous actions.

"Misunderstanding" was just another form of deceit.

Everybody knew this. After all, if anything could be chalked up to a "misunderstanding," why would anyone need the police?

"Vice-Leader Feng, I'm really losing a lot with this transaction. If you aren't interested, there are many others who will jump at the offer." Shi Feng chuckled.

In fact, Shi Feng wasn't lying. Many Guilds and organizations outside of Star-Moon Kingdom had expressed interest in collaborating with Zero Wing. In addition, there were also major corporations who had offered high prices to purchase the Guild.

At this moment, Feng Xuanyang's complexion darkened, and his eyes flashed with a fierce chill. Even South Wolf, who stood by Feng Xuanyang's side, silently lowered his head, his legs trembling. He was deeply afraid that Feng Xuanyang would erupt with rage and take it out on him.

Whenever Feng Xuanyang was this angry, he would secure a painful ending for any who incurred his wrath. Meanwhile, Shi Feng had toyed with Feng Xuanyang many times now.

No one knew what Feng Xuanyang would do next.

After a long moment...

“Guild Leader Black Flame, I am very sincere here. How about this? In exchange for one billion Credits, I will ask for 5% of Zero Wing’s shares.” Feng Xuanyang suppressed his anger and expressed an extraordinary serenity.

“No negotiations. I will only do 0.1%. This is the very limit that I can offer. If Vice-Leader Feng is not interested, then forget it. I won’t demand your acceptance.” Shi Feng had only probed since he doubted Feng Xuanyang’s intentions. He had not expected that Feng Xuanyang could actually endure his games so well.

Feng Xuanyang had always possessed a dominant approach. He would immediately take action against anyone who disagreed with him. Now, however, he actually controlled his anger to negotiate with Shi Feng. Why wouldn’t Shi Feng be suspicious?

There must be a reason for Feng Xuanyang’s attitude change.

Feng Xuanyang gnashed his teeth to the point of almost cracking them when he heard Shi Feng’s reply.

One billion was not a small number. If he had to give away so much money, even his heart would ache. If it was in exchange for 10% of Zero Wing's shares, he could barely accept it. However, he could never accept 0.1%.

Black Flame! You dare treat me like a fool! Sooner or later, I will make you pay this debt a hundredfold! Feng Xuanyang inwardly bellowed. As long as he became one of Zero Wing's shareholders, he could investigate Zero Wing fair and square and insert his own men into Zero Wing's core. When that time came, he could crush everyone in Zero Wing. Hence, suppressing his anger right now, he said in a low tone, "I understand. I hope that Guild Leader Black Flame will not disappoint me. Let's sign the contract as soon as possible, then."

Feng Xuanyang's agreement surprised and concerned Shi Feng. Originally, he thought he could anger Feng Xuanyang and send the young master flying into a rage. He had expected Feng Xuanyang to break off their relationship completely, spouting a few curses and making some vengeful statement such as "not resting until one of them was annihilated" and the like. However, Shi Feng had never expected this ending. Feng Xuanyang had actually endured such an insult to his reputation....

Feng Xuanyang was actually willing to exchange one billion Credits for 0.1% of Zero Wing's shares. Unless Feng Xuanyang had truly lost his mind, he was definitely plotting something.

Considering the events up to this point, Shi Feng revealed a faint smile and said, "Vice-Leader Feng, why are you in such a hurry? I still haven't finished. Aside from the one billion Credits, I also want 50% of Underworld's shares. If you can promise that, I won't hesitate to sign."

"Black... Flame...! You're courting death!" Feng Xuanyang exploded. He was now fully aware that Shi Feng was not deliberately raising the price out of anger. Instead, Shi Feng was wholeheartedly toying with him right now.

Not only did Shi Feng want to sell 0.1% of Zero Wing's shares for one billion Credits, but he also wanted 50% of Underworld's shares.

What was Underworld? It was a force that far surpassed a first-rate Guild. Not to mention 50%, Feng Xuanyang did not even possess 1% of the organization's shares. Yet, Shi Feng wanted 50%.

