

The Strongest

Chapter 371 - Peak Legacy

A Legacy hinted at a hidden class.

This was also one of the reasons why Legacy Items were extremely rare in God's Domain.

Previously, the fact that they had obtained the Astromancer's Legacy from the Blood Hand Association's stronghold had already blown Shi Feng's mind. Now, however, he had an even more powerful Legacy. Moreover, only Berserkers and Swordsmen could use this Legacy.

Shi Feng knew that the Legacy contained within the Sword in the Stone was more powerful than the Astromancer's Legacy was because of its unsealing conditions.

Violet Cloud's Legacy Item, the Magic Weapon Star's Reminiscence, required a Tier 3 Great Mage to help unseal it. Based on these stringent requirements, the Astromancer's Legacy should be superior among the many Legacies that existed in God's Domain.

However, Shi Feng's Sword in the Stone was far more amazing than the Star's Reminiscence.

[Sword in the Stone]

The sword inside the crystal faintly emits a power from the ancient era. It occurs naturally with no signs of being crafted. However, a frightening power had damaged this ancient sword severely in the past. If

one wishes to awaken the power contained within and gain a better understanding of this sword, they need to gather the power of three Tier 4 classes and expend 21 Mana Stones.

Class restriction: Berserker and Swordsman

Not to mention the three Tier 4 NPCs, just the number of Mana Stones required was a huge headache for Shi Feng.

Mana Stones were extremely precious in God's Domain. Although they weren't as valuable as Seven Luminaries Crystals, they were not far from them, either. Mana Stones were rare materials required to craft Epic ranked weapons and equipment. However, the most dreadful aspect of Mana Stones was that nobody sold them in God's Domain. Only Bosses in 100-man Hard Mode Team Dungeons dropped Mana Stones. Moreover, the drop rate was a minuscule 2%.

Currently, throughout all of God's Domain, Shi Feng had yet even to hear news about anyone obtaining the First Clear of a Level 10, 50-man Team Dungeon, not to mention a Level 20 100-man Team Dungeon. Even Zero Wing, his own Guild, was only in the preparation stage of raiding a Level 20, 100-man Team Dungeon. Only players who had gathered 100 Tier 1 players had a chance of success in the Hard Mode versions of those Dungeons. In other words, it was simply impossible for Shi Feng to get his hands on a Mana Stone right now, let alone 21 of them.

The difficulty of unsealing the Sword in the Stone far surpassed the Magic Weapon Star's Reminiscence. Hence, Shi Feng was certain that the Legacy contained within the Sword in the Stone was far superior to the Star's Reminiscence. At the very least, it should be one of the Peak Legacies of God's Domain.

"I can only give it a try." Shi Feng smiled bitterly as he gazed at the Sword in the Stone inside his bag.

The awakening conditions of the Sword in the Stone were too high. Ever since Shi Feng had appraised the Legacy Item, he had constantly been thinking of a way to fulfill those conditions. He could not afford to wait until Zero Wing obtained the First Clear of a 100-man Hard Mode Team Dungeon before gradually collecting 21 Mana Stones.

If the Guild Leader of any other Guild stood in Shi Feng's place right now, activating the Class Change Quest of the Sword in the Stone would be nigh impossible. And ordinary players could never meet these conditions. Only after wracking his brain did Shi Feng think a way to awaken the Sword in the Stone early.

Soon, Shi Feng left the meeting room as well and headed to one of the forging rooms on the fourth floor of the Starstreak Trading Firm.

They had obtained a total of seven forging designs and recipes from the looting war. Of them, three were forging designs.

All three forging designs produced different types of Basic Strengthened Armor Kits, which were respectively meant for plate armor, leather armor, and cloth armor. Although these Basic Strengthened Armor Kits were a lot weaker than the Basic Mana Armor Kit, their effects only half of the latter, they were still very valuable.

After all, Shi Feng was not a dedicated Lifestyle player. He could not afford to spend a large amount of time producing the Basic Mana Armor Kits. Meanwhile, the supply of Basic Mana Armor Kits available on the market would not meet the demand. Hence, these three Basic Strengthened Armor Kit Forging Designs were extremely important.

At this moment, a knocking came from the door of the forging room. "Guild Leader, the ones you called for are here," Melancholic Smile said respectfully as she entered the room.

While Shi Feng had been busy, Melancholic Smile had grown to have the aura of a strong and capable woman. The current Melancholic Smile was already an Advanced Forging Apprentice, and she was only a short distance from her promotion to a Basic Forger.

Under Melancholic Smile's management, the Horizon Alliance, the Lifestyle Guild Shi Feng had secretly established, had grown to house over 3,000 members. These Lifestyle players had been recruited from various places. Currently, these members had crafted a majority of the products sold at the Starstreak Trading Firm.

Not even Aqua Rose and Blackie knew about the Horizon Alliance. In the eyes of the public, the members of the Horizon Alliance were simply players that the Starstreak Trading Firm had hired.

"Ah, come on in, then," Shi Feng nodded.

Following which, a man and a woman entered the forging room. The woman who followed Melancholic Smile was none other than the forging genius Cream Cocoa. She had already become an Advanced Forging Apprentice. Meanwhile, the man who entered with Cream Cocoa was a 40-year-old man called Roasted Ironheart. Because of his age, the Guilds Roasted Ironheart had joined in the past had looked down on him. However, after he passed the test set by Melancholic Smile and became a member of Horizon Alliance, he had poured his heart into forging items and displayed frightening talent. Regarding forging techniques, he was even more talented than Melancholic Smile. Currently, he had already become one of the Five Great Forgers of the Horizon Alliance.

After the two entered, upon seeing Shi Feng, Roasted Ironheart immediately grew cautious. Normally, Melancholic Smile was responsible for dealing with all matters within the Horizon Alliance. So, no one had ever met the true owner of the Guild. The members of the Horizon Alliance only knew that their Guild Leader was extremely mysterious, and he had actually managed to form a relationship with the Starstreak Trading Firm. Not only did this great personage possess frightening wealth, but he also had great talents such as Melancholic Smile and Cream Cocoa working under him. The members of the Horizon Alliance all felt reverence and curiosity towards this mysterious boss of theirs.

Today, as Roasted Ironheart finally met the mysterious boss behind the Horizon Alliance, his heart was filled with incomparable shock.

Originally, Roasted Ironheart had believed that the force behind the Horizon Alliance was a wealthy tycoon. However, he would never have imagined that proprietor of this Lifestyle Guild was actually White River City's, no, the entire Star-Moon Kingdom's number one expert, the One-hit Asura, Black Flame. How could this revelation not shock him?

Moreover, Black Flame was also Star-Moon Kingdom's publicly acknowledged number one forger.

At this moment, Roasted Ironheart's mind was a complete mess.

"There is no need to panic; I don't eat people," Shi Feng could not help but console Roasted Ironheart when he noticed the man's trembling legs.

Hearing Shi Feng's words, Roasted Ironheart nearly slumped to the ground.

The number one expert of Star-Moon Kingdom. The Guild Leader of Zero Wing. The great character that dominated White River City. There was simply no chance that a small fry like Roasted Ironheart could meet such a great character like Shi Feng. Yet, not only had such a situation occurred, but Roasted Ironheart was also speaking directly with such a great character. How could Roasted Ironheart not panic?

"Uncle Ironheart, relax. Our Guild Leader is a very kind and friendly guy!" Cream Cocoa said, smiling.

Roasted Ironheart silently nodded. After taking a long moment to calm down, he said, "Hello, Boss!"

Melancholic Smile and Cream Cocoa giggled at this sight.

Shi Feng had grown speechless at Roasted Ironheart's actions as well. He was not a monster. Why was he so intimidated?

"Alright, I have some important matters to discuss with you. I've called the three of you here today because of these." Saying so, Shi Feng took out the three Basic Strengthened Armor Kit Forging Designs. "Each of you will take one. Your task for this is to produce these items; the more, the better."

As forgers, Melancholic Smile's group was stunned when they saw the forging designs. They understood the value of the Basic Strengthened Armor Kits. By producing these items, not only could they increase their promotion speed to Basic Forgers, but they could also use these items to dominate the forging market and create names for themselves.

When the trio thought about how Shi Feng was actually willing to let them learn such precious forging designs, their hearts were moved.

"I'll leave these forging designs to you, so research them properly. If you can achieve a 20% success rate, then you can start mass-producing them," Shi Feng said.

Although the Basic Strengthened Armor Kits were not as difficult to produce as the Basic Mana Armor Kits, Advanced Forging Apprentices still had a low success rate. Melancholic Smile and the others would be lucky if they could successfully produce one or two pieces out of ten tries.

"Guild Leader, rest assured; we will accomplish this task! We definitely won't disappoint you!" all three of them guaranteed.

Following which, the three returned to their respective forging rooms and began their research on the forging designs.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng also departed from the Starstreak Trading Firm and hurried towards White River City's Bank. He planned to start the first step of awakening the Sword in the Stone.

Chapter 372 - Five Big Cities

Walking in the middle of the street in White River City, Shi Feng had used the Demon Mask to change his appearance back to Ye Feng. The color of his ID reverted to white as well.

All this while, Shi Feng had used his artificial ID of Black Flame. It had been a long time since he used his actual ID. In a rapidly changing game like God's Domain, not only were there tons of new players flooding into the game every day, but there were also many experts rising and falling with every passing moment. Meanwhile, the duration of Ye Feng disappearance from the public eye had been long enough for everyone in White River City completely forget about him.

Throughout Shi Feng's whole journey to the bank, not a single player he passed by had recognized him. Although some players had glanced his way, they had not done so because of Shi Feng's identity. Instead, it was because of the equipment he wore.

The Magic Weapon Abyssal Blade and the Dark-Gold ranked Purgatory's Shadow hung from his waist. Even if Shi Feng had removed the two weapons' glow effect, when one saw the intricate patterns carved onto the swords as well as the flowing lights flashing on the blades, no one believed they were ordinary weapons.

White River City sure has changed. Even the average level of ordinary players is almost the same as Star-Moon City.

Making a casual observation, Shi Feng discovered that a majority of the independent players wandering the streets were Level 15 or 16 and armed with a few pieces of Bronze Equipment. Shi Feng occasionally saw some independent players who were Level 17 or 18 and fully geared in Bronze Equipment with a few pieces of Mysterious-Iron Equipment. In the past, this sight could not have been found in White River City.

Suddenly, Shi Feng thought of an idea.

What if he transformed White River City into the heart of Star-Moon Kingdom?

Originally, Shi Feng had intended to develop a Branch Guild in Star-Moon City once Zero Wing was sufficiently powerful to compete for the resources available there. After all, Star-Moon City was the heart of Star-Moon Kingdom. It was a gem that incited fierce competition among the many first-rate Guilds. Star-Moon City was also the hub for elites. The player population there was simply immense, with no other city within Star-Moon Kingdom capable of being its rival. Meanwhile, controlling Star-Moon City meant obtaining the large number of elite players and resources there. A Guild's development in Star-Moon City would be much faster than in any other city in Star-Moon Kingdom.

However, when Shi Feng saw the current state of White River City, a thought suddenly came to his mind. Why must he torture himself to compete over Star-Moon City with all those first-rate Guilds?

Most players went to Star-Moon City was because it had far more opportunities for development. The city also contained many advantages that no other city possessed.

But, what about now?

Due to Zero Wing's existence in White River City and the fact that the Guild did not recruit members in any other city, many players had now migrated to White River City. As for the reason behind this migration?

Wasn't it because Zero Wing offered advantages that no other Guild possessed?

As long as Zero Wing offered its members more benefits than other Guilds, players would continue to flood into White River City. Moreover, as players' levels increased, their income would increase as well. Soon, the teleportation fee between cities would no longer be a problem. At that time, it was not entirely impossible for White River City to surpass even Star-Moon City.

"Hm? Is it about Underworld's inside information?" Shi Feng suddenly heard the arrival of a message; Absolute Heaven had contacted him.

Meanwhile, the Assassin's message was perfectly timed.

Underworld had already become the dominant force in the several cities surrounding White River City. As for how much control they possessed over those cities and exactly which cities they controlled, Shi Feng had no clue. Without that information, he could not take appropriate measures against Underworld. Shi Feng did not want to waste too much time searching for Underworld and subsequently ruining the organization's plans.

If he could find access to detailed information about Underworld, he would have a much easier time preparing for the future.

“There sure is a lot of information here.” Shi Feng was inwardly surprised when he opened up the file attached to Absolute Heaven’s message. The file was dozens of pages long, and its level of detail was above and beyond what Shi Feng had expected. An outer member like Absolute Heaven should not have had access to the kind of information contained in the file. Most likely, only those at Feng Xuanyang’s level would possess the authority to know such information. “Did Absolute Heaven kidnap and interrogate Feng Xuanyang? I’m impressed that he could obtain such detailed information.”

Now that he had such detailed information about Underworld, without wasting any time, Shi Feng quickly found a quiet spot inside the bank and sat down. He then started carefully reading through the file Absolute Heaven had sent him.

Two hours later, Shi Feng finished reading the final page. He could not help but exhale deeply.

“Although I already expected as much, I did not realize that Underworld is actually so terrifying. They control a total of 316 Guilds in Star-Moon Kingdom’s eastern region. It is no wonder even Gentle Snow is wary of Underworld.” Making a rough estimate, Shi Feng guessed that Underworld controlled over a million players in Star-Moon Kingdom’s eastern region alone.

Zero Wing’s current member count was just over 5,000. To Underworld, Zero Wing was no more intimidating than an ant.

Furthermore, there were also the Underworld Guards, a group of elites that the organization secretly nurtured. Although the Underworld Guards only had around 400 members, each one was an expert. If they formed a 100-man team, they could effortlessly annihilate hundreds of elite players out in the fields.

In addition, Blue Frost City, Maple City, Gale City, Twin Lion City, and Coldstar City, the five big cities neighboring White River City, had all been dominated by the Guilds under Underworld’s control. Moreover, these Guilds were not inferior to Underworld in the slightest. Without any powerful enemies,

these Guilds had grown rapidly. Of these Guilds, Overwhelming Smile, the Guild holding dominance over Gale City, was currently even more powerful than Dark Star had been during its peak.

Without any obstructions, it was a matter of time before these powerful Guilds became the overlords of their respective cities.

“Underworld really is a headache. This situation is much worse than what I had imagined.” Shi Feng wrinkled his brows and scratched his head, considering the situation carefully.

Based on Zero Wing’s current strength, moving out and dealing with just one of the five cities under Underworld’s control would be a massive undertaking. As for dealing with all five, it was simply impossible. Setting aside the disadvantages of fighting in enemy territory, Zero Wing would first need sufficient strength. With the current number of members Zero Wing possessed, it wouldn’t even be a threat for any of these Guilds. For such an endeavor, not only would Zero Wing need to pay a large number of teleportation fees, but it also had to waste a lot of manpower and material resources.

As for Shi Feng himself, although he was strong as an individual, he wasn’t strong enough to threaten an entire Guild with tens of thousands of members.

“I need to hurry and get my class change done,” Shi Feng looked at the Sword in the Stone inside his bag, a sense of urgency overwhelming his thoughts of upgrading his class.

No matter how Shi Feng wracked his mind, he could not think up of a proper solution. The only thing he could do now was to increase his own strength.

There was a large gap in combat power between a Tier 1 player and a Tier 0 player, not to mention a hidden class. If Shi Feng could successfully upgrade his class and become a Tier 1 player, he could cause some trouble for the Guilds controlled by Underworld and buy Zero Wing more time to grow.

Following which, Shi Feng walked towards the bank's counter, retrieving the larger of the two Philosopher's Stones from inside his personal warehouse. He then retrieved a large number of Magic Crystals from the Guild Warehouse.

Guild members had come across these Magic Crystals while they had raided Dungeons. Originally, these Magic Crystals were intended for equipment crafting, but as of yet, nobody within the Guild could produce equipment that required Magic Crystals. Hence, a large stockpile had accumulated inside the Guild Warehouse. Now, however, Shi Feng emptied their stock.

Following which, Shi Feng returned to his forging room inside the Starstreak Trading Firm. He then took out the Philosopher's Stone and all of the Magic Crystals.

Mana Stones were originally born from the minerals inside Magic Crystals. If Magic Crystals were refined, there was a chance to obtain a Mana Stone. Hence, Shi Feng intended to utilize the Philosopher's Stone to refine Mana Crystals into Mana Stones.

However, Mana Stones were extremely rare and precious. The chances of obtaining a Mana Stone from refining a Magic Crystal were extremely low, and even Shi Feng himself wasn't very confident in success.

"Hopefully, this works."

Shi Feng then grabbed a transparent Magic Crystal with one hand and the Philosopher's Stone in the other. Praying silently, he refined the Magic Crystal.

Chapter 373 - Alchemical Synthesis

With his right hand, Shi Feng lightly tapped the Philosopher's Stone on the Magic Crystal in his left hand.

In the next moment, the Philosopher's Stone released a faint blood-red glow. Following which, the Magic Crystal in Shi Feng's left hand transformed into dust and scattered across the floor, leaving nothing behind.

A Magic Crystal, which cost 8 Silver Coins, was gone, just like that....

In the God's Domain, 8 Silver Coins were the current equivalent of a day's income for an entire elite team.

However, without even blinking, Shi Feng snatched a second Magic Crystal from the table and attempted the Elemental Refinement once more.

Two seconds later, another pile of dust scattered to the floor...

After over a hundred consecutive attempts and failing every time, Shi Feng stopped and reevaluated his actions.

"Is it not possible with Elemental Refinement?" Shi Feng frowned at the dust covered floor.

There were not many members in Zero Wing, so the number of accumulated Magic Crystals was not high. There had been only around 600 in the Guild Warehouse. Meanwhile, Shi Feng had not obtained a

single Mana Stone, even after refining over a hundred Magic Crystals. At this rate, he would never refine 21 Mana Stones.

“No, it is just because the success rate is so low. Do I need to raise my chances before it’ll work?”

“Mana Stones are the product of polymerization of Magic Crystals. Logically, it should be possible to refine a Magic Crystal into a Mana Stone. Is it because the Magic Crystal’s quality is too poor?”

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng took another Magic Crystal and tested his theory.

This time, after clicking “Refine,” Shi Feng thoroughly focused on observing the changes that occurred during the refinement process of the Magic Crystal.

