

The Strongest

## Chapter 921: Frightening Team

With Cola tanking the Steel Slaughterer, the pressure on the team lessened significantly.

Cola only needed three healers to stabilize his HP, so everyone else could deal with the six Steel Guardians and the remaining Steel Watchers without needing to push themselves too much.

To ordinary players, the Level 42 Lord ranked Steel Guardians might be a nightmare, but to Shi Feng's team of top-tier experts, they weren't a problem. Any MT on the team could tank a Lord effortlessly on their own. Moreover, they only needed one healer to maintain their HPs.

After the MTs stabilized their aggro on the Bosses, the rest of the team dealt with the remaining hundred or so Elite ranked Steel Watchers.

An ordinary expert player could defeat two or three Elite monsters of the same level easily. As for this team, even the weakest among them could hold their own against a Chieftain of the same level for a long time. Some were even capable of killing Chieftains or resisting a Lord of the same level by themselves.

If not for the threat of the Grand Lord, the team would have only needed a dozen or so players to deal with the hundred-plus Elite monsters.

At this moment, Youlan finally experienced what it felt like to have a powerful MT on the team. With a powerful MT, even a headache-inducing problem could be easily resolved.

“Zero Wing’s MT is amazing! Even without using a Lifesaving Skill, he only took around -15,000 damage after the Slaughterer’s Skill hit him. Even Boss Wolf might’ve died instantly if he didn’t activate a Lifesaving Skill in time.”

“How high is his Defense?”

“His HP is so high! It should be at least over 20,000!”

Many of Overwhelming Smile’s members were stunned by Cola’s performance.

*Although Zero Wing is much stronger than we had expected, Raven is more capable than this!* Bloodsucker had no intention of letting Zero Wing continue to occupy the spotlight. After all, their goal in coming here was to show Shi Feng their Guild’s strength.

Following which, Bloodsucker led his party to attack a Steel Guardian.

Generally, dealing with a Lord ranked monster required a 20-man team of the same level. However, now that Turtledove single-handedly pinned down the Steel Guardian, Bloodsucker and his group of damage-dealers could launch their attacks without holding back.

Bloodsucker instantly appeared behind the Steel Guardian and used Chop on the Lord, his spear thrusting into the Lord’s leg joint.

Fully displaying the boundless Strength of Berserkers, Bloodsucker's attack forced the Steel Guardian to one knee, a damage of over -8,000 points appearing above the Lord's head. Bloodsucker's attack had put an end to the Steel Guardian's offensive. Following which, the Berserker used Whirlwind Slash, his spear striking the Steel Guardian's other leg joint, dealing over -6,000 damage and causing the Lord to fall, face first, to the ground.

Suddenly, a black figure appeared above the Steel Guardian's head. This figure was none other than Raven's Kirin.

Kirin's daggers rapidly sliced the Steel Guardian's head as he descended, leaving six deep cuts, each causing over -2,000 damage or over -4,000 damage with a critical hit. Once Kirin landed, he spun and used Absolute Strike on the back of the Lord's head.

Instantly, a black streak of light pierced through the back of the Steel Guardian's head, exiting between its brows and devouring over 13,000 HP.

The other Raven members joined the fray, bombarding the Steel Guardian with attacks. Overall, Raven's Steel Guardian lost HP far faster than the Steel Guardian that Overwhelming Smile dealt with. Moreover, Raven's members disabled the Guardian with every attack. As a result, Turtledove had an easy time tanking the Lord, so much so that she no longer required the help of a healer.

However, Owl did not lag behind Raven in the least. The adventurer team's 14 members fought two Steel Guardians simultaneously. White Night's Steel Guardian, in particular, lost HP faster than Raven's target.

White Night's normal arrow attacks could deal over -3,000 damage to the Steel Guardian. When he used Skills such as Burst Arrow, his attacks easily dealt over -10,000 damage; over -20,000 damage if it were a critical hit. Moreover, his Attack Speed was on par with an Assassin's.

With Owl and Raven's members taking action, three Steel Guardians were dealt with. As for Zero Wing's members, they focused on the Steel Slaughterer. The situation left Youlan speechless.

Shi Feng's side had dealt with 80% of the battle, leaving her side with very little room to display their strength. Her side only needed to deal with three Steel Guardians and the remaining Watchers.

Youlan even began to suspect that, even if her team of 50 stood idle, Shi Feng's side could finish the battle by themselves.

In less than ten minutes, all six Steel Guardians and the hundred-plus Steel Watchers were dead. In contrast, Shi Feng's entire team was also alive and well. Now, only the Steel Slaughterer remained.

As the team began to think that they would easily pass this stage, the Steel Slaughterer stomped its feet.

With a loud boom, the ground shattered. The following impact sent everyone flying. Although the players only received between -1,000 and -4,000 damage, they were all thrown 50 yards away from the Grand Lord.

The Steel Slaughterer then raised its hands. A gigantic, blue magic array formed in the sky, countless arcs of lightning gathering at the Slaughterer's hands. Anything these blue arcs touched instantly turned into ash. As if armageddon had arrived, the team could feel a deathly aura loom over them.

"The Boss is going to activate a team-wipe Skill! All MTs, stand at the forefront and activate your Lifesaving Skills! Everyone else, stand behind the MTs! Drink a Magic Resistance Potion! Guardian Knights, activate your Magic Resistance Aura!" Shi Feng ordered, showing no signs of panic.

After the monsters around the Steel Slaughterer died, the Grand Lord would activate a powerful AOE Skill called Thunder Destruction. The Skill's range covered the temple and its grounds, so it was impossible to dodge. Their only option was to survive it.

On the other hand, if a team focused on the Steel Slaughterer without finishing off the other monsters, when the Grand Lord's HP fell below 70%, it would still use this move. After receiving this Skill, the team would either be dead or crippled. Facing the Lords and Elites after that would only end with their deaths.

Hearing Shi Feng's command, everyone flew into action.

All ten MTs stood in front of the team and activated either Shield Wall or Protection Blessing. As for the Clerics and Oracles standing at the rear, they cast their respective shields on the MTs. Simultaneously, everyone drank a Basic Magic Resistance Potion. Although the potion did not provide much Magic Resistance, it was better than none at all.

Suddenly, the Steel Slaughterer's fists hammered the ground.

Immediately, blue ripples spread out from the Grand Lord. The collision from a single blue ripple forced the MTs back by five or six steps, shattering the support barriers around them and dealing around -8,000 damage to each. As for the others, the attack sent them flying. However, they received much less damage, only around -4,000.

"Quickly, heal everyone!" Shi Feng shouted.

The Steel Slaughterer's attack would only happen once, but multiple times.

As soon as the healers finished casting the first wave of heals, the second shockwave struck, followed by the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth. Only after the sixth shockwave did the Slaughterer's attack end.

However, because of this shockwave attack, nearly half of the team members had died. As for the MTs standing on the frontline, only five of the ten were still alive...

At this moment, everyone finally realized that they had greatly underestimated Grand Lords. A Grand Lord's AOE Skills were far more powerful than an ordinary Great Lord. If not for Shi Feng's quick thinking, they might have team-wiped.

Suddenly, the Steel Slaughterer split into two, transforming into a silvery-white and a pitch-black Steel Slaughterer.

The team was flabbergasted.

They now had to face two Grand Lords!

## **Chapter 922: Splendid Cooperation**

“That’s a Doppelganger Skill. This will be tough.”

Bloodsucker frowned when the Steel Slaughterer split into two; he had a bad feeling about this.

One of the worst kinds of Skills players could come across when fighting Bosses were Doppelganger Skills, particularly doppelgangers like this that did not have weakened Attributes. The only saving grace was that such doppelgangers usually shared HP. Overall, however, the Boss would be far more difficult to deal with than if it simply gone Berserk and gained a huge boost to its Attributes.

Now that nearly half of their team was dead, their likelihood of defeating the two Grand Lords was very low.

First of all, they only had half of their MTs. Secondly, the Grand Lord’s overall combat power had not simply doubled. If the two Grand Lords superimposed their attacks, they would deal double the damage. Against such a powerful attack, even an MT like Cola would die without every healer focused on him.

“If these Grand Lords use that shockwave move again, we might as well give up.” Youlan frowned, her willowy brows meeting, as she looked at the two Steel Slaughterers. She had never imagined that this Grand Lord would be so difficult to deal with.

“Guild Leader, what should we do? Should we activate our Berserk Skills?” Aqua Rose sent Shi Feng a whisper.

“Cola, tank the white one. Turtledove, you’ll assist him. The other three MTs will be responsible for pinning down the black one. Keep them 50 yards away from each other. All healers, stand in a triangular position to the two Bosses and stand as far away as you can to heal the MTs,” Shi Feng commanded calmly.

The Steel Slaughterer was an important Stage Boss. The system would not allow players to clear the entrance trial so easily.

Moreover, as Youlan had guessed, when the Steel Slaughterers' HP fell below 30%, both Grand Lords would still use Thunder Destruction again. The Skill wouldn't be any weaker than the previous attack, either. In the past, before players had discovered an appropriate countermeasure, many expert teams had fallen to this move.

Although nobody knew the reason behind Shi Feng's command, they moved according to his orders without hesitation. After all, it was only thanks to Shi Feng's guidance that they had come this far.

Very quickly, everyone fell into position.

