

The Strongest

Chapter 75 – Money is a Burden

Ironsword Lion died, just like that.

This ending was the complete opposite of everyone's expectations.

From the moment Shi Feng's sword pierced Ironsword Lion's stomach to the moment of Ironsword Lion's death, everyone clearly witnessed Shi Feng's every action. However, one thing that made everyone feel odd was that Shi Feng's sword was not really that fast. From their perspective, even they could easily dodge Shi Feng's sword. So, why couldn't an expert like Ironsword Lion?

Ironsword Lion died without even being able to retaliate.

Could it be... did Ironsword Lion just look impressive, but was actually a weakling? Was he just a paper tiger?

However, everyone immediately denied such a silly notion in their hearts.

Ironsword Lion's equipment was not fake. Him being Level 5 was not fake, either. He was a genuine expert. However, how could an expert fully geared in Bronze Equipment, whose Defense and HP far outstripped the average player, be killed so easily? It was truly inconceivable.

Even if an average player were to attack Ironsword Lion madly, they would need quite some time before they could kill him off. However, Ironsword Lion was taken care of by Shi Feng in only two moves.

How horrifying of an Attack Power did Shi Feng possess to achieve such a feat?

Thinking up to this point, everyone felt utterly defeated.

What fat sheep? What tycoon? The Shi Feng before them was simply a devil wearing a human mask, giggling at them. Meanwhile, they had been completely oblivious to the truth. A cold chill suddenly flowed through their bodies, causing them to shiver. They no longer dared to look at Shi Feng's smiling face.

"You... You're despicable!" Drifting Blood retreated a few steps, his trembling finger pointing at Shi Feng. Currently, Drifting Blood was facing incomparable shock in his heart. Compared to other people, he had a much greater understanding of Ironsword Lion's strength. Regarding Shi Feng's strength, he had a deep experience and fear of it. He became even more frightened now that he was targeted by Shi Feng once more. However, after having a better understanding of the situation, the place they were currently was a Safe Zone. What should he be afraid of? Suddenly, he laughingly said, "You're finished! Since you dared kill inside a Safe Zone, nobody will be able to protect you now. Just wait for the Guards to come give you your sentence and lock you up."

Everyone came to a sudden realization after hearing Drifting Blood say so. Previously, Shi Feng sent all of them into shock. They had actually forgotten that this place was a Safe Zone and there were powerful Guards protecting this place. Even if Shi Feng was powerful, was he able to overpower the Guards? In a moment, Shi Feng would definitely be captured by the Guards, falling to a miserable end.

“Truly a pity. However, he is truly courageous for killing someone inside a Safe Zone. It would still be worthwhile, even if he were killed by the Guards and sent to closed confinement. Whatever the case, he was able to shine for a moment. He will still be a hero when he gets released tomorrow.”

“So cool! Big Brother Expert, little sister knows how to warm beds! Please add me as a friend! Please help me level! I swear I’ll be obedient!”

Amongst the players present, plenty started admiring Shi Feng’s courage. Not only did he dare to go against Martial Union, he even challenged the laws of Red Leaf Town. Shi Feng was literally their idol. Quite a number of good-looking female players started looking up information about Shi Feng. Some of them had even taken the initiative to send him a friend request, wanting to get to know him.

At this moment, a team of heavily-armored soldier walked over.

Drifting Blood pointed at Shi Feng, laughingly saying, “Weren’t you very awesome? I want to see what you’re going to do this time. Not only are you going to lose a level, but you will also be confined for 24 hours. Even if you are an expert, you will be reduced to a second-rate player after being confined for a day. At that time, I’ll be looking forward to how our Martial Union will take care of you. Whether you go up to Heaven or fall to Hell, nobody will be able to save you.”

A distance away, Stabbing Heart was currently feeling endless regret.

Although Shi Feng’s series of actions just now looked to be slow, the feeling it gave off was extremely natural. His actions were as natural as breathing, not a hint of awkwardness about them. Stabbing Heart’s admiration for Shi Feng was even greater now.

Shi Feng’s actions were the assassination techniques that Stabbing Heart pursued after.

Average people would not understand what this represented. However, Stabbing Heart had played plenty of virtual reality games before, and he also had experience participating in fighting competitions. Hence, he understood just how powerful Shi Feng’s skills were.

If it were the him of the past, Stabbing Heart would not feel anything special about Shi Feng.

However, he previously had the fortune of interacting with a martial arts master. That martial arts master previously mentioned such a situation.

Battling itself was just the pursuit of the simplest method of slaughter. When such a technique was mastered to the extreme, others would be unable to feel any awkwardness about it. Instead, it would give off a very natural feeling.