After God’s Domain underwent its first evolution, both forging and alchemy had become far more realistic. Moreover, Shi Feng was currently playing the game using a virtual gaming cabin which possessed a synchronization rate of 97%. Hence, if he observed the refinement process of the Magic Crystal carefully, he might discern the cause for failure.

However, the refinement process happened far too quickly. Even if Shi Feng had exceptional dynamic vision, everything still happened in a flash. It was too hard to see anything.

“System Recording, activate Full Simulation Mode,” Shi Feng suddenly said.

System: Please hold for system identification...

System: Interface used by player detected as the Virtual Gaming Cabin. Full Simulation Mode is supported.

System: Full Simulation Mode has activated.

After the system activated Full Simulation Mode, Shi Feng picked up a Magic Crystal and attempted Elemental Refining once more. As expected, the Magic Crystal still crumbled into dust that scattered all over the floor.

Unperturbed, Shi Feng said, "System, play the video recorded through Full Simulation Mode."

In the next moment, a 3D holographic image appeared before Shi Feng's eyes, showing the exact scene when Shi Feng had attempted Elemental Refinement on the Magic Crystal.

Aside from allowing players to experience a synchronization rate of 97%, the virtual gaming cabin also allowed players to activate Full Simulation Mode in the game. With this function, the videos players recorded in game could be viewed as a holographic projection rather than on a flat surface. This function was unavailable to those who used both the ordinary and advanced helmets.

In the God's Domain of the past, if one were a Master Lifestyle player, they would have definitely purchased a virtual gaming cabin for themselves. They did so for the sole purpose of this holographic recording function. Through this function, players could realistically reproduce the videos they recorded. Players could experience what they normally couldn't through a flat-screen video, and this included the refinement process of the Magic Crystal.

However, the main purpose of the Full Simulation Mode lay in the analysis of enemies.

Players could record their battles with enemies to study their enemy's fighting habits, defenses, attacks, dodges, and other detailed actions.

After analyzing their enemies' habits and weaknesses, even if they were weaker than their opponents, players could take advantage of said habits and weaknesses to triumph against their enemies. In the past, this often happened in God's Domain. It was especially true for fights between experts.

At the same time, players could also utilize the holographic recording for self-reflection, improving weaknesses and discovering new techniques. This was one of the quickest ways for a player to improve themselves.

This was also why players who used the virtual gaming cabins improved so quickly.

In the past, Shi Feng had done countless self-evaluations through using the Full Simulation Mode, continuously improving his combat power. Back then, if he had used the virtual gaming cabin a few years earlier, he might have reached even greater heights. Unfortunately, Shadow had only a few million Credits. A single virtual gaming cabin cost three million. How could Shadow possibly afford a virtual gaming cabin? Moreover, even if they purchased one, Shi Feng would not have had access to it.

Following which, Shi Feng adjusted the settings of the holographic recording and played the refinement process into slow motion. That way, he could fully observe and analyze the entire process in detail without needing to waste Magic Crystals and stress his eyesight over and over.

After observing the process dozens of times, Shi Feng finally discovered the reason. "As expected, the Mana density inside the Magic Crystals is too low. I wouldn't get a single complete Mana Stone even if I used the Elemental Refinement 10,000 times."

Although Shi Feng had discovered the cause of his failures, he didn't have a solution. In God's Domain, there was no difference in quality between Magic Crystals. In other words, it was simply impossible to obtain a Mana Stone through refining Mana Crystals....

Shi Feng could not help his frustration.

If refinement could not work, then he had to go at it from another angle.

The only method he had left was to use Alchemical Synthesis, combining two Magic Crystals into one. Once the accumulated Mana inside the Magic Crystals reached a sufficient level, it would become a Mana Stone naturally.

However, how could Alchemical Synthesis be easy?

Even a Grandmaster Alchemist would struggle with Alchemical Synthesis. The price they had to pay would also exceed the value of the final product. Normally, nobody would willingly take on such a risk.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng was merely a Forging Apprentice. He was not even an alchemist, to begin with. His chances of successful Alchemical Synthesis were abysmal.

On the other hand, the Philosopher's Stone, an alchemy treasure, had such an ability. However, the Philosopher's Stone Shi Feng had right now was a defective product. He could only use Alchemical Conversion and Elemental Refinement, not Alchemical Synthesis.

"That's right! If one Philosopher's Stone won't do, what about two?" Shi Feng suddenly recalled the fragmented piece of Philosopher's Stone that he had obtained from the God's Grave.

The Philosopher's Stone had been broken into five fragments, so its abilities had greatly weakened. However, the Philosopher's Stone was inherently of one body. As long as Shi Feng could gather all five fragments, he could restore the Philosopher's Stone. Although Shi Feng did not possess all five fragments at the moment, if he fused the two fragments he had, it should become much stronger than one fragment alone.

"I can only give it a try."

Shi Feng had no other options. The Philosopher's Stone was his only hope.

The Philosopher's Stone had broken into five fragments of different sizes, and the abilities each fragment possessed were different. The Philosopher's Stone Shi Feng had obtained from the God's Grave was slightly smaller than the first one he had found. As it only possessed Alchemical Conversion, Shi Feng had not intended to use it.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng rushed back to the bank and retrieved the other Philosopher's Stone from his warehouse before hurrying back to his forging room.

Inside the forging room, Shi Feng carefully combined the two Philosopher's Stones.

System: Do you wish to fuse the two Philosopher's Stones?

Shi Feng immediately clicked the "Fuse" button.

Suddenly, the two Philosopher's Stones transformed into a pool of blood-red liquid and fused. The liquid then solidified into a fist-sized blood-red pearl. It was no longer an uneven block of stone.

After the fusion completed, Shi Feng picked up the newly-formed Philosopher's Stone and checked its information. He wanted to know how powerful the Philosopher's Stone had become.

Chapter 375 - I'd Like to Borrow Someone

"Now that I've got 21 Mana Stones, I only need the three Tier 4 NPCs." Shi Feng thought about where he could find these NPCs as he collected the 21 Mana Stones and Philosopher's Stone from the table.

There were only three Tier 4 powerhouses currently residing in White River City. If Shi Feng wanted to gather all three of them...

Even if Shi Feng were ten times stronger than he was now and became a Count of White River City, he would not possess the authority to gather all three of these NPCs to help him.

"I guess I can only try my luck in the capital city." Star-Moon City possessed the most high-tiered NPCs in Star-Moon Kingdom, and it was where Shi Feng would most likely get the help of three Tier 4 NPCs.

Following which, Shi Feng left the Starstreak Trading Firm and ran towards the bank.

His personal warehouse in the bank was the safest location to store the Philosopher's Stone. The Philosopher's Stone dropped upon death, and Shi Feng did not want to lose the treasure under any circumstances.

While walking down the middle of the street, Shi Feng could hear many players discussing Overwhelming Smile.

"Say, how do you think Overwhelming Smile became so powerful? They actually claimed the First Clear of a 50-man Team Dungeon so quickly. I heard that their Guild didn't have many experts."

"Yeah, I'm confused, too. Originally, I thought either Ouroboros or Zero Wing would be the first Guild to claim a First Clear. After all, the Snow Goddess, Gentle Snow, leads the team herself. Although Gentle Snow had neither accomplished any amazing feats nor is she a great expert ranked on the God's Domain Experts List, everyone knows about her frightening battle records. She's probably no weaker than Black Flame. Now, however, both of these amazing Guilds lost to a second-rate Guild like Overwhelming Smile."

"I heard that the equipment dropped in a 50-man Hard Mode Team Dungeon is amazing. The Attributes on the equipment are far superior than the equipment found in other Dungeons. Now that Overwhelming Smile has equipment from Bone Ruin, they will have a much easier time raiding Level 20 large-scale Team Dungeons."

"I heard that Overwhelming Smile has already become the overlord of Maple City. Moreover, they are currently mass-recruiting players, and the benefits they offer are insanely good. There is also proof posted online showing that someone recently invested one billion Credits for the Guild's development. Just thinking about that much money makes me drool. I have never heard of any Guild receiving such a large investment. I'm somewhat tempted to head over to Maple City to join them."

Players on both sides of the street were talking about Overwhelming Smile. Overwhelming Smile had destroyed the previous momentum Zero Wing had garnered.

Shi Feng could only smile bitterly at this sudden shift.

He had to admit that Overwhelming Smile's timing of obtaining the First Clear of a large-scale Team Dungeon was perfect.

Not only had Overwhelming Smile managed to spread their name throughout Star-Moon Kingdom, but it had also suppressed Zero Wing's fame.

However, this was only natural.

Compared to individual strength, players were more concerned about Dungeons. After all, Dungeons were the main source of equipment in God's Domain. It was especially true for high-quality equipment.

Just after Shi Feng returned the Philosopher's Stone to his personal warehouse, the system notified him of a voice communication request. It was Gentle Snow.

"Miss Snow, how are you?" Shi Feng greeted her warmly after answering the call.

Although the situation of Overwhelming Smile's First Clear had impacted Zero Wing, the one most affected by this result should be Gentle Snow. In order to claim the First Clear of the Land of Death, she had paid a huge price. Other Guilds could not compete with the advantages she possessed. Yet, just as she was about to harvest the fruit of her efforts, Overwhelming Smile stole the glory.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, I wish to discuss something with you,” Gentle Snow’s tone was indifferent; only she understood her current state of mind.

“Miss Snow, please, speak your mind,” Shi Feng said, smiling.

“I’d like to borrow someone,” Gentle Snow said.

“Borrow someone?” Shi Feng was confused. Ouroboros had many experts. They should not lack personnel.

“That’s right. I wish to borrow Ye Feng.” Gentle Snow nodded, resolving Shi Feng’s confusion. “As for the price, I am willing to pay five million Credits.”

“Borrow Ye Feng?” Shi Feng nearly stumbled. Just what was going through Gentle Snow’s mind?

Borrow Ye Feng? Didn’t that mean she was trying to borrow him?

Since when did he have such great charm to attract the attention of the Snow Goddess? Moreover, Gentle Snow even offered an astronomical price of five million to borrow him.

That was the equivalent of a famous gaming expert’s annual salary. And she only wanted his help with a single matter...?

Wasn’t Gentle Snow’s opinion of him a little too high?

"I know that this is somewhat abrupt. Honestly, I initially considered asking you, Guild Leader Black Flame. However, not only are you the Guild Leader of Zero Wing, but you are also very famous in Star-Moon Kingdom. The implications for obtaining your help are too grave to ignore. Hence, my only option is to ask for Ye Feng's help, as he is only a member of Zero Wing. However, I doubt he will help me without your explicit permission," Gentle Snow explained. If she had any other choice, she wouldn't be asking. However, now that Overwhelming Smile had claimed the first First Clear of a large-scale Team Dungeon, this was her only option.

Listening to Gentle Snow's request, Shi Feng could guess that Gentle Snow needed experts. However, these experts could not be too famous, and the more hidden they were from the public eye, the better. Thus, she thought of the now-forgotten Ye Feng.

"Although I wish I could agree to your request, Ye Feng is currently busy an extremely important task. I'm afraid he can't help you right now, Miss Snow. How about the other experts in Zero Wing?" Although Shi Feng wished to help Gentle Snow, his Class Change Quest took priority.

"Other experts?" Gentle Snow fell silent for a moment, considering the idea. She then said, "It is possible if they are as skilled as Ye Feng."

"I'm afraid they have yet to reach that level," Shi Feng said definitely.

Setting aside techniques, if speaking purely in terms of weapons, equipment, and skills, nobody within the Guild could even come close to being a match to him. In terms of techniques, though, Fire Dance, Aqua Rose, Violet Cloud, and Cola might catch up to him in the future. It was especially true for Violet Cloud, who had improved leaps and bounds with each passing day. If Shi Feng hadn't had his decade's worth of experience campaigning in God's Domain, Violet Cloud would have left him in the dust by now.

“I’m afraid they won’t do if they are not as strong as Ye Feng,” Gentle Snow said, disappointed. However, when she gave it more thought, how could great experts such as Ye Feng be easy to find? She then asked, “Guild Leader Black Flame, how long will it take for Ye Feng to complete his task?”

Normally, an ordinary Class Change Quest required two to three days to complete. Meanwhile, Shi Feng’s Class Change Quest should be a lot more difficult. At the very least, he would require three to five days.

“Around five days,” Shi Feng said, giving a conservative estimate.

“Five days, huh?” Gentle Snow’s brows wrinkled slightly. After thinking for some time, she slowly asked, “Guild Leader Black Flame, will five days really be enough?”

“Mhm.” Shi Feng nodded.

Shi Feng could tell that Gentle Snow was carefully considering a very important decision.

“I’ll have to trouble Guild Leader Black Flame to pass on the message, then. I’ll transfer five million Credits into your account immediately.” Gentle Snow sighed in relief upon hearing Shi Feng’s confident answer. She then disconnected the call after thanking him.

Chapter 376 - Great Divine Official

Based on Gentle Snow’s tone, Shi Feng did not think that things were as simple as he had first imagined.

After experiencing a decade of battles and socializing between various Guilds in God's Domain, Shi Feng was no longer the young and immature student that he had been in the past.

This was merely the First Clear of a large-scale Team Dungeon. At most, Ouroboros would lose the chance to earn some fame. Such a loss would not greatly affect the strength of the Guild itself.

In other words, Gentle Snow must have made some sort of personal bet regarding Overwhelming Smile being the first Guild to claim the First Clear of a large-scale Team Dungeon. However, she had obviously lost.

"Five days, huh? It seems that I can't slack off." Now that Shi Feng had agreed to help, he would not go back on his word.

Unfortunately, even Shi Feng was not completely confident that he could gain the help of three Tier 4 NPCs in Star-Moon Kingdom. He needed to waste a lot of time to earn their assistance.

It was not easy to ask NPCs for help. It was especially true for high-tiered NPCs.

Following which, Shi Feng took out the pass to Blackwing City, teleporting immediately.

Being a neutral zone as well as a famous city in God's Domain, Blackwing City was many times stronger than Star-Moon Kingdom. Naturally, a lot of high-tiered NPCs would reside there. If luck would have it, he might even meet a Tier 5 powerhouse. One could not meet such an NPC even in the capital city of Star-Moon Kingdom.

It had been quite some time since the launch of God's Domain. The population of the game had increased rapidly. The number of players who had obtained Blackwing City Passes had also increased.

As Shi Feng walked down the wide streets of Blackwing City, he discovered far more players than before.

Among these players, a majority were the upper echelons of Guilds. Like Shi Feng before, these upper echelons were here to trade with each other. They mainly traded Hard Stones, taking advantage of the price difference to make a huge profit.

However, as more players began visiting Blackwing City, the potential profits would start to dwindle. This was also why Shi Feng had stopped Aqua Rose from sending her subordinates to cooperate with other Guilds. He planned to save the Blackwing City Passes, only using them to attend the Blackwing City Auction or purchase special tools such as the Frost Grenades.

In reality, aside from being a trade hub, Blackwing City had one other fascinating feature: the city's beautiful scenery. In the past, when God's Domain was in its middle-stages, many upper echelons of Guilds would frequently visit Blackwing City for leisure.

Nothing could beat the Stargazing Tower of Blackwing City.

The Stargazing Tower's interior was like a dream world; it looked absolutely stunning. In the past, many players even longed to spend the rest of their lives living inside the Stargazing Tower.

"It's been a long time since I entered the Stargazing Tower," Shi Feng muttered as he gazed at the distant tower that pierced the sky. The Stargazing Tower was one of the architectural symbols of Blackwing City.

Meanwhile, the reason Shi Feng had come to Blackwing City this time was none other than to visit the Stargazing Tower.

Based on Shi Feng's understanding of God's Domain's history, the Stargazing Tower of Blackwing City was older than the city itself. Blackwing City was established here because of the Stargazing Tower.

The Stargazing Tower was a monument that had existed in God's Domain before the Great Destruction. As for exactly when it had been built, not even Shi Feng knew that.

If there were anywhere in Blackwing City where one could find three Tier 4 NPCs at the same time, aside from the City Lord's Mansion and Magic Tower, the Stargazing Tower would be it.

The City Lord's Mansion was self-explanatory. As for the Magic Tower, it was the residence of many mage NPCs of God's Domain who single-mindedly pursued the limits of magic. Meanwhile, high-tiered NPCs had guarded the Stargazing Tower since ancient times. Hence, all three of these locations housed many high-tiered NPCs.

However, players could not easily gain access to the City Lord's Mansion and the Magic Tower.

Only a sightseeing spot like the Stargazing Tower permitted players to enter and leave as they wished.

The moment Shi Feng set foot inside the Stargazing Tower, he was met with cute little Elemental Sprites hovering and dancing around in the air. The center of the main floor contained a spiraling staircase leading to the top floor of the Tower. Despite the absence of sunlight inside the Stargazing Tower, a faint blue glow illuminated the interior. Moreover, the walls looked like the starry skies at night, glimmering starlight covering the pitch-black walls to create a mesmerizing sight.

In addition, the Stargazing Tower also possessed another mysterious effect.

Calming Heart!

Any player that entered the Stargazing Tower, even those filled with burning rage, would find tranquility inside this place.

At this moment, however, Shi Feng did not have the time to appreciate the view. Immediately, he ascended the spiral staircase until he arrived at the Weeping Moon Pavilion of the Stargazing Tower. Before Shi Feng could enter the Weeping Moon Pavilion, the two Level 180 Tier 2 Black Robe Knights guarding the entrance stopped him.

“Outsiders are not allowed entry into the Weeping Moon Pavilion.”

“This humble one is called Ye Feng, a Demon Hunter. I wish to meet Lord Aslan Hartberu; can I trouble you to inform the lord?”

Shi Feng immediately flashed his identity as a Demon Hunter to the two Knights. As for his identity as the Viscount of White River City, it was utterly worthless here.

“Look, another fool is trying to enter the Weeping Moon Pavilion.”

“I bet that he’s a newcomer who has just arrived in Blackwing City. Everyone in Blackwing City knows that the Weeping Moon Pavilion is the most important place in the Stargazing Tower. It’s where many power NPCs reside. I heard that there are many high-level quests available inside as well, and many experts have attempted to get in. But even after wasting a lot of time to become citizens of Blackwing City, the Knights guarding the entrance still chased those experts away. Does that newcomer think he can get in just by asking?”