Cola still had a relatively easy time dealing with the white Steel Slaughterer, receiving only five or six thousand damage from each of the Grand Lord's normal attacks. Even when a Skill struck him, he only lost around 15,000 HP. When he had the buffs from Clerics and Oracles' shields when he received an attack, he received even less damage. On the black Steel Slaughterer's side, however, Moonlight Knight, the lead MT for that doppelganger, teetered between life and death.

Moonlight Knight lost over 8,000 HP due to a normal attack. Unfortunately, the Guardian Knight only had slightly over 19,000 HP; that was close to 3,000 points less than Cola. If he received one of the Grand Lord's Skills without any buffs, he would die instantly. Although Moonlight Knight relied on his techniques and positioning to evade the black Steel Slaughterer's attacks, the Grand Lord's speed and Strength was overwhelming. Moreover, the Boss's attacks covered a wide area. It was very difficult to bridge the gap with techniques and positioning alone. After all, the Guardian Knight class did not boast high Agility. It was mainly a meat shield.

Fortunately, with three MTs taking turns tanking the Boss, they could, somehow, avoid fatalities.

"Everyone, focus your attacks on the white Boss!" Shi Feng shouted.



Under Shi Feng's command, the team launched their Skills at the white Steel Slaughterer. However, the Grand Lord's Defense was quite high. Its innate Magic Resistance was also high due to it being an Elemental Being. The majority of the team members only dealt around -2,000 damage, -4,000 with critical hits. Even Bloodsucker and Kirin, powerful DPS players who wielded Epic Weapons, only dealt around -4,000 to -5,000 damage with their Skills.

As for White Night, his overall damage was slightly higher than Bloodsucker.

However, compared to White Night and Bloodsucker, Shi Feng's and Fire Dance's damages were shocking.

Epic Weapon wielders like White Night and Bloodsucker already dealt awe-inspiring damage, yet Shi Feng and Fire Dance surpassed them by a large margin.

Upon arriving behind the Steel Slaughterer, Shi Feng brandished Killing Ray.

Immediately, damages of over -6,000 points appeared above the Boss's head, one after another. Moreover, every hit was a critical normal attack. When Shi Feng used a Skill, his damage soared to ten or twenty thousand.

His performance was dazzling.

The various players wouldn't be terribly surprised if only Shi Feng's performance were so magnificent, yet Fire Dance, who fought beside him, also resembled a humanoid Lord. With an overwhelming lead,

these two occupied the first and second place in the Boss's damage rankings. Among them, Shi Feng only held first place with a small lead.

Although Fire Dance possessed the Fragmented Legendary Weapon Thousand Transformations, Shi Feng's Abyssal Blade and Heavenly Dragon's Breath had both improved. Including the gap between their techniques and Skills, Fire Dance had no advantage over Shi Feng.

Moreover, they both possessed extremely high Strength Attributes. When the two of them attacked, they matched their attacks to strike a single location. One person's Strength might not cause a significant impact, but with their Strengths combined, their attacks affected the Steel Slaughterer. Unfortunately, such combination attacks were difficult to achieve. If both individuals had not reached a certain combat standard, accomplishing such a feat was practically impossible.

Overall, Shi Feng and Fire Dance's occasional combination attacks against the Steel Slaughterer's joints had greatly lessened the burden on Cola and Turtledove. The healers could now split their concentration and focus more on the MTs on the other side.

"How are they accomplishing this?"

"Am I seeing things?! They can actually combine their attacks to shake such a powerful Grand Lord?!"

Everyone was dumbfounded as they watched Shi Feng and Fire Dance's attack rhythms, which closely resembled each other's. They had never imagined that players could use this method to deal with Bosses.

Although they, as experts, could also match their attack rhythms with others, Shi Feng and Fire Dance's achievement was not that simple. These two were even capable of accurately striking the same position as if they had discussed this beforehand. In addition, they were fought impressively fast, which increased the feat's difficulty exponentially.

The intricate control required to combine two sources of Strength could easily cause an expert to go mad. This was no longer a lack of techniques. This feat required two people to possess a relatively high synchronization rate with each other.

However, what everyone did not know was that, during their daytime training sessions in the real world, Shi Feng often sparred with Fire Dance. Hence, they were very familiar with each other's attack patterns. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to cooperate this seamlessly.

"How high are their Attributes?" Bloodsucker and White Night had not only noticed the two players' perfect coordination. They were actually more curious about Shi Feng and Fire Dance's Basic Attributes. Without sufficient Strength, even if Shi Feng and Fire Dance could combine their attacks, they would not shake the Steel Slaughterer.

Previously, Bloodsucker had thought that Shi Feng and Fire Dance was only slightly stronger than him in terms of Attributes. After witnessing this, however, he finally understood just how wide the gap was between them.

As for White Night, he was curious about the Guild Zero Wing. After witnessing Black Flame's performance, he had already begun to reevaluate his opinion of the upstart Guild, yet another two monsters had emerged from Zero Wing...

*Feng Xuanyang has truly doomed Underworld.* Youlan's eyes twitched as she watched the team's damage statistics against the Boss.

Even now, Feng Xuanyang wanted to annihilate Zero Wing and replace it as White River City's overlord. After watching this, however, Youlan realized how foolish the man's actions were.

Previously, she had not had a clear grasp of Zero Wing's top experts. Now, she understood. She also how wide the gap was between Zero Wing's main force and hers, which she formed with Underworld's connections. It was no wonder why Zero Wing had not feared the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion and later dared to offend King's Return.

Now, it seemed that Zero Wing's main force was no weaker than the main force of God's Domain's major powers. One would even be hard-pressed to find frightening damage dealers such as Shi Feng and Fire Dance on those teams, not to mention a powerful MT like Cola. With such a composition, they could collect top-tier equipment as fast as those major powers.

Following which, the Steel Slaughterer's HP decreased at a rate visible to the naked eye.

Very quickly, its HP fell to 30%. Suddenly, the Steel Slaughterers on both sides stomped the ground, forcing the players away.

"We're doomed!" Everyone knew that the battle was over when they saw the Grand Lords prepare to use Thunder Destruction simultaneously.

One Boss using this Skill had already left them standing at death's door. If both Bosses used this Skill simultaneously, the stacked damage would undoubtedly blast them through that door.

"Everyone, hide beside the white Boss! Moonlight, you three hide beside the black Boss! You'll be responsible for tanking the Boss! Blackie, give Moonlight Knight Guardian of Light! Cola, activate Dragonscale Body!" Shi Feng shouted.

Guardian of Light could reduce the damage the target received as well as heal the target. Meanwhile, Dragonscale Body would increase Cola's Defense by 200%, HP by 300% and recovery ability by 500%. After activating Protection Blessing as well, Cola could even survive without any healing.

The black Steel Slaughterer was simply too far away. It was impossible for the other three MTs to reach the white Slaughterer in time. Hence, he had to leave the MTs with Moonlight Knight to fend for themselves. Fortunately, they had a Skill like Guardian of Light, so they could save at least one of them. Otherwise, without anybody tanking the black Steel Slaughterer, the two Grand Lords would obliterate the team.

After Shi Feng issued his orders, everyone burst into action.

Shortly after, both Steel Slaughterers activated Thunder Destruction; the power their Skills contained was no weaker than the last time. The only difference was that each Steel Slaughterer only launched three shockwave attacks instead of six.

"Huh? What's going on?" Everyone was confused when they noticed that no one had died.

They should've received six damages. This time, however, they had only suffered three. Moreover, none of the black Slaughterer's shockwaves had hit them. As for Moonlight Knight's side, all three MTs had survived.

*Did the shockwaves offset each other?* Youlan suddenly thought of their positions. They just so happened to be standing in line with the two Steel Slaughterers. With this, the shockwaves the black Slaughterer had released had been offset by the white Slaughterer's before any had reached them. They hadn't suffered any damage from the black Slaughterer's attacks.

Youlan wasn't the only one who had realized what had just happened. Bloodsucker and White Night had reached the same conclusion. They all turned to Shi Feng, who was reorganizing the team's formations,

every one of them wondering just how smart Shi Feng was to think of such a solution so quickly. If they had been in charge, they would have only been able to wait for their deaths.

After the Steel Slaughterer's attacks, the two Grand Lords did not use any powerful AOE Skills. In less than ten minutes, both Bosses died by Shi Feng's hands, granting everyone an abundance of EXP. Even after they shared the EXP, several of Overwhelming Smile's Level 38 members rose to Level 39. Shi Feng's experience bar had also risen by nearly 6%. Compared to killing an ordinary Grand Lord, the Steel Slaughterer provided far more EXP.

Meanwhile, due to Divine Providence, the Steel Slaughterer dropped over a dozen items.

#### Chapter 923 – Steel Crown

As the Steel Slaughterers crumbled into a pile of scrap metal, the temple's locked iron doors opened.

"It's finally dead! I was nearly out of Mana!"

"We won? Just like that?"

"This is so awesome! Nobody will believe us when we tell them we defeated a Level 44 Grand Lord!"

This was not the first time Zero Wing's members had faced down a Grand Lord. However, this was the first time for Overwhelming Smile's members. They had even shrunk back in fear even against a Level 40 Grand Lord, not to mention a Level 44 Grand Lord. Hence, how could they contain their excitement?