As for those experts who had reached such a level, all of them were extremely dangerous. That was because, even if they were to stand before you with a smile, slashing a blade across your throat and you clearly witnessed it all, you would still take it as a joke. So much so that you wouldn’t even feel the

danger that approached you. Your body would not react, and even until death, you would still be unaware of the attack.

This was not some sort of profound technique. It was a kind of instinct that could only be learned after experiencing countless battles and training. However, such brutal training was not something the average person could go through.

However, Shi Feng had taken away Stabbing Heart's rare chance at making Shi Feng owe him a favor. Stabbing Heart did not imagine Shi Feng would be so decisive, killing Ironsword Lion with zero hesitation. How was he supposed to show off now? How was he supposed to find an opportunity to seek Shi Feng's guidance now?

Stabbing Heart had no ways to deal with the Guards who just arrived. Regarding this situation, Stabbing Heart held bitter hatred towards Ironsword Lion. The person actually caused him to lose a good chance to ask for guidance.

Wearing a silvery-gray heavy armor, the Guard Captain walked up to Shi Feng. The other Guards surrounded him accordingly, causing the atmosphere of the street to become abnormally oppressive.

"Mister Guards, it was him who killed my big brother. You definitely must arrest him!" Drifting Blood walked towards the Guard Captain, his face carrying a cold smile as he pointed at Shi Feng, accusing.

However, the Guard Captain paid no heed to Drifting Blood. Instead, his deep gaze shifted to Shi Feng, a faint smile appearing on his face, saying, "Revered Lord Demon Hunter, this place is Red Leaf Town. According to the laws of the Town, you have to pay the price for killing someone here. Otherwise, I can only invite you to make a trip to the Confinement Room."

Everyone became dumbfounded after listening to the Guard Captain's words. Drifting Blood's mouth widened even more; it could fit three chicken eggs.

What sort of situation was this?

The Guards did not actually kill Shi Feng on the spot? Moreover, he would only be confined if he did not pay the fine. Was Shi Feng the Town Mayor's son or something?

No, that wasn't right. The Town Mayor was already dead.

No one understood why the Guards were so courteous today. When usually meeting them, not to mention a faint smile, they were gods of slaughter with grim expressions.

"I only killed him because he threatened me. However, I am not an unreasonable person. Tell me, what price do I have to pay?" Shi Feng nodded his head, calmly turning towards Drifting Blood and giving him a calm smile.

Shi Feng had his own reasons for daring to kill Ironsword Lion. Everyone else just recently entered God's Domain, so they were still unfamiliar with the rules of the game. However, Shi Feng had lived within God's Domain for ten years. He had long since memorized what actions he could and could not take and to what extent he could take them.

Shi Feng was currently a Noble. His status far outstripped that of commoners. If he was not a Noble, he might have just turned around and left without paying any attention to Ironsword Lion. At worst, he

would just start an exciting battle if they were to meet outside the Town. Who would win at that time was still an unknown.

However, Shi Feng was now a Noble. Even if he killed a normal player, the Guards would not speak much of it, only requiring Shi Feng to pay a fine. As for how much he would have to pay, that depended on his identity and status. However, according to his own wealth, Shi Feng was still able to accept the fine.

“Two Silver Coins.” The Guard Captain straightforwardly said.

“Ok, got it. Here are 20 Silver Coins; keep them.” Shi Feng did not imagine that it would be so cheap. Hence, he took out 20 Silver Coins and passed it to the Guard Captain.

“Lord Demon Hunter, what are you trying to do here?” Looking at the 20 Silver Coins in his hand, the Guard Captain oddly asked.

“Nothing much. These people before me threatened me previously, so I still wish to kill a few more people. Take it as an advanced payment.”

“.....” the Guard Captain was stunned.

Finished speaking, Shi Feng unsheathed the Abyssal Blade. He used the Level 5 Thundering Flash, three streaks of thunder instantly piercing the bodies of Drifting Blood and the others. All of them were instantly killed, dropping quite a lot of equipment. Even till death, Drifting Blood had not reacted to what happened.

At the same time, Shi Feng’s green colored player indicator had turned a devilish red.

All of the onlookers were stupefied.

Who was this Shi Feng?! He was just too awesome!

The players from Martial Union were most likely dumbfounded now. Shi Feng had simply spent 20 Silver Coins to purchase their lives. With money, you could do whatever you wanted!

The more unfathomable thing was that the Guard Captain did not say a word about Shi Feng’s actions. He only counted the number of players who died. Discovering that he had received 4 extra Silver Coins, he returned the additional Silver Coins to Shi Feng before he turned around and left...

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After getting rid of all of Martial Union’s members, Shi Feng sealed the feud between him and Martial Union. However, Shi Feng did not regret his actions.

