Chapter 2191 – Fame Spreads in Fenglin City

When Wang Zongquan saw the faint smile on Shi Feng's face, a chill suddenly swept through him, his body shuddering involuntarily.

"No! No need to continue! I admit defeat!" Wang Zongquan said hurriedly, afraid that he would be executed if he delayed his answer by even the slightest bit. Although he had clashed with Shi Feng for only a very brief moment, he understood more clearly than anybody else present just how frightening Shi Feng was.

It was no exaggeration to say that, if Shi Feng had wanted to, he definitely could have consigned Wang Zongquan to eternal rest with that previous move.

Now, when Wang Zongquan looked at Shi Feng, he felt that he was seeing a humanoid demon. Aside from this conclusion, he could not think of any other possibility. After all, despite having wandered the entire world, he had never heard of anyone becoming a neutralizing grandmaster in their early 20s.

Moreover, unlike other people, Wang Zongquan had personally clashed with neutralizing grandmasters before, so he knew full well just how frightening an existence they were. Neutralizing grandmasters could no longer be considered human; they were superhuman. Even ordinary firearms were useless against neutralizing grandmasters, as grandmasters could preemptively take evasive maneuvers by relying on their extraordinary senses.

Meanwhile, before a neutralizing grandmaster, apex internal force experts like Wang Zongquan were akin to little children. Their life and death were no longer within their control.

At this moment, Wang Zongquan started to feel animosity for Lu Xingluo. Had he known that Shi Feng was a neutralizing grandmaster, with even ten times his courage, he still wouldn't have dared to kick up a ruckus at the Heaven's Rumble Training Center.

"Since we have solved your concerns, then we can discuss the matter of you coming here to cause a commotion, Master Wang," Shi Feng said.

As soon as Shi Feng was done speaking, Wang Zongquan's complexion turned ashen. Even top-ranking training centers and dojos could not bear the wrath of a neutralizing grandmaster; the fate of a lone apex internal force expert like himself went without saying. Not to mention, he was currently right in front of Shi Feng. He couldn't run away even if he wanted to now.

"Hall Master Shi, just state however much compensation you want. I'll pay it so long as I have it," Wang Zongquan said with great anxiety. "Right, I just received six bottles of the Green God Company's Life Potion. Let's add them to the compensation as well."

Neutralizing grandmasters were different from the average person. The amount of nutrients their bodies required daily far exceeded the average person's. Moreover, if they wanted to improve their physical fitness further, consuming ordinary food and Nutrient Fluids would no longer suffice. At the very least, they needed S-rank Nutrient Fluids. Meanwhile, the Life Potion was something even more valuable than S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

In fact, these six Life Potions were the reason why Wang Zongquan had agreed to undertake Lu Xingluo's request.

After all, Life Potions were extremely difficult to come by. Even neutralizing grandmasters could get their hands on only a small amount.

"Six Life Potions?" Shi Feng could not help but be moved. He had never expected Wang Zongquan to possess Life Potions, the Green God Company's latest creation.

Shi Feng naturally understood what was going through Wang Zongquan's mind right now. After all, Shi Feng had had the fortune to meet a neutralizing grandmaster in his previous life, so he knew that these grandmasters were truly superhuman. He also knew that their nutritional requirements were different from the ordinary person's.

Only, Shi Feng wasn't actually a neutralizing grandmaster yet. He had merely touched upon the realm after combining the principles of the Truth Realm and Refinement Realm.

In God's Domain, every player's body had long since reached an extraordinary level; hence, players could exhibit the principles of the Realms of Truth and Realms of Refinement to their greatest limits. The human body in the real world was very weak in comparison, making it impossible for people to fully exhibit the strength of these two realms in the real world.

This was akin to running state-of-the-art software on an ancient computer. The hardware simply couldn't support the software at all, and the computer would crash when trying to run the application.

The reason why Shi Feng was able to apply the principles of the Truth Realm and Refinement Realm in the real world was mainly his having reached the Ascension Realm and Domain Realm in God's Domain. Even so, he had already sustained some minor internal injuries from executing that one move. He still needed to improve his physical fitness further before he could reliably display the principles of the Truth Realm and Refinement Realm in the real world.

Meanwhile, the Life Potion was something Shi Feng had only heard of during his previous life. He had never actually seen one before, much less consumed one. The Life Potion was not sold to the public. It was many times more valuable than even S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

Although the Life Potion couldn't resurrect the dead, it could cure all internal injuries and strengthen the user's physique. It was even rumored that long-term consumption of the Life Potion could rejuvenate the user.
Moreover, these were still not the most important point about the Life Potion.
The truly amazing aspect of the Life Potion was its ability to invigorate a person's brain cells, making cerebral development easier.
Due to these reasons, after God's Domain had spread its influence throughout the entire world, the Life Potion became something all powers fervently competed over. Those powers that managed to secure themselves a stable supply of Life Potions had been able to nurture a batch of peak experts and apex experts quickly.
Shi Feng found Wang Zongquan's possession of six Life Potions simply unbelievable.
However, Wang Zongquan misconstrued Shi Feng's comment as a complaint that this amount was too little. He hurriedly explained, "Hall Master Shi, this is really all that I have. However, I heard that Nine States City is about to hold an internal auction and that Life Potions will be sold there. Here is the invitation card I received. Aside from this, I really don't have any more Life Potions."
Shi Feng could tell that Wang Zongquan was not lying. He also understood that it was already plenty amazing for someone like Wang Zongquan to obtain six Life Potions. After all, ordinary martial arts masters couldn't get their hands on even one bottle, let alone six.
"Fine. We'll forget about monetary compensation, but I need you to help me with a matter," Shi Feng said, nodding as he accepted the invitation.

Wang Zongquan inwardly breathed out a sigh of relief at Shi Feng's words. He then said confidently, "Hall Master Shi, please speak freely. As long as it is something I can accomplish, I'll definitely do it."

"It's very simple. I want you to go teach Lu Xingluo a lesson," Shi Feng said, smiling as he patted Wang Zongquan's shoulder.

Since Lu Xingluo had already taken the initiative to make trouble for him, Shi Feng naturally had to respond in kind. Although Shi Feng was currently slightly stronger than Wang Zongquan, he was quite inferior to the professional hitman when it came to dealing with people outside of an official competition. If he tried to take action against Lu Xingluo, his actions would no doubt get exposed very quickly. Not to mention, Shi Feng didn't have that much free time to take part in such matters; he had his hands full dealing with Zero Wing.

"This..." Wang Zongquan could not help being shocked by Shi Feng's request. "Hall Master Shi, Lu Xingluo is the Starline Corporation's heir. If I do so..."

"Since that is the case, let's continue discussing the commotion you've caused!" Shi Feng said, his voice taking on a chill.

If not for Shi Feng having improved sufficiently quickly and displaying absolute strength against Wang Zongquan,

Wang Zongquan would've definitely continued trying to make trouble for the Heaven's Rumble Training Center even after suffering defeat at Fire Dance's hands. Hence, Shi Feng naturally couldn't let him off the hook too easily.

Shi Feng did not doubt Wang Zongquan's ability to meet his demand in the slightest. As for the consequences for Wang Zongquan after carrying out this feat, this was not something Shi Feng cared about.

"I'll do it! I'll make sure Hall Master Shi won't be disappointed!" Wang Zongquan assured hurriedly while nodding after sensing a trace of killing intent from Shi Feng.

Wang Zongquan had an instinctive fear of neutralizing grandmasters stemming from his understanding of their power. So long Shi Feng wanted to, unless Wang Zongquan fled to the ends of the world, he wouldn't be able to escape Shi Feng. Compared to earning Shi Feng's ire, provoking a major corporation's heir held much lighter consequences. Not to mention, Shi Feng had only told him to teach Lu Xingluo a lesson, not to kill the man. If Wang Zongquan limited his actions, the Starline Corporation wouldn't go all-out in dealing with him. In fact, the corporation would avoid making a huge fuss about this. After all, if news of this matter were to leak to the public, the Starline Corporation would become a laughing stock for its rivals.

Moreover, Wang Zongquan was originally already furious at Lu Xingluo for sending him to pick a fight with a neutralizing grandmaster. He could use this opportunity to get some payback as well.