"Vice-Leader Feng, you're not going to keep up the act anymore?" Shi Feng faintly smiled. "I wanted to play around with you for a little longer."

"Black Flame, don't think that just because you are invincible in White River City that I can't do anything to you! You underestimate Underworld too much! Zero Wing is merely the overlord of White River City! Meanwhile, the several cities surrounding White River City have already fallen under our control! It won't be long before I personally finish you off and eradicate your Guild!" Feng Xuanyang could no longer control his anger. Like a berserk beast, he let out a lung-piercing roar, causing everyone who heard it to shiver with fear. "Black Flame, originally, you could have had a billion Credits as your retirement fund! Now, you no longer have that chance! I will force you into a corner, bit by bit, and make you regret all your actions today!"

At first, Shi Feng was slightly surprised when he heard Feng Xuanyang's fury. In the next moment, however, he smiled and said, "I will be waiting."

Afterward, Shi Feng disconnected the call.

Although he had only said four words, his statement contained utter confidence and determination. Even Feng Xuanyang was slightly stunned, having no comeback.

Feng Xuanyang fully understood the meaning behind Shi Feng's words.

"Zero Wing is not afraid to start a war. If you think you're strong enough, bring it on!"

However, Feng Xuanyang was confused. Just how had Shi Feng remained so calm even when facing a billion Credits?

It seems that I need to speed up my plans, Shi Feng thought after he disconnected the call.

His surprise during the call had not been due to fear. Instead, it was because he had not expected Underworld's background to be so powerful. They had acted so quickly and had already conquered the cities surrounding White River City. If it were not for Feng Xuanyang losing his cool for a moment and revealing this information, Shi Feng would not have known how serious the situation was.

However, Shi Feng could now release a sigh of relief. Fortunately, he had not discovered this too late. He could still prepare if he started taking action right now. It wasn't Underworld's iron grip on those several cities; rather they were under the absolute control of the Guilds beneath Underworld. Otherwise, Feng Xuanyang would not have tried to spend one billion Credits to bury Zero Wing.

Currently, the average player's level was still low, so interaction between cities was limited. However, when players reached higher levels, they would have to head to higher-leveled areas. Meanwhile, these high-level areas were close to the common borders between cities. At that time, Underworld could trap Zero Wing. With enemies on all sides, Zero Wing's members would not be able to level up safely as they would face the risk of an enemy ambush at any time. In the end, Zero Wing would slowly but surely be pushed into a corner.

However, thanks to Feng Xuanyang's temper tantrum, Shi Feng could act early to prevent such a situation. Otherwise, by the time everyone had leveled up, Zero Wing would be declawed.

Considering the situation, Shi Feng hurried back to White River City.

Upon his return, Shi Feng discovered that the area outside the Teleportation Hall had already been fully repaired. Meanwhile, many players wandered the streets. A majority of these players were independent. Whenever these independent players saw someone wearing Zero Wing's emblem, they would watch that person enviously, letting the Zero Wing member feel very proud.

As for the members of Dark Star and other Guilds, whenever they saw a member of Zero Wing, they would consciously avoid contact. These Guild players were no longer as arrogant as before.

Moreover, Shi Feng discovered that the independent players walking around on the streets possessed very high levels. These independent players were clearly above the standard of ordinary players. Currently, many of these independent players were trying to form parties to raid high-level Dungeons or grind in high-level areas.

Before Shi Feng had even left the Teleportation Hall, the atmosphere on the street changed. Practically everyone turned to stare at him.

"Isn't he One-hit Asura, Black Flame?"

"Guild Leader Black Flame has returned?"

"Where?! Where?!"

"Wah! It's real! It's the real deal! He's just too handsome! Crap! I'm going to faint at this rate!"

Shi Feng was not currently wearing his Black Cloak, so he was easily and quickly recognized. Suddenly, everyone on the street grew excited. Some female players looked as if they would pounce on Shi Feng as soon as he passed, and many of them squealed in excitement.