Currently, very few teams in God's Domain were capable of killing a Grand Lord.

"This is the first time I have killed a Grand Lord so easily. If we had to rely on Raven's main force, we would have lost at least 80% of the team. We might have even suffered multiple team-wipes." Masked Angel sighed in amazement as he sat on the ground.

Raven's other members nodded their agreement.

Although they had killed Grand Lords before, they usually paid a high price to do so. Generally, they suffered multiple team-wipes before finally succeeding. Moreover, their team usually only had around a dozen or so people alive at the end of the raid.

This was the first time they had killed a Great Lord so easily.

Bloodsucker's gaze drifted towards Shi Feng, who was occupied with picking up the loot, and he smiled bitterly.

Originally, he had wanted to prove Raven's strength to Zero Wing. In the end, he and Kirin were the only members of their Guild to rank within the top ten on the team's damage stats against the Boss; he ranked sixth, while Kirin ranked tenth. As for everyone else in their party of six, they ranked beyond the twentieth place.

It was difficult to boast about such results.

With his DPS statistics, he could rank within the top five among Raven's main force, yet he only ranked sixth on this team, showing that there were five people stronger than himself. The most laughable aspect was the massive gap between second and third place.

White Night, who ranked third among the team, had only dealt slightly over half of Fire Dance's total damage.

Aside from them, Aqua Rose ranked fourth on the team, while one of Owl's female Elementalist named Frozen Dream ranked fifth.

With such an outcome, just how was he supposed to negotiate for a better deal with Shi Feng?

"When fighting the next Boss, drink an Intermediate Boiling Blood Potion and raise your damage ranks. I don't want to be at a disadvantage during our negotiations," Bloodsucker whispered to his party members.

The Intermediate Blood Boiling Potion could increase a player's damage by 20% for ten minutes. It was not available on the market and could only be obtained by killing certain special Field Bosses. It was extremely rare.

"Boss Blood, are you sure that you want to use such a precious potion here? Our Guild only has a dozen or so of these potions," Kirin asked worriedly. This time, as a precaution, the Guild had given each of them a bottle. Even when the Guild had raided Grand Lords, they had refused to use it.

"Do you think we can top the damage charts if we don't use this potion?" Bloodsucker retorted, smiling bitterly.



Truthfully, he did not want to use the potion, either. He had thought that he and Kirin would rank among the top five players in terms of damage, while the rest of his party would rank within the top twenty, yet they had not, and now, their reputation was in ruins.

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As the healers revived the dead, Shi Feng organized the loot he had collected.

“Leader, did they drop something good?” Cola asked excitedly when he noticed Shi Feng’s smile.

The other Zero Wing members turned to Shi Feng as well.

They all knew Shi Feng’s personality. Items that they considered top-tier were ordinary in Shi Feng’s eyes. Items that could garner Shi Feng’s interest were precious first-class items.

“Not bad. The Boss dropped a piece of Growth-type Equipment.” Shi Feng chuckled as he shared the equipment’s Attributes in the team chat.

[Steel Crown] (Helmet, Plate Armor, Bronze Rank) Level 40 – Level 90 Defense +1,374 (Level 40) Strength +31, Endurance +30, Agility +22

Additional Passive Skill 1- Iron Wall: After receiving an attack, user has a 5% chance to trigger Iron Wall, halving the next damage received.

Additional Passive Skill 2- King's Resolve: Halves mental suppression suffered by wielder and decrease all control effects by one-third.

Additional Active Skill- Steel Impact: Increases Strength by 300%, speed by 100%, and causes a powerful impact to a maximum of three targets. Impact interrupts targets, knocks them back by 10 yards, and places them in a Fainted state for 3 seconds. Cooldown: 1 minute 30 seconds.

This crown was crafted by Titan Craftsman Firos. However, the crown's power has been severely weakened due to evil power pollution. To purify this evil power, one needs a large number of Magic Crystals and EXP. Can be purified five times. (First purification requires 100 Magic Crystals and 200,000,000 EXP)

Every member of the team unconsciously gasped when they saw the Steel Crown's Attributes. The crown was a treasure for MTs. The item's two Passive Skills could significantly reduce the burden on MTs when facing Bosses. As for the Steel Impact Skill, it could be useful during crucial moments to prolong or interrupt a Boss's channeling before it executed a powerful Skill.

With the 300% Strength increase, an MT could easily take on a Grand Lord of the same level for a few moments. Furthermore, as the Steel Crown was Growth-type Equipment, both the crown's Basic Attributes and the Skills would improve as the crown was purified.

"This helmet can practically rival Epic Equipment." Masked Angel drooled as he gazed at the Steel Crown.

The Steel Crown did not have a class restriction. Any plate-wearing class could use it. However, it was most suited for an MT. This item was fully capable of raising an MT's standards to a whole new level.

The team's ten MTs stared at the Steel Crown in Shi Feng's hands.

However, Shi Feng had already discussed the matter of the Bosses' loot. Among Zero Wing's side, Raven's members had opted out of the loot. As for Owl's members, as they were returning a favor, Shi Feng would pay them with Coins. Beyond that, Shi Feng and Youlan had agreed to take turns choosing items from the loot; the team with the highest damage would choose first.

Now that Zero Wing's group had an absolute lead in terms of damage, Shi Feng got the first pick. Overwhelming Smile's members could only watch on with envy. However, Youlan did not find this outcome unfair. After all, they had relied on Zero Wing to kill the Steel Slaughterer.

Among the loot, the Steel Crown was undoubtedly the most precious. However, there were many good items among the loot. Four pieces of Level 40 Dark-Gold Equipment had dropped. Currently, Level 40 Dark-Gold Equipment was the best available outside of Epic Equipment. Tier 2 Magic Scrolls and rare potions also dropped. Even after splitting the loot, each side would reap a considerable harvest.

"Turtledove, wear this," Shi Feng handed the Steel Crown to the female Knight Turtledove.

"Me?" Turtledove was somewhat hesitant. Among the Guild's MTs, both Cola and Ye Wumian were stronger than her. Logically, one of them should have received the crown. She already wore a pair of Epic ranked boots. If she received another piece of Growth-type Equipment now, it would be somewhat unfair to Cola and Ye Wumian.

"Those two are using sets, so they can't wear the crown. Moreover, the Steel Crown is only Bronze rank right now. Although your Attributes will decrease slightly after equipping it, you will improve overall. You'll have an easier time dealing with the Bosses later on," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

"That's right. Turtledove, just take it." Both Cola and Ye Wumian nodded in agreement.

In reality, Turtledove's techniques were already quite impressive. She was definitely the third-ranking MT in the Guild. She just had slightly weaker equipment. If Turtledove improved her equipment, tanking Bosses would become much easier.

"Alright, then." After some thought, Turtledove accepted Shi Feng's offer. She was moved as well, and she inwardly swore not to let anyone down.

#### Chapter 924 – An Extraordinary Item's Hidden Effects

After Turtledove equipped the Steel Crown, although her Basic Attributes had decreased slightly, her aura instantly changed.

Five ocean-blue gems adorned the silver crown, which gave Turtledove a royal air. Moreover, Turtledove appeared far more relaxed.

Clearly, the mental suppression around the temple released its grip on Turtledove.

"This crown is amazing. Wearing it actually calmed me down. With this, I don't have to worry about mental suppression against a high-tiered Boss anymore." After equipping the Steel Crown, Turtledove felt a pleasant sensation wash over her body, her mind becoming much clearer than before. However, the greatest change she sensed was her body's flexibility. Her previous helmet could not compare to the Steel Crown.

"Growth-type Equipment is similar to an Extraordinary item. Aside from providing a huge boost to one's Basic Attributes, it generally provides some hidden effects," Shi Feng explained.

God's Domain was a constantly evolving virtual reality game. During the game's initial stages, Epic items were only slightly stronger than Dark-Gold items in terms of Attributes. However, as God's Domain evolved, Epic items' true power would reveal itself, little by little. God's Domain had already undergone

its fourth evolution. Certain Epic items would start to display extraordinary hidden effects that would allow players to display more of their combat power.

After the team rested, Shi Feng led them into the temple.

A long, narrow hallway, which led to a plaza, waited beyond the thick, iron doors. There were no intersections along the hallway.

Various statues decorated the spacious plaza. The plaza also contained swarms of monsters. These monsters were covered in sharp, black scales. They had crescent-shaped heads and no eyes. However, rows of jagged, sharp teeth filled their mouths. Their four limbs looked more like daggers than actual limbs, and wherever these monsters passed, they left deep furrows in the ground. Silver versions of these pitch-black monsters also wandered the plaza. In terms of size, however, the silver monsters were nearly three times larger than their black brothers. Clearly, they would be more difficult to deal with than their smaller counterparts.

[Corrosive Beast] (Dark Creature, Elite) Level 42 HP 150,000

[Corrosive Beast King] (Dark Creature, Lord) Level 43 HP 8,000,000/8,000,000

The plaza seemed to be these Corrosive Beasts' nest. There were more than ten thousand monsters wandering around; just looking at them sent a chill down one's spine.

Meanwhile, a gigantic Teleportation Magic Array occupied the plaza's center. If they wanted to proceed through the trial, the teleportation array was their only option.

“Why are there so many monsters? Do we have to clear all of them?” Youlan frowned as she watched the disgusting Corrosive Beasts.