Upon seeing Wang Zongquan leave the Heaven's Rumble Training Center dejectedly, the upper echelons of the various training centers and dojos present promptly went to Shi Feng and Xiao Yu to congratulate them. They even sent the Heaven's Rumble Training Center huge gifts. These training centers and dojos no longer entertained any thoughts of causing trouble for Heaven's Rumble. In fact, they even showed signs of submitting themselves to Heaven's Rumble—a scene that stupefied the fighting enthusiasts in the hall, who all wondered what kind of background the Heaven's Rumble Training Center possessed.

News of this matter quickly spread throughout Fenglin City.

After Wang Zongquan's departure, many of the training center and dojo members present were tempted to join the Heaven's Rumble Training Center. The various fighting enthusiasts present, on the other hand, immediately started applying to join Heaven's Rumble.

Previously, everyone thought that the Heaven's Rumble Training Center was a sham. However, after seeing Shi Feng, Heaven's Rumble's Hall Master, defeat Wang Zongquan easily and overhearing the comments of the various internal force experts present stating that Shi Feng was a grandmaster martial artist, they realized that Heaven's Rumble possessed genuine ability that was far superior to that of the other training centers and dojos in Fenglin City.

Moreover, Heaven's Rumble was equipped with state-of-the-art training and medical facilities. Just these points alone already held a great temptation for the various fighting enthusiasts.

After just a few hours, the Heaven's Rumble Training Center had gained more than 5,000 members already. As for becoming a disciple[I] of Heaven's Rumble, not everyone could do so since Shi Feng had set certain requirements.

The Heaven's Rumble Training Center's main purpose wasn't to generate profits. It would serve as a talent pool for Zero Wing to recruit from. Hence, ordinary people couldn't become disciples of the training center. Moreover, the disciples of training centers and dojos generally enjoyed much better treatment than ordinary members. They would be taught things that were not shared with the public. The recruitment requirements for disciples naturally had to be strict.

Even so, after half a day of testing, Heaven's Rumble still managed to recruit more than 200 disciples.

This situation excited Xiao Yu greatly.

Despite having managed the Big Dipper Training Center for many years now, he had never seen so many people joining a training center on the day of its grand opening. Moreover, this was only the beginning. As Heaven's Rumble's name spread, even more people would join. Afterward, so long as Heaven's Rumble managed to nurture some disciples that achieved high rankings in Fenglin City's annual fighting competition, the Heaven's Rumble Training Center could easily become the head of Fenglin City's fighting industry.

As the Heaven's Rumble Training Center bustled with activity, Zhuo Linqiu suddenly approached Shi Feng.

Zhuo Linqiu's appearance had been completely silent. Most of the people inside the hall had overlooked his existence. Only a small number of internal force experts had managed to notice him.

What a powerful person! His strength is most likely on par with Wang Zongquan's, Chen Tianhe exclaimed in his heart when he saw Zhuo Linqiu approaching Shi Feng.

Wang Zongquan had an overbearing and explicit aura. On the other hand, Zhuo Linqiu gave off a sense of emptiness and restraint. The two of them were polar opposites of each other. If an ordinary person were to compare the two of them, they would definitely judge Wang Zongquan to be stronger.

However, those who had trained to Chen Tianhe's standards no longer judged people's strength based on aura alone. Moreover, concealing one's aura was much more difficult than simply letting it run wild. This was also a technique Chen Tianhe had been studying for quite some time now. Unfortunately, he had just barely scratched the surface of the technique thus far and was definitely inferior to Zhuo Lingiu.

One could say that, in terms of technique and spirit, Zhuo Linqiu was above Wang Zongquan.

Zhuo Linqiu! Why is he here!? Zhang Tianya was stunned when he saw Zhuo Linqiu.

Unlike Chen Tianhe, Zhang Tianya was not only an internal force expert but also the heir of one of Fenglin City's top five financial groups. Zhuo Linqiu had once visited Fenglin City. Back then, the various financial groups of Fenglin City had promptly gathered to welcome him to the city. Moreover, the leaders of every financial group—including the Zhang Clan Group—had been present during this gathering. These leaders all treated Zhuo Linqiu with great respect. As for Zhang Tianya, as he was part of the younger generation, he could only watch the gathering of VIPs from the sidelines.

Zhuo Linqiu was someone who was only half a step away from becoming a neutralizing grandmaster. Unfortunately, due to his advanced age, his physique could no longer keep up with his mind. As a result, he could never cross the final threshold and remained stuck at the apex of the internal force realm.

Whether it was in terms of status or strength, Zhuo Linqiu was an existence that Zhang Tianya could only look at in awe.

Now, however, Zhuo Linqiu was actually taking the initiative to greet Shi Feng.

During the time Chen Tianhe and Zhang Tianya were wondering about Zhuo Linqiu's purpose here, Zhuo Linqiu arrived before Shi Feng.

"Hall Master Shi, are you free for a private chat?" Zhuo Linqiu asked in a low tone.

At this moment, Zhuo Linqiu no longer viewed Shi Feng with contempt. On the contrary, he now looked at the youth with a trace of fear and respect.

Neutralizing grandmasters were existences beyond the circle of ordinary internal force experts. However, as the butler of the Five States Corporation's heir, Zhuo Linqiu was quite familiar with the

existence of neutralizing grandmasters, so he knew intimately how powerful they were. Even major corporations would not dare slight neutralizing grandmasters.
"Sure, let's head upstairs," Shi Feng said, nodding.
He had long since known about Zhuo Linqiu's arrival in the Heaven's Rumble Training Center as well as the man's purpose for visiting. He also knew about Han Yifeng's determination to invest in God's Domain. Meanwhile, with how successful Zero Wing currently was in God's Domain, the temptation it held for Han Yifeng went without saying. Given these two things, it was obvious that Han Yifeng was waiting for an opportune moment to make Zero Wing an offer it could not refuse.
Only, Zero Wing's strength surpassed Han Yifeng's expectations. Now, even Starlink could not make short work of Zero Wing and could only pursue a war of attrition.
After today's performance, it would be very normal for Han Yifeng to grow impatient and take action immediately.
Shi Feng led Zhuo Linqiu to the top-floor reception room, leaving the training center's matters to Xiao Yu, Fire Dance, and Bai Qingxue to manage.
How is this possible?! Zhang Tianya gaped in shock at the respectful attitude Zhuo Linqiu showed Shi Feng.
Zhang Tianya could tell that Bai Qingxue and Shi Feng's relationship was not simple at all. Otherwise, Bai Qingxue wouldn't have invited him to help the Heaven's Rumble Training Center.

Previously, although Zhang Tianya felt that Shi Feng's strength as a neutralizing grandmaster was indeed
amazing, he did not consider himself inferior to Shi Feng. After all, he was still young. He was also one of
Fenglin City's top fighting prodigies. He still had plenty of room for improvement and a chance to
become a neutralizing grandmaster himself in the future. Moreover, he also had the Zhang Clan Group
behind him.

Even though Shi Feng currently had his identity as a neutralizing grandmaster, he would still need at least a decade to develop the Heaven's Rumble Training Center to a level that rivaled the Zhang Clan Group.

Now, however, even Zhang Tianya's sole redeeming feature appeared laughable.

The only person capable of commanding Zhuo Linqiu to pay someone a personal visit was Han Yifeng, the heir of the Five States Corporation. This meant that Han Yifeng was trying to make contact with Shi Feng.

If Shi Feng had Han Yifeng's backing, then getting the Heaven's Rumble Training Center to surpass the Zhang Clan Group would truly be a piece of cake.

Inside the Heaven's Rumble Training Center's top-floor reception room...

"Mister Zhuo, may I know what business you have with me?" Shi Feng asked as he sat down.

"I am here to relay a message from my young master, Hall Master Shi. Starlink is not as simple as you think it is. Lu Xingluo is receiving guidance from someone higher. Sending Wang Zongquan to Heaven's Rumble this time was merely a test. Once Lu Xingluo has a clear idea of the Heaven's Rumble Training Center, I'm afraid he and the person behind him will take serious action. My young master advises you to be extra careful against Lu Xingluo," Zhuo Linqiu said gravely.