However, before these female players even had the chance to pounce on Shi Feng, a group of players wearing dazzling equipment quickly swarmed over from a distance. The poorest-quality weapons and equipment these players had were Secret-Silver rank, and every one of these players was above Level 20. They all wore a six-winged emblem on their chests, and the appearance of this group immediately attracted everyone's attention.

This group of players was none other than Zero Wing's core team. In addition to these core members, there were also over a thousand elite members behind them. These players moved in unison, and the extraordinary momentum they displayed caused the players to make way for them unconsciously.

Meanwhile, all of these members of Zero Wing were here to receive Shi Feng.

"Guild Leader, welcome back!"

Aqua Rose, Fire Dance, and everyone else walked over, smiling faintly as they looked at Shi Feng.

This grand welcome left Shi Feng utterly speechless. He could only silently nod in reply.

Afterward, Shi Feng walked back to the Starstreak Trading Firm with the crowd from Zero Wing. Throughout their journey, the players of White River City had all promptly moved aside. These players gazed at Shi Feng with wonder as if welcoming the king's return.

Chapter 370 - Legacy Stone Sword

Starstreak Trading Firm, third-floor meeting room. At this moment, all of the core members of Zero Wing had gathered here.

Compared to other Guilds, Zero Wing was more fortunate as it had a meeting place exclusively for its own members. Normally, other Guilds would have to use the temporary rooms available at the Adventurer's Association. However, those temporary rooms could only hold a limited number of people at a time. Other than the Adventurer's Association, Guilds could also pay a large sum to rent conference rooms at hotels or bars. However, only wealthy and powerful Guilds could afford such rentals.

"Guild Leader, we have completed all of the necessary preparations for tomorrow's recruitment. We can start as soon as the Guild Residence's construction has completed. In addition, here is the detailed list of tomorrow's tasks. Everyone can take a look at what they need to do tomorrow," Aqua Rose presented a list of tasks on the meeting table's system screen and explained them one by one.

Aqua Rose had long since prepared for Zero Wing's recruitment. However, when she considered the large number of players coming from other cities as well, she had to revise her plan. Moreover, she had also made detailed adjustments to the Guild's benefit system. Now, they would not have to fear the sudden influx of members overloading Zero Wing's capacity and harming the Guild's development.

Aqua Rose's list shocked everyone present.

The information Aqua Rose had compiled so impressively organized. They felt as if they were reading a university textbook. The section relating to Zero Wing's benefit system consisted of over a dozen pages. Moreover, Aqua Rose had carefully planned how they were going to counter the spies sent by other Guilds. To access more information about the Guild and its benefit system, members would need to be promoted to a higher rank within the Guild.

However, the lowest-ranking members could still view the benefits that Zero Wing offered, and they were enough to impress many players.

“What? There are actually 150 private rooms available for rent in the Guild Residence? I thought there were only going to be seven or eight rooms available.”

“That’s only what is available for the normal members. Look at the benefits for elite members. They can actually rent 2-star private rooms. Moreover, there are a total of fifty 2-star private rooms available. Just how huge is our Guild Residence?”

Many of the core members present were shocked by the information revealed. Their curiosity about their Guild Residence grew.

“Look at their surprise. If they knew that our Guild Residence is White River City’s largest and most valuable residence, the Purple Sun Mansion, I wonder what kind of expressions they would make?” Blackie chuckled softly.

Although Zero Wing’s core membership had grown past a hundred, only a few actually knew where their Guild Residence was located.

After everyone had their assigned tasks, Aqua Rose suddenly stood. Clearing her throat, she said seriously, “The next thing we are going to talk about is classified information regarding Zero Wing. It is also what that everyone present is most concerned about today: the loot from the Mechanical Slayer. Other than the people here, no one is allowed access to this information.”

Everyone nodded nervously in reply to Aqua Rose’s words.

Every player who had been invited to this meeting today had a huge responsibility to the Guild.