Even if he turned and left just now, the players from Martial Union would not have let him go. So, he might as well weaken Martial Union’s strength. He would have an easier time dealing with them the next time they met.

Seeing several pieces of equipment on the ground, without paying any attention to the shock and curiosity of the onlookers, Shi Feng went over and collected them. At the very least, these items could recompense the money he lost for purchasing lives.

“Oh, isn’t this the Knight’s Longsword?” Shi Feng discovered that two pieces of Bronze Equipment dropped, and one of the two was the Bronze Weapon of Ironsword Lion. Perhaps Ironsword Lion was already spewing blood in anger in the graveyard right now.

The Knight’s Longsword was a good weapon amongst Level 4 Bronze Equipment. In God’s Domain, equipment for Weapons Specialists and MTs were slightly higher than other equipment of the same Level. Currently, the Knight’s Longsword would be worth at least 10 Silver Coins. In addition to the other piece of Level 3 Bronze Cloth Armor and several pieces of Common Equipment...

Shi Feng discovered that he actually did not take a loss. On the contrary, he had made an additional 1 or 2 Silver Coins.

Just when Shi Feng was planning to leave, a change occurred to the gazes of the onlooking players. Greed permeated their faces.

Shi Feng had easily taken care of Ironsword Lion. He even killed several elite players with a single move. Not even a ghost would believe that Shi Feng did not possess top-tier equipment. Moreover, Shi Feng was currently a Red Player.

If a Red Player were killed, the penalty they received would increase. Moreover, Shi Feng had killed so many players. If he were to die, he would at least drop three or four pieces of equipment. So, what if the Guards confined them for some time? Could it compare to obtaining top-tier equipment?

If a noob wished to grow into an expert, having good equipment was a must. If they were to kill Shi Feng, they would have a chance at becoming an expert. So, why wouldn’t they kill him, unless they were willing to remain mediocre?

“What? You guys are looking for trouble with me, as well?” Shi Feng coldly laughed as he looked at his surroundings. It had been awhile since he felt the sensation of being deep within enemy grounds.

After receiving Shi Feng’s cold glare, everyone inadvertently retreated. None of them dared to be the first to attack. They were all waiting for someone to attack first, then take advantage of the situation to reap benefits for themselves.

“All of you, get out of the way! Ye Feng is a friend of our Assassin’s Alliance. Whoever looks for trouble with him, will be looking for trouble with our Assassin’s Alliance!”

At this moment, Stabbing Heart, along with a group of over ten subordinates, created a path through the crowd as they headed towards Shi Feng.

When the players who wanted to kill Shi Feng heard Stabbing Heart, every one of them were shocked.

Who actually was Shi Feng? Not only did he possess formidable strength, but the Assassin’s Alliance even protected him.

The Assassin's Alliance was well-known throughout Red Leaf Town. It was the sole second-rate Guild in Red Leaf Town, and its members could be found throughout the entire Star-Moon Kingdom. However, the core strength of the Assassin's Alliance was located around the area of White River City. Other Guilds could not compare to its influence.

If they were to become enemies with the Assassin's Alliance, they would really have to delete their accounts and start all over again. That was because the Assassin's Alliance was famed for their assassinations. The feeling of being targeted by a group of Assassins... just thinking about it could make a person tremble with unease.

With the appearance of the Assassin's Alliance, the surrounding players no longer dared to have ideas over Shi Feng. Since they could not fish up any advantages, everyone promptly left the scene.

"Many thanks," Shi Feng said gratefully, looking towards Stabbing Heart.

"Nonsense. With Brother Ye Feng's strength, even if I didn't show up, they would still be helpless against you. I was just pushing the boat along the current[1]." Stabbing Heart cupped his hands, saying in admiration, "Today, Brother Ye Feng has really widened my horizons. Even I would find it hard to kill Ironsword Lion. I did not imagine Brother Ye Feng's skills to be so powerful as to get rid of Ironsword Lion in just a few moves."

"I was just lucky," Shi Feng calmly said with a smile.

"Brother Ye Feng really is humble. However, there is one matter that I can't make sense of. Why won't the Guards find trouble with Brother Ye Feng, even when you killed players in the Safe Zone?" Stabbing Heart had faintly guessed the answer already; however, he still did not believe that Shi Feng could accomplish it that quickly.

"Nothing much. I only have such a special privilege because I just completed a Quest and became a Noble in Red Leaf Town," Shi Feng did not hide the truth from Stabbing Heart. He knew that he would not be able to hide it, so he might as well reveal a portion of the truth. As for the Demon Hunter title, he would still have to keep it a secret. Otherwise, it would be too eye-catching and attract unwanted trouble.