The strength Shi Feng displayed this time was indeed frightening. Even an existence like the Starline Corporation would not wish to provoke a neutralizing grandmaster casually. However, with Zero Wing standing in Starlink's way and forming quite an enmity with Starlink, it did not matter even if the Heaven's Rumble Training Center had the backing of a neutralizing grandmaster. The Starline Corporation still had plenty of ways to destroy the training center in secret.

Moreover, even if the Starline Corporation couldn't touch Shi Feng himself, it could still deal with the other members of Zero Wing.

"Please give my thanks to Young Master Han for his reminder. I'll make sure to be more careful from now on. If Young Master Han needs any help in God's Domain, please feel free to seek out Zero Wing," Shi Feng said. He understood that Han Yifeng was trying to sell him a favor this time. Moreover, Han Yifeng was also finally treating him as a potential partner rather than another pawn or subordinate.

"I will relay this to my young master. If there are no other matters, I will take my leave now," Zhuo Linqiu said as he stood up, showing no intention of staying even a moment longer.

After Zhuo Linqiu left, Shi Feng sank into deep thought.

Although his strength had already improved by a significant margin and many of the dangers he would normally have to worry about were no longer a concern, just like Han Yifeng said, the various major corporations were not as simple as they made themselves out to be. The Starline Corporation would have no difficulty dealing with both the Heaven's Rumble Training Center and Zero Wing from the shadows.

It seems I have to improve my strength quickly, nurture more experts, and develop my power in Fenglin City.

Shi Feng understood that even though the Starline Corporation seemed helpless against the current Zero Wing, if it took covert action, Zero Wing would be helpless to do anything about it. The only way to avoid such an outcome was to increase Zero Wing's status and influence in the real world.

Afterward, Shi Feng took out one of the Life Potions, which Wang Zongquan had someone secretly deliver to him. He admired the icy-blue liquid contained inside the glass bottle, then popped the cap and drank the liquid. He needed to improve his own physique first, above all else.

Chapter 2193 – Life Potion's Effects

The instant Shi Feng consumed the Life Potion, a cool sensation spread across his entire body. Shortly after, his body started heating up as if all its cells had just gained new life.

Amazing. My injured muscles recovered significantly as soon as I drank it. With this, I'll be completely healed in less than half an hour. Shi Feng was shocked to feel his injuries healing at a rapid pace.

The injuries he sustained from overexerting his muscles had been severe and would have taken at least two or three days to fully recover even with the help of the most advanced medical facilities in the world. Now, however, he would need only half an hour to make a full recovery. The Life Potion's effects were truly divine.

Moreover, aside from it healing his injuries, Shi Feng could also sense it starting to invigorate and strengthen his body's cells. By the time his body completely absorbed the Life Potion, his physical fitness would've definitely improved by quite a significant margin.

It's no wonder Life Potions sold for such ridiculous prices in the past. With my current condition, if I use this longterm, I'll gain the physical fitness of an actual grandmaster within two months, Shi Feng thought to himself, a passionate flame burning in his eyes as he gazed at the five remaining bottles of Life Potion on the table.

Recently, his physical fitness had hit a bottleneck. Despite a greater training load, his gains were negligible. He would have to train for a very long time to see any noticeable improvements.

If he wished to improve his strength quickly, the only way to do so was by becoming a neutralizing grandmaster.

Neutralizing grandmasters were known as such because their control over their bodies had already reached the acme of perfection. This was especially true for their control over their brains, which allowed grandmasters to accelerate their hormone production and metabolism, thereby further improving the body's performance.

Meanwhile, the Life Potion would help him break through this bottleneck and further improve his physical fitness by a significant margin.

However, each bottle of Life Potion was effective for only six days. Even if he used all six bottles himself, they would last him only 36 days. He would need a few more bottles to reach the grandmaster standard. So long as his physical fitness was at the grandmaster standard, even if his control was still wanting, he would be able to exchange moves with a true neutralizing grandmaster.

An hour later, seeing as it was close to six in the evening already—which meant that daytime was approaching in God's Domain—Shi Feng decided to make his way back to Zero Wing's headquarters and further strengthen the headquarters' security.

Indeed, just like Zhuo Linqiu had said, it was very likely that Lu Xingluo had sent Wang Zongquan just to probe the situation on Zero Wing's side. Once Lu Xingluo and the ones behind him were done with their

investigation, they would most likely start taking action in secret. Hence, he needed to strengthen Zero Wing's security measures and its core members.

Originally, Shi Feng had planned to let Fire Dance and the others use the Life Potion as well. However, on second thought, he decided against it.

Although the Life Potion was useful to everyone, using it on ordinary people and basic internal force experts was too much of a waste because the physical fitness of these people was still far from hitting a bottleneck. They had many other means to improve themselves rapidly.

Moreover, through the experiment Shi Feng had conducted using Wang Zongquan, he had confirmed that one could improve one's strength in the real world by reaching the Refinement Realm and Truth Realm in God's Domain. By combining the principles of these two realms with his guidance and training, Fire Dance and the others could contend against internal force experts, even if they had yet to grasp internal force. If one possessed such combat standards in the real world, they could cope with many troublesome matters in the real world.

Once he trained Zero Wing's core members to an adequate level, all they needed to do was participate in various fighting competitions and achieve stunning results. Once that happened, the Heaven's Rumble Training Center's status and influence in Fenglin City would increase drastically, and the training center would become the true leader of the city's fighting industry. At that time, even if Lu Xingluo wanted to, he would have great difficulty hindering Zero Wing's operations in the city.

Meanwhile, to achieve this goal of his, Shi Feng intended to prepare the Lost Town to receive more of Zero Wing's members immediately instead of limiting access to just the Guild's main force. Having more members reach the Truth Realm would greatly bolster Zero Wing's strength and increase its ability to cope with the various superpowers of God's Domain. After all, now that Stone Forest City was achieving such enormous success, the superpowers definitely wouldn't just sit still and let it be.

After Shi Feng finished updating the security measures in Zero Wing's headquarters, he logged back into God's Domain.
When Shi Feng appeared back inside his special forging room in the Candlelight Trading Firm, he suddenly felt his mind was more unrestrained than before as if it had more scope for processing things now.
So, this is the effect of the Life Potion? Shi Feng could not help but be surprised.
With his current state, he felt that he could learn even a Silver Combat Technique.
Previously, although he had obtained a Silver Legacy Stone Tablet, he had yet to use it even now because he already difficulty learning Bronze Combat Techniques, let alone Silver Combat Techniques. Even Domain Realm experts would have a very low likelihood of mastering one.
The reason why this was the case wasn't a deficiency in combat standards but two other issues.
The first issue was an inadequate physique. Executing a Silver Combat Technique required a physique at the Tier 3 standard at minimum.
The second issue was an insufficient brain capacity. Silver Combat Techniques were extremely complex. If one's brain was not sufficiently active, it would not be able to process the complex actions required to execute the technique. Of course, this problem could be solved so long as one continuously improved their physique in God's Domain. However, a Tier 2 physique was still far from the point where it could lower the mental difficulty of learning a Silver Combat Technique.
During the time Shi Feng was researching the benefits of the Life Potion, Aqua Rose suddenly called him.

"Guild Leader, I have two people here who say they want to meet you," Aqua Rose said. "Both of them are here on someone else's behalf. They say it's related to an agreement you have with the Midnight Tea Party's vice commander, Endless Scars."
"Endless Scars?" Nodding, Shi Feng said, "Alright, I'll head over right away."
Endless Scars had previously sought his help with a matter, and he had agreed to help her out in his personal capacity. However, there had been no word from her after that, so he had gotten the impression that the woman had already forgotten about their agreement. He never thought that she would contact him now.
However, an agreement was an agreement. Since Endless Scars had sent someone to contact him, he naturally had to go meet with these representatives.
He took out a Guild Transfer Scroll and teleported back to the White River City Guild Residence.
Inside the top-floor reception room of Zero Wing's Residence in White River City
Aside from Aqua Rose, there were currently two other people—a man and a woman—in the reception room. Both looked to be around 30 years old. Although the man had a gaunt frame, he gave the impression of a wild wolf; the aura he radiated was sharp and unruly in nature. As for the woman, her

appearance was not the slightest bit inferior to Aqua Rose's, only more mature. She also radiated the

aura of a predator.