The Mechanical Slayer was extraordinarily powerful. So, the items it dropped were also extraordinary. The importance of the role these items could play went without saying. Whether it was competing for a Dungeon's First Clear or fighting in a Guild War, these items would definitely be of immense help a Guild's development. If the information of these items went public, not only would their enemies have an edge against them, but it would also rouse the greed in others. At that time, their enemies would definitely plot to steal these items.

Looking at the anticipation in everyone's eyes, Shi Feng slowly reported, "We have obtained a total of 102 items. Of them, there are 37 Fine-Gold items, 14 Dark-Gold items, 7 forging designs and recipes, 12 Tier 2 Magic Scrolls, 3 Tier 3 Magic Scrolls, 8 potions, 2 Epic items, and 19 rare materials."

"What?! There are actually Epic items?!"

"Awesome! With Epic items, our Guild will flourish in Dungeons! We can claim all of the First Clears easily!"

Everyone grew incomparably excited after listening to Shi Feng's report.

The large number of Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold items alone had greatly shocked the team. They could fully arm a 20-man team with so many items.

Just the thought of having a 20-man team fully geared in Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold ranked weapons and equipment was enough to give them the shivers. Not even first-rate Guilds could produce such a powerful team. Fully arming a team with Secret-Silver Equipment was already impressive. As for a 20-man team in Fine-Gold Equipment, that was simply impossible.

Meanwhile, if Zero Wing could establish such a powerful team, they would be invincible in 20-man Team Dungeons. The Dungeon Bosses would become pushovers. At that time, they could continuously supply the Guild with loads of precious equipment.

Most importantly, there were even two Epic items among the loot...

Previously, Epic items only existed in their thoughts and dreams. After all, since the launch of God's Domain, there had yet to be any mention of anyone obtaining an Epic item. Now, their Guild actually had two Epic items! Everyone's breath began to grow heavy at this revelation.

"Don't get too excited. Although we obtained quite a few weapons and equipment, the lowest level requirement is 30. The same goes for the two Epic items." Shi Feng smiled in response to their enthusiasm. He could understand how his team felt at the moment.

Epic items!

In God's Domain, they were symbols of extraordinary strength.

In Shi Feng's previous life, he, too, had been elated when he first saw an Epic item. After all, it was an item every player dreamed of having.

"I know that all of you are eager to see how powerful the Epic items are, so today, I'll let all of you have a look at them. While we're at it, I'll let all of you know that I do not plan to allocate these two Epic items to anyone in particular. Instead, I'll place both of them in the Guild Warehouse. However, only core members can see them. Once you have accumulated sufficient contribution points, you can trade your points for any of these two Epic items at any time," Shi Feng explained. He then presented the information of the two items on the screen of the meeting table.

[Song of Beatrice] (Staff, Epic Rank)

Level 30 - Level 90

Equipment Requirement: Intelligence 200

Attributes will be adjusted according to user's level.

Magic Damage increased by 25%.

Cooldown of all spells reduced by 20%.

Casting speed increased by 20%.

Spell critical rate increased by 15%.

Cast range +3

All magic-type skills +2 Levels

Ignore Levels +15

Durability 200/200

Additional Passive Skill: Song of Elements. All successful attacks have a chance to trigger this skill, increasing player's magic damage by 20% for 15 seconds. Does not stack.

Cooldown: 1 minute.

Additional Skill 1: Forest Sprites. Summons three Forest Sprites to battle for you. Forest Sprites can also be sacrificed to recover player's Mana. Each Forest Sprite sacrificed will recover 15% of player's maximum Mana.

Cooldown: 20 seconds

Additional Skill 2: Elemental Domain. All allies within a radius of 50 yards will have their magic damage increased by 15%, cast speed increased by 15%, and Mana consumption decreased by 20% for 1 minute.

Cooldown: 30 minutes

Additional Skill 3: Song of Sprites. Increases the effect of a specified spell by 300%.

Cooldown: 5 minutes

[Shadowcraft] (Leather Armor, Epic Rank)

Level 30 - Level 90

Equipment Requirement: Agility 200, Strength 150

Attributes will be adjusted according to user's level.