Stabbing Heart's heart loudly thumped when hearing Shi Feng's explanation his eyes stared at Shi Feng, mind-boggled.

Assassin's Alliance had spent an unknown amount of effort to obtain Reputation for Red Leaf Town. Yet, they only managed to obtain 10 Reputation to date. Even Broken Wind, Guild Leader of the first-rate Guild, Star River Federation, was only a First Class Citizen, and there was still a long way to go before he became a Noble. However, the Shi Feng before him was actually a Noble already. The difference between them was just too huge!

Originally, Stabbing Heart already had a high estimation of Shi Feng's strength. He truly did not imagine that he was still underestimating Shi Feng. However, according to his memory, he was acquainted with most of the top-tier experts that used swords. Even the ones he weren't acquainted with, he had at least met before. However, Shi Feng did not resemble any of the figures in Stabbing Heart's memory.

However, the world was a wide place. There was bound to be some top-tier experts who hid from the world.

Now that God's Domain's influence was growing larger by the day, it wasn't particularly strange for these experts to enter God's Domain as well.

It was no wonder that the Snow Goddess acted extremely friendly when dealing with Shi Feng. Stabbing Heart guessed that Shi Feng was an extremely famous but hidden expert and that he was merely unaware of him.

The earlier he tightened the connection with such hidden experts, the greater the aid it would be towards the Guild's future development. Thinking of up to this point, Stabbing Heart smiled slightly. He felt his luck was good for discovering a top-tier expert like Shi Feng.

Shi Feng, on the other hand, did not know why Stabbing Heart suddenly smiled. He took a glance at the street filled with Guilds purchasing game currency, abruptly asking, "Brother Stabbing Heart, I wonder what has happened here? Why are there so many Guilds trying to collect game currency?"

"Oh, you don't know?" Stabbing Heart was slightly shocked, looking at Shi Feng with astonished eyes. This matter had already become well known amongst the players in White River City, so how could Shi Feng not know about it?

Shi Feng shook his head, saying, "I've been doing my Quest all this time, only returning now."

"So, that's why. This matter has also only recently started." Stabbing Heart came to a realization. He then explained, "Not long ago, a Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design appeared on the Auction House. You should know how good the Attributes on the Glimmer Chestplate are. The usefulness of its Forging Design goes without saying. After all the Guilds discovered its existence, all of them started competing over it. Our Guild is no exception."

"Unfortunately, our Guild's background is still slightly lacking, and Star River Federation won the Forging Design for 2 Gold and 33 Silver Coins. Originally, our Guild had already given up. However, it wasn't long before another Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design appeared on the Auction House. That was the start of all the commotion. Every Guild has started to madly collect funds, all of them wanting to bid on it.

"The bidding this time ended with the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design being sold for 2 Gold 51 Silver Coins. Nobody could have imagined that a third piece would have appeared right when many Guilds were feeling disappointment. Right now, everyone is still bidding over the third piece. However, according to my estimates, the third piece will be sold at an even higher price. Only, nobody knows if there will be more of the Forging Designs up for auction, so I came here to collect game currency.

"Currently, everyone is guessing that Black Flame Forger is selling the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Designs. After all, Bronze Equipment Forging Designs aren't just cabbage, not to mention similar Forging Designs. Moreover, the Black Flame Forger was the one who previously sold Glimmer Chestplates. So, everyone inwardly understands that these Forging Designs are being sold anonymously by this Black Flame Forger."

"I have to admit that this Black Flame Forger's strategy is truly clever. Previously, he competed with Hammer Trading to reduce the price of Glimmer Chestplate. However, it turns out that his eyes were

not set on the equipment, but on the current Forging Designs. Hammer Trading, who had competed with the Black Flame Forger, had thoroughly become insane as well. Although he declared that he would compete with the Black Flame Forger until one of them went broke, unfortunately for him, the Black Flame Forger no longer paid any attention to him.

“Currently, a lot of people wish to get in touch with the Black Flame Forger. Unfortunately, there is no way to contact that person. The Snow Goddess of Ouroboros even posted a thread on the forums, asking the Black Flame Forger to contact her; she wants to discuss the matters of cooperation and wants him to state his price without hesitation. With this, the Black Flame Forger had thoroughly become famous. Aside from White River City, the entire Star-Moon Kingdom is currently discussing the Black Flame Forger. He is currently acknowledged as the number one Forger in all of Star-Moon Kingdom.”

Stabbing Heart felt deep regret as he spoke; his expression revealed reverence towards the Black Flame Forger.

“So, that’s it. I wonder if Brother Stabbing Heart would be interested in purchasing the Glimmer Chestplate Forging Design?” Shi Feng casually asked Stabbing Heart, after having a general grasp of the situation.