"Burning, what do you think is going through Scars's mind? She's actually wasting a slot on Black Flame," the other woman in the room asked the man sitting beside her, her eyes filled with confusion. "Although Black Flame has indeed reached the Domain Realm, our task isn't something that can be accomplished with just superior combat standards. In my opinion, Black Flame isn't comparable even to Lie Jia."

"I don't know, but the slot belongs to Scars. How she decides to use it is beyond my control. If we find out that Black Flame really isn't good enough, it won't be too late to replace him with someone else," the man named Burning Sea replied, smiling as he shook his head.

While the two were conversing in private, Shi Feng had entered the room. The instant Shi Feng entered, the pair started scrutinizing him. Similarly, Shi Feng studied the duo.

Who are these two people? Shi Feng was surprised when he inspected the duo using Omniscient Eyes.

The man was a Level 72 Berserker named Burning Sea, and he had five pieces of Epic Equipment on him. As for the woman, she was a Level 72 Cleric named Frozen Gem. Although she sported only three pieces of Epic Equipment, the quality of her staff was indiscernible even with Omniscient Eyes.

The equipment standards of these two players were undoubtedly among the best available in God's Domain right now. Ordinary peak experts definitely were no match for them.

Moreover, both players actually radiated an aura that was much more intense than that of a Great Lord. They also gave Shi Feng a strong sense of danger. However, Shi Feng couldn't pinpoint the source of that danger.

"You're Black Flame?" Burning Sea asked in a questioning tone.

"That's right," Shi Feng answered, nodding. "May I know what business Scars has sent you two over for?"
"Good! In that case, let me see whether you are qualified or not!"
Upon receiving a positive answer from Shi Feng, Burning Sea immediately unsheathed the greatsword slung on his back and sent a sword light slashing at him. In the next moment, the sword light split into 12 copies of itself, each copy seemingly having a life of its own as they cut at Shi Feng from 12 different directions. Moreover, each sword light carried Strength rivaling that of a Great Lord of the same level. All 12 sword lights attacked together like 12 Great Lord ranked wolves pouncing on him simultaneously. Even Domain Realm experts might not be able to replicate Burning Sea's proficiency in combining a combat technique and a Skill.
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Although Burning Sea was a Tier 2 Berserker, his attacks were faster than even that of Tier 2 Assassins. As if they had a life of their own, the 12 sword lights locked down Shi Feng, leaving him no room to dodge at all.
How merciless. Frozen Gem was surprised by Burning Sea's attack. She had never thought that he would be even more ruthless than herself.
The combat technique Burning Sea was using was an Advanced Combat Technique called Wolfpack and was his trademark move. When he combined it with the Tier 2 Skill Chaotic Flash, even Domain Realm experts would have an extremely difficult time coping with this move. After all, this was not a move that

could be seen through and blocked easily.

If Shi Feng wished to retreat unscathed in this cramped space, he would have to use a Lifesaving Skill. Otherwise, if even one of the sword lights hit, Burning Sea would be able to capitalize on the situation and follow up with a series of moves, giving Shi Feng no room to breathe at all. Against such an assault, even Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights would fall quickly.

However, contrary to Frozen Gem's and Burning Sea's expectations, Shi Feng did not activate a Lifesaving Skill despite the imminent arrival of the 12 sword lights. Instead, he brandished his two swords and met the 12 sword lights in battle.

Sword's Orbit!

The Sword's Orbit that Shi Feng was executing was markedly different from before. Now, the technique looked much plainer and simpler. He also executed only a handful of slashes. Even so, these few slashes created a seemingly airtight defense around him, as all 12 sword lights had their attack trajectories twisted by an invisible force in the next moment. Like a pack of hungry wolves that stumbled across a mighty lion, the 12 sword lights took the initiative to detour around the Swordsman.

"Spiritualization! His technique usage has already reached such a standard?" Frozen Gem exclaimed when she saw Shi Feng smoothly and effortlessly neutralizing Burning Sea's attacks.

Meanwhile, when Burning Sea saw this scene, he promptly halted his offensive and quietly eyed Shi Feng as if he had just found some kind of treasure.

"Amazing! I never thought that you'd already be in the Spiritualization Realm! No wonder Scars wants to give her last slot to you!" Burning Sea raved in excitement.

While Burning Sea was talking, Aqua Rose had completed the incantation for her Spell and was about to attack Burning Sea. However, Shi Feng stopped her midway, then calmly asked, "May I know what you two are doing here? Also, what is this Spiritualization Realm you mentioned?"

Shi Feng was aware that Burning Sea's attack was some sort of test for him. This was obvious from how Burning Sea had stopped attacking as soon as Shi Feng neutralized the Berserker's first move.

As for the Spiritualization Realm the two spoke of, this was Shi Feng's first time to hear about such a thing.

"Sorry, sorry! We are inviting you to help us with a very important mission. We cannot afford any carelessness on this mission, so we needed to test you. Still, I never thought you would be this powerful. As expected of the person Scars views favorably," Burning Sea apologized sincerely. "As for the Spiritualization Realm, it is a realm referring to the usage standard of combat techniques, which we discovered in God's Domain. Of course, this is only a name we coined ourselves. As for what it is actually called, we aren't very sure, either."

"I see." Realization immediately dawned upon Shi Feng when he heard Burning Sea's words. "May I know what Scars is asking me to do?"

The only realm he could think of that could be found in God's Domain was the Realms of Truth. Apparently, Burning Sea's group had yet to come into contact with NPCs knowledgeable about the Realms of Truth or find any related information; hence, they were referring to the Realms of Truth using a name of their own.

It was also no wonder Shi Feng felt that Burning Sea's Wolfpack was special. The Berserker's execution of Wolfpack was completely different from the average combat technique; he had obviously applied the principles of the Realms of Truth.

However, when Shi Feng thought about how other people had also come into contact with the Realms of Truth and had even achieved a certain amount of success in them, he was still surprised. Burning Sea, in particular, had clearly entered the Truth Realm already.

This definitely wasn't good news to Shi Feng.

Now that other people were exploring the Realms of Truth, Zero Wing's advantages would undoubtedly decrease considerably. The only thing worth celebrating now was that Zero Wing had a systematic training system for the Realms of Truth, whereas other people would have to slowly explore and master the Realms of Truth on their own.

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In a situation where tools could not be used and Skills and Spells were heavily suppressed, players could rely only on their own combat standards to fight inside the secret land.

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The Sea of Death was considered a forbidden land for players because the Sea of Death was where the Thunder God had perished.

The Thunder God had set up plenty of secret lands in the Sea of Death, every one of which contained a considerable number of treasures. There were even Fragmented Legendary items and Peak Legacies in some of these secret lands.

In the past, players had gradually discovered the Thunder God's Secret Lands after Level 80. The various powers then frantically explored these secret lands. Since these secret lands were one of the first few places where players started encountering Fragmented Legendary items, the intensity of the competition over these secret lands was obvious.

However, the Thunder God's Secret Lands were located in another space, making them impossible to enter and leave through normal means. There were several ways to enter these secret lands, and one of the most reliable ways was by obtaining special quest items that were dropped only by Level 70-plus sea monsters in the Sea of Death and then completing the quest these items provided.

Another method was by obtaining the entry pass through killing special sea monsters. However, these special sea monsters did not appear in specific locations. Even if a first-rate Guild went all-out in search of these special sea monsters, they might not necessarily find one.

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"Alright, but I want priority selection over one of the dropped items," Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought. He naturally couldn't provide his help for free.

There were far too many excellent items inside the Thunder God's Secret Lands. Every item in these secret lands was a treasure that could help improve a player's strength significantly.

However, these were not the things Shi Feng was aiming for.