Agility increased by 25%.

Strength increased by 10%

Evasion +20

All Magic Resistance +20

Defend +4 Levels

Ignore Levels +10

Additional Passive Skill 1: Dark Shadow. Movement Speed increased by 20%. In dark places, Movement Speed increased by 30% and Agility increased by 10%

Additional Passive Skill 2: Rapid Movement. Agility increased after receiving damage. Agility increases by 5% with every 10% decrease in HP.

Additional Skill: Shadowless. Player can consecutively appear behind targets within a distance of 40 yards. Each use consumes one charge. Replenishes one charge per minute up to a maximum of three charges.

Of the two Epic items, the Song of Beatrice required 600,000 Guild Points, whereas Shadowcraft required 400,000 Guild Points.

One Guild Point was the current equivalent to around 30 Copper Coins. Even Aqua Rose and Fire Dance would require a relatively long time before they could accumulate so many points.

When everyone saw the Attributes on the two Epic items, they were all stupefied. The equipment they wore was simply too inferior compared to these two items. Meanwhile, when everyone thought about how they could trade Guild Points for these items, a passionate flame lit up in all of their eyes. The absurdly high demand of Guild Points didn't deter their passion at all. At this moment, they wanted to rush out of the room and start earning Guild Points immediately.

"You've seen the Attributes on these items for yourselves. As to whether or not you can trade for them, that will depend on the effort you put in. In addition, I also have some good news to tell all of you. I will reward Guild Points to the first 100 members in the Guild to get promoted into a Tier 1 class. First place will receive a reward of 50,000 points, so all of you, work hard." Seeing the high morale of the crowd, Shi Feng added more fuel to the fire.

Currently, not a single player had become a Tier 1 class in the entire Star-Moon Kingdom. The various Guilds around the kingdom were all focused on raiding the 50-man Team Dungeons in their respective cities. None of them knew the importance of Tier 1 players. Presently, only Shi Feng knew that Tier 1 players were the key requirement to raid a Level 20, 100-man Team Dungeon. In addition, Tier 1 players

also played an important role in the competition between Guilds. The sooner a Guild possessed Tier 1 players, the more beneficial it would be to the Guild's future development.

This was the reason why Shi Feng had ordered his Guild members to level up quickly rather than waste time competing over the First Clear for the Level 10, 50-man Team Dungeons.

Everyone's fighting spirit soared once more when they heard Shi Feng's announcement.

At this moment, they all viewed their decision to join Zero Wing as the best decision they had ever made.

No other Guild would offer Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold items to its members, much less Epic items.

On the other hand, not only had Shi Feng made the items available for trade, but he also spent a large sum of money to encourage everyone to raise their strengths. Players would never find these opportunities in any other Guild.

If they could earn the reward of 50,000 Guild Points, even if they didn't want the Epic items, they could still gain several Fine-Gold or Dark-Gold items, greatly increasing their prowess.

After the meeting ended, the core members headed towards the Class Association to receive their Class Change Quest, afraid that the others would beat them to the top prize.

"It should be about time for me to upgrade my class as well." Shi Feng smiled faintly.

Shi Feng had wanted to take on his Class Change Quest for a while now. However, he celebrated the fact that he had not already done so. He would have regretted that decision.

Before the meeting started, Shi Feng had already appraised the drops from the Mechanical Slayer. In the looting war, Zero Wing had actually managed to obtain 103 items, not 102. There was one item Shi Feng had not revealed.

The item Shi Feng hid was none other than the crystal-encased ancient sword.

Shi Feng had kept it hidden because that item was simply too frightening. Even if he added together the value of the other 102 items, it would not reach even a hundredth of the Sword in the Stone. If others learned about this item, it would definitely cause a sensation to sweep throughout God's Domain, which was why Shi Feng had decided to keep silent about it.

The Sword in the Stone was neither a weapon nor armor. It was a Legacy Item. Moreover, the Legacy it contained was no ordinary Legacy. It was a Legacy Item even more powerful than the Magic Weapon Star's Reminiscence.