With a rough glance, she could see over ten thousands monsters in the plaza. Among them, several hundred were silver Corrosive Beast Kings. Taking out these monsters would be a massive undertaking.

Youlan wasn't the only one who with a headache. Everyone was dumbfounded. This was the first time they had seen so many Lords in one place.

These players even suspected that every one one of these monsters would swarm them the moment they descended the staircase.

The thought of facing hundreds of Lords made everyone more than a little tense. There was no way they would survive so many.

As their team stood there, shocked over the sight of so many powerful monsters, a pair of steel doors on the other end of the plaza opened, and a group of players emerged.

“Why are there other people here?” Youlan muttered in surprise as she watched the players from across the plaza.

“It seems you're not the only one who obtained a Titan City Pass. We need to move faster now.” Although Shi Feng found the situation strange, he was not particularly shocked.

The Holy City of Titan's entrance trial was not a Dungeon. It was just an extremely dangerous special map. In addition, it was categorized by levels, with every ten levels sharing one map. Players between

Level 36 and Level 45 would share one map, and players between Level 46 and Level 55 would share a different map.

Any player who obtained the pass could venture here. God's Domain was massive, and with so many players, it'd be surprising if no other top-tier players managed to find their own pass.

Unfortunately, the other party was clearly a powerful team, based on the fact that they had come this far, and Shi Feng didn't want to benefit another team in the entrance trial.

The trial's four paths had three main stages, with each having a different challenge set for the first stage. However, all four paths would converge here for the second stage. The four paths also shared the same final challenge.

The first team to clear the final stage would gain an additional benefit: Reputation for the Holy City of Titan. It was usually extremely difficult to raise one's Titan City Reputation, so this was a massive benefit for the first team that cleared the trial.

At the same time as Shi Feng and the others discovered those players, that group of players had also discovered Shi Feng's group.

"Boss Peerless, there's another team over there. Should we get rid of them?" a Level 40, burly Assassin suggested, making the gesture of slitting one's throat while he stared at Shi Feng and his team.

"Ignore them. We'll decide what to do after we pass through this area. It won't be too late to get rid of them if we meet them later," Peerless, the group's leader, said as he waved his hand at the Assassin. "Get ready. We need to clear this area quickly."

“Understood!” As if this were not their first time here, the team burst into action.

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“Leader, the other team is making its move!” Aqua Rose asked softly, “Should we watch them for a moment first?”

Naturally, Shi Feng understood Aqua Rose’s concern. With their team’s strength, taking on seven or eight Lords at once might be easy, but against several hundred Lords, even Shi Feng felt powerless. Hence, their best option was to observe the other group as they cleared this stage. This way, they would increase their chances of clearing the stage as well.

However, Shi Feng had no intentions of letting the other side get ahead of him.

Titan City’s Reputation was on the line, and he must have it!

Although there were a lot of monsters in the plaza, their numbers weren’t the largest cause for his headache. The Corrosive Beasts had an extremely abominable ability which could rapidly deplete players’ Durability. With this ability, it was impossible to defeat them all before their equipment broke.

“MTs and plate armor classes, gather around me,” Shi Feng said. He then revealed a large number of Strengthening Devices. “Each of you, take two of these Strengthening Devices. After using them, thirty of you will form a protective circle while the other melees will serve as replacements when needed. All ranged DPS and healers will stand in the middle. We’ll charge for the teleportation array.”



As soon as Shi Feng said so, everyone understood his plan.

They didn't actually need to kill all of these monsters. Rather, they needed to reach the Teleportation Magic Array.

Unfortunately, while this task might be easy for MTs, it was very difficult for melee classes. There were also countless Corrosive Beasts. They were all bound to receive some damage. If the healers only had to focus on a few MTs, they could bear it. However, they had to keep as many as 30 people alive. There was also a fairly long distance between the staircase and the plaza's center. If their healing failed to keep up with the damage the melee classes received, everyone would die before reaching the teleportation array.

Shi Feng's decision was definitely risky.

However, Youlan and the others could not think of a better plan. Hence, they had to put their faith in Shi Feng once more. Moreover, two groups of players were charging into the plaza. This would reduce the number of monsters they had to deal with. If they started moving after the other side had cleared the stage, it would be far more difficult to succeed.

By the time everyone finished preparing, Shi Feng had noticed that the other team had begun to move. Immediately, he shouted, "Move out!"

## Chapter 925 – King of Corrosion

The instant the team rushed down the staircase, the nearby Corrosive Beasts noticed them. The monsters turned their heads towards Shi Feng's group one after another, and quickly, they swarmed towards the group like a tidal wave.

The Corrosive Beasts were different from ordinary Elite monsters. A layer of corrosive fluid coated their bodies.

The corrosive fluid would reduce the Durability of anything that touched it, whether it be weapons or equipment.

If the equipment were Secret-Silver rank or below, it would be rendered useless after receiving a few of the Corrosive Beast's hits. Even Fine-Gold Equipment would only last a few more hits, and only Dark-Gold rank items could last any length of time.

Now that they had entered the plaza, there was no turning back. Against the tidal wave of Corrosive Beasts, the team's only option was to reach the teleportation array within the shortest time possible.

Shortly after the team met the Corrosive Beast army, although the Elite monsters did not break through the team's defensive formation, after several bouts, everyone wore grim expressions.

"My weapon!"

"My equipment!"

"What are these monsters?!"

Many of the players cried out in shock when they noticed their equipment and weapons' Durability.

Even after a brief moment of contact with the Corrosive Beasts, their Dark-Gold weapons' Durability had instantly decreased by one point. An ordinary Dark-Gold Weapon only had around 120 or so Durability.

Their Dark-Gold Equipment fared even worse. After receiving a few hits, their Strengthening Devices' Durability decreased by one point as well. It was obvious that, without the protection of the Strengthening Devices, their equipment would only last for a short time.

"Leader, look at that team. It seems that they came prepared," Fire Dance said as she pointed at the other team. As she was not standing in the other ring, attacking with her throwing knives, she could focus on their distant competition.

"That's a smart move," Shi Feng was slightly surprised when he turned to watch the other team.

Instead of using a circular defensive formation as they had, the other team employed a V-shaped formation; their most durable MTs served as the spearhead while the others followed closely behind. When the other team attacked, they would try to push the Corrosive Beasts standing before them away, forcing these monsters into the Corrosive Beasts behind them and buying some time. During this short period, the team pulled away from these monsters, with neither side having the opportunity to clash.

In addition, the magical classes in the middle of the formation used one Tier 2 Magic Scroll after another. The Magic Scrolls they used all contained AOE Spells. Whenever a Corrosive Beast King charged at the team, these magical classes used a series of Magic Scrolls to knock back the oncoming Corrosive Beasts and Beast Kings, allowing the team to move faster.

Despite both sides starting towards the Teleportation Magic Array at the same time, the other team was much faster.

“Boss Peerless, your method is really effective. We’ll reach the teleportation array in half the time of our previous attempt.”

“That’s right! Boss Peerless is the best! We’ll definitely clear the entrance trial.”

“That team is pretty stupid. At this rate, we won’t have to worry about them.”

“Hahaha! I hope they can clear this stage, though. The fact that they reached this stage shows that their weapons and equipment are excellent. We might be able to earn some top-tier equipment.”

Everyone on Peerless’s team chatted cheerfully among themselves.

As both teams were fairly far apart, they couldn’t tell who the other team was. However, as they had experienced the first stage’s difficulty personal, they knew that the other team must possess high-quality weapons and equipment. Otherwise, reaching the second stage would have been impossible.

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“Team Leader Ye Feng, we can’t continue like this. These Corrosive Beasts are wearing out our equipment too quickly!” Youlan said anxiously after examining the team’s situation. “Why don’t we start using Magic Scrolls as well?”

The monsters’ corrosive ability was much stronger than she had expected. If not for the Strengthening Devices, their equipment would have long since broken. However, there was still a long distance to the teleportation array. Moreover, more Corrosive Beast Kings approached.

In the beginning, they only had to deal with one or two at a time. Now, over a dozen attacked simultaneously. They weren't even a third of the way, yet so many Lords bombarded their team. Soon, they may have to face dozens of Corrosive Beast Kings.

The Corrosive Beast Kings were many times stronger than the Corrosive Beasts. Not only were they stronger in terms of Attributes, but their corrosive abilities were also stronger by a large margin. Even Cola, who used an Epic Shield, was having a difficult time against these Lords.

Currently, their only way to break through was to utilize the same method as the other team, which employed AOE Magic Scrolls. Although their team had not prepared to use these Scrolls, they had brought some with them.

Unfortunately, using large-scale destruction Spells would only add to the chaos of their situation.

Large-scale destruction Spells did not differentiate between friend and foe. Even if they cleared out the monsters in an area with the Spell, they would have to wait until the Spell's effects were over before proceeding. In the end, the monsters they had left behind would catch up while they wasted time.

"No rush. We'll use them after we reach the halfway point." Shi Feng rejected Youlan's suggestion.

Using Magic Scrolls with impact effects was certainly a method that many teams had employed in Shi Feng's previous life. However, the second stage had another hidden mechanism. When two or more teams were halfway to the plaza's center, they would awaken the slumbering King of Corrosion, Sailu Tiban.