The Stargazing Tower was well-known in Blackwing City. If a player visited the city often, they would know that the Weeping Moon Pavilion was off-limits to players.

Hence, when the players inside the Stargazing Tower saw Shi Feng’s presumptuous actions, they all started ridiculing him.

“Outsiders are forbidden from entering the Weeping Moon Pavilion,” the Knights ignored Shi Feng’s identity as a Demon Hunter; the gaze they directed at him was as cold as before. They then moved to chase Shi Feng away.

However, before these Black Robe Knights could take action, a voice came from inside the Weeping Moon Pavilion.

“Let him in. I know him.”

The two Black Robe Knights immediately halted their assault. They then opened the doors to the Weeping Moon Pavilion, allowing Shi Feng to enter.

“What the hell!?”

“Damn, that player actually got in!”

The players who had come to enjoy the show were all stupefied. Until now, not a single player had been allowed into the Weeping Moon Pavilion. Now, however, a newcomer actually got in...

The first floor of the Weeping Moon Pavilion was a large and spacious hall. The hall was filled with books and crystal tools. Meanwhile, the ceiling was made of a gigantic water mirror that reflected the starry skies of the outside world.

“You’re late. You’ve kept me waiting for a long time. How are you going to pay me for my time?”

A crisp and melodious voice reached Shi Feng’s ears. Turning around, Shi Feng noticed a female priest in white robes walking down the staircase at a distance. Meanwhile, this female priest who emitted a sacred aura was none other than the Divine Official Sharlyn.

Listening to Sharlyn’s accusatory tone, Shi Feng suddenly recalled the scene back at the City Hall of White River City. Back then, Weissman had told him that Sharlyn would wait for him in the Stargazing Tower. However, as he had been preoccupied at the time and had completely forgotten about it.

“This...”

Watching Sharlyn’s slowly approaching figure with a saintly smile plastered on her face, a sense of foreboding bloomed in Shi Feng’s chest.

Moreover, Sharlyn was no longer the Tier 3 Divine Official that Shi Feng had known.

Now, she was a Tier 4 Great Divine Official!

Chapter 377 - Unknown

Shi Feng stared at Sharlyn's information, dumbfounded by what he saw.

From a Level 8 NPC in Red Leaf Town, Sharlyn had first jumped to become a Level 20 Tier 3 Divine Official. Then she grew from a Level 20 Tier 3 Divine Official to a Level 180 Tier 3 Divine Official.

Now, she had grown even further, becoming a Level 200 Tier 4 Great Divine Official.

She was now on the same level as the Tier 4 Wizard, Weissman.

"Lady Sharlyn, I heard that you have been looking for me. May I know how I may be of service to you?"
Shi Feng reluctantly asked after calming down.

Whenever Shi Feng encountered Sharlyn, he feared for his wallet. It was especially true when Sharlyn revealed that saintly smile of hers...

Shi Feng suddenly felt that he had come to the wrong place. If he had known that he would meet Sharlyn here, he would have definitely gone to Star-Moon City instead.

“I do have something I need you to help me with, but this matter can only be addressed inside the Weeping Moon Pavilion. Unfortunately, the Weeping Moon Pavilion does not permit entry to outsiders. You should know that I am taking a big risk by allowing you in. Seeing as we are acquaintances, I can help you pay half of the 1,000 Gold security deposit, but you will have to pay the remaining 500 Gold yourself. Otherwise, these Black Robe Knights will escort you out. Even I am helpless about this rule,” Sharlyn sighed and shrugged, a helpless look on her face.

Shi Feng immediately cast a scornful glare at Sharlyn.

Again! She was trying to take his money again!

This was the first time he had heard about a security deposit for entering the Weeping Moon Pavilion.

He had only brought around 700 Gold with him this time. Yet, in just a moment, Sharlyn had relieved him of 500 Gold.

However, even though Shi Feng’s heart ached, he had no choice but to pay.

Before Sharlyn, Shi Feng was like a helpless little boy. Sharlyn’s senses were simply too sharp, and she would sniff out his weaknesses every time they met. This time as well, in order to find three Tier 4 NPCs to help him, he had to enter the Weeping Moon Pavilion no matter what. Although he had other plans he could use to try to enter the Weeping Moon Pavilion, there was no guarantee that those plans would succeed. Moreover, those plans would demand a lot of his time.

Reluctantly, Shi Feng took 500 Gold Coins from his bag and handed them over to Sharlyn.

“Why are you looking at me like that? This is only a security deposit. It’s not like you won’t get it back,” Sharlyn said. At this moment, her eyes were completely glued to the glittering Gold Coins in Shi Feng’s hands. With a slight wave of her delicate finger, the Gold Coins flew into her pocket.

Inwardly, Shi Feng flipped her off.

Since this is a security deposit, why are you pocketing the money instead of the Administrator of the Stargazing Tower?

As if having read Shi Feng’s thoughts, Sharlyn smiled faintly as she took out a Silvermoon Emblem and pinned it to her chest. The words carved onto this Silvermoon Emblem were “Stargazing Tower Administrator”...

Damn! Just how many jobs does she have?! When Shi Feng saw the Silvermoon Emblem on Sharlyn’s chest, Shi Feng understood one thing. He would never see that 500 Gold again. There was not even a trace of hope of getting his money back.

In which case, he had not just paid a security deposit, but an entrance fee.

Moreover, it was an entrance fee of 500 Gold...

“Hmph. Little dummy, did you really think that I’d lie to you?” Sharlyn tapped the Silvermoon Emblem on her chest, chuckling. “Alright, let’s go, then.”

Sighing helplessly, Shi Feng followed Sharlyn up the pavilion.

As for the Sword in the Stone, it would not be too late to ask for Sharlyn's help after accepting her quest.

The second floor of the Weeping Moon Pavilion consisted of a single wide corridor with many tightly locked rooms; it looked like an apartment complex. Massive stone doors loomed at the end of the corridor. Numerous images were carved onto the stone doors, and each image carried its own meaning and story.

Sharlyn pointed towards the distant stone doors, smiling as she said, "Beyond those doors lie the deepest secret of the Stargazing Tower. Do you want to go in and have a look?"

"Can I?" Shi Feng had always been curious about the Stargazing Tower.

In God's Domain, any monument that survived the ancient era was a massive treasure, not to mention a monument that had survived the Great Destruction. If a player could explore the secrets hidden beyond those stone doors, their path towards godhood would definitely become much easier. Unfortunately, Shi Feng had not been strong enough in the past, and he simply had not qualified to explore the secrets beyond those doors.

"Of course not! I should remind you that, without sufficient strength, you are better off not knowing certain things. Just like how you opened the entrance to the Endless Abyss. Now, not only do you carry a Stigmata on your body, but you also plan to gather the Seven Treasures. You are looking to get yourself killed. Do you know how many years the War God's Temple has spent trying to gather those treasures?"

"Meanwhile, you haven't even obtained your Tier 1 class. Do you think it is even possible for you to accomplish something the War God's Temple cannot?"

“They are only trying to...

“Forget it. There are some things you are better off not knowing.”

Sharlyn sighed as she looked at Shi Feng, emotions such as pity and anger filling her eyes.

Suddenly, Shi Feng realized that Sharlyn was a unique NPC. It was no longer a matter just high intelligence. Sharlyn was almost human.

Following which, Sharlyn led Shi Feng to her own room.

Sharlyn’s room was very simple. Other than a place to rest, bookshelves covered the remainder of her room. Rare, ancient books crowded the shelves, all of which would normally be impossible to find anywhere else.

“Sit.” Sharlyn made a wave with her finger. In the next moment, a wooden chair appeared behind Shi Feng. “I’ve called you here because I have something I need you to do for me. People such as myself cannot complete this particular task; only heaven-blessed individuals like you can accomplish it. However, this task is extremely dangerous. Will you accept it?”

“Of course, if you do, I can give you a chance to obtain an Advanced Legacy. This would help your growth immensely in the future. If you can complete this task, I can even make you the lord of a city. You will possess your very own fiefdom.”

Sharlyn’s words stunned Shi Feng into a silence.

He could obtain an Advanced Legacy just by accepting the quest? Moreover, if he could complete the quest, he could even become the lord of a city. Just what rank was this quest?

System: Do you wish to accept Sharlyn's unknown quest?

It seems that I won't know anything about the quest if I don't accept it.

Shi Feng felt uncertain when he saw Sharlyn's grave expression and the unknown quest.

Shi Feng was very clear about the iron law of God's Domain.

Equivalent exchange.

The greater the risk, the greater the reward would be.

The Advanced Legacy alone was no trivial matter, let alone the reward of becoming the lord of a city.

Although he could afford to ignore the Advanced Legacy, the reward was something he could not ignore. Opportunity seldom knocks twice. It was now or never.

The term "becoming the lord of a city" did not mean that players would be allowed to take control of a city controlled by NPCs such as White River City. To begin with, these NPC cities would never accept the rule of players.

When Sharlyn spoke of becoming the lord of a city, it meant that she would reward Shi Feng with his own fiefdom, qualifying him to establish his own city.

Normally, when a Guild wished to establish their own city, it would first need to capture a town not governed by any kingdom or empire. The second option was starting it from scratch and establishing a town from nothing. However, that was much more difficult, and the resources needed would also be several times higher than if the Guild just captured a town. On the bright side, the Guild could determine the location and geographic advantages of the town.

Meanwhile, once they obtained a town, a Guild would have to develop the town over a long period before it could become a city. Moreover, the conditions for a town's promotion to become a city were numerous and very demanding.

However, Sharlyn's reward would allow Shi Feng to establish a city directly, eliminating many of the challenges one would normally face.

Chapter 378 - Immortal Crown

A city completely under his control!

This was a dream for Zero Wing.

Shi Feng had once led Shadow, a Guild that owned ten city-states, so he knew how valuable and how great the advantages were for owning his own city.

Although Zero Wing was developing well at the moment, its lack of a stable source of income for Credits was a major flaw.

Other first-rate and second-rate Guilds had support from wealthy corporations. These corporations would provide funding to their partnered Guilds, allowing these Guilds to develop steadily without worrying about a shortage of Credits.

Although Shi Feng had many ways to earn Coins in God's Domain, it was not easy to support a Guild with Coins alone. Moreover, along with the Guild's development and the influx of new members, its demand for Coins would increase as well. Converting large sums of Coins into Credits was not a suitable long-term plan to develop a Guild.

However, it would be a different story if Shi Feng possessed a city of his own.

Why were large corporations willing to invest so many Credits into a Guild? Wasn't it to earn money?

However, how were they going to earn money?

The answer was a player-established autonomous city.

If a Guild possessed an autonomous city, it could start seeking investors to rent out shops and such in its city. Through these investors, the Guild could then earn a large amount of Credits and Coins, thereby solving the problems of the Guild's future development.

Thus, Shi Feng was determined to obtain the rights to establish his own city. Even if he had to pay a huge price in the process, he would.

After a moment of silence, Shi Feng answered, "Lady Sharlyn, I accept your conditions."

"Good. I really did not choose the wrong person. Since you've agreed, the contract between us will be established from this moment onward." Sharlyn nodded and drew a silver rune in midair. She then imprinted the rune on the back of Shi Feng's hand and said, "This is a Spirit Seal, and it can be used to absorb Immortal Souls. What I want you to do is to collect 10,000 Immortal Souls."

"Collect Immortal Souls?" Shi Feng said, unable to suppress his shock. "You want me to kill 10,000 heaven-blessed individuals?"

When NPCs spoke of heaven-blessed individuals, they were referring to players. Players were immortal existences in God's Domain, and they could resurrect infinitely at the cost of some levels and EXP. This was all due to the souls of players being immortal.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng could only obtain the Immortal Soul from the corpse of a player. Moreover, Shi Feng needed to meet a few requirements before he could absorb the Immortal Soul of another player. First, he could not be 5 levels higher or lower than the target player. Second, he needed to kill the target player personally. Lastly, upon the target player's death, the distance between Shi Feng and the player could not exceed 10 yards. If he failed to meet any of these conditions, he would not absorb the player's Immortal Soul.

For the NPCs of God's Domain, absorbing the Immortal Souls of heaven-blessed individuals was taboo. If Shi Feng were discovered doing so, no one, NPCs or players, would hold back from killing him.

As to why players would try to kill Shi Feng as well, it was because any players who lost their Immortal Souls would be barred from logging into the game for a long time. It was a punishment more severe than the penalty for death. Hence, there was no leeway for Shi Feng if he were caught in the act.

“I never thought you would know about Immortal Souls. That’s right. I require you to kill heaven-blessed individuals and collect their Immortal Souls,” Sharlyn stated, slightly surprised that Shi Feng actually knew about Immortal Souls. However, she had not planned to hide this fact, to begin with. “I know that I am making things very difficult for you by requesting such a thing, but we cannot repair the Immortal Crown without Immortal Souls.

“The Immortal Crown was originally a Divine Artifact used to suppress all evil beings. However, the crown was damaged the last time it was used to suppress the Endless Abyss. Meanwhile, the Stargazing Tower has already collected the other materials required to repair the Immortal Crown, and right now, we are only missing Immortal Souls. Initially, I called you here to help me collect Immortal Souls gradually.

“However, I had not expected the Endless Abyss to escape its confinement so soon. The Endless Abyss is simply too powerful. Without the Immortal Crown, we have no chance of resisting the invasion of the Endless Abyss. Since you started this scourge, naturally, you will have to take responsibility for it. In order to repair the Immortal Crown quickly, we need a large number of Immortal Souls. However, I do not want others to know of this, so I have no choice but to ask you to complete this task by yourself.

“The magic array that keeps the Endless Abyss in place will not last long. By my estimation, it will hold out for another three months. In three months, we will have no choice but to face the Endless Abyss directly. Hence, you must collect 10,000 Immortal Souls within that time.

“However, it won’t be easy, which is why I asked you to meet me here. There are many Legacies within the Stargazing Tower. As long as you can pass the test of one of those Legacies, you will have a much easier time collecting the Immortal Souls.”

System: You have accepted the Epic Hidden Quest “Immortal Crown.”

Quest details: You are required to collect 10,000 Immortal Souls within three months. If you fail to do so, your soul will be cursed and barred from logging into God's Domain for one month. In addition, your soul will enter a weakened state for three months, decreasing your Attributes by 90% during this period.

Shi Feng's head started to ache after reading this quest notification.

To put it simply, failure meant hell!

Failing this quest would deal a heavy blow. If he could not log into God's Domain for a month, just how far would he fall behind? Also, even after he could log back into God's Domain, with all of his Attributes decreased by 90%, how was he even supposed to play the game?

"With your current level, you already qualify to accept an Advanced Legacy. Will you the Advanced Legacy's trial right now, or do you wish to challenge it after taking some time to prepare?" Sharlyn asked patiently as she watched Shi Feng. "Oh, I should remind you that Advanced Legacies are extremely precious. Even with my status, I can only give you one chance. You must be careful. If you are not confident in succeeding, it is best to challenge it at another time.

"The trial of an Advanced Legacy is no less difficult than an Epic Quest.

"If you think that an Advanced Legacy will be too difficult for you, I can offer an Intermediate Legacy. Not only will the difficulty decrease, but you will also have three chances to complete it."

Sharlyn explained the options patiently. Shi Feng understood her intentions.

In God's Domain, a class change was the equivalent of obtaining the Legacy of a higher tiered class. Meanwhile, a majority of the players in God's Domain would normally receive their Class Change Quest from the Class Association in their respective city. By doing so, players would be challenging Basic Legacies.

Intermediate Legacies were one rank above Basic Legacies. Intermediate Legacies were relatively rare in God's Domain, and normally, these Legacies allowed players to obtain a common hidden class.

Advanced Legacies were one rank higher. Advanced Legacies were extremely rare, and players could take on a rare, hidden class. Astromancer was one of these rare, hidden classes.

Peak Legacies were one rank higher than Advanced Legacies. In God's Domain, Peak Legacies were like phoenix's feathers. Even the Stargazing Tower should not possess such a Legacy.

In Shi Feng's decade of playing God's Domain, he had only seen a few people obtain Peak Legacies.

After giving it some thought, Shi Feng said earnestly, "Lady Sharlyn, can I pass this chance to another person?"

To Shi Feng, an Advanced Legacy held little significance. After all, he possessed the Sword in the Stone, a Legacy Item containing a Peak Legacy. How could he give up on a Peak Legacy to accept an Advanced Legacy?

Shi Feng's question stunned Sharlyn. She looked at Shi Feng, surprise flashing in her beautiful eyes.

What were Advanced Legacies?

A heaven-blessed individual could only come across an opportunity like this if they were lucky. They'd never find an Advanced Legacy by searching alone.

Even if one tried to trade ten Epic items, they could never afford it. Even she, the manager of the Stargazing Tower, had paid a massive price to obtain this one chance to challenge an Advanced Legacy.

Yet, Shi Feng wanted to give this precious chance to someone else...

"The Legacies of the Stargazing Tower cannot be passed to others. If you do not wish to accept the Legacy, I can give you an Epic item as compensation instead," Sharlyn said, shaking her head.

The words "Epic Item" were tempting.

However, Shi Feng was not satisfied.

"Lady Sharlyn, may I exchange the Advanced Legacy for a favor from you?" Shi Feng asked once more.

"A favor?" Sharlyn grinned. Chuckling, she said, "Little dummy, do you know how valuable an Advanced Legacy is? And you want to trade it for a favor? Don't tell me you want Big Sister to..."

Looking at Sharlyn's blushing cheeks, sweat streamed down Shi Feng's forehead. Hurriedly he said, "Don't get the wrong idea. You mustn't misunderstand me. I only want you to awaken an item for me. Only Tier 4 classes can awaken it."

"Awaken an item?" Sharlyn was suddenly interested. She then focused on Shi Feng, thoroughly scanning his body from top to bottom. Her eyes widened in surprise when her gaze landed on the bag hanging from Shi Feng's waist. With a teasing laugh, she said, "I don't see anything on your body that needs to be awakened, though. You can't be asking me to wake that withered dragon hanging from your waist, right?"

Based on Sharlyn's comment, Shi Feng had finally confirmed something.

Sharlyn could see the contents of his bag. This was how Sharlyn could always squeeze him dry every time they met.