Currently, the various superpowers were keeping a close eye on Zero Wing. So long as these superpowers spotted an opportunity, they would surely strike at the Guild. Moreover, even with the advantages Stone Forest City provided,
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The Guild Alchemy Workshop was an Advanced Construction that allowed the production of potions exclusive to Guilds, such as the Experience Potion. Guild members could purchase up to two Experience Potions from the workshop every day. Moreover, only players that were at least five levels lower than the average level of frontline players could purchase and use this potion.

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"This" Hesitating, Burning Sea said, "We'll have to discuss this with our team leader. After all, this is something that concerns the entire team. The two of us don't have the power to decide on this."
"That won't be a problem." Shi Feng nodded in understanding.
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After a short delay, Burning Sea and Frozen Gem came back online.
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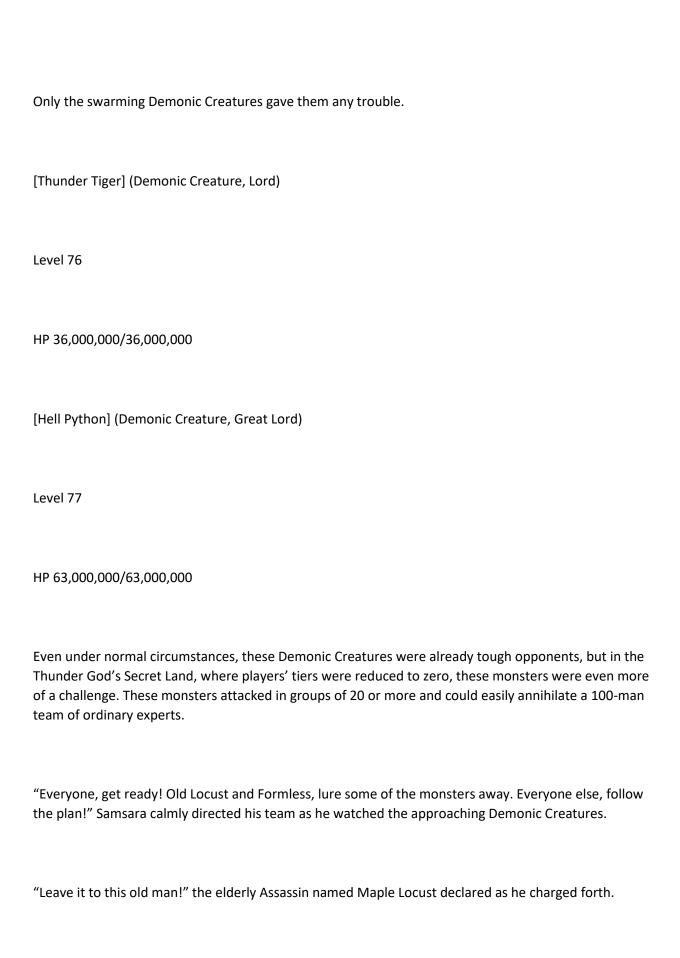
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"Is that so? Then, why don't we put your conviction to the test?!" Supreme Sky said, laughing at Happy Art.

Chapter 2196 – Monstrous Strength

Lightning bombarded the desolate wasteland. Even expert players, if they weren't careful, would be struck and turned to ash. However, Samsara and the others advanced through the wasteland as if the lightning didn't exist at all.



Meanwhile, the young Ranger, Formless Arrow, freed his bow and fervently fired his arrows. He released 36 arrows, hitting 18 three-meter-tall Thunder Tigers, in the blink of an eye. Moreover, every arrow found its target in the Thunder Tiger's eyes, blinding the Demonic Creatures even if they didn't cause any substantial damage.

Unable to see their prey, the Thunder Tigers halted their advance and swung their heads in confusion. Maple Locust made his way to the group of Demonic Creatures and used a Smoke Bomb, obscuring the area with smoke. The smoke drastically limited visibility in the area, and the Thunder Tigers were not immune to its effects.

Meanwhile, Maple Locust quickly located the seven Demonic Creatures he hadn't blinded and threw his daggers, each dealing over -6,000 damage. His damage was overwhelmingly low for a Tier 2 expert.

The two Hell Pythons and five Thunder Tigers bellowed with fury as the daggers found their marks. Enraged, they charged through the smokescreen and pounced on the Assassin.

Even ordinary Tier 2 experts would likely die instantly under an assault from two Great Lords and five Lords, but Maple Locust had predicted these attacks and dodged the Thunder Tigers' strikes. Although he failed to dodge the Hell Pythons' attacks, his timing with Wind Steps was perfect, and using the Skill's brief invulnerability to block the Great Lords' attacks, he used the impact to pull more than a dozen yards away from the Demonic Creatures.

The techniques Maple Locust and Formless Arrow displayed were frighteningly impressive. Their timing and use of their surroundings were amazing. Even peak experts would be shocked to see it. After all, both players were currently Tier 0, not Tier 2.

The Assassin quickly lured the seven Demonic Creatures through the smokescreen and toward the team. Seeing this, Samsara, Burning Sea, and Endless Scars promptly aggroed the two Hell Pythons, with

Samsara and Burning Sea working together against one, while Endless Scars pinned down the other by herself.

The Shield Warrior, Happy Art, aggroed three of the remaining Thunder Tigers, and Shi Feng worked with Heartless Sword against the last two. Maple Locust and Formless Arrow then got to work, luring the other 18 Thunder Tigers away from the team.

All of these players wore the best equipment available in the game right now, and although their tiers had been suppressed, their Basic Attributes rivaled ordinary Tier 2 players of the same level. Hence, they had no trouble pinning down a Level 76 Lord. However, whether or not they killed the Lord would depend on their individual standards.

The tier suppression in the Thunder God's Secret Land also affected players' Skills and Spells. As a result, players would not deal a lot of damage within the secret land. If players wished to increase their damage against these monsters, they had to maximize their efficiency with their combat standards, Skills, and Spells.

As the team fought, each member skillfully combined their combat techniques with their Skills and Spells. The power they exhibited was far beyond what ordinary Skills and Spells were capable of, and they didn't waste a single hit as every attack struck the Demonic Creatures. As a result, the Demonic Creatures' HP continuously decreased. The team's overall DPS was only slightly less than that of ordinary Tier 2 experts.

Who are these people? Shi Feng watched his teammates fight, shocked. Could this be the butterfly effect?

The fact that five of his nine teammates were Domain Realm experts was already surprising, but the fact that these nine players had reached the Truth Realm was even more frightening. However, aside from Endless Scars, Shi Feng had never heard of these experts.

While Shi Feng had been the Guild Leader of a second-rate Guild in the past, he hadn't exactly had access to a lot of information, but he had enjoyed greater access than ordinary players. Any expert capable of reaching the Domain Realm had been an apex powerhouse in God's Domain, able to reach Tier 5 at the very least. However, Samsara and these others' names hadn't been among the Tier 5 and 6 players he had known about.

Of course, Shi Feng may find his teammates' performances surprising, but he didn't fall behind in this fight.

Shi Feng's tier had been reduced to zero as well, but his Basic Attributes could still rival current peak experts. Including the fact that he was a Level 79 player, he easily suppressed the Thunder Tiger before him.

As he fought, damages ranging from -30,000 to -50,000 began to appear above the Thunder Tiger's head, one after another.

"How is his Strength so high?" Happy Art's eyes widened in shock when she saw the damages appear above the Demonic Creatures.

Even Endless Scars, the team's strongest player, and her Strength was on par with the Thunder Tiger's. Knowing the woman's combat standards, this was why Samsara had her pin down one of the Great Lord ranked Hell Pythons by herself, keeping it busy. However, Shi Feng literally pinned the Thunder Tiger he faced to the ground...

"We found a diamond in the rough!" Maple Locust, who kited a group of Thunder Tigers, could not help but comment when he saw Shi Feng. "With this kid, we'll reach the Thunder Temple much sooner than anticipated."

"That's right. We really owe Scars for this. It'll also be much easier to clear out these monsters," Samsara chimed in, nodding happily.

The monster they had to deal with on the way was the most challenging aspect of reaching the Thunder Temple. Having a team member with such high Attributes would undoubtedly relieve some of the pressure they had to face and significantly increase the team's survivability.

Endless Scars only nodded in response to Samsara's praise, but even she was surprised to see Shi Feng handle his monster so easily.