Now that the other team had passed the midway point, Shi Feng did not want to do the same too soon. At the very least, they should wait until the other team completed two-thirds of their journey. This way, the King of Corrosion would target that team rather than theirs, which had just entered the King's Domain.

Hearing Shi Feng's rejection, Youlan was momentarily speechless. However, since Shi Feng's leadership had already proven successful, it would not be wise to oppose his commands now.

As time passed, more Corrosive Beast Kings converged on both teams. In the blink of an eye, each team faced over a hundred Lords. Even Peerless's team began to slow due to the large number of monsters.

However, when Peerless's team was a quarter of a distance away from the teleportation array, Shi Feng and the others reached the halfway point.

Immediately, a pillar of green light rose from the center of the plaza, releasing a dense, green fog. As this fog passed over the area, everything it touched heavily corroded, eroding hundreds and thousands of little holes across the ground. The scene sent chills down everyone's spines.

"What's going on here?" Peerless stared at the pillar of light, his expression twisting into something ugly.

This was not his first time here. Rather, it was his third visit. The first time he had reached this plaza, his team had only crossed two-thirds of the distance before they fell under the overwhelming sea of monsters. On their second try, while they had forged through this stage after many difficulties, they had not encountered anything like this. As he stared at the pillar of green light, he involuntarily shivered, his mind continuously warning him that it was extremely dangerous to continue forward.

As everyone was caught in their stupor, a ferocious monster that stood over twenty meters high emerged from the green light. This monster was nearly three times larger than the Corrosive Beast Kings, and green scales covered its entire body. A green liquid seeped from the gaps between its scales.

When the liquid touched the ground, it ate through the earth, creating a large hole. A green fog also circled the monster's humongous body.

This was none other than the King of Corrosion, Sailu Tiban!

Seeing this, everyone involuntarily gulped in fear.

"Why has such a monster appeared?!" Peerless's complexion paled as he stared Sailu Tiban.

#### Chapter 926 – Archaic Species

The King of Corrosion's sudden appearance cast a dark cloud over the two teams.

"Damn it! We must have triggered this monster because there are two teams here!" Rage flared in Peerless's eyes as he turned to Zero Wing's team on the other side of the plaza, killing intent welling within him.

However, it was too late to change anything.

He had thought of taking care of Shi Feng and his team after they had reached the third stage, earning some weapons and equipment. However, he now regretted his decision to delay.

The King of Corrosion did not give the players any time to consider their situation. After examining its surroundings, it charged towards Peerless's team like a mack truck. The ground trembled with each of

Sailu Tiban's steps. As it moved, the corrosive fluid from its body ate large craters in the ground. Seeing these craters sent shivers down everyone's spines.

[Sailu Tiban (King of Corrosion)] (Dark Creature, Grand Lord) Level 45 HP 80,000,000/80,000,000

Sailu Tiban's massive frame spoke of its immense power. However, after witnessing its exact strength, everyone was shocked.

Sailu Tiban's Attributes were far higher than the first stage's Boss. No matter how they looked at it, the King of Corrosion possessed higher Attributes than what any Level 45 Grand Lord should have.

"Leader, what should we do? Should we continue forward?" Aqua Rose began to despair after seeing the massive King of Corrosion.

Sailu Tiban was just too strong!

It was definitely the strongest Boss within the Level 40 range that she had ever seen.

"Is this a joke? Why does this stage have such a powerful Boss?" Bloodsucker's expression was particularly grim.

Among the team, only White Night and the other members of Owl remained relatively calm. After all, they had faced a Dragon not long ago. The King of Corrosion was slightly weaker than the Tier 2 Mutated Dragon had been.



However, they had only defeated the Mutated Dragon thanks to a monster like Black Flame. Without such a monster, defeating this Boss was unlikely.

At this time, Shi Feng issued his commands in the team chat, "Fire Dance, use the Frost Grenades to stop the Corrosive Beasts! Blackie, use Stars of Light to clear a path ahead! Everyone else, if you have AOE Attack or Control Skills, now is the time to use them!"

While Sailu Tiban might not be a Dragon, it was an Archaic Species. To put it simply, it was the descendant of Ferocious Beasts. Ferocious Beasts were from the same life order as Dragons, capable of killing Gods.

Although the blood of Ferocious Beasts flowing through Sailu Tiban's veins had been diluted over several generations, making the Grand Lord far weaker than a Ferocious Beast, ordinary monsters couldn't compete with its power. Tier 1 players could not take this Boss down. At the very least, they needed Tier 2 players to have any chance against Sailu Tiban.

Fortunately, defeating Sailu Tiban wasn't necessary to proceed to the next stage.

Under Shi Feng's command, the team began to move like a well-oiled machine. Fire Dance and the other melee classes who were not fighting in the defensive ring threw one Intermediate Grenade after another, freezing the distant Lords and Elites before them. Blackie then used Stars of Light while Shi Feng used Firestorm. Youlan contributed as well as she used Thunder Beast's Descent.

When the three large-scale destruction Spells struck, light, flame, and lightning descended upon the plaza, looking as if doomsday were upon them.

For a time, damages in the tens of thousands appeared above the frozen monsters' heads. In a few short seconds, over a thousand Corrosive Beasts died, and a clearing appeared before Shi Feng's team. Everyone's experience bar soared rapidly, a few of the team's Level 38 players reaching Level 39. Some of Zero Wing's Level 39 players rose Level 40 as well.

Due to the Frost Grenades' Freezing effect, the monsters that were fortunate enough to be outside the AOE Spells' range remained frozen. For a short time, no other Corrosive Beasts could fill the new clearing, which allowed Shi Feng and the others to proceed any resistance. Shortly after, the magical class players began to use Magic Scrolls to repel the incoming Corrosive Beasts. Not only did this speed up the team's advance, but it also significantly reduced their weapons and equipment's Durability consumption.

As Shi Feng's team began to spring, the other team grew desperate.

"Everyone, prepare for battle! Blade, get ready to use that Tier 3 Magic Scroll! No matter what, don't let that monster near us!" Peerless knew that there was no point in regret now. He needed to deal with the problem before them quickly. If they could hold on until they reached the teleportation array, victory would be theirs.

"Boss, we had prepared that Magic Scroll for the third stage. If we use it now..." a Summoner in his mid-twenties voiced his concern.

"Just use it. Fortunately, it isn't our only trump card for the third stage," Peerless growled as he gnashed his teeth. He didn't want to use the Tier 3 Magic Scroll, either.

Just before Sailu Tidan reached their team, the Summoner named Blade used the Tier 3 Magic Scroll he held.

Suddenly, a golden magic array appeared above them. A gigantic beast then descended from the array, knocking away the surrounding Corrosive Beasts.

“Blade, use the golden lion to lure the Boss away!” Peerless ordered.

The King of Corrosion was simply too dangerous. Even if it simply stood still and did nothing, the corrosive mist around it could claim their lives. They could only rely on the Tier 3 Great Lord they had summoned to hold it off.

The golden lion, which stood over ten meters tall, then pounced on Sailu Tiban.

However, before it crashed into the King of Corrosion, Sailu Tiban swiped its claws at the lion.

Peng!

The attack sent the lion flying, its massive frame crashing into a crowd of Corrosive Beasts.

“What?!” Everyone’s jaws dropped.

A single hit had sent a Level 55, Tier 3 Great Lord flying. The golden lion was actually ten levels higher than Sailu Tiban. Even if it weren’t a match for the Level 45 Grand Lord’s Strength, there should not be too much of a difference. Yet, the one attack had thrown the golden lion over thirty yards. This was unbelievable.

Fortunately, the golden lion had attracted Sailu Tiban's attention. Rather than stomping towards Peerless's team, the King of Corrosion approached the fallen lion, one step at a time. Seeing the Boss change targets, Peerless and his team released a sigh of relief. Taking this opportunity, they made a mad dash for the teleportation array.

Unfortunately, the golden lion wasn't doing well as the King of Corrosion trampled upon its body, its HP decreasing at a rate visible to the naked eye. Peerless and his companions shuddered in fear as they watched.

As the golden lion's HP plummeted, Peerless's team sped towards the teleportation array.

When the golden lion had less than 10% of its HP remaining, Peerless and the others were finally inside the teleportation array.

"Damn it! Damn this thing! It made me waste a Tier 3 Summoning Scroll!" A cold glint flashed in Peerless's eyes as he glared at the golden lion, which was on its last breath. He had hoped to take the lion with them through the second stage. However, that was no longer possible. This had severely disrupted his plans. He shouted sternly, "Blade, remove the summoning! I want those people to die!"

"Understood!" the Summoner understood Peerless's intentions. While it was no longer possible to leave with the golden lion, that did not mean they should let others take advantage of it. Immediately, he canceled the summoning.

Shi Feng's team still had to cross another quarter of a distance or so to reach the teleportation array. With the King of Corrosion's strength, that was more than enough time to annihilate the team.

Sure enough, the moment the golden lion vanished, Sailu Tiban's gaze shifted to Shi Feng and his players.

## Chapter 927 – Complete State

“We are letting them off too easy.” Blade clicked his tongue as he watched Shi Feng’s team. “Boss Peerless, should we activate the teleportation array now?”

“Wait a moment. I want to watch the King of Corrosion kill them!” Peerless shook his head.

The entrance trial’s third stage was not any easier than the second.