Hm? She hasn't discovered it? Shi Feng felt that something amiss when he saw Sharlyn's ridiculing smile.

Since she could see the contents of his bag, why didn't she discover the extraordinary power within the Sword in the Stone?

If a Tier 0 player like himself could see it, how could a Tier 4 Great Divine Official not?

Thus, Shi Feng removed the Sword in the Stone from his bag.

Sharlyn, who had still been chuckling, immediately became serious upon the appearance of the Sword in the Stone; she was no longer laughing. Indescribable emotions flashed in her eyes as she fixed her gaze on the crystal-encased sword in Shi Feng's hands.

Sharlyn reacted as if the sword in Shi Feng's hands had suddenly appeared out of thin air.

"Just what is this? It actually escaped the detection of my Eyes of God." Sharlyn was momentarily surprised. Even as she looked directly at the sword, her Eyes of God could not discern any information. It was as if the sword before her did not exist.

Eyes of God was a Tier 3 advanced detection spell, and even Legendary items could not escape its detection. Yet, the Sword in the Stone had actually....

"Can I have a closer look at it?" Sharlyn asked, her curiosity reaching its peak.

Shi Feng did not reject Sharlyn's request, handing the Sword in the Stone over to her.

The moment Sharlyn received the sword, she immediately cast over a dozen spells in quick succession. Every time one of her spells faded, Sharlyn's expression would grow slightly more serious.

"Amazing. It seems that I'll have to use my true abilities." Sharlyn smiled. Suddenly, a terrifying amount of Mana burst forth from her body, and in the next instant, Sharlyn's Holy Light Domain had devoured the room.

Simultaneously, two golden magic arrays appeared on both the ceiling and the floor.

Shi Feng immediately felt his body grow heavy, the Mana in the room rendering him immobile. Sharlyn's Holy Light Domain was much stronger than the Tier 4 Sky Piercer Weissman had used against the Mechanical Slayer.

At this moment, Shi Feng had finally realized just how powerful Sharlyn was. It was no wonder why she could casually offer him the qualifications to establish his own city.

However, Sharlyn was not done after summoning the twofold magic array, as her hands continuously drew line after line of divine runes in the air. After a short moment, the twofold magic array became a fourfold magic array, before finally becoming a sixfold magic array.

At this moment, magic arrays covered all six sides of Sharlyn's room.

The Tier 4 Sky Piercer Weissman had used only required a fourfold magic array to channel it. Yet, the spell Sharlyn channeled now required a sixfold magic array. At the very least, Sharlyn's spell should be a Peak Tier 4 spell.

Although Shi Feng did not know what Sharlyn was trying to do, he felt incredibly fortunate. It seemed that asking Sharlyn to help him was the right choice after all. If Sharlyn could summon such a powerful magic array, her position in the Stargazing Tower should be relatively high. She might even be able to invite three Tier 4 NPCs to help him awaken the Sword in the Stone.

At this moment, the runes Sharlyn drew seeped into the Stone in the Sword, which floated in midair.

After another few minutes had passed, the golden divine runes separated from the Stone in the Sword and flew into Sharlyn's palm, forming a golden ball. Following which, the magic arrays disappeared from the room, and the Stone in the Sword landed in Sharlyn's hand once more.

However, Sharlyn paid no attention to the Sword in the Stone. Instead, she focused the ball of divine runes, seemingly studying it.

“How could this be?” Sharlyn muttered in utter disbelief. “Not even Divine Appraisal, a Peak Tier 4 spell, can analyze this sword?”

“To think that you have such an item, I have really underestimated you. Even after exhausting every option I have, I still can’t uncover a single thing about this item. How did you learn that this thing requires Tier 4 classes to awaken it?” Sharlyn asked. By this time, she had completely given up on analyzing the Stone in the Sword.

“I...” Shi Feng wondered the same thing. “I have simply used Omniscient Eyes.”

Sharlyn couldn’t uncover even basic information about the Sword in the Stone?

Just what kind of item was this?

“Omniscient Eyes? Impossible. I couldn’t analyze the sword even when I tried using the Eyes of God.” Sharlyn shook her head, slightly surprised by Shi Feng’s answer. However, she suddenly thought of a possibility. “Don’t tell me you have a Golden Stigmata!”

“Mhm.” Shi Feng nodded.

“No wonder!” Sharlyn revealed a faint smile. “Why didn’t you tell me earlier, little dummy? Throughout God’s Domain, the Omniscient Eyes of the Golden Stigmata is only inferior to the Eyes of Truth. I really did not expect the War God’s Temple to be so generous as to give you a Golden Stigmata.

“Tell me, then. What are the conditions to awaken this item?” Sharlyn inquired as she pointed at the Sword in the Stone.

“Twenty-one Mana Stones and three Tier 4 classes are needed to awaken the power slumbering within this sword,” Shi Feng recited the information he could see using the Omniscient Eyes.

“Little dummy, don’t tell me you have 21 Mana Stones inside that bag of yours. Even Big Sister here doesn’t have that many of them.” Sharlyn’s eyes glowed as she looked at Shi Feng. Stretching out her jade-like hand, she said, “Out with them, then.”

“This... I only have 21 pieces.” Shi Feng instantly panicked.

“What kind of person do you take me for?” Sharlyn rolled her eyes at the sight of Shi Feng’s caution. She then said, “Relax; I won’t rob you. I just want to awaken the power inside this sword.”

“It needs three Tier 4 classes to awaken this sword,” Shi Feng reminded, unwilling to hand over the Mana Stones.

“I know. However, do you think Tier 4 powerhouses have the time and energy to help you?” Sharlyn said, disgruntled. “This sword is no trivial matter. Fortunately, you met me. Otherwise, even if you found three Tier 4 powerhouses, they wouldn’t help you. Their answers wouldn’t change even if you offer each of them a Fragmented Legendary item.”

Chapter 380 - Destroyer of Immortality

“They won’t help me even if I offer each of them a Fragmented Legendary item?” Shi Feng was taken aback.

He did not think Sharlyn was lying.

He had personally witnessed how extraordinary the Sword in the Stone was. Even Sharlyn, a Tier 4 Great Divine Official, could not uncover its secrets. Meanwhile, he had only obtained the Golden Stigmata due to luck. Otherwise, he would have never known that the Sword in the Stone was a Legacy Item.

Fortunately, I made the trip here. Otherwise, I would have missed my chance. Shi Feng inwardly celebrated his luck as he looked at the Sword in the Stone.

Originally, Shi Feng had thought he only needed to hire three Tier 4 NPCs to help him. Now, it would seem that even if he found three Tier 4 NPC powerhouses, there was no price he could pay to gain their help.

Based on Sharlyn had said, however, even if he could afford the price, he still couldn’t awaken the power within the Sword in the Stone.

“Alright, let’s begin. I, too, want to see just what sort of item this is. Little dummy, stand back.”

Sharlyn was greatly interested in the Sword in the Stone right now. After saying so, Sharlyn tossed the 21 Mana Stones into the air and started chanting an incantation. The 21 Mana Stones suddenly split up and flew in all directions. Fortunately, Sharlyn's room was sufficiently large. After the Mana Stones flew 20 yards, they immediately stopped, hovering in the air. The Mana Stones then started to spin slowly. In the next moment, silvery-white light shone from under their feet.

Shi Feng immediately distanced himself from the magic array that appeared, watching silently from afar.

As the 21 floating Mana Stones rotated, the Sword in the Stone hovered in the center of the magic array.

Sharlyn then shouted. Suffocatingly dense Mana filled the room, buzzing.

As if unable to withstand this immense pressure, the 21 Mana Stones immediately shattered into dust, forming clouds of gray smoke that flowed into the Sword in the Stone.

When the Sword in the Stone completely absorbed one of the Mana Stones, the Legacy Item emitted a thumping sound that resembled a heartbeat.

Shi Feng even wondered if his ears were playing tricks on him at first.

However, as more Mana Stones fused with the sword, the thumping became much louder and more powerful. It was as if the disintegrated Mana Stones were waking an ancient beast from its deep slumber.

However, as Mana Stones continued to drift into the sword, Sharlyn, who currently stood inside the magic array, grew weaker.

By the time the seventh Mana Stone fused with the sword, Shi Feng could clearly feel that only half of the terrifying Mana that filled the room remained. At this moment, Sharlyn had also greatly weakened. As the fourteenth Mana Stone melded with the sword, Sharlyn began to grow pale. When the twenty-first and last Mana Stone fused with the sword, Sharlyn wavered. A gentle breeze could send her tumbling to the floor.

At this moment, Shi Feng finally realized that it was not easy to awaken the Sword in the Stone.

Channeling a single magic array had weakened a Tier 4 powerhouse to such a degree. It was no wonder why Sharlyn had said that no Tier 4 powerhouse would agree to aid him, even if offered a Fragmented Legendary item.

Sharlyn's power stunned Shi Feng.

She had managed to complete a task that required three Tier 4 classes. Her strength was simply too frightening.

Just who is she? Shi Feng grew curious about Sharlyn's identity.

It was impossible for an ordinary NPC to grow so quickly. Moreover, back in the God's Grave, Shi Feng saw a woman who looked exactly like Sharlyn. Although Sharlyn's strength could not compete with that slumbering woman's, the aura the two gave off felt exactly the same; the intensity was the only difference.

While Shi Feng pondered Sharlyn's identity, the awakening ritual had come to an end. The silver magic array that covered the floor vanished.

Boom!

The Sword in the Stone hovering in the air suddenly fell, half its blade sinking into the floor.

"Sharp!"

Sharlyn, who was currently unstable from the drain of Mana, could not hold back her shock when she saw the blade slide smoothly into the floor.

Not even the Great Destruction had managed to destroy the Stargazing Tower. The strongest and highest quality materials had gone into this monument's construction. Magic arrays reinforced the building further. A full-powered blow from a Tier 4 Sword Emperor armed with a Legendary ranked sword could not even scratch the floor. Yet, the hovering Sword in the Stone sunk effortlessly into the wood.

By now, the transparent crystal encasing the sword had completely disappeared. Only a sword with a golden hilt and guard remained, with a blade that was as pure and clear as a diamond.

"Impossible! This is actually... the Destroyer of Immortality!" Sharlyn was tongue-tied when she read the Sword in the Stone's information, which was now fully visible.

[Destroyer of Immortality]

A creation born of nature, containing unrivaled power. Although it was greatly damaged during the war between the Ancient Gods, it had absorbed some of their powers. If one can master this blade, they will obtain a trace of the Ancient Gods' powers.

Class restriction: Berserker and Swordsman

"Destroyer of Immortality?" Shi Feng was puzzled. He had never heard this name before.

Reading the item's introduction, apparently, its origin was quite amazing. The Ancient Gods had actually used this weapon.

Shi Feng knew a little about the Ancient Gods.

The Ancient Gods were born from nature, and they had the power to decimate the heaven and earth. Even the Tier 6 god-ranked classes of God's Domain were no more than ants before an Ancient God. They were practically invincible. However, all of these Ancient Gods had perished in the Great Ancient War.

"You must have heaven-defying luck. It is no wonder you didn't want an Advanced Legacy." Sharlyn smiled. She then explained, "The Destroyer of Immortality is one of the Ten Great Saint Legacy Items in ancient records. Moreover, the Legacy is unique; not even the Peak Legacy of the Stargazing Tower can compete with it."

"Ten Great Saint Legacies?" Shi Feng was at a loss.

The highest Legacies he had heard of in the past were Peak Legacies. This was the first time he had heard of the Ten Great Saint Legacies.

“I, too, have only read about the Ten Great Saint Legacies. Today is my first time actually seeing one in person. However, I don’t know any details about them. Even so, I will remind you not to look down on these Saint Legacies.

“A Peak Legacy is already as difficult as a Legendary Quest. At the very least, the trial of Ten Great Saint Legacies should be just as difficult. If you are not confident in succeeding, you should not recklessly attempt to challenge it. You might lose your life, even if you are a heaven-blessed individual.”

Sharlyn was extraordinarily serious when she looked at Shi Feng, even more serious than when she gave the “Immortal Crown” quest to Shi Feng. When she spoke of death, she had even paused for a moment.

Shi Feng could clearly discern the kindness in Sharlyn’s tone, and he, too, knew how dangerous and difficult the trial of a Saint Legacy would be.

God’s Domain’s law of equivalent exchange held true everywhere.

Naturally, there was danger in challenging the trial of a Legacy. Take Basic Legacies for example. If a player failed to clear the trial of a Basic Legacy, they would lose three levels, be weakened for three days, and be barred from accepting the trial again for ten days.

Meanwhile, the penalty for failing an Intermediate Legacy was much harsher. Players would lose five levels, be weakened for seven days, be barred from accepting the trial for twenty days, and permanently lose a small portion of their Attributes.

For Advanced Legacies and Peak Legacies....

Shi Feng was 90% certain that he could complete an Advanced Legacy. As for a Peak Legacy, Shi Feng had around 50% to 60% certainty of success.

However, the Legacy he had eagerly looked forward to turned out to be one of the Ten Great Saint Legacies. Shi Feng had never even heard of a Saint Legacy, so he was not too sure how well he would fare.

Chapter 381 - Attacks from Above and Below

Sharlyn was a Tier 4 Great Divine Official. The information she had access to would definitely surpass a player like Shi Feng.

The fact that she knew about the Destroyer of Immortality proved this point.

Should I wait a little longer? Shi Feng pondered in silence as he looked at the translucent sword that penetrated the ground.

Now that the Destroyer of Immortality had awakened, he could take on the Legacy Trial anytime he wanted to. He could slowly build his strength before challenging the trial. That way, he would have a higher chance of successfully clearing it.

After all, as one of the Ten Great Saint Legacies, the consequences of failure would be severe. It might turn out just as Sharlyn had guessed.

Death!

Heaven-blessed individuals were immortal existences, being able to resurrect infinitely. Yet, despite knowing this, Sharlyn had still made such an ominous claim. This proved that the penalty of failure would be unbearable, and players would have no choice but to delete their accounts and start all over again.

The wisest choice for Shi Feng right now was to first increase his strength before challenging the Saint Legacy's trial.

However, after campaigning in God's Domain for a decade, Shi Feng understood one thing clearly.

Life in God's Domain was like a boat sailing against the current; either he kept going forward, or he would fall behind.

Pursuing stability constantly was not enough. Sometimes, one needed to take risks to achieve a breakthrough. Moreover, Shi Feng did not have too much time to waste.

Risks and opportunities coexisted.

The sooner he obtained the Saint Legacy, the smoother his path towards godhood would be. Originally, Shi Feng had not been certain that he could become a Tier 5 class in this life. To do so, he had to plan and prepare carefully. As for becoming a Tier 6 god-ranked class, that was nigh impossible. That was the apex of God's Domain. How could something like that be so easy to achieve?

Shi Feng was aware of his own capabilities. His current performance right now was only amazing due to his decade of experience playing God's Domain. It was not possible to walk the path toward godhood just by having a few additional years of experience. However, if he gained one of the Ten Great Saint Classes earlier on, coupling it with careful planning and preparation, he would have a better chance of becoming a god.

Shi Feng stepped up to the Destroyer of Immortality. He then grabbed the golden hilt of the sword. When he tried to pull the translucent blade out of the ground, however, it did not budge. No matter how much strength Shi Feng exerted, the sword remained firmly stuck in the floor. Instead, the sound of a system notification reached his ears.

System: Do you wish to accept the Legacy Trial? (Remaining time: 23 hours 54 minutes)

"Well, shit." Shi Feng bitterly smiled.

The Destroyer of Immortality never intended to give him a chance to raise his strength.

Sighing, Shi Feng accepted the trial.

Suddenly, the Destroyer of Immortality released a divine golden light, enveloping Shi Feng. In the next moment, both the Destroyer of Immortality and Shi Feng vanished from the room.

"Space Transfer?" Sharlyn's eyes flashed with surprise at both Shi Feng's and the Destroyer of Immortality's sudden disappearance.

A powerful barrier protected the Stargazing Tower, and all forms of teleportation magic were rendered ineffective here, regardless of whether said magic was used to enter or leave the Tower. Yet, the Destroyer of Immortality had effortlessly accomplished this feat.

“Hopefully, that little dummy can pass the trials.” Sharlyn smiled faintly, gazing at the spot where Shi Feng had stood a moment ago. “Awakening that sword drained me to such a degree. I’ll have to rest for a long time. I let him off too lightly by taking only 500 Gold. The next time we meet, I’ll collect this debt...with interest.”

At this moment, Shi Feng was at a complete loss.

In the blink of an eye, he arrived in a dimly illuminated field. Swords were everywhere, from the sky to the earth. This place was literally a world of swords.

In the distance, Shi Feng could see a mountain piercing the sky. A faint, silver glow radiated from the mountain’s peak, and it was the only source of light in this dim world.

System: You have discovered the Origin Sword Domain.

System: You are in a unique realm. All forms of communications have been sealed. You are unable to make contact with the outside world.

“It would seem that this Origin Sword Domain is independent of God’s Domain.” Shi Feng tried to call up the system map. However, the map was blank. Shi Feng then took a look at his surroundings. As far as the eye could see, other than the mountain in the distance, there was nothing but flatlands. Moreover, the further one traveled from the mountain, the darker it would become. “It looks like the only exit is at the peak of that mountain.”

Shi Feng then examined the swords stabbed into the ground, all of which were immovable. Some even resembled buildings and plants. Unlike flowers and trees, however, Shi Feng would receive damage if he touched these blades.

To put it simply, he needed to avoid these swords as he advanced.

As for the swords suspended in the sky, so long as he did not fly, they weren’t a threat.

However, this world only took a moment to correct that assumption. After Shi Feng took a few steps forward, several swords descended from the sky. One of them just happened to slice past his arm, causing -200 damage.

“Crap! Raining swords?!” Shi Feng looked at the swords around him, realizing why so many swords pierced the ground.

Moreover, the swords that descended from the sky dealt a lot more damage than the swords on the ground.

“I’m guessing this trial requires players to avoid the swords on the ground while dodging the swords descending from the sky?” Shi Feng remained still for the moment. He silently observed his surroundings, searching for the best path towards the mountain.

He chose to stand still because the moment he moved, the swords in the sky would start to fall. Most likely, the swords in the sky were set to fall based on the player's movements.

"Sure enough, this world is trying to kill me."