Shi Feng's extraordinary Basic Attributes were precisely the reason that she had chosen him to help with this mission, but she hadn't expected his Attributes to be this high.

She had drastically improved since they had last seen each other, replacing almost all of her previous equipment. She had also encountered a few fortuitous opportunities. Now, the power of her Spells could easily overwhelm ordinary Berserkers. And yet, Shi Feng still surpassed her. It was unbelievable.

Seeing the Swordsman's powerful Attributes also changed Samsara's attitude towards the boy. He stopped treating Shi Feng like a simple mercenary. Instead, he entertained the fleeting thought of recruiting this Swordsman into his team.

Meanwhile, the team advanced far faster than their last visit due to Shi Feng's contributions. After three days of fighting and resting, these players finally arrived before a magnificent temple.

The temple was ten meters tall, with a total of three floors. The very building radiated Divine Might that kept monsters at bay, creating a natural haven.

Every member of the team had leveled up once after defeating higher-tiered monsters. Now, Shi Feng was only 9% away from reaching Level 80.
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Entering a Thunder God's Secret Land was not an easy task, especially for current players. Shi Feng had already been surprised to learn that Samsara's group had entered one, yet they encountered other people in this secret land, as well.
Moreover, Shi Feng found a familiar face among this group.
Hidden Soul, the player known as 'Pride' in the Flower of Seven Sins!
"You're late, Samsara. Unfortunately, the Flower of Seven Sins has claimed this Thunder Temple!" a keen-witted man in his 40s said. Smiling at Samsara, he continued, "Hand over the Thunder God's Secret Key, and I won't hold you accountable for your previous transgressions!"
"Supreme Sky?! Crap! Everyone, retreat!" Samsara shouted, paling when he saw the middle-aged man.
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These players had intentionally suppressed their auras previously, so Happy Art hadn't realized what was so special about them, but now, she knew that every one of them was a threat to her life.

She couldn't even imagine what kind of combat power all 30-plus players could display if they attacked together.

You aim for mutual destruction? With just the 10 of you?" Sand Bone laughed at Happy Art. "Brother Sky was doing you a favor by letting you offer two Epic items, yet you don't know how to cherish such a thing! Not even all of the old monsters in your Thirteen Thrones would dare utter a word before Brother Sky!"

Samsara and his team did nothing to refute Sand Bone's arrogant claim.

What Sand Bone had said was indeed true. Although Thirteen Thrones was a veteran Super Guild, and its old monsters were amazing, they were nothing compared to Supreme Sky and the Flower of Seven Sins.

Even if Supreme Sky killed its Guild Leader, Thirteen Thrones could do nothing but endure, much less if he killed a budding prodigy like Happy Art.

Only the top five Super Guilds had any hope of picking a fight with the Flower of Seven Sins.

"Samsara, the young lady on your team is quite interesting to be brave enough to challenge me," Supreme Sky said. However, he did not issue the order to attack. Instead, he shifted his gaze toward Happy Art and laughed, saying, "It's been many years since I've faced such a situation. It really makes me feel nostalgic. Let's forget about the two Epic items. Each of you can hand over a single Epic item and leave, but as for the little girl, she'll have to give me four items!"
You!11 Happy Art could feel rage boil within her. Supreme Sky was clearly toying with her.
"Don't involve others in your vendetta with me, Supreme Sky! Even if you have a way to increase the Thunder God's Secret Key's drop-rate, you're not guaranteed to get it!" Samsara snarled. If he instructed his team members to give into Supreme Sky's demands, their reputation would be in tatters.
"Samsara, don't offer worthless threats. Do you think I would trap you here without preparing properly?" Supreme Sky asked as he glanced at Samsara. "The moment the magic array activated, the Blood Curse affected every one of you. Your death penalties have been increased by 300%, and any special item that has a chance of dropping upon death is now guaranteed to drop. Once you're dead, I can forcefully resurrect you once. Do you think it'll really be so hard for me to obtain that key?"
"Since you have refused the opportunity I so graciously offered, you can sacrifice your lives!"
After saying so, Supreme Sky waved a hand. Immediately, Sand Bone and the other experts behind Supreme Sky charged at Samsara's group.

"It seems we have no choice but to fight." As Samsara watched the Flower of Seven Sins' members rush at his team, he issued a command in the team chat. "We're adjusting our formation. Art, you and I will

stand at the forefront. Old Locust, protect Gem. Formless, support Scars!"

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"That's right! It's not every day that we get to meet a commander of the Flower of Seven Sins. I finally get the chance to see the Flower's rumored strength," Heartless Sword commented, clearly anticipating the fight.

The Flower of Seven Sins had always been incomparably mysterious. Most of the organization's outer members carried out its commissions. The Flower's inner members rarely took action, and cadre members rarely ever exposed themselves to the public.

To battle maniacs like Heartless Sword, fighting so many cadre members from the Flower of Seven Sins was a dream.

"My apologies, Black Flame. You've just joined the team, yet we've already dragged you into such a situation," Samsara sincerely apologized to Shi Feng.

Endless Scars couldn't help but do the same. She was responsible for introducing Shi Feng to the team, after all. She had never thought that they'd become embroiled in such a dangerous predicament.

However, before Samsara and Endless Scars could say anything more, Sand Bone and his comrades were already within 30 yards of the team.

Over a dozen ranged players from the Flower of Seven Sins immediately launched their attacks, sending hundreds of Spells and arrows, all of which were incredibly accurate, flying toward Samsara and his teammates. As if they possessed a life of their own, they danced in the air, making it difficult for anyone to predict their trajectories.

Happy Art, who had already reached the Void Realm, felt an immense amount of pressure bear down on her. She activated Shield Wall and focused her attention on dodging the incoming attacks, but even so, she had been struck three times and lost a considerable amount of HP. Samsara's situation was only slightly better, but when a few combination attacks struck, he stumbled backward as damages in the hundreds appeared above his head.
When Formless Arrow tried to fire counterattacks, his arrows, which could pinpoint monsters' weaknesses, were utterly useless against Sand Bone and the others. His enemies either dodged or blocked his arrows, failing to deal any damage.
The difference between the two sides' combat power was obvious at a glance.
Before Formless Arrow could fire a third volley, Sand Bone and a dozen other melee players reached Samsara and Happy Art. Three Flower's members worked together to pin down Samsara, and with the support from their ranged players, Samsara wasn't able to break free from their encirclement.
Three other experts pushed back Burning Sea. Although Endless Scars wanted to help Burning Sea and Samsara, Diverging Phoenix sniped at her from a distance, and she couldn't afford to split her attention.
Meanwhile, Sand Bone reached Happy Art, swinging both of his greatswords at the young woman.
Chaos Slash!

The two greatswords transformed into 16 phantoms, each flying toward Happy Art's blindspots like

cunning snakes.

Players' tiers were reduced to zero in the Thunder God's Secret Land, but all 16 of Sand Bone's attacks were capable of causing sonic booms. His Strength was definitely on par with a Great Lord's of the same level.
Seeing this, Happy Art quickly adjusted her footwork and tried to deflect the attacks.
"You're overestimating yourself!" Sand Bone sneered as he abruptly altered his attack trajectories, ensuring that Happy Art could only block them, not deflect them.
Happy Art's defense was thorough, but Sand Bone's combat standards and Basic Attributes were higher. When his attacks collided with her shield, they gradually shook apart her defensive stance. After taking a dozen or so hits, Happy Art finally exposed a hole in her defense, allowing one of the greatswords to slip past her shield.
But just before the greatsword bit into Happy Art, a blue longsword stopped the weapon three inches away from the girl's side, and no matter how Sand Bone pushed, he couldn't budge his weapon an inch farther.
The unexpected development surprised Sand Bone. His slash had contained a Grand Lord's Strength. No one inside the Thunder God's Secret Land should be able to block his attack, yet when his greatsword had met the blue longsword, he felt as if he had struck an impenetrable wall.
Before Sand Bone could react, another blue longsword flew toward him. On instinct, Sand Bone brandished his other greatsword to defend himself.

Boom!