It would be far more difficult to proceed without the Tier 3 Summoning Scroll. He wanted to kill Shi Feng and his companions himself. However, he was satisfied with the knowledge that the King of Corrosion would massacre them.

Sailu Tiban’s corrosive fluid could cause a tremendous amount of damage to one’s equipment. It might even destroy the other team’s weapons and equipment. This was a better outcome than killing them and taking a single item from each.

Hearing Peerless’s words, his people turned to watch Shi Feng’s team with anticipation.

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Sailu Tiban's Movement Speed was very high. Before Shi Feng and the others had crossed 100 yards, the King of Corrosion was less than 50 yards away from the team.

They couldn't help their panic as the Boss approached.

The Grand Lord's pummeling of a Level 55 Great Lord was still fresh in their minds. If even a Tier 3 Great Lord could not hold off this Boss, players such as themselves had no hope. Even if all ten of their MTs worked together, they couldn't defend against the King of Corrosion's attacks.

"I'll deal with him! Everyone else, hurry!" Shi Feng's lips hooked up into a smile as he watched the incoming Sailu Tiban.

Others might not know the King of Corrosion's power, but he did.

Although Sailu Tiban was an Archaic Species, it had a fatal weakness.

Its couldn't respond to sudden changes very well. Even a slight turn required it to waste roughly two seconds. Expert players would have plenty of time to dodge its attacks. However, they first had to draw the King of Corrosion's aggro.

Shi Feng instantly appeared before the King of Corrosion.

Seeing this, Sailu Tiban swiped its claws at Shi Feng. However, Shi Feng easily evaded its attack using Silent Steps, instantly appearing behind the King of Corrosion.

Dragon Breath!

Suddenly, a massive white beam bombarded the back of Sailu Tiban's neck.

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"So tough!" Shi Feng clicked his tongue.

Dragon Breath multiplied his damage by ten, yet when the Skill struck one of the King of Corrosion's vulnerable spots, it only dealt around 20,000 damage. If an ordinary expert attacked the Grand Lord, they would probably only deal a few hundred damage.

Shi Feng's attack immediately drew Sailu Tiban's attention. Following which, the King of Corrosion tried to turn to attack Shi Feng.

However, Sailu Tiban was very slow when turning, shifting its body step by step. This gave Shi Feng ample time to activate Windwalk and leave his current position. As for the Corrosive Beasts and Corrosive Beast Kings blocking his way, they were no threat.

"You're quite durable. Unfortunately, this Grand Lord isn't that easy to deal with. You're just wasting your time," Peerless sneered as he watched Shi Feng.

In the face of absolute power, techniques were useless. Even if Shi Feng bought his team some time, it wouldn't be enough to reach the teleportation array.

“Roar!” Sailu Tiban roared in fury as it chased Shi Feng.

In the blink of an eye, the King of Corrosion had moved away from Shi Feng’s team, the team sighing in relief. A moment later, however, tension gripped their hearts once more.

Sailu Tiban was simply too fast. Even after Shi Feng activated Windwalk, he could not match the King of Corrosion’s speed. If he allowed the Grand Lord to catch up to him, he wouldn’t have a Skill like Silent Steps to help him avoid another attack.

After Shi Feng crossed about 20 yards, Sailu Tiban had caught up to him. Sailu Tiban’s claws transformed into afterimages as it swiped at Shi Feng, a sonic boom blasting through the air.

Parry!

Peng!

Like a bullet, Shi Feng was thrown over 30 yards, his body slamming into the ground. The impact even created a large crater around Shi Feng’s body.

As expected of an Archaic Species. Although its Strength is lower than the Mutated Dragon’s, it is still stronger than an ordinary Grand Lord. Once Shi Feng stood back up, he felt as if every bone in his body was about to pop out of its socket; his arms were numb after taking the King of Corrosion’s hit. If he had not used Parry to block the attack, he would have been dead by now.



Seeing Shi Feng's HP remain static, Sailu Tiban flew into a rage. Taking two steps forward, it instantly arrived before Shi Feng and stomped on the tiny Swordsman.

Seeing the mountain-sized foot descending towards him, Shi Feng stopped holding back.

Heavenly Dragon's Power!

Thunder God's Descent!

The two Skills instantly increased Shi Feng's Strength Attribute by 150%, HP by 500%, Defense by 300%, Agility by 60%, Movement Speed and Attack Speed by 150%, and damage by 50%. He also received a 50% damage reduction.

Shi Feng's HP climbed to 122,800. As for his Defense, even Cola couldn't match his.

After receiving these massive buffs, Shi Feng swung Killing Ray towards the King of Corrosion's feet.

Chop!

Three arcs of blue light gathered at a single point, tearing space itself apart. This spatial tear then extended towards Sailu Tiban's feet.

Boom!

The powerful shockwave from the impact knocked the surrounding Corrosive Beasts back. Suddenly, there were no monsters within 20 yards of the King of Corrosion.

“Is he an NPC?” When the dust settled, everyone’s jaws hit the floor as they stared at the shockwave’s epicenter. No one could believe their eyes.

Shi Feng had actually blocked the King of Corrosion’s powerful attack. Moreover, he had caused Sailu Tiban to shudder slightly.

Although Shi Feng was buried up to his knees, he had only received around -7,000 damage from the attack. To Shi Feng’s over 120,000 HP, this damage was nothing.

The upgraded Heavenly Dragon’s Breath is wonderful. I won’t even have to activate Twofold Berserk at this rate. Shi Feng flexed his muscles, joints popping. Although he felt somewhat stiff, overall, Shi Feng’s combat power had not been affected.

When he had faced the Mutated Dragon, he had been suffering a Weakened Soul state, reducing his Attributes by nearly half. He had relied on Dragon’s Domination to overcome the Mutant. Now that his soul had recovered, although his Strength was still not a match for the King of Corrosion even after activating Heavenly Dragon’s Power, the gap was not as wide as it had been. In addition, with his extremely high Skill Completion Rate, he wouldn’t have a problem defending against the Grand Lord’s normal attacks.

However, his Sacred Sword, Killing Ray, was the main reason that he could contend with Sailu Tiban. Killing Ray increased his damage by 100% against Dark Creatures.

However, just after Shi Feng pulled his legs out of the ground, the enraged King of Corrosion swung its claws at him once more as if it were trying to swat a fly.

Just in time. Let's see how you fare against this. Shi Feng did not dodge the attack. Instead, he used his sure-kill Skill, Flame Burst.

A miniature sun then collided with Sailu Tiban's claws.

### **Chapter 928: Holy City's Treasure**

The instant Sailu Tiban's claws met the scorching light, a tear appeared on its originally impenetrable green hand. The corrosive gas that surrounded its body also began to vanish.

*Boom!*

As an explosion shook the area, Sailu Tiban's attack was repelled.

In contrast, Shi Feng only took a step back, not receiving any damage.

"He blocked it?"

“How is that possible?!”

Neither Peerless’s team nor Zero Wing’s team could believe their eyes.

The King of Corrosion was capable of overwhelming a Level 55 Great Lord. Moreover, the last time Shi Feng had blocked the Grand Lord’s attack, he had received quite a bit of damage. Now, however, he actually stood there unscathed...

They felt as if they had just watched someone block an oncoming train with one hand.

“Boss Blood, I don’t even think Guild Leader Bloodfang is a match for Ye Feng’s Strength,” Kirin said in shock as he stared at Shi Feng.

“Indeed. Purely in terms of Strength, he has surpassed our Guild Leader,” Bloodsucker said with a serious glint in his gaze.

The strength Zero Wing displayed before them had already surpassed the information they had on the Guild.

After Shi Feng successfully repelled one of Sailu Tiban’s attacks, the King of Corrosion launched a series of attacks. Shi Feng used Killing Ray once more to repel the Grand Lord’s attacks.

*Boom! Boom! Boom!*

Shi Feng blocked every one of Sailu Tiban's attacks.

*The combination of fire and the Sacred Sword is amazing.* Shi Feng smiled.

Aside from its slow turning speed, Sailu Tiban had another small weakness—fire.

Fire attacks would deal double the damage against the Grand Lord.

As a result, the combination of both bonuses allowed Shi Feng to match the King of Corrosion's Strength.

Unfortunately, Flame Burst's uses were limited. He could not stand against the King of Corrosion for long.

However, Shi Feng had no intentions waiting for his death.

He had deliberately caused the King of Corrosion to appear. If he had wanted to play it safe, he could have allowed Peerless's team to reach the third stage first. Sailu Tiban was the only reason he had not.

In the past, many teams had reached the entrance trial's second stage. Many teams often challenged the trial at the same time. Initially, when players encountered the King of Corrosion, they had treated it as if it were undefeatable. They only attempted to shake the Boss off and proceed to the next stage.

However, as players reached higher levels and obtained better equipment, they started to raid the King of Corrosion for its loot.

In the end, when a team of players finally killed Sailu Tiban, the Grand Lord had dropped a treasure that nobody had expected.

The Holy City's Emblem!

Every Guild in God's Domain had treasured this item.

Even after ten years, the Holy City of Titan's passes were extremely rare. Countless Guilds had sought the pass as players could not enter Titan City without it. However, the Holy City's Emblem could also transfer players to Titan City. Unfortunately, it could only transfer ten players.