After waiting for a moment, Shi Feng discovered that the swords in the sky had not fallen. However, before he could rejoice over this discovery, the swords in the ground started trembling, and one after another, these swords sunk into the ground, vanishing completely.

Feeling that something was amiss, Shi Feng kept his gaze on the ground beneath his feet.

Suddenly, tens of swords sprung up from the ground beneath him, soaring into the sky.

Reacting quickly, Shi Feng performed a backflip, dodging these blades. However, due to his backflip, the swords above plunged towards him.

"This is a joke, right?" Shi Feng immediately unsheathed the Abyssal Blade and Purgatory's Shadow, defending against the incoming flying swords. One after another, blades of light struck the flying swords, scattering them.

After these attacks, Shi Feng finally realized that this world intended to toy with him until he died.

If he rested, the swords on the ground would attack him after a short time. If he moved, the swords hovering in the sky would rain down on him.

Such an attack pattern allowed him little to no time to rest or recover, keeping him on guard.

Shi Feng also discovered something else. The swords that descended from the sky were growing more accurate and faster as he advanced.

“Is this place trying to exhaust me to death?” Shi Feng’s lips curled up slightly with amusement.

Immediately, he switched out the Aura of Space on the Seven Luminaries Ring for the Aura of Wind, increasing both his Movement Speed and Attack Speed by 40% and Agility by 30%. He then dashed towards the distant mountain.

The moment Shi Feng moved, the countless blades in the sky began their assault. They all turned their blades towards Shi Feng and shot towards him. However, Shi Feng was like a gust of wind. Relying on his Movement Speed alone, he avoided most of the attacks. In addition, his increased Attack Speed allowed him to strike down the remaining swords effortlessly as he darted onward.

However, after running for a few minutes, the ground in front of Shi Feng suddenly split apart. In the next moment, bone knights in silver armor crawled out of the fissure, every one of them emitting frightening killing intent as they rushed towards him.

[Skeleton Warrior] (Undead Creature, Elite Rank)

Level 25

HP 20,000/20,000

Chapter 382 - Legacy Chapter

The silver suits of armor shone brilliantly under the dimly lit sky, creating an exceptionally conspicuous sight.

The assault from all directions forced Shi Feng to an abrupt halt.

Facing such intense attacks, Shi Feng had no choice but to stop. Even he was not confident of defending against so many attacks on the run.

This won't do. I won't last long at this rate. I need to move faster. Looking at the swords decorating the sky, an idea, inspired by his years of experience, struck Shi Feng.

Purgatory Power!

Shi Feng's Attack Speed rose by 100%.

He then brandished the Abyssal Blade and the Purgatory's Shadow, sending blades of light at the incoming swords and striking them down.

After continuing this process for three seconds, Shi Feng successfully deflected all of the swords that attacked him, scattering them around him.

“Undead Creature?” Shi Feng activated Omniscient Eyes and examined the distant Skeleton Warriors.

Shi Feng could not learn anything about these undead monsters.

If he faced them one-on-one, Shi Feng was confident that he could defeat such a monster with ease. If he had to face a group of them, however, even he was not certain that he would win. Moreover, the swords in the sky still posed a huge threat. When the two combined, Shi Feng’s very life was at risk.

However, Shi Feng did not know if death meant failing the Legacy Trial. If it did, then he would truly be finished.

As a precaution, Shi Feng did not immediately move after fending off the flying swords. Instead, he stopped to think of an appropriate countermeasure.

Changing my path isn’t possible. For now, let’s put these Skeleton Warriors to the test.

The only exit was at the mountain’s peak. Naturally, Shi Feng could not retreat. However, charging forward rashly and accidentally losing his life was unwise.

Hence, Shi Feng activated Phantom Kill, sending his doppelganger charging towards the Skeleton Warriors to test their strength. By doing so, not only could he buy himself time to come up with a defense against these undead monsters, but he could also avoid falling into any traps.

After all, this was the Trial of one of the Ten Great Saint Legacies. He could not afford to be careless.

The doppelganger possessed 70% of Shi Feng's Attributes. It was more than enough to deal with a single Skeleton Warrior.

The doppelganger dodged the swords from above while approaching the Skeleton Warriors. However, when only a distance of 40 yards remained between them, the Skeleton Warriors still showed no signs of taking action. Instead, the monsters only focused on the doppelganger's every movement, killing intent oozing from their entire bodies. It looked as if they would explode at any moment.

Disregarding the Skeleton Warriors' lack of a reaction, the doppelganger threw the Blazing Meteor at the closest undead creature. The weapon struck the monster's thigh, causing -816 damage. It would seem that the Skeleton Warriors only possessed mediocre Defense. However, the instant the Skeleton Warrior was struck, it started moving and charged at Shi Feng's doppelganger.

The Skeleton Warrior that had been hit was not the only one to move. The surrounding dozen or so undead creatures charged at the doppelganger as well.

Although the Skeleton Warriors wore full sets of silver armor, their Movement Speed was extremely fast. It took them less than five seconds to close the 40-yard gap.

However, Shi Feng's doppelganger did not stay idle as these undead creatures charged. Instead, it attacked with the Blazing Meteor again as it retreated swiftly.

In terms of speed, the doppelganger clearly held the advantage. Despite needing to dodge the constant stream of attacks from the sky, it was still a thread faster than the Skeleton Warriors. As this game of cat and mouse continued, the HP of the Skeleton Warrior leading the charge gradually decreased. Everything proceeded smoothly, and Shi Feng, who stood in the distance, did not discover any other traps hidden in this field.

Moreover, the Skeleton Warriors possessed low intelligence. Aside from carrying out some basic defensive maneuvers, the group of undead creatures single-mindedly chased the doppelganger. After a short moment, the doppelganger killed its first monster.

Although a Skeleton Warrior had died, other than a tiny amount of Skill Proficiency, Shi Feng received nothing at all. He did not receive even a tiny amount of EXP.

Even after the dozen or so Skeleton Warriors were wiped out, Shi Feng did not receive anything.

Fortunately, he didn't really care.

He was in a Legacy Trial right now. His only goal was to clear the Trial. As for whether or not he could earn EXP or items, that was not very important.

With the doppelganger's probing, Shi Feng's advance became much easier.

There were no other traps in the surrounding area. The Skeleton Warriors also did not possess high intelligence or troublesome skills. As long as he dealt with the attacks from the sky properly, he could deal with these Skeleton Warriors by kiting them.

What the doppelganger could do, Shi Feng could do better.

Shi Feng's Movement Speed was too fast. Unlike the doppelganger, not only could Shi Feng attack using the Blazing Meteor, but he could also cast AOE skills such as Thundering Flash and Earth Splitter to deplete the Skeleton Warriors' HPs while maintaining the distance between them.

When the arcs of lightning weaved across the Skeleton Warriors, they dealt damages of -1,242, -1,784, and -2,439 to the undead creatures. Some of the Skeleton Warriors who received critical hits lost over half their HP.

In less than ten minutes, Shi Feng had reduced the hundreds of Skeleton Warriors into piles of pearly white bones scattered across the plains.

“Hm? What’s going on with these bones?” Just as Shi Feng was about to depart from this field of bones, he noticed the bones begin to tremble. The bones then gathered.

In the blink of an eye, these bones transformed into an entirely new monster. This monster was three times the size of the Skeleton Warriors from before. It wielded a Skeletal Giant Axe in one hand and a thick black chain in the other. Dark green flames burned in its empty eye sockets. Emitting an angry roar, it charged at Shi Feng with massive, thudding steps. With every step this monster took, the land beneath its feet would crack and shatter. One could see just how powerful this monster was.

[Skeleton Giant] (Undead Creature, Chieftain Rank)

Level 30

HP 250,000/250,000

“Why is it a Level 30 Chieftain?!” Shi Feng was stunned. He instantly activated Windwalk and escaped.

There was no way he could face a Level 30 Chieftain head-on while dealing with the incoming attacks from the countless swords in the sky.

Moreover, with the Skeleton Giant's strength, a direct hit with its axe was all it needed to end Shi Feng's life. Even if Shi Feng dodged the monster's attack, the descending swords were no laughing matter. Each sword could deal -200 damage.

Currently, Shi Feng's HP was only slightly over 3,000. If sixteen swords hit him, he would lose his life all the same.

Although the Skeleton Giant was colossal, it was frighteningly quick. Despite having activated Windwalk, Shi Feng still could not shake off the Skeleton Giant, the distance between them never increasing.

However, Shi Feng also had to endure the rain of swords as he escaped. To avoid the blades, he was oftentimes forced to take action and strike back, affecting his speed as a result. Sometimes, in order to dodge a more densely packed attack, Shi Feng had no choice but to dodge sideways, making a 90-degree turn.

However, after Shi Feng turned, the Skeleton Giant behind him would stumble. Its speed greatly fell when it changed directions, allowing Shi Feng to widen the gap between them.

Moreover, due to the Skeleton Giant's large frame, the sudden turn helped Shi Feng block a few of the flying swords. When the swords struck the Skeleton Giant's body, the monster also received -200 damage from each attack.

How could I forget? Due to their joints, skeletal monsters have difficulty dodging and turning. Shi Feng smiled faintly upon seeing the Skeleton Giant's situation.

Not only was the Skeleton Giant slow to react, but it would also receive damage from the swords above. Moreover, the Skeleton Giant's huge frame made the perfect shield.

Considering the situation, a plan formed in Shi Feng's mind. Following which, he made a 180-degree turn and charged directly at the Skeleton Giant's back.

To deal with Shi Feng, the Skeleton Giant had no choice but to turn around as well. Although its body spun relatively quickly, its feet could not keep up with its body. By the time the Skeleton Giant had stabilized itself and started swinging its giant axe, Shi Feng had arrived beside its feet.

As the swords in the sky cascaded down towards Shi Feng, due to the Skeleton Giant being in the way, the monster suffered the full brunt of the rain of swords.

Now, not only did the swords in the sky no longer pose a threat to Shi Feng, but they also benefited him.

Seeing as his plan's success, Shi Feng began to attack the Skeleton Giant.

Meanwhile, no matter how many times the Skeleton Giant turned its body, Shi Feng would always appear behind it. Faced with the continuous assault from Shi Feng and the swords, the Skeleton Giant's HP fell rapidly.

Half an hour later, the Skeleton Giant crumbled. Even until its death, it had not landed a hit on Shi Feng. On the contrary, it had become his shield, blocking the falling blades.

"This fellow dropped an item?"

Shi Feng noticed a golden piece of paper with divine runes laying beside the Skeleton Giant's remains. When Shi Feng picked it up and tried to check its information, he only received an "Unknown" in reply. Hence, Shi Feng used the Omniscient Eyes.

Legacy Chapter (7th page): A scattered page that has fallen out of a Legacy Book written by the Ancient Gods. This Legacy Book holds records for one of the Ten Great Saint Legacies. It has a total of 50 pages. After gathering all of the pages, the Saint Legacy contained within the Legacy Book will become available.

Class Requirements: Berserker, Swordsman.

Chapter 383 - Blade Demon

"So, this is it, huh."

Reading the item's information, Shi Feng got a general understanding of the situation.

Even if he ran to the mountain and reached its peak, that wouldn't mean he passed the trial. He needed to collect all 50 Legacy Chapters to pass.

However, now that he knew what he needed to do, this trial would be much easier to defeat.

He just had to search for Skeleton Warriors and kill Skeleton Giants to obtain Legacy Chapters.

So, Shi Feng began hunting around the fields for Skeleton Warriors.

Although the swords in the sky were a nuisance, Shi Feng gradually understood their attack patterns and could dodge them more efficiently. Soon, they were no longer much of an issue. Even when dealing with a large group of Skeleton Warriors, these swords would nick him a few times at most, dealing negligible damage.

After killing 12 Skeleton Giants in a row, Shi Feng discovered a problem.

Not every Skeleton Giant would drop a Legacy Chapter. In fact, the drop rate was very low. After killing 12 Skeleton Giants, he only obtained two Legacy Chapters. None of the monsters Shi Feng killed gave him any EXP, either. He also needed to dodge the swords from above constantly. Hunting these Skeleton Giants was truly exhausting, both physically and mentally. If not for the fact that one of the Ten Great Saint Legacies beckoned him, Shi Feng would never tolerate such a strenuous and unrewarding task.

While Shi Feng searched for Skeleton Warriors all around the mountain, an incident occurred in White River City.

Dark Star, a Guild that White River City had already forgotten, suddenly declared its dissolution. This news came as a great shock to everyone. Some of the Guilds who had previously allied themselves with Dark Star simultaneously announced their dissolution as well.

Originally, everyone had thought that White River City was on the path of becoming the overlord of Star-Moon Kingdom.

However, no one could have expected the following development.

Half a day after the dissolution of these Guilds, a Branch Guild of Overwhelming Smile suddenly appeared in White River City. More shockingly, Lone Tyrant, who was originally the Guild Leader of Dark Star, had become the Vice-Leader that led Overwhelming Smile's Branch Guild. Furthermore, the benefits that Overwhelming Smile offered were impressive, at least twice as valuable as what Dark Star had previously offered. It was a blatant display of wealth.

The members of the dissolved Guilds promptly joined Overwhelming Smile's White River City Branch.

Within half a day since Overwhelming Smile's Branch Guild's establishment, its member count had already reached 30,000. Moreover, that number was still increasing. It continuously recruited new members, thinking of ways to steal players from Zero Wing.

"Big Sis Aqua, Overwhelming Smile thinks too little of us. Instead of recruiting in their hometown of Maple City, they ran all the way here to fight us over members. The Guild Leader also suddenly disappeared and cannot be contacted. If we allow Overwhelming Smile to continue, by the time we start our recruitment tomorrow, they will have stolen all the good saplings. Big Sis Aqua, why don't we start recruiting right now?" Snow Goose asked anxiously.

It had been Zero Wing's fame that had attracted players from other cities. Yet, now, Overwhelming Smile had come to steal the fruit of victory. It was truly despicable.

"Overwhelming Smile is truly ambitious. They've only obtained the First Clear of a large-scale Team Dungeon, yet, already, they're hungering after White River City." Aqua Rose's eyes flashed with rage. Although she was not afraid of losing potential Guild Members, she could not stand Overwhelming Smile's arrogant attitude. They were clearly trying to provoke Zero Wing. "Does Overwhelming Smile think it is so easy to weave a web in White River City? Let's start advertising our recruitment right now! I

want to see how a second-rate Guild without a Guild Residence plans to compete with Zero Wing in terms of benefits!”

Once Zero Wing began to prepare for its recruitment fervently as well, White River City exploded with activity.

On one side, there was Overwhelming Smile, a Guild that had claimed the First Clear of a large-scale Team Dungeon and annexed Dark Star, one of the top six Guilds of White River City. On the other side stood Zero Wing, a Guild that possessed a Guild Residence and was led by Star-Moon Kingdom’s number one expert.

Many players on the forums were also discussing which Guild they should join.

“Big Brother Shadow Sword, White River City is truly interesting. Despite only being the fifth-ranking city of Star-Moon Kingdom, it is now contested over by the two most popular Guilds in the kingdom. Which Guild do you think these independent players will join?” the female Guardian Knight, Turtledove, asked the Berserker beside her, Shadow Sword, with an amused smile on her face.

“I don’t know what others will choose, but my goal from the very beginning has been to join Zero Wing,” Shadow Sword wasn’t interested in the competition between the two Guilds. His only thoughts right now were of passing Zero Wing’s assessment and polishing his strength by learning from the experts in Zero Wing. He also hoped to learn from Zero Wing’s Guild Leader, Black Flame. He had no interest in anything beyond that.

Meanwhile, after spending an entire day at the Origin Sword Domain, Shi Feng had collected 21 Legacy Chapters.

“Oh? What’s that monster?” At this moment, Shi Feng, who stood at the foot of Sword Peak Mountain, discovered a monster of steel slowly descended the mountain. This steel monster seemed to be patrolling its territory.

Although this monster was not large, only twice as tall as Shi Feng, all four of its limbs were blades. The rest of its body was made of pitch-black steel, decorated with spikes. It looked like a machine of slaughter.

Although Shi Feng wanted to know this monster’s information, he only received an “Unknown” when he attempted to identify it. Even Observing Eyes failed to yield any results. Hence, Shi Feng had no choice but to use Omniscient Eyes.

[Blade Demon] (Demonic Creature, Chieftain Rank)

Level 30

HP 300,000/300,000

Shi Feng’s interest suddenly grew upon discovering that the Blade Demon was a Chieftain ranked monster.

Since the Chieftain ranked Skeleton Giant had a chance to drop Legacy Chapters, the Chieftain ranked Blade Demon before him might drop the item as well. Fortunately, dealing with a single Blade Demon was much easier than destroying hundreds of Skeleton Warriors in addition to a Skeleton Giant.

Moreover, the Blade Demon only had 300,000 HP. At most, it would only be slightly stronger than the Skeleton Giants. If so, Shi Feng could defeat it easily.

Of course, Shi Feng would not rashly charge to his death. The only reason he had defeated the Skeleton Giants so easily was due to the monster's dull reactions and the aid of the swords in the sky. On the other hand, not only was the Blade Demon a stronger monster, but it also wasn't that large. Shi Feng didn't expect its reaction time to be as slow.

If Shi Feng confronted the Blade Demon directly, he would only seek his own death. Hence, he needed to identify the monster's weakness.

If it's a Demonic Creature, then the Demon Hunter title will suppress its strength. Let's use the doppelganger to test things out first, then. Thinking so, Shi Feng switched out his Might of a Thousand title for the Demon Hunter title.

The Demon Hunter title reduced the Attributes of all darkness-type monsters within a 100-yard radius by 10% and increased Shi Feng's damage towards darkness-type monsters by 10%. Demonic Creatures were considered darkness-type monsters.

Following which, Shi Feng used Phantom Kill and sent his doppelganger charging forward.

When the doppelganger was 40 yards away from the Blade Demon, it threw the Blazing Meteor at the monster. A red glow instantly crossed the distance between the doppelganger and the Blade Demon. Just as the Blazing Meteor was about to hit the Blade Demon's back a black streak of light flashed over, striking the Blazing Meteor out of its path.

"What? Is it that amazing? Does it not have any blind spots?" Shi Feng muttered in shock.