The impact forced Sand Bone to stumble two steps back, the greatsword in his hand trembling violently.
"Who are you?" Sand Bone demanded, staring at the figure that had appeared beside Happy Art with a seriously unhappy expression.
Anyone that could neutralize his attack and wielded even greater Strength than his wasn't an ordinary expert. Not even Samsara could perform the feat.
"Black Flame!"
Chapter 2199 – Suppressing the Mighty with Technique
"Black Flame?" Sand Bone's lips curled slightly when he heard the name, a trace of excitement flashing in his eyes. "So, you're the Guild Leader of Zero Wing, the Guild that foiled one of our previous operations. I've heard that you've defeated Sword Demon. It seems the rumors were true. With such Strength, you qualify as a serious opponent."
After saying so, Sand Bone's aura transformed.
If he had felt like a tiger, freed from its cage, he now felt like the calm ocean. Despite the lack of aura, great danger hid within him.

"Be careful, Black Flame. His attack trajectories constantly change and are unpredictable," Happy Art hurriedly warned Shi Feng when she noticed the transformation to Sand Bone's aura.
The fact that Shi Feng had saved her and that his Strength was higher than Sand Bone's had surprised her, but she had learned just how frightening this Berserker was after her brief clash with the man.
Experts like her were stronger than ordinary experts because they could sense an enemy's attack trajectories and defend themselves or launch fatal counterattacks.
However, she had been overwhelmed against Sand Bone's assault. She couldn't predict any of his trajectories and as a result, couldn't defend herself effectively.
If a shield-wielding Shield Warrior had struggled to block Sand Bone's attacks, then melee classes without shields, like Berserkers, Swordsmen, and Assassins, would have an even more difficult time fighting this Flower's member.
But before Happy Art could finish her warning, Sand Bone had activated Charge against Shi Feng, transforming into a blur before he reached his target.
The Charge Skill was guaranteed to inflict the Fainted debuff. Normally, ordinary experts avoided the debuff by activating a Skill that made them immune, but Shi Feng was quite familiar with God's Domain's various main classes. He knew that the Fainted debuff would not take effect until less than one yard separated the user and their target. Hence, Shi Feng responded with a slash.
Shadow Blade!
Multiple sword lights cut at Sand Bone.

Players, including Domain Realm experts, in the midst of activating Charge couldn't easily move while using the Skill. Sand Bone had no hope of stopping all ten of Shi Feng's attacks, each of which had enough power to make a Great Lord stumble. In a clash between experts of their standards, the slightest sign of weakness could be fatal.

Knowing this, Sand Bone forcibly canceled his Charge and followed up with a Whirlwind Slash, deflecting all of the incoming sword lights with his greatswords. Meanwhile, he relied on his forward momentum to reach Shi Feng. Suddenly, Sand Bone's two greatswords merged, and the resulting weapon radiated a blue glow. He then swung the glowing greatsword at Shi Feng.

The two swords merged?" Happy Art was stunned.

Aside from specific teleportation stones that only dropped in the secret land, tools couldn't be used in the Thunder God's Secret Land. This included weapons and equipment's Additional Skills.

However, Sand Bone's two greatswords had merged into one, powerful weapon. It was unbelievable!

The glowing greatsword was so powerful that space around it trembled. It definitely contained more power than a Great Lord.

As the greatsword was about to smash into Shi Feng, it transformed into four clones of itself. Even a Domain Realm expert would struggle to respond to such an abrupt change.

Weapon Merging and Quadruple Shadow Slash? Shi Feng also could not help his surprise to see the four sword lights fly toward him.

Weapon Merging was a super-rare Skill for the Berserker class, one that would be useful even after reaching Tier 5. The Skill was even rarer than a Fragmented Legendary item, and it was so powerful because it allowed the user to elevate their weapon's quality by one rank.

If the user used Weapon Merging on two Dark-Gold Weapons, they would become a single Epic Weapon. If the user wielded two Epic Weapons, however, the result would be a Fragmented Legendary Weapon. The only downside to the Skill was its short, 20-second duration.

Of course, the resulting combat power from combining two Epic Weapons into a Fragmented Legendary Weapon was no laughing matter. In a fight between peak experts, the sudden increase could decide the fight's outcome in an instant.

Fortunately, Weapon Merging could, at most, produce a Fragmented Legendary Weapon. If it were possible to create a Legendary Weapon, any Berserker with this Skill would be nearly invincible among players of the same tier.

The four sword lights closed the distance to their target in an instant. However, Shi Feng didn't activate a Lifesaving Skill as Sand Bone had expected. Rather, the Swordsman unsheathed the second longsword that hung at his waist and brandished it.

Sword's Transmigration!

The trajectories of Sand Bone's four powerful sword lights abruptly altered, and two of them spun to attack their own wielder.

Caught off guard, Sand Bone defended himself with his merged weapon, but he had only deflected one of the sword lights, taking the full brunt of the other. Like a cannonball, he shot backward by more than 30 yards before crashing into the ground, losing over half of his HP in the process and entering a heavily injured state
In response, the battlefield fell silent.
How is that possible? Diverging Phoenix, who fought Endless Scars, was flabbergasted.
She was very familiar with Sand Bone's strength, particularly when the Berserker used Weapon Merging. Unless she activated a Berserk Skill, even she would have to focus on her defense for a time. However, Berserk Skills were prohibited in the Thunder God's Secret Land, and she couldn't believe that someone had actually thrown her companion.
Even Maple Locust, who battled Hidden Soul, was astonished when he saw this.
Black Flame? When Happy Art saw the collapsed Sand Bone, she could not help but turn to look at the Swordsman beside her. She felt as if she were meeting this Swordsman for the first time. He is actually so powerful?
Had he hidden his strength earlier? Endless Scars wondered, watching Shi Feng in confusion. She knew he had high combat standards, but she hadn't known they were this high.
Even the various Super Guilds feared the Flower of Seven Sins' senior cadre members, yet Shi Feng had rendered one of these players powerless. No one would believe her if she retold this tale.

During the brief moment of silence, Shi Feng glanced at the Thunder Temple and shouted in the team chat, "Everyone, retreat to the Thunder Temple's side building! I'll cover you!"

His and his teammates' Basic Attributes were suppressed while they were in the magic array. They were dreaming if they thought they could kill the Flower of Seven Sins' cadre members. Not even Shi Feng had much hope of success. Although he had repelled Sand Bone, he couldn't kill him. In fact, while he had told his team to run, the Flower's healers had already restored Sand Bone's HP to full. Unfortunately, Shi Feng could only afford to use Sword's Transmigration a limited number of times, and it was only a matter of time before his enemy wore him down.

As if Supreme Sky understood the Thunder God's Secret Key's value, he hadn't moved from the Thunder Temple's main entrance since the fight had begun. He was also flanked by more than ten ranged players. Breaking past that blockade and escaping into the Thunder Temple itself wasn't possible.

Hence, the Thunder Temple's side temple was their only hope.

The side temple was a special Level 90,100-man Team Dungeon and a land of death for current players. However, fleeing into the Dungeon was better than staying and letting the Flower of Seven Sins slaughter them.

When he heard Shi Feng's command, Samsara glanced at the side temple and noticed the dark-red Dungeon entrance. The color signified the wide gap between the Dungeon's level and the team's average level, but after some quick mental calculations, he realized that entering the Dungeon was better than staying out here.

"Everyone, listen to Black Flame! Maintain formation and move toward the side temple!" Samsara said.

"I'll open a path! Cover me!" Endless Scars said, gritting her teeth as she glared at the ring of Flower's members around their team.

She then used the dozen or so Elemental Blades rotating around her to form a defensive net that would block incoming ranged attacks. She followed up with chanting an incantation, pulling some of her attention away from Diverging Phoenix.

In response, a powerful force suppressed the area around her, blurring it. The Mana within the space began to rampage, somewhat affecting players that came in contact with it.

When Diverging Phoenix recognized what Shi Feng and his teammates were planning, she pointed a finger at Endless Scars and growled, "Don't think you can get past us so easily! Everyone, focus your attacks on her!"

Receiving the command, eight of the Flowers of Seven Sins' melee players charged at Endless Scars to interrupt her casting, but before they could come within 20 yards of her, arcs of lightning snaked out to counterattack. These lightning strikes were the result of Shi Feng's Lightning Edge, and the eight melee players were forced to scurry back.