However, unlike the Titan City Pass, the Holy City's Emblem was not a Consumable; it could be used indefinitely. Moreover, the emblem could send players to the Holy City directly. They didn't need to challenge the entrance trial.

Now that there were two teams in the second stage, Shi Feng wouldn't pass up this opportunity.

The King of Corrosion was not undefeatable.

In the past, through countless teams' experimentation, players finally discovered an effective way to defeat Sailu Tiban. With his current team's strength, if they used that method, they could do the same.

Following which, Shi Feng activated Wind Rider and flew towards the Teleportation Magic Array.

Realizing where Shi Feng was flying to, Sailu Tiban also dashed towards the teleportation array.

“Boss, that person’s flying towards us. We need to leave. If that monster charges over here, it’ll be difficult to escape,” Blade hurriedly advised.

Although Corrosive Beasts would not approach the teleportation array, there was no guarantee that the King of Corrosion would not. On the off chance that it entered the teleportation array, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Peerless gnashed his teeth. However, he still gave the command to leave, saying, “Let’s go!”

Although he was reluctant, he had to admit that Shi Feng and his team were far stronger than he had expected. If they clashed, they might fail the trial again. This was their final chance. There was no room for failure.

Following which, Peerless and his team activated the Teleportation Magic Array, transforming into a beam of light and disappearing from the plaza.

Shortly after Peerless’s team left, Shi Feng entered the teleportation array as well.

Just as Peerless had guessed, the enraged King of Corrosion ignored the teleportation array and charged onto the platform.

However, before Sailu Tiban reached the array's center where Shi Feng stood, Shi Feng reversed the flow of Mana in the teleportation array. The teleportation array instantly transformed into a magic barrier.

The green mist around Sailu Tiban began to scatter. Its Basic Attributes also plummeted.

The Grand Lord's HP, which had been 80,000,000, fell to 60,000,000.

In the past, nobody had thought that the teleportation array in the plaza's center could do such a thing. Everyone had only thought of using brute strength to kill the King of Corrosion.

As long as the magic barrier was active, the King of Corrosion could not leave the area. Of course, players couldn't use the teleportation array either. This was the equivalent of sealing off their own path of retreat, and unless they defeated the King of Corrosion, there was no way to proceed to the third stage.

Now that the King of Corrosion had been weakened, even without Flame Burst, Shi Feng only received around -3,000 damage from clashing with the Grand Lord. However, Shi Feng no longer faced Sailu Tiban's attacks head-on. Rather, he evaded the Bosses normal attacks.

After the Heavenly Dragon's Power ended, Shi Feng activated the Power of Darkness, increasing his Attributes by 60%. He then used the Aura of Water's Activatable Skill, Life Bloom. With the Skill's powerful healing, he could last against the King of Corrosion until his entire team had entered the magic barrier.

"Cola, activate the Power of Darkness and tank it! Everyone else, add support from the sides! Once Cola's Berserk Skill ends, Ye Wumian, activate yours and replace Cola! Turtledove will be next!" Shi Feng



issued his commands once his team had entered the barrier. "Youlan, use your large-scale buff Spell! Everyone else, watch the Boss's tail!"

on Shi Feng's command, before they could even catch a breather, they began to move once more.

Cola immediately activated the Power of Darkness and used Justice Bash on the King of Corrosion's feet. He followed up with a Shield of Vengeance, drawing Sailu Tiban's aggro.

Youlan also utilized her large-scale buff Spell, Angel's Blessing.

Suddenly, a harp-wielding, golden Angel appeared in the sky. As the Angel began to sing, a golden barrier enveloped every member of the team. Not only did the golden barrier increase everyone's Attributes by 20%, but it also gave them a Divine Shield buff, reducing the damage they took by 20%. Both buffs lasted for 30 minutes.

Although everyone's Attributes had risen significantly, their damage against the King of Corrosion was still quite low, with most attacks dealing around -1,000 or so damage. Only Elementalist could deal almost -3,000 damage with fire-type Spells. However, Sailu Tiban had 60,000,000 HP. Its battle recovery alone healed it for 600,000 HP every five seconds.

Raiding the King of Corrosion was far more difficult than they had imagined.

The team members finally realized just how terrifying Shi Feng was to hold off the Grand Lord for as long as he had.

## Chapter 929: Clear

Even after Sailu Tiban had been weakened, it dealt over -10,000 damage to Cola despite the Guardian Knight's active Berserk Skill. Fortunately, Cola now had 40,000 HP. Without the Berserk Skill, the single attack would have dropped his HP to a critical state. If it had been a critical hit, he would have died instantly...

"Skill incoming! Melee players, move back! Cola, focus on your positioning!" Shi Feng warned the MT when he saw the King of Corrosion's raised claws release a green glow.

Although Shi Feng had warned his team the moment he noticed the Grand Lord prepare the Skill, Sailu Tiban didn't need long to launch it. When the Grand Lord's claws descended, many were still within ten yards of it.

*Boom!*

The earth shattered. Everyone within 20 yards was thrown into a Fainted state. In addition, green mist surfaced from the affected area.

All players within the green mist lost 10,000 HP every second. Although some players had dispelled their Fainted debuff immediately, they had failed to escape the area in time. In the blink of an eye, the mist claimed three lives.

"What a powerful Skill!"

Although five healers focused on him, Cola only had around 14,000 HP by the time he broke through the green mist. Even the healers couldn't keep up with his diminishing HP. Meanwhile, his Strengthening Device's Durability had fallen by 20 points. The mist's corrosive power was staggering.

After Sailu Tiban finished executing its Skill, it searched for a new target. Its eyes then fell upon one of the healers standing in the rear. It started to turn and tried to charge towards the healer.

"The Boss is changing targets! MTs, block it!" Shi Feng shouted.

Every so often, the King of Corrosion would choose a random target within 50 yards to attack, and for four seconds, it would become immune to aggro-pulling Skills such as Mock. During these four seconds, players could only do their best to hinder the Grand Lord.

Although four seconds might seem like a short time, to Sailu Tiban, it was more than enough to cross 50 yards.

After Shi Feng issued his orders, Turtledove executed Steel Impact and smashed her shield into the King of Corrosion.

*Peng!*

After a 300% boost to her Strength, her Strength Attribute surpassed even Shi Feng's while the Swordsman had Heavenly Dragon's Power active. As a result, the attack forced the King of Corrosion back by two steps, a damage of over -10,000 points appearing above its head.

Shock and admiration filled the team when they saw the Grand Lord stumble back.

This move had delayed Sailu Tiban for two seconds. After including the ten MTs' blockade, the team foiled the King of Corrosion's attempt to eliminate one of the healers.

Taking this opportunity, everyone bombarded the Grand Lord with attacks.

Multiple damages appeared above Sailu Tiban's head. However, the King of Corrosion's Defense was simply too high. Even Fire Dance had only dealt around -1,300 damage with each normal attack, while her Skills dealt around -3,000 damage. This damage was not nearly as eye-catching as what she had dealt to the Steel Slaughterer.

As for Shi Feng, with the Sacred Sword doubling his damage and the effects of Power of Darkness and Angel's Blessing, every attack dealt around -10,000 damage; if he scored a critical hit, he dealt around -20,000 damage.

As time passed and Cola's Berserk Skill ended, Ye Wumian activated his Power of Darkness and replaced Cola. After Ye Wumian was done, Turtledove took his place.

During this time, Sailu Tiban managed to kill another dozen or so players. As for the King of Corrosion itself, its HP had fallen to 30%.

"A big one is coming! Everyone, stand together! Healers, don't hold back. Heal everyone!" Shi Feng ordered a halt to his team's attacks as he gathered them together when he noticed the Grand Lord shrink.

When its HP fell to 30%, Sailu Tiban would randomly launch powerful AOE attacks around itself. Every player within range would share the damage from these attacks. If only one person were within a targeted area, the attack would even deal enough damage to kill Shi Feng with Heavenly Dragon's Power active. Hence, everyone needed to stand together to receive this attack.

After the team had huddled together, pillars of green light began to descend from the sky, one after another. These pillars created large craters when they struck the ground. It was clear that these players would die if they were stuck.

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng's team received a blast. Everyone lost over 10,000 HP on the spot. Before the healers could restore their HP, another pillar struck the team. The players lost another 10,000 HP.

The pillars of light descended for over twenty seconds. Throughout this time, a total of five pillars bombarded Shi Feng's team. Many had died part-way. In the end, less than 50 people remained.

Unfortunately, while Sailu Tiban cast its Skill, its HP had recovered, climbing from 30% to 50%. It now had 30,000,000 HP remaining.

Despair gripped everyone's hearts.

They had fewer than fifty players standing now. Moreover, the surviving members were worse for wear, yet they still needed to burn away 30,000,000 HP from the King of Corrosion...

Had they not activated their Berserk Skills, the pillars of light would have killed them. If the King of Corrosion used this move again, their deaths would be imminent.

"Don't panic. The Boss is now Weakened," Shi Feng said as he pointed to the King of Corrosion.

Sailu Tiban kneeled on the ground, a tired expression on its face. Seeing this renewed everyone's confidence.

Immediately, everyone launched a bombardment at the Grand Lord.

Sure enough, as Shi Feng had said...

Everyone's attacks were now dealing 50% more damage to the King of Corrosion. Moreover, both the Grand Lord's Strength and speed had decreased by 30%. This significantly reduced the burden on the MTs.