Shi Feng's doppelganger had clearly launched its attack, yet, as if the Blade Demon had eyes in the back of its head, it deflected the flying projectile. Moreover, the Blade Demon's reaction was astonishingly quick; the Skeleton Giants paled in comparison.

However, Shi Feng did not believe that the Blade Demon had no blind spots.

The doppelganger activated Windwalk and circled to the other side of the Blade Demon. Once again, it threw the Blazing Meteor, launching a series of attacks in quick succession.

The Blazing Meteor shot at the Blade Demon again and again. However, no matter which angle it approached, the Blade Demon easily deflected it. Moreover, the monster moved extremely fast, leaving afterimages wherever it passed. In just a moment, the Blade Demon stood in front of Shi Feng's doppelganger.

Shua! Shua! Shua!

In the blink of an eye, the Blade Demon had launched dozens of attacks. Despite the doppelganger having already activated Defensive Blade, the Demon broke through the skill almost instantly. The doppelganger only managed to block a few attacks before losing its life...

Shi Feng's eyes widened as he watched his doppelganger's death.

However, after a brief moment of shock, Shi Feng suddenly discovered that the Blade Demon had not returned to its wandering after killing the doppelganger. Instead, it turned around and charged directly at him.

Chapter 384 - Unique Set Equipment

Despite also being a Level 30 Chieftain, the Blade Demon was far more powerful than the Skeleton Giant.

Realizing that he could not face the Blade Demon directly, Shi Feng immediately activated Windwalk and ran. He wanted to break away from the combat area as quickly as possible.

However, after running for over a hundred yards, the Blade Demon was still on his tail.

Although Shi Feng's Movement Speed was much higher than the Blade Demon's, with the countless blades in the sky restraining him, Shi Feng was not actually much faster than the Blade Demon. The distance between the two hovered around 30 yards.

The Blade Demon was determined to chase Shi Feng to the ends of the world. As long as the Blade Demon caught up to Shi Feng, he would have to deal with the attacks from both the Blade Demon and the swords descending from the sky. At that time, his fate would be sealed.

I need to find a way to deal with it. I'll be in trouble if it catches up.

Shi Feng examined the surrounding terrain. The area around him was the very definition of "flatlands." The fields were endless, and there was nothing that he could use to his advantage.

However, as Shi Feng moved further away from Sword Peak Mountain, the number of swords that descended from above increased. It was as if they were reminding Shi Feng that he was not allowed to move away from the mountain.

However, Shi Feng couldn't care less right now. If he stopped, only death awaited him. Hence, he continued running at full speed while enduring the countless swords raining down on him. After running for a certain distance, Shi Feng suddenly noticed that, whenever the Blade Demon behind him touched the densely packed swords that had fallen to the ground, damages of -100 would appear above its head. Due to the hindrances in its path, the Blade Demon's speed also slightly decreased.

Shi Feng's troubled expression transformed into a wicked smile. Just before the effect of Windwalk was about to disappear, Shi Feng took out a Speed Scroll from his bag and used it. He then continued running away from Sword Peak Mountain. This time, however, Shi Feng purposefully zig-zagged. This way, if the Blade Demon wished to approach him, it would definitely collide with the swords on the ground.

As a result, not only would the Blade Demon's speed decrease, but it would also receive a continuous stream of damage.

The Blade Demon had a total of 300,000 HP. With its battle recovery, it could regain 3,000 HP every five seconds. Shi Feng could not kill the Blade Demon by relying only on the scattered swords. Hence, Shi Feng occasionally threw the Blazing Meteor at the monster. However, the Blade Demon's defensive capabilities were simply too powerful. Out of all of Shi Feng's attacks, only 10% struck the Blade Demon.

Shi Feng also used skills such as Thundering Flash and Earth Splitter, dealing over -1,000 damage with each hit. Overall, the damage the Blade Demon received barely surpassed its battle recovery. If Shi Feng wanted to kill the Blade Demon, he would need to spend a very long time to do so.

It seems that I can only drag things out. Shi Feng had no other options. The only fortunate thing about this situation was that the Blade Demon could eventually die.

Time passed, bit by bit.

While Shi Feng played his game of cat and mouse with the Blade Demon, White River City had become extraordinarily lively. Zero Wing had finally started its recruitment.

The independent players who had waited eagerly for this moment were incomparably excited.

As everyone arrived at Zero Wing's recruitment location, anticipation overwhelmed them.

The Purple Sun Mansion, the real estate that occupied the largest land-mass and best location in White River City, was actually Zero Wing's Guild Residence.

"I'm not seeing things, right? Isn't this the Purple Sun Mansion? Zero Wing isn't even giving the other Guilds a chance!"

"Damn! Zero Wing's Guild Hall is huge! It won't have any problems holding several thousand players at a single time!"

“That’s nothing. I have a brother in Zero Wing. I hear that it’s even more amazing inside. Aside from having a high-class bar, many NPCs appear every day to issue Guild Quests. The number and variety of Guild Quests they get far surpass those available at the Adventurer’s Association. Not only can members of Zero Wing obtain a lot more EXP, but the item rewards they can get from the quests are also much more abundant. Some quests even reward Secret-Silver items. Also, if members rest inside the Guild Hall, they can accumulate a Double EXP buff. There are private rooms available for rent, too.”

For a time, everyone began forming a long queue outside Zero Wing’s Guild Residence, enthusiastically applying to Zero Wing. From a glance, the number of players in line had already exceeded 30,000.

The many benefits such as high-level quests, Double EXP buff, private rooms and more had sent all the independent players into a frenzy.

Meanwhile, when news of Zero Wing’s Guild Residence spread, the various Guilds throughout Star-Moon Kingdom tumbling into a turmoil.

Originally, these Guilds didn’t think much of a Guild Residence.

However, they never expected a Guild Residence to provide such significant benefits. All this time, they regarded a Guild Residence as only a symbol of a Guild’s establishment, a place where Guild members could gather and chat. Now that they realized what a Guild Residence could do, the upper echelons of these Guilds felt a chill crawl down their spines.

A Guild Residence was simply too terrifying. Not only could it increase the leveling speed of Guild members, but it could also provide a source of Coins for the Guild. Now that Zero Wing possessed its own Guild Residence, the Guild would no longer have to purchase Coins using Credits or form teams to specifically farm Coins. The Guild Residence also had other aspects that could allow a Guild to develop quickly. How could Guilds like theirs that did not possess a Guild Residence compete with Zero Wing now?

At this time, the first-rate Guilds who were not originally concerned with Zero Wing had to reevaluate their opinions.

“Young Master Feng, now that Zero Wing has revealed their Guild Residence, everyone in Star-Moon Kingdom has shifted their attention back to them. Overwhelming Smile’s achievement can no longer hamper Zero Wing’s recruitment. Should we focus on solidifying the Branch Guild in White River City?”

“I have really underestimated Black Flame. However, don’t think that I am out of options,” Feng Xuanyang sneered. “Since you dare challenge me, you will only have one ending. Tell Overwhelming Smile this: don’t worry about spending money; just steal as many players from Zero Wing as possible. I want to see just how a Guild without many members can develop.”

Shortly after Feng Xuanyang gave his command, Overwhelming Smile took action.

Overwhelming Smile shocked the various Guilds in White River City.

“Overwhelming Smile has gone insane!” Snow Goose shouted when she read the latest information on Overwhelming Smile.

In order to attract independent players, Overwhelming Smile had increased the benefits it offered once again. At this moment, it offered four times what Dark Star had in the past. Normal members alone would be treated far better than even elite players of other Guilds. The benefits offered to Overwhelming Smile’s elite members was beyond comparison.

Overwhelming Smile even began to publicly poach Zero Wing’s normal members, promising them threefold what the other Guild members received if they joined the Guild.

Originally, Overwhelming Smile's increase in the benefits was already shocking. Now, that they took it a step further and offered another threefold raise, how could the members of Zero Wing not be tempted? In fact, some members already considered withdrawing from Zero Wing and defecting to Overwhelming Smile.

"Is Overwhelming Smile planning to destroy us with money?" Aqua Rose smiled bitterly, her expression turning grim.

This move was truly vicious.

Zero Wing had only established recently. Its funding had never been abundant. They had no chance against the large funding Overwhelming Smile possessed.

While Overwhelming Smile was in the midst of waging a poaching war against Zero Wing, Shi Feng had finally reduced the Blade Demon's HP to its last vestiges.

"Die!"

Abruptly spinning around, Shi Feng dashed towards the low HP Blade Demon.

Abyssal Bind!

Flame Burst!

Abyssal Bind immediately tethered the Blade Demon in place. Following which, the scorching Abyssal Blade slashed at the demonic creature's body twelve times in a row. Every slash dealt over -2,000 damage to the Blade Demon, devouring the monster's remaining 20,000 HP.

As the Blade Demon died, Shi Feng noticed a piece of paper falling beside the monster's body. He originally thought that it was a Legacy Chapter. However, upon picking it up, Shi Feng froze. At that moment, he even thought he might be hallucinating.

[Broken Steel Forging Design Fragment]

Epic Rank Unique Set Equipment. Set consists of a total of six pieces.

Current fragment count (1/18)

Chapter 385 - Professional Level

"No way!"

Shi Feng struggled to calm himself even after staring at the forging design in his hand for a long time.

Previously, when he obtained the Fine-Gold ranked Dragonscale Set Equipment back in the God's Grave, he had believed it to be the top Set Equipment currently available, second to none.

However, with Shi Feng's current forging standards, he could not forge the Dragonscale Set Equipment. He needed to become an Advanced Forger before he could attempt it. However, a lot of time was required to advance to an Advanced Forger, time that Shi Feng did not have.

Yet, now, the forging design for an Epic Set Equipment had fallen into his hands.

If he could equip an Epic Set Equipment, killing players would be as easy as slicing vegetables. He would truly be invincible among fellow players.

Originally, Shi Feng's head had ached thinking about ways to deal with the five cities controlled by Underworld. Now, however, this fragment swept those concerns away. As long as he could don the complete Broken Steel Set Equipment, he alone could become enough of a nuisance to disturb those Guilds.

Now that Shi Feng knew the Blade Demons dropped the forging design for the Broken Steel Set Equipment, even if he had to exhaust himself for a few days, he would obtain all the forging design fragments.

Shi Feng was suddenly brimming with enthusiasm. Turning around, he charged towards Sword Peak Mountain in search of another Blade Demon.

Unknowingly, another day had passed in God's Domain.

Before Shi Feng logged out of the game, he had killed several dozens more Skeleton Giants and Blade Demons. In the two days he had spent in the Origin Sword Domain, Shi Feng had obtained a total of 33 Legacy Chapters and 8 Broken Steel Forging Design Fragments. He was not far from completing both the Legacy Book and the Broken Steel Set Equipment Forging Design.

Shi Feng had lingered in God's Domain for two natural days without logging out to rest. As his body had been in the virtual gaming cabin all this time, the moment he stepped out of the cabin, his stomach growled a hungry complaint. However, his body did not feel any discomfort after laying motionless for two days. On the contrary, he felt extremely relaxed.

It's as expected of a virtual gaming cabin. It even assisted my body's absorption of the S-rank Nutrient Fluids. Shi Feng clenched his fists and stretched. Revealing a faint smile, he thought, My punching power should be around 320 kg now.

Originally, Shi Feng had needed five days to absorb a bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluids, allowing the liquid to restore his body's vitality and repair broken cells.

Now, however, only two days had passed, and Shi Feng had already absorbed the S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

Shi Feng judged that, based on his body's current condition, he should barely meet the standard of a professional fighter. His current body had already far surpassed his body in his previous life.

At the very least, his physical fitness was no longer inferior to the apex experts of God's Domain.

Being young really is great. If I started training my body only after I turned 25, it wouldn't really make a difference. Shi Feng was satisfied with his current physical fitness. As long as he continued his training, his physical fitness would continue to improve. At that time, he could exert more of his brain's potential, allowing him to break through the boundaries he had never been able to cross.

Although Shi Feng was hungry, he did not immediately look for something to eat. Instead, after leaving the virtual gaming cabin, he walked towards his fridge and retrieved a bottle of A-rank Nutrient Fluids. He then filled his empty stomach with the cold liquid.

After having not eaten for 48 hours, although he had the protection of the virtual gaming cabin during this period, filling his stomach with solid food would negatively impact his body. It was best to drink Nutrient Fluids first and let his stomach gradually adapt. After a few hours, he could have a proper meal.

Looking at the bottle of A-rank Nutrient Fluids in his hand, Shi Feng felt like he was dreaming.

Over ten days ago, he had lamented spending ten Credits on a meal. Now, however, despite drinking a bottle of Nutrient Fluids that cost 10,000 Credits, he felt nothing at all. Although his reincarnation was part of the reason, it was more due to his change in mentality brought about by strength.

Suddenly, his doorbell rang.

Accessing the doorway monitor through his quantum watch, Shi Feng discovered Blackie standing outside his door. For some reason, Blackie looked panicked. It looked like he had some very urgent news. Shi Feng promptly disabled the lock to his front door using his quantum watch.

"Brother Feng, where have you been these past two days? I haven't been able to contact you all this time. I even wondered if you were in some kind of accident!" As Blackie burst into the apartment and saw that Shi Feng drinking a bottle of Nutrient Fluids, he unconsciously heaved a sigh of relief.

“What could possibly happen to me?” Shi Feng chuckled. “Did something happen while I was gone?”

“Of course, something happened! Overwhelming Smile had been poaching our members. Although our Guild’s member count has increased steadily, the benefits Overwhelming Smile is offering are too enticing, and many have started considering defecting to Overwhelming Smile.

“I initially thought of increasing the benefits Zero Wing provides as well. However, Sister Aqua said no. Although Sister Fire Dance only focuses on the Guild’s core team, she, agreed with Aqua Rose’s opinion. However, at this rate, more members will leave the Guild. If we allow this situation to continue, it will negatively impact Zero Wing as a whole. We need to think of a solution for this quickly.

“I have been trying to contact you all this time, but you haven’t answered any of my calls or messages. I had no choice but to visit you personally.”

Blackie then explained the general situation to Shi Feng.

“Overwhelming Smile sure is intent on destroying us with money.” Shi Feng smiled bitterly.

“Brother Feng, you too? Sister Aqua said something similar.” Blackie was somewhat astonished.

“I understand the situation. However, I am still tied up with my quest. Go back and tell Aqua to continue recruiting members. The benefits we offer will stay the same, but loosen the entry requirements a little.” Shi Feng also showed his support for Aqua Rose’s decision. “Let’s see just how many players you can steal from us. How much money do you plan to burn?”

Taking Blackie's advice and increasing the benefits that Zero Wing offered was not a long-term solution. Moreover, Overwhelming Smile could simply counter by increasing the benefits it offered again. If this trend continued, the situation would soon snowball out of control and grow into an all-out economic war. At that time, the side with the most funds would be the final victor.

Meanwhile, Feng Xuanyang, who quietly supported Overwhelming Smile, aimed for just that. If he had to increase the benefits Overwhelming Smile offered dozens of times, he would. He was confident he could destroy Zero Wing this way.

Meanwhile, although Zero Wing could cause Overwhelming Smile to suffer greater losses by raising the benefits it offered, they would still lose.

Zero Wing did not have the support of a large corporation. It also did not have the funds to contend with Overwhelming Smile. If Zero Wing increased its offer, it would dig its own grave.

Shi Feng had seen many of such situations in his past life, and he had considered his options long ago. The best thing was to bide their time and stay on course.

However invincible the opponents might seem, he would forever remain true to himself.

Moreover, when Shi Feng had established Zero Wing, he had intended to establish a Guild that was pure, rather than one where its members would leave because of a little enticement. Zero Wing did not need such shallow people.

At this moment, instead of cursing, Shi Feng wanted to thank Overwhelming Smile for ridding the scum from his Guild.

Shi Feng's reply left Blackie speechless. However, since Shi Feng had already decided, he would fully support his Guild Leader. In truth, Blackie knew that increasing the benefits the Guild provided would only increase the burden of Zero Wing. However, he still could not help his panic. Now that he had obtained Shi Feng's reply, his anxiety began to fade.

Chapter 386 - Tier 1 Skill

After receiving Shi Feng's confirmation, Blackie gave his report regarding Zero Wing's recent recruitment.

Despite their plans, Overwhelming Smile's appearance did not negatively affect Zero Wing's recruitment. Instead, Overwhelming Smile had made Zero Wing even more popular than before, driving more players to apply to Zero Wing. Some players from other Guilds even withdrew from their respective Guilds to join Zero Wing.

As a result, the entrance of Zero Wing's Guild Residence was crowded with a sea of players.

Those who did not fully understand the situation even thought that Zero Wing had already become White River City's overlord. Though, those who knew the situation silently ridiculed the players rushing to join Zero Wing.

After two days of chaotic recruitment, Zero Wing had grown from around 5,000 members to having over 10,000. If not for Overwhelming Smile's interruption, Zero Wing would have no problems surpassing the 30,000 member threshold.

Unfortunately, many of the players who had been accepted into Zero Wing then defected to Overwhelming Smile almost immediately. By doing so, they could enjoy triple the benefits of the ordinary members of Overwhelming Smile, which was 12 times the treatment normally offered by other Guilds. How could anyone resist such a tempting offer?

Zero Wing will only suffer if this continues. I need to think of a plan quickly. Shi Feng frowned as he listened to Blackie's report.

If the situation continued to evolve like this, Overwhelming Smile would have to waste astronomical sums of money. However, Overwhelming Smile's poaching of Zero Wing's members would also increase its prestige, increasing the Guild's strength in White River City.

Others might not know that Overwhelming Smile had Underworld support from the shadows, but Shi Feng knew. In addition to Maple City, Underworld had also taken control of four more cities surrounding White River City. If Zero Wing and Overwhelming Smile went to war in the future, Zero Wing would be surrounded by enemies.

After Blackie finished his report, he hurried back to Zero Wing's Workshop, whereas Shi Feng started working out.

Now that Shi Feng's body had finished absorbing the S-rank Nutrient Fluids, it was the perfect time to improve his physical fitness further.

However, instead of focusing on strength training like before, Shi Feng now focused more on control over his own body. When noon arrived, Shi Feng called for a take-out. After finishing his meal, he dove back into the world of God's Domain.

Shi Feng had not come up with any good ideas to counter Overwhelming Smile's suppression through wealth. The only thing he could think of right now was increasing his strength.