Sailu Tiban's HP rapidly fell. In just a few moments, its HP dropped from 50% to 30%.

Soon, it fell from 30% to 10%...

However, as time passed the King of Corrosion slowly regained its vigor.

"Don't hold back! Throw everything you have at it!" Shi Feng anxiously shouted.

The King of Corrosion was too difficult to deal with.

By the time Sailu Tiban had 6% HP remaining, it had recovered from its Weakened state.

Despite having used their Berserk Skills, the team had failed to finish off the Grand Lord while it had been weakened. Now that their Berserk Skills were no longer an option, it was practically impossible to defeat the recovered King of Corrosion.

Suddenly, Cola activated Dragonscale Body and ran in for a final bout.

Shi Feng also activated Blade Liberation, his Attributes instantly doubling. With the Sacred Sword's effect, each of his attacks dealt over -20,000 damage.

The others began to activate all sorts of Magic Scrolls as well, bombarding the King of Corrosion with various Spells.

Once Sailu Tiban's HP fell to 5%, it started to attack players randomly. To make things worse, none of their aggro-pulling Skills were effective. As a result, the team rapidly lost players.

When there were only twenty or so players remaining, Sailu Tiban's HP finally reached 1%.

"Die!"

Watching their teammates die, one after another, the survivors grew anxious. However, although everyone used every Skill they had against the King of Corrosion, the effects were minimal. They had long since exhausted their options, so their damage was now limited.

When there were only 14 players standing, Shi Feng's Flame Burst finished its Cooldown.

Using Silent Steps, he arrived behind Sailu Tiban's neck. He then began brandishing Killing Ray.

Fifteen dazzling white lights flared.

The King of Corrosion's final 300,000 HP vanished instantly, its massive frame crashing before the team.

### **Chapter 930: Siege Tool**

Seeing the King of Corrosion fall to the ground, the survivors released a sigh of relief. A moment later, everyone burst into cheers.

Sailu Tiban's death allowed the survivors' levels to increase rapidly. For example, Fire Dance and Aqua Rose, who were Level 40, reached Level 42. Youlan also climbed from Level 39 to Level 42. As for Shi Feng, White Night, and Frozen Dream, they shot from Level 42 to Level 43.

*So much EXP!* The corners of Bloodsucker's lips twitched slightly when he saw two consecutive lights wrap around his body, his Level rising to 42.



The King of Corrosion had nearly annihilated them. Not a single MT on the team was still alive. Among the healers, only Violet Cloud still stood.

Without any Lifesaving Skills, the King of Corrosion could kill a player with each attack.

The battle's intensity had left a lingering fear among the survivors.

"Rest up. Violet, after you recover your Mana, revive the other healers," Shi Feng ordered after glancing over everyone. The King of Corrosion's might hadn't particularly surprised him. After all, Sailu Tiban was an Archaic Species. In fact, this outcome had been excellent since he hadn't used his trump cards. If they had been any other team, Sailu Tiban's ultimate attack would have annihilated them. They would not have survived until the Grand Lord entered a Weakened state.

The King of Corrosion didn't drop much after it died. Even after Shi Feng had used Divine Providence, it had only dropped nine items and some Coins. Among the items, five were materials. After splitting the Coins among the team, each person only obtained around 40 Silver. They did not even have enough to pay for their repair fees.

However, among the loot, Shi Feng only had eyes for a flashing, silver emblem.

This was none other than the Holy City's Emblem. With this emblem, he didn't have to worry about finding a pass to the Holy City in the future.

Of the three remaining items, one was a piece of Growth-type Equipment, one was a piece of Epic Equipment, and the last was a Miniature Ballista Design.

[Celovia's Blade] (Two-handed Sword, Bronze Rank) Level 40 – Level 100 Equipment Requirement: Strength 700 Attack Power +944 (Level 40) Strength +52, Endurance +61 Attack Speed +3 Ignore Levels +7

When attacking, 20% chance to deal 2.1 times damage and inflict the Bleeding debuff on target for 12 seconds.

Additional Passive Skill- Monstrous Strength: When attacking, there is a chance to increase Strength by 60% for 5 seconds.

Additional Active Skill- Blood of Fury: The lower the wielder's HP is, the higher their damage and Attack Speed become to a maximum of 70% for 1 minute. Cooldown: 5 hours

This sword belonged to Titan's Grand Marshall Celovia. However, due to contamination by the power of darkness, purifying the item will require a large number of Magic Crystals and EXP. (First purification requires 200 Magic Crystals and 400,000,000 EXP)

This sword, which had once been used by a Grand Marshall of Titan City, caused the team's Berserkers to drool. The weapon even tempted Bloodsucker. Although his current weapon was Epic rank, when comparing Additional Skills, Celovia's Blade was much suited for Berserkers. Celovia's Blade was almost tailor-made for the class. Unfortunately, purifying the weapon five times would require a lot of Magic Crystals and EXP.

The other Epic item also left everyone speechless.

[Ring of Corrosion] (Ring, Epic Rank) Level 40 – Level 90 Equipment Requirement: Agility 400, Intelligence 200 Strength +38, Agility +42, Endurance +26, Intelligence +31 (Level 40) Ignore Levels +10

When equipped: Increase all Attributes by 10%. Poison Resistance +20 Magic Resistance +10

Additional Passive Skill- Corrosion: Allows wielder's attacks to weaken opponent's Defense and Magic Resistance by 50% and inflicts a Poisoned debuff, causing damage every two seconds for 10 seconds. Debuff can stack up to 5 times.

Additional Active Skill: Poisonous Miasma: Release a poisonous mist in a radius of 20 yards, causing damage equal to 500% of wielder's Main Attribute every second. Enemies within this poisonous mist suffer a 10% Defense and Magic Resistance decrease for 10 seconds. Cooldown: 30 minutes

Ornaments were already extremely rare in God's Domain, much less an Epic ranked ring. A ring that improved a player's DPS was even rarer. Overall, the Ring of Corrosion was even more valuable than Celovia's Blade.

The instant Shi Feng revealed the Ring of Corrosion's information, the players gasped.

After everyone had revived, Shi Feng looked to Youlan and asked, "I choose the Holy City's Emblem. Which item will you choose?"

Overwhelming Smile's members wished they could walk away with it all. The two items and the Miniature Ballista were extremely valuable items to a Guild. As for the Holy City's Emblem, Shi Feng had not shared its Attributes. He had specifically exercised his right to choose the first item to avoid revealing its information. Nobody called Shi Feng out on his actions, either. After all, they had only won this battle because of Shi Feng's commands.

However, Youlan was somewhat hesitant, her gaze shifting back and forth between the two items and the Miniature Ballista.

The Miniature Ballista was a powerful siege tool.

Now that players were reaching higher levels, the various Guilds had begun to prepare for conquering towns. They had already learned the benefits of mastering a town from the situation in Stone Forest Town. That little town raked in thousands of Gold each day for Zero Wing. Hence, the various large Guilds prioritized capturing their own.

However, producing the Miniature Ballista was very difficult. With Lifestyle players' current abilities, it was almost impossible to manufacture.

In the short-term, choosing the two pieces of equipment would undoubtedly benefit her team. In the long-run, however, the Miniature Ballista was more advantageous.

As Youlan hesitated over her choice, War Wolf whispered to her, "Youlan, pick the two pieces of equipment. You still lack a powerful foundation. Although the Miniature Ballista is indeed valuable, it is not particularly useful right now."

In the organization known as Underworld, Youlan was not yet an upper echelon. She also did not have a Guild of her own. While the Miniature Ballista might profit a Guild immensely, it was not particularly beneficial to an individual.

If Youlan wanted to raise her position in the organization, then she needed a powerful team to support her. Hence, choosing Celuvia's Blade and the Ring of Corrosion was a wiser decision than choosing the Miniature Ballista. Moreover, if not for Shi Feng's help in the trial, they wouldn't have any of these items.

“I’ll pick the Ring of Corrosion.” Youlan felt that War Wolf’s opinion was quite reasonable. Although Underworld might be an organization, not everyone within the organization was of a single heart. While she might temporarily raise her position if she presented the Miniature Ballista, others could replace her at any time.

“I’ll pick the Miniature Ballista Design, then,” Shi Feng said without hesitation.

He had plenty of methods to obtain top-tier weapons and equipment. Although he lacked Epic Weapons and Equipment right now, as players reached higher levels, obtaining them would become easier. However, it was a different story for siege tool designs. These designs would also be difficult to find. They couldn’t be obtained by simply killing a few powerful Bosses. If he missed on this opportunity, he would definitely regret it.

Moreover, Shi Feng now had the Holy City’s Emblem. He no longer worried about nurturing Advanced Engineers. He could even nurture Master Engineers. It wouldn’t be long before he could manufacture the Miniature Ballista.

The thought of using the Miniature Ballista to capture a town excited Shi Feng.

After Shi Feng finished distributing the items and everyone had rested, Shi Feng reversed the flow of Mana in the Teleportation Magic Array once more.

Suddenly, a small, golden Teleportation Magic Array appeared a short distance away from the central array. The small teleportation array’s golden glow scattered the surrounding Corrosive Beasts and Corrosive Beast Kings. None of the monsters dared move closer than 300 yards from the teleportation array.

“What’s going on?” Shi Feng frowned at the golden array with curiosity.