After logging into the game, Shi Feng continued his hunting operation.

Through his previous two-day search, Shi Feng had grasped the general respawn time for the monsters surrounding the Sword Peak Mountain. As for the location with the highest spawn rate, that would be on the Sword Peak Mountain itself.

However, Shi Feng had not climbed the mountain throughout this period. He doubted that the Legacy Trial of one of the Ten Great Saint Legacies would be so easy to clear. Although the Skeleton Giants and Blade Demons were indeed challenging, a Legacy Trial that was supposed to be as difficult as a Legendary Quest should not be so simple.

In Shi Feng's opinion, the true danger of the Origin Sword Domain waited for him on the Sword Peak Mountain.

Hence, Shi Feng had yet to set foot on the mountain. Instead, he had searched for monsters around the foot of the mountain all this time, silently increasing his strength.

In the Origin Sword Domain, Shi Feng did not obtain any EXP from the monsters he killed. The drops he obtained were also limited to the Legacy Chapters and Broken Steel Forging Design Fragments. However, there was one other immediate benefit to killing these monsters.

Skill Proficiency!

The monsters here were all Elites above Level 25. Shi Feng's main targets, the Skeleton Giants and Blade Demons, were even Level 30 Chieftains. These Chieftains exceeded Shi Feng by 8 Levels. Whenever Shi Feng used a skill on these two monsters, he would receive bonus Skill Proficiency points, receiving around five or six with each use.

In the outside world, there was a limit to high-leveled Chieftains available for players to kill. Hence, Shi Feng was able to raise his skill levels quickly here. In the Origin Sword Domain, Shi Feng had upgraded the skills that he normally needed a lot of time to upgrade in just two days. At this point, all of his attack-type skills had risen to Level 10 or above, with some reaching Level 11.

When he upgraded a skill beyond Level 12, it would become a Tier 1 skill.

Although players had weapons and equipment that could increase their skill levels, that particular increase would not allow a skill to undergo a qualitative change; only the skill's level would change. For a skill to reach Tier 1, players needed to raise the skill past Level 12 personally.

Meanwhile, as long as Shi Feng could grasp a Tier 1 skill, his combat power would explode. This was why Shi Feng diligently killed the monsters outside the Sword Peak Mountain.

With this goal in mind, Shi Feng continuously searched for monsters and used his skills repeatedly, allowing his Skill Proficiency to soar.

However, as Shi Feng killed more monsters, he discovered something odd.

The drop rate of Legacy Chapters and Design Fragments plummeted.

In the beginning, Shi Feng could claim a drop in every four or five kills. Now, he would only get a single drop after killing over a dozen Chieftains. The more Legacy Chapters and Design Fragments Shi Feng obtained, the harder it became to collect them.

If Shi Feng did not increase his killing speed, it would be impossible for him to gather the required items within five days.

On the bright side, where players in the outside world normally needed over a week of effort, Shi Feng only needed a few hours to upgrade a skill from Level 11 to Level 12. His efficiency was staggering. After just half a day's worth of effort in God's Domain, Shi Feng had already promoted Chop to a Tier 1 skill.

[Chop] (Action-type)

Requires: Sword

Tier 1, Level 1 (Proficiency 0/30,000)

Additional 600 base damage. Deals up to three consecutive hits in one second. If attacks land in the same location, damage increases by 50%.

Attack range: 6 yards

Cooldown: 3 seconds

Compared to the Tier 0, Level 12 Chop, the base damage had not increased much. However, when using the Tier 1, Level 1 Chop, Shi Feng could swing his sword three times in one second. Moreover, if his attacks struck the same location, his damage would increase by 50%.

Not only did Tier 1 skills increase a player's power, but they also increased a player's freedom of attack.

In other words, the more skilled a player was, the more damage they could deal.

This was why, despite being the same Level, Tier 1 players were far more powerful than Tier 0 players. Tier 1 players also possessed much higher Attributes and a larger variety of skills. Tier 0 players had no chance of contending with Tier 1 players of the same level.

"It's been awhile since I've used the Tier 1 Chop. Let's use you as a warm-up."

Shi Feng dashed towards the Skeleton Giant's side before him and used the Tier 1 Chop. A sharp aura covered the Abyssal Blade. In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng brandished the weapon three times, sending three sword auras slashing at the Skeleton Giant.

The three sword auras combined, forming an even sharper and more powerful sword aura that slashed at the Skeleton Giant's joint.

-1,376, -2,048, -2,062.

Aside from these three high damages, the Skeleton Giant, which had remained unperturbed by Shi Feng's attacks, had suddenly fallen to the ground. The power of the Tier 1 skill was clear.

After the Skeleton Giant fell, Shi Feng had a much easier time attacking it.

Following which, Shi Feng used one skill after another on the undead creature.

If the Skeleton Giant stood up, Shi Feng would use Chop to attack its joints, knocking it to the ground once more.

A short moment later, Shi Feng had slaughtered the Skeleton Giant effortlessly.

Due to the Tier 1 Chop, Shi Feng's battles between the Skeleton Giants and Blade Demons had become much easier and took less time than before. Moreover, as Shi Feng efficiency grew, he used his skill more frequently.

After spending another two days, Shi Feng finally upgraded Thunder Flame Explosion to Tier 1 as well.

Now, Shi Feng's attack-type skills that required Skill Proficiency were all Tier 1 skills. Compared to when Shi Feng had just entered the Origin Sword Domain, his combat power was far more frightening.

"It should be about time to climb the Sword Peak Mountain."

Shi Feng had already stayed in the Origin Sword Domain for three days now.

After killing a large number of Chieftain ranked Skeleton Giants and Blade Demons, the number of Legacy Chapters and Broken Steel Forging Design Fragments he could obtain from these two monsters had also reached its limit. No matter how many of these monsters Shi Feng killed, they no longer dropped any items.

If not for the fact that Shi Feng wanted to upgrade all his attack-type skills to Tier 1 skills and raise his current combat power to its utmost, he would have long since charged up Sword Peak Mountain.

Although he could still continue trying to upgrade the tier of his skills, the amount of Skill Proficiency required to raise a skill from Tier 1 to Tier 2 was simply too much. This was a feat that could not be accomplished within a short amount of time. In addition, Shi Feng did not have much time left.

Shi Feng had promised to help Gentle Snow in five days' time. Hence, he had no choice but to proceed with the Legacy Trial.

Moreover, during this period of time, another major incident had occurred in White River City.

After taking the First Clear of the large-scale Team Dungeon in Maple City, Overwhelming Smile had gone on to claim the First Clear of the Land of Death, the large-scale Team Dungeon in White River City. Meanwhile, Ouroboros's team, which was led by Gentle Snow, was a step behind, becoming only the second team to clear the Land of Death.

Although Gentle Snow was only a step behind, it was a world of difference.

The reason being, only the first team to clear a large-scale Team Dungeon would have its achievement announced. There was nothing waiting for second place. If Gentle Snow wished to have an announcement of her own, then she would have to clear the Hell Mode Land of Death. However, the Hell Mode of the Land of Death was much more difficult than Hard Mode. She would require a large amount of time to raid the Hell Mode Land of Death, making it not worth her effort at all.

It was much better for Gentle Snow to place her focus on raiding Level 20 large-scale Team Dungeons, especially 100-man Team Dungeons.

Compared to going from Level 10 to 20, the timespan between Level 20 and 30 was much wider. Leveling in God's Domain took much longer the further one went. After reaching Level 20, players would find themselves taking far longer to level up. Hence, Guilds would have much more time to challenge Dungeons than before.

On Sword Peak Mountain, Shi Feng had not met with any danger throughout his entire journey. He also did not meet a single monster on the mountain.

However, the closer he got to the light at the summit, the faster the swords in the sky descended. Moreover, the number of swords that shot at Shi Feng also greatly increased, raising the difficulty of the ascent.

Is the difficulty only this much? Shi Feng felt very surprised.

Although these dropping swords were indeed giving him some trouble, he would have no problems reaching the top of the mountain through dodging and blocking.

After spending four days in this place, Shi Feng had collected a total of 49 Legacy Chapters and 17 Design Fragments. He was only one piece away from completing both items.

As the only exit of the Origin Sword Domain, the peak of the mountain definitely held the final Legacy Chapter and Design Fragment.

“What’s that?”

Shi Feng suddenly discovered a majestic-looking armored knight standing at the mountaintop, the knight’s hands gripping a greatsword.

This armored knight was different from the Skeleton Giants and Blade Demons.

The reason being, this greatsword-wielding knight was not a monster but an NPC, instead.

[Doren Paley] (Tier 1 Magic Knight)

Level 30

HP 300,000/300,000

Level 30 Tier 1 NPCs were much harder to deal with compared to Level 30 Chieftains.

Meanwhile, the Tier 1 NPC in front of Shi Feng was clearly not an ordinary existence. Although Doren Paley only possessed 300,000 HP—the same amount as the Level 30 Chieftain ranked Blade Demon—the skills and intelligence he possessed would definitely be far stronger and higher than the Blade Demon's. To players, Doren Paley was a nightmare.

However, Shi Feng no longer had a path of retreat right now; he could only advance. After making his preparations to confront the Magic Knight, Shi Feng charged forward while dealing with the swords raining down on him.

Yet, the moment Shi Feng stepped onto the stone platform Doren Paley stood on, the swords in the sky also stopped attacking him, as if declaring that Shi Feng had completed the game of cat-and-mouse.

“Challenger, since you have managed to arrive at this place, it shows that you indeed possess some strength and are qualified to fight me. As long as you can defeat me, you will be allowed to continue advancing.” When Doren Paley noticed Shi Feng, instead of entering battle immediately, he revealed an excited expression and explained, “Starting now, you have five minutes to prepare. Five minutes later, I will start attacking. Of course, you are also allowed to initiate an attack ahead of time. I hope that you do not disappoint me.”

“A one-on-one duel?” Shi Feng looked at his surroundings but failed to discover any other traps or monsters.

However, after giving it some thought, Shi Feng found nothing strange about this situation. The NPC before him was a Tier 1 class. Doren Paley was definitely not an opponent ordinary players could contend against.

Since Shi Feng was given five minutes to rest, he would certainly not waste it. He promptly sat down on the stage and took out a Delicious Steak to eat. Not only would he recover Stamina and HP this way, he would also receive some bonus Attributes.

Although running and dodging for long periods of time did not greatly affect a player's body, it was a massive drain on their mental power. Meanwhile, five minutes was plenty of time for Shi Feng to restore himself to peak condition.

However, Shi Feng did not just spend his five-minute rest drinking and eating. He also carefully observed the surrounding environment, as well as studied the NPC named Doren Paley.

Shi Feng had seen the class known as Magic Knight before in his previous life. It was considered a rare hidden class.

An Advanced Legacy.

Magic Knights and Astromancers were classes notorious for being unorthodox.

Attacks of Astromancers were known for being strange.

Attacks of Magic Knights were known for being violent.

Compared to a Tier 1 Swordsman, a Tier 1 Magic Knight had more variety in their attacks. The reason being, they incorporated various sorts of magic. In other words, their attacks inflicted a combination of physical and magic damage. Not even Tier 1 Shield Warriors could endure the attacks of a Magic Knight.

However, this hidden class also suffered from a very glaring weakness. In order to increase their Attack Power, Magic Knights had discarded their lifesaving skills. Hence, they were very poor in terms of survivability.

The seconds and minutes quickly passed by. Of course, Shi Feng would not wait until the five minutes were up to attack Doren Paley.

In this kind of battle, the first person to strike held the greatest advantage. Hence, Shi Feng took the initiative to start the battle.

When Shi Feng was only 40 yards away from Doren Paley, he suddenly took out the Blazing Meteor and threw it at the Magic Knight's vital point.

Doren Paley simply scoffed at Shi Feng's attack. He retrieved the silver greatsword from his back and lightly swung it. Immediately, blades of flame shot out from Doren Paley's greatsword. These blades of flame collided with the Blazing Meteor, striking it down, before proceeding towards Shi Feng.

However, when these blades of flame were only about halfway to their target, Shi Feng suddenly appeared behind Doren Paley and initiated a Tier 1 Chop at the Magic Knight's back.

Doren Paley suddenly smiled. He spun around abruptly, the flames covering his greatsword growing even more prominent. With a swing of his greatsword, he sent a Flame Tornado clashing against Shi Feng's Abyssal Blade.

When the two swords collided, sparks splattered the surroundings.

After clashing swords for dozens of times in a row, Shi Feng concluded that, in terms of Strength, he was no match for the Magic Knight. On the other hand, his speed was superior to Doren Paley's. Despite having to retreat before the Magic Knight's every blow, Shi Feng managed to avoid receiving any fatal damage. However, under the circumstances, the battle would eventually end in his defeat.

After all, Doren Paley possessed 300,000 HP, whereas Shi Feng had just slightly more than 3,000 HP.

In a situation where both parties were equally skilled, the side with more HP would naturally emerge the victor.

To begin with, Shi Feng's combat power was inferior to Doren Paley's.

"As a Tier 0, you indeed deserve praise for being able to fight against me. However, what do you think of this move?" Doren Paley revealed a faint smile. Suddenly, the flames surrounding his greatsword disappeared. In the next moment, cold air wrapped around the silver greatsword.

With a light swing...

The area 40 yards around Doren Paley turned into a land of extreme frost. Inside this domain of frost, both Shi Feng's Movement Speed and Attack Speed declined greatly. In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng lost his speed advantage...

Chapter 388 - Flame Dragon's Dance

Shi Feng hurriedly retreated upon seeing this scene, wanting to escape Doren Paley's Frost Domain.

He had not expected Doren Paley's intelligence to be high enough to actually grasp a player's weakness.

This sort of NPC was an extremely rare sight in the current God's Domain. Only in the later stages of God's Domain would players be able to frequently see such NPCs. Moreover, these NPCs were usually Tier 3 NPCs and above. Meanwhile, Doren Paley was only a Tier 1 NPC.

Higher intelligence. I won't stand a chance with the status quo.

Shi Feng's expression turned solemn when he saw Doren Paley's figure charging at him.

If Doren Paley were only an ordinary Tier 1 NPC, even if he had 300,000 HP, Shi Feng would have been confident of defeating him.

Before leaving White River City, Shi Feng had armed himself with over a hundred Tier 2 Magic Scrolls from the Guild Warehouse. Meanwhile, most of these Tier 2 Magic Scrolls came from the Blood Hand Association's stronghold with the rest from the Dungeon raids carried out by Guild members.

The Origin Sword Domain was different from the Twelve Trials Shi Feng had previously undergone. In the Twelve Trials, Shi Feng had not been allowed to use any tools to assist him. However, the Origin Sword Domain did not impose such a restriction. He could use as many Magic Scrolls as he liked here.

If he had over a hundred Tier 2 Magic Scrolls, it would be an easy task to deal with an ordinary Level 30 Tier 1 NPC.

Even if Doren Paley had 300,000 HP, he would still die under the might of so many Tier 2 Magic Scrolls.

However, the situation was different now.

In the past, Shi Feng had crossed swords with many high-tiered NPCs, so he knew very clearly that NPCs who possessed higher intelligence were extremely sensitive towards Magic Scrolls. Players required some casting time, however short, when using Magic Scrolls. Meanwhile, when higher-intelligence NPCs noticed this, they would either hurriedly withdraw to escape the effective range of the Magic Scroll, or they would decisively charge up to interrupt the casting process, not giving the player any chance to attack using the Magic Scroll.

Seeing Doren Paley charging at him, Shi Feng immediately brandished the Abyssal Blade and cast Abyssal Bind at the Magic Knight.

Nine pitch-black chains suddenly emerged from the stone floor. In response, Doren Paley simply snorted and stabbed his greatsword into the platform. In the next moment, a golden magic array rose up from underfoot and quickly enveloped his entire body. The magic array released a faint golden glow, and when the pitch-black chains touched this golden glow, they instantly turned into smoke and vanished.

Shi Feng immediately recognized the golden glow covering Doren Paley's body.

This skill was called Free Will. Upon activation, the skill made the user immune to all control effects, rendering a control skill like Abyssal Bind completely useless.

Shi Feng gritted his teeth and activated Wind Rider, increasing his Movement Speed by 150% as well as gaining the ability to fly temporarily. He escaped out of Doren Paley's Frost Domain right after.

However, when the battle began, a magic barrier had formed around the combat platform, enclosing it completely. Hence, although Shi Feng could fly now, he could not get too far. When the 20-second duration of Wind Rider ended, Doren Paley would still catch up to him.

At this rate, Shi Feng would still die sooner or later.

The seconds passed by quickly, and from beginning to end, Doren Paley fervently chased Shi Feng. As a Magic Knight, Doren Paley might possess great destructive power and an absolute advantage in a direct confrontation, but he was sorely lacking in lifesaving skills and control skills. Hence, Doren Paley was utterly helpless against Shi Feng's extreme speed, and he grew furious at this situation.

Within his Frost Domain, Doren Paley could clearly finish Shi Feng off with just a few hits. Yet, as if Shi Feng was a lively rabbit, not only was he very agile, his ability to escape was also first-rate.

"I want to see just how long you can stay in the air! The moment you descend will be the moment I end your life!" Doren Paley lightly snorted, glaring at Shi Feng who was hovering in the sky.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng was also silently observing Doren Paley from midair.

When in a desperate situation, the most important thing to do was to remain calm. That was one of the basics of surviving in God's Domain.

No matter how one looked at the situation, a Tier 0 player simply had no chance to defeat a Level 30 Tier 1 higher-intelligence NPC. Not to mention, said NPC was even a Magic Knight that possessed 300,000 HP. If it were anyone else standing in Shi Feng's place right now, they would have long since lost their lives.

Despite his dire situation, Shi Feng remained very calm. The reason being, he knew very clearly that Legacy Trials would not mercilessly toy around with players. Shi Feng firmly believed that the trial should have given him a lifeline.

However, where was this lifeline?

The entire stone platform was currently enveloped by a magic barrier. Moreover, the platform was completely flat, with a range of activity of only 100*100 yards available. The entire platform was paved with black stone slabs with strange patterns engraved all over them. Meanwhile, the patterns on these dozens of stone slabs came together to form magic patterns that Shi Feng had never seen before. Other than those, there was nothing else on the stone platform.

Is my lifeline these magic patterns?

Shi Feng had a certain amount of understanding in regard to magic patterns. However, he only grew confused when he looked at the magic patterns engraved into the stone slabs. Just what function did these magic patterns have?

Soon, Wind Rider's duration ended and Shi Feng descended back to the stage. Doren Paley immediately charged at him.

Shi Feng hurriedly activated Purgatory Power and abruptly jumped. As he raised the Abyssal Blade up high, raging flames and golden lightning emerged around the blade of the silvery-gray weapon. Shi Feng then swung the Abyssal Blade down at Doren Paley's head. Suddenly, as if the space surrounding Doren Paley solidified, the Magic Knight's movements turned sluggish.

Not only did the Tier 1 Thunder Flame Explosion possess a wider effective range, the duration of the Fainted effect had also increased to six seconds. In addition, upon activation of the skill, enemies within a 10-yard radius would also receive a slowness effect. Enemies affected by this effect would have their speed reduced to only a sixth of their original, only recovering one-sixth of their speed with each passing second.

Doren Paley snorted and activated Free Will once more, immediately shaking off the slowness effect. He then sent a Flame Cross Slash to counter Shi Feng's Thunder Flame Explosion.

When the two skills collided, countless sparks flew to the surroundings. Cracks also appeared on the stone platform.

Meanwhile, the impact sent Shi Feng flying backward, his body slamming heavily onto the ground. Shi Feng's entire body went numb, and his HP started madly decreasing as well. In the blink of an eye, his HP had fallen below 1,000, and it still showed no signs of slowing down.

Panicking, Shi Feng hurriedly retrieved an Intermediate Recovery Potion from his bag and emptied its contents. His HP soon stopped decreasing, barely staying above the 800-point threshold before slowly rising. In the end, his HP recovered to over 1,100.

Thunder Flame Explosion was a skill that possessed frightening destructive power. Yet, despite both being Tier 1 skills, just the impact between Doren Paley's Flame Cross Slash and his Thunder Flame Explosion had caused him to lose over half of his HP. If he went through another clash like that, he would definitely die.

Currently, Shi Feng felt numb all over; even moving his arm was a challenge. He would not be able to defend against Doren Paley's next volley of attacks for a short period of time.

However, something strange happened. Instead of immediately initiating another offensive at Shi Feng, Doren Paley actually stood there motionless.

"What's going on?" Shi Feng was surprised.

At this moment, Doren Paley was glaring at him with eyes filled with killing intent. It did not seem as if the Magic Knight wanted to give him a breather. Yet, Doren Paley just kept looking at him.

Wait. His armor.

Shi Feng discovered cracks on Doren Paley's black armor. However, these cracks were in the midst of slowly mending themselves right now.

Is it because my attack has damaged his armor?

Shi Feng's heart was filled with uncertainty, and he thought of trying it once again.

Currently, Shi Feng had difficulty moving about. Seeing that Doren Paley gave no indication of taking action, Shi Feng took out a Tier 2 Magic Scroll, Flame Dragon's Dance, from his bag.

Chapter 389 - Legacy Book

Shi Feng needed some time to activate a Tier 2 Magic Scroll. If he were dealing with an ordinary player or Boss, this short time he needed wouldn't be an issue.

However, against higher intelligence NPCs and expert players, this small amount of time was enough for the opponent to either dodge the Magic Scroll or take his life.

As Shi Feng unrolled the Magic Scroll, Doren Paley's armor finished repairing itself. At this moment, the Magic Knight gazed at Shi Feng with mockery.

Lifting his silver greatsword, Doren's legs abruptly pushed against the ground, launching himself at Shi Feng with frightening speed.

However, Shi Feng, who was in the midst of activating the Magic Scroll that contained the Flame Dragon's Dance, could not afford to move. Otherwise, his efforts would go to waste.

"Faster!"

"Hurry up!"

At this moment, Shi Feng's heart pounded with anxiety as he watched the slow progression of the Flame Dragon's Dance's activation bar.

When Doren was only a few yards from Shi Feng, he abruptly jumped into the air. Raising his greatsword above his head, he swung it down towards Shi Feng. As the weapon of mass destruction descended, deep-red flames resembling snakes emerged and coiled around the blade, the moisture in the air evaporating upon the emergence of these flames.

At the moment of Shi Feng's imminent peril, the activation bar of the Flame Dragon's Dance finally completed.

Suddenly, raging flames emerged from the crimson Magic Scroll, transforming into a serpentine dragon that shot towards the sky.

Doren Paley smiled disdainfully at the sight of the flame dragon baring its fangs at him. Surprisingly, the Magic Knight made no effort to dodge the incoming dragon. Instead, he tightened his grip on his greatsword and added more power into his slash.

The snake and dragon collided.

The Flame Dragon's Dance was a Tier 2 spell, and in terms of power, it was far superior to Doren Paley's attack. In the next moment, the flame dragon devoured the fire snake. The dragon then threw Doren, a damage surpassing 10,000 points appearing above his head.

However, 10,000 damage was merely a scratch to Doren, an NPC with 300,000 HP.

After Doren Paley struck the ground, he stood and charged at Shi Feng once again without the slightest pause. His current performance had completely changed. Moreover, Doren's armor wasn't even scratched.

"What is going on?" Shi Feng frowned at the Magic Knight, confused.

The Flame Dragon's Dance was clearly far more powerful than his Tier 1 Thunder Flame Explosion. The spell had even inflicted over 10,000 damage. Yet, not only was the NPC's armor intact, but Doren also brimmed with fighting spirit.

Considering the situation, Shi Feng quickly came to a realization.

The cracks in Doren Paley's armor had not been due to damage.

Watching the Magic Knight charge at him once again, Shi Feng suddenly thought of a possibility.

"Let's hope this works."

Shi Feng's body was still slightly numb. Even if Doren did not activate his Frost Domain, Shi Feng could never outrun him. Shi Feng had also exhausted his arsenal of escape skills. Shi Feng then raised the Abyssal Blade and activated Earth Splitter.

When the skill had fully charged, Shi Feng swung down his viciously sharp blade.

However, Shi Feng's target was not Doren Paley this time. It was the black stone slab beneath him.

Upon witnessing this attack, Doren's eyes widened with shock, and his expression became extremely ugly. He suddenly increased his speed again.

However, no matter how much faster Doren became, he was not fast enough to counter Shi Feng's attack on the stone slab.

Like a hot knife through butter, the silvery-gray Abyssal Blade sliced apart the black stone slab beneath Shi Feng's feet. The slash also split several other stone slabs, creating a deep, long fissure.

Following which, a crack also appeared on Doren Paley's armor.

"Bingo!"

Shi Feng inwardly rejoiced. If he attacked and damaged the black stone slabs under his feet, he could force Doren Paley to halt his assault momentarily. He could then activate Tier 2 Magic Scrolls without worry.

"Despicable challenger!" Doren Paley was no longer as carefree as before. With bloodshot eyes, he glared at Shi Feng and bellowed, "Your corpse will decorate this ground for eternity!"

Although larger cracks began to appear on Doren Paley's armor, the Magic Knight showed no signs of stopping. Instead, he charged up to Shi Feng and swung down his greatsword.

Flame Cross Slash!

Before Shi Feng could grasp the situation, he instinctively used Parry to defend himself.

Peng!

Shi Feng retreated four steps before he managed to stabilize his body.

Although Shi Feng had been forced back and had to use his lifesaving skill, Parry, he revealed a joyous smile on his face.

Originally, even if he negated the damage from Doren's attack, the impact would have sent him flying back over a dozen yards. Now, although his hands were slightly numb, he had only been forced to take four steps backward.

This showed that Doren Paley's strength had greatly weakened.

Indeed, just as Shi Feng had guessed, damaging the black stone slabs would weaken his adversary. Previously, Doren had not immediately dashed forward and attacked Shi Feng because he was worried that Shi Feng would discover this secret. Hence, he decided to hold back and allow his armor to repair itself.

However, the display of his armor's recovery had been another facade. In reality, Doren had tried to hide the black stone slabs' recovery. Previously, Doren's position had just so happened to block Shi Feng's vision, preventing Shi Feng from seeing the damaged stone slabs behind him.

As to why Doren had launched himself up to attack Shi Feng the second time, it was to prevent the Flame Dragon's Dance from damaging the black stone slabs once more.

Unfortunately, Doren's attempt at repeatedly disguising this fact could not escape Shi Feng's beast-like insight.

Naturally, after Doren Paley realized that his secret had been exposed, he no longer attempted to hide it. Instead, he began a vicious assault on Shi Feng, hoping to annihilate his opponent sooner.

However, a known secret was no longer a secret. Now that Shi Feng knew Doren Paley's weakness, he activated Defensive Blade and used Thundering Flash on the stone beneath them.

Streaks of blue lightning shot out from the Abyssal Blade. In the next moment, the lightning transformed into hungry wolves that dove into the black stone slabs, charring them.

"Die!"

Doren Paley's rage flared as he swung his greatsword at Shi Feng desperately. However, Defensive Blade deflected every slash. Most importantly, with each consecutive slash, Doren's attacks grew weaker.

When Defensive Blade was almost exhausted, Shi Feng switched out the Aura of Wind on the Seven Luminaries Ring for the Aura of Water.

[Aura of Water]

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

Currently, Shi Feng had less than 1,100 HP. Even if Doren Paley had grown weaker, Shi Feng would still not survive more than a few hits from the Magic Knight. Hence, he cast Life Bloom on himself.

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng recovered more than 1,000 HP. For the next 40 seconds, he would also receive over 1,000 HP every second.

Following which, Shi Feng began to confront Doren head-on.

While defending against Doren Paley's attacks, Shi Feng also made sure to attack the black stone under his feet.

Shi Feng could not help but admit that Doren Paley was indeed very powerful. Despite losing so much of his strength, the NPC could still inflict over -1,500 with Flame Cross Slash. Fortunately, Flame Cross Slash had a long Cooldown. By the time Doren could use the skill again, Shi Feng's HP would have long since fully recovered.

During Life Bloom's 40 second duration, Shi Feng had destroyed over half of the stone slabs of the platform.

Meanwhile, not only had Doren Paley's Strength sharply decreased, but his speed had also fallen by quite a bit. Shi Feng now had a much easier time facing the NPC.

Occasionally, Shi Feng also used Phantom Kill, allowing his doppelganger to pin down Doren while he used a Tier 2 Magic Scroll from the side to destroy the black stone slabs. Unfortunately, although this infuriated Doren Paley, he could do nothing to stop Shi Feng.

As soon as Shi Feng had shattered all of the stone slabs on the combat platform and was about to focus his attacks on Doren Paley...

Suddenly, Doren Paley's armor shattered, the metal shards scattering across the ground. Doren Paley then gripped his head with both his hands and let out an agonized scream that echoed throughout the Sword Peak Mountain.

In the next moment, Doren Paley's full HP bar emptied, his body transforming into particles of light and vanishing.

Four items dropped to the ground in place of Doren's body. There was a pitch-black key with a faint blue glow, a silver stone tablet, and the final Legacy Chapter and Broken Steel Forging Design Fragment.

Before Shi Feng could pick up the drops, all of the Legacy Chapters he possessed flew from his bag and combined with the Legacy Chapter Doren had dropped, forming a thick and heavy ancient book. Golden divine runes decorated its cover. If translated to the language of players, these divine runes would read as "Legacy Book."

Chapter 390 - Secret Sword Technique

Shi Feng sighed in relief when he saw the dazzling golden Book of Legacies.

“With this, the trial should be over, right?” Shi Feng picked up the drops before walking towards the hovering golden book before him.

He then clicked on the Book of Legacies, checking its information.

System: Completion Rate 70%. Do you wish to open the Book of Legacies and accept the Legacy within?

“What? Only 70%?” Shi Feng was surprised. Taking another look, he was sure his eyes were not playing tricks on him.

After defeating a Tier 1 Magic Knight like Doren Paley, which was no easy feat, he had only completed 70% of the trial...

Legacies in God’s Domain were categorized into different ranks. Similarly, there were differences within each rank, and these differences were based on the Completion Rate of the Legacy Trial.

Completion Rates between 51%~60% would be given a C-rank evaluation. At C-rank, players would obtain the basic skills of the Legacy.

Completion Rates between 61%~70% would be given a B-rank evaluation. At B-rank, players would obtain the basic skills of the Legacy in addition to 1~3 Legacy Skill Points.

Completion Rates between 71%~80% would be given an A-rank evaluation. At A-rank, players would obtain the basic skills of the Legacy in addition to 5~9 Legacy Skill Points.

Completion Rates between 81%~90% would be given an S-rank evaluation. At S-rank, players would obtain the basic skills of the Legacy in addition to 10~18 Legacy Skill Points.

Completion Rates between 91%~100% would be given an SS-rank evaluation. At SS-rank, players would obtain the basic skills of the Legacy in addition to 20~36 Legacy Skill Points.

Legacy Skill Points would unlock the Class Skills in the Legacy Book. Moreover, the more powerful a Class Skill was, the more Legacy Skill Points would be required to unlock it.

The number of powerful skills a player possessed was important in determining their combat power. It was especially true for powerful Class Skills.

Hence, Legacy Skill Points were extremely important.

However, it was not easy to obtain Legacy Skill Points. After obtaining the Legacy Book, aside from receiving 1 Legacy Skill Point every three levels, players could only obtain more points by completing special quests and challenges. In general, Legacy Skill Points were an extremely rare commodity.

Right now, Shi Feng's Completion Rate would only give him a B-rank evaluation, and he would, at most, receive 3 Legacy Skill Points. This was unacceptable.

He had only obtained one of the Ten Great Saint Legacies after much difficulty, so why would he be satisfied with just 3 Legacy Skill Points? Moreover, he only needed 1% more to boost his evaluation up to A-rank and receive a minimum of 5 Legacy Skill Points. He would need to level up six times to bridge this small gap.

“Is it because I killed Doren Paley by exploiting his weakness?” Shi Feng silently pondered his situation as he rejected the offer to open the Legacy Book.

Based on Shi Feng’s recollection, one needed to complete certain tasks in order to increase the Legacy Trial’s Completion Rate. However, since arriving at the Origin Sword Domain four days ago, Shi Feng had constantly observed and searched for anything special in the realm. He had done so precisely because he wanted to avoid missing anything, resulting in a low Completion Rate.

Yet, after four days of careful observation, Shi Feng had not discovered anything special. He had the same results after he explored the entire mountain.

“Just what did I miss?”

Shi Feng thought that he had performed perfectly in this Legacy Trial, and he should not have missed anything suspicious. He had even completed the Broken Steel Forging Design. As for the Skeleton Warriors, Skeleton Giants, and Blade Demons below the mountain, they would respawn indefinitely. It was not possible to eradicate them.

“Does it have something to do with these items?”

Shi Feng stored the Legacy Book before retrieving the pitch-black, sword-shaped key and the silver tablet.

[Doren’s Key]

This is a strange key. It exudes a faint trace of ancient magic.

[Secret Sword Technique]

The pattern engraved on this tablet is too vague and incomplete, and no information can be obtained from this pattern. However, some kind of divine power hides within this pattern. If one gathers all of the stone tablets, this vague and incomplete pattern can be restored.

Current tablet count (1/6)

This was the first time Shi Feng had seen or heard of an item like this Secret Sword Technique. However, judging from its description, it should not be related to the Legacy Trial. After all, six tablets were required to restore it, and no matter how he thought about it, there should not be any more enemies as strong as Doren Paley.

Hence, Doren's Key was the only possibility.

As the final Boss of Sword Peak Mountain, his key would have something to do with the Sword Peak Mountain itself.

"Since there's a key, there must be a lock here somewhere."

Shi Feng put away the key and tablet and began to explore every inch of the mountain carefully.

While Shi Feng was in the Origin Sword Domain, Star-Moon Kingdom had undergone many changes.

The large-scale Dungeons of the various cities in Star-Moon Kingdom had been conquered, one after another, generating one system announcement after another.

Moreover, due to Zero Wing's incitement, the various Guilds throughout Star-Moon Kingdom had also rushed to earn Reputation, hoping to obtain their own Guild Residence.

When Zero Wing had publicized its Guild Residence, Overwhelming Smile spent an astronomical sum of money to poach Zero Wing's members. However, despite this being a significant blow, Zero Wing had not stopped developing. On the contrary, they grew stronger with each passing day. Now, Zero Wing's member count approached 20,000.

Moreover, Zero Wing's members sported high levels.

Currently, most average players in White River City were only Level 18 or 19, while elite players of Guilds were around Level 21. Meanwhile, Zero Wing's ordinary members were Level 20, while its elite members were all Level 22 or above.

Although there was only a difference of one level between the elite members of Zero Wing and the other Guilds, the necessary EXP to surmount this gap was intimidating.

The majority of the NPC-commissioned Guild Quests found inside the Guild Residence were high-level quests. Not only did these quests reward a ton of EXP, but the item rewards were also impressive. Most importantly, the monetary rewards of these Guild Quests were much higher than the Guild Quests

available at the Adventurer's Association. As a result, the income of Zero Wing's members was at least twice as much as players of other Guilds.

This was also why Overwhelming Smile's high-priced poaching could not defeat Zero Wing.

"Snow, are you really planning to do this?" the Flame Witch, Zhao Yueru, asked worriedly.

"This isn't what I want, either. However, I have to take this risk. Otherwise, you, too, know how things will end," Gentle Snow said, frowning as she quietly read the report she had just received.

"But..." Zhao Yueru wanted to persuade her friend but soon shut her mouth, holding back her protests. She knew that, no matter what happened, there would be a battle in the end. Only, this final battle had arrived too early, catching them unprepared. "Snow, you've read the latest report. With our strength, we are no match for them."

"Rest assured; I would not take such a risk if I were not certain." Gentle Snow smiled faintly as she recalled Ye Feng's figure.

Zhao Yueru was surprised by Gentle Snow's expression. Facing such a desperate situation, she never thought Gentle Snow could still smile with such confidence.

Meanwhile, back on Sword Peak Mountain, after spending most of the day searching, Shi Feng finally discovered a pool on the mountainside.

This place is somewhat suspicious.

Slowly, Shi Feng walked towards the pool of water. Dipping his hand into the pool, Shi Feng immediately realized that ice had formed over his hand, freezing it solid. The water inside this pool was icy. If he dove into this water, he would freeze to death.