Suddenly, a massive gash, three meters deep, split the ground between the Flower's melee players and Endless Scars.

"If you want to get to her, you'll have to go through me, first," Shi Feng said, smiling as he appeared beside Endless Scars.

"Black Flame!" Diverging Phoenix bellowed. She immediately activated her strongest Legacy Skill, Divine Frost Lance.

Under Diverging Phoenix's control, hundreds of frost lances flew toward Shi Feng and Endless Scars. She planned to blow both players to smithereens.
Meanwhile, the eight melee players continued to make their way toward their target.
Although Shi Feng had incredible Strength and had defeated Sand Bone, all of them were peak experts. He couldn't protect Endless Scars from their coordinated and focused attacks.
However, before the eight melee players could move within 15 yards of the woman in question, the surrounding temperature abruptly plummeted. As the cold embraced their bodies, their Movement Speed and Basic Attributes decreased slightly.
Chilling Field!
Due to the Thunder God's Secret Land's effects, Chilling Field had been reduced to a Tier 0 Skill, but it was still a Domain Skill, suitable for group combat. Each containing 70% of Shi Feng's strength, six icicles formed around the Swordsman with more than enough power to deal with the Flower of Seven Sins members before him.
Sword's Orbit!
Dazzling stars glittered within a 15-yard radius around Shi Feng. His defense was far more solid when he combined the technique with his six icicles than when he executed it with two swords. Not only had his use of the technique prevented the eight melee players from approaching, but he had also stopped the hundreds of descending frost lances.
"This Isn't this a little too powerful?" Burning Sea, who watched from afar, was astonished.

He was already struggling against three Flower's members and the occasional ranged attack. From time
to time, he even took a hit, yet despite facing eight melee players and Diverging Phoenix's vicious
bombardment, Shi Feng emerged unscathed. The man was simply a monster.

The situation even surprised Shi Feng. He had never expected the Life Potion to be so effective that it improved his Sword's Orbit. Without it, his defense wouldn't have been nearly as solid.

With Shi Feng to defend her, Endless Scars finally finished casting her Spell.

Under her control, powerful streams of air shot up from the ground, each with the Strength of a Great Lord. The Flower of Seven Sins' members were forced to evade, which allowed Samsara and the others to break away from their opponents.

"Quick! This Spell won't last long!" Endless Scars shouted.

Samsara and his companions shook off the Flower's members and followed Shi Feng into the side temple. Their enemies were left to watch as their prey escaped their grasp.

Just before Shi Feng and his team could enter the side temple, a frosty sensation assaulted them. Instinctively, Shi Feng turned toward the sensation's source.

"Black Flame, is it? Very good! I'll remember you," Supreme Sky coldly told the Swordsman.

Samsara and the other experts on the team shuddered when they heard Supreme Sky's declaration. For a moment, they felt as if the Grim Reaper had set his sights on their lives, which were no longer under their control.
"Is that so? I'll be waiting!" Shi Feng said, flashing Supreme Sky a grin.
Shi Feng had heard plenty about Supreme Sky during his previous life. The man had been famous for killing Super Guilds' Guild Leaders many times, after all. However, since he had already ruined the man's plans, provoking him further didn't matter. Shi Feng was no longer the player he had been in the past, and now, he, too, stood at the apex of God's Domain.
As the Flower of Seven Sins' members watched, Shi Feng led Samsara and the team into the Thunder Temple's side temple.
Chapter 2200 – Bloodline Creature
As Shi Feng and the others disappeared into the side temple, silence reigned outside of the Thunder Temple.
"Damn it! They actually managed to escape!" Diverging Phoenix cursed.
They had gone to great lengths to set up this ambush; not even a Super Guild's Guild Leader should be able to slip through their grasp. However, due to Shi Feng, their preparation had gone down the drain.

If news of this failure spread, the Flower's other members would likely ridicule them.

"Escape? They're not out of the water yet!" Supreme Sky said, a chilling glint flashing in his eyes. He then commanded, "Call in a group of Blood Guards from the main headquarters, immediately. Phoenix, you and Sand will guard the side temple. This is the Thunder God's Secret Land; even if Samsara's party dies, they're stuck here. They'll only be able to leave through those teleportation arrays. Let's make sure that side temple becomes their new home!"

Without someone to resurrect them, players that died inside a Dungeon would automatically resurrect outside of the Dungeon after some time, and in the Thunder God's Secret Land, players couldn't use any tools, including Return Scrolls. As long as they guarded the Dungeon's entrance, Samsara's team wouldn't escape.

Having entered the Thunder Temple's side temple, Supreme Sky knew that it was no place for current players.

Not only was it a Level 90 Team Dungeon, but it was also a special Dungeon that didn't provide difficult options. In other words, this Team Dungeon only had one difficulty rank. Based on his experience, Supreme Sky deemed that it was the equivalent of a Level 90,100-man, Hell Mode Team Dungeon.

Entering this Team Dungeon before Level 90 and without top-tier Level 90 equipment was suicidal. Samsara's party only consisted of 10 players, so their chances of survival were abysmal.

"Understood!" Diverging Phoenix and Sand Bone nodded.

Meanwhile, after passing through the side temple's entrance, Shi Feng and the others felt as if they had arrived in another world.

The hall, in which they stood, was full of 40-meter-tall divine statues. Although these statues were dilapidated after the ravages of time, they still emitted a faint trace of Divine Might.
The hall contained 22 divine statues, each located beside a gigantic pathway. None of them knew where the pathways led, and the team began to wonder if they stood in an underground maze.
"Is this really a 100-man Team Dungeon?" Burning Sea began to grow afraid as he looked around the colossal temple.
He had felt the threat of death loom over him the moment he had arrived, and when he saw the 22 pathways, he felt as if he were looking down the maws of massive beasts.
He knew players of their levels shouldn't be in this Dungeon yet, and he couldn't help the powerless feeling he had once inside it.
Just the idea of taking on the fully-armed Naga guarding the pathways was enough of a reason to despair, not to mention exploring the pathways.
[Naga Guard (Thunder God's Kin)] (Bloodline Creature, Lord)
Level 87
HP 45,000,000/45,000,000

[Naga Guard Captain (Thunder God's Kin)] (Bloodline Creature, Great Lord) Level 88
HP 96,000,000/96,000,000
Twenty of these monsters stood by each pathway's entrance.
With their team's equipment and combat standards, dealing with one Level 87 Lord wouldn't be a problem, but taking on a group of them was a fool's dream. Furthermore, these Lords were led by a Level 88 Great Lord.
But that wasn't the worst part.
More importantly, all of these monsters were Bloodline Creatures and the Thunder God's Kin.
Ordinary experts might not understand these title's implications, but peak experts like Burning Sea, who had a deep understanding of God's Domain's mechanics and history, were very familiar with the power Bloodline Creatures wielded.
A Bloodline Creature had inherited strength from a more powerful being, bom with superior Bloodlines, as the name suggested. Although their Bloodlines weren't on the level of Archaic Species, they weren't far from it. Meanwhile, being the Thunder God's Kin meant these Nagas had inherited certain special abilities from the Thunder God. With these two factors combined, these Nagas would command extraordinary strength.
Outside of the Thunder God's Secret Land, their team would, more or less, be able to cope with these Nagas, but here, they were Tier 0 players. Even if they worked together, they might not be a match for a single Naga Guard

"These monsters are too strong for us right now. Our only option is to wait," Happy Art reasoned with a bitter smile.
Although they had escaped the Flower of Seven Sins' ambush, they weren't anywhere close to being in a safer position. The only thing worth celebrating was the fact that as long as they didn't move, these monsters wouldn't attack.
Even Samsara and Endless Scars were at a loss for words when they saw the monsters.
Moving forward would mean their deaths, and the Flower of Seven Sins definitely waited for them outside the Dungeon, but doing nothing wasn't a solution, either.
"No! We're not out of options!" Shi Feng said as he watched the Nagas guarding the pathways. "We'll just have to take a huge risk."
"Any option is better than sitting here and doing nothing. Besides, it's not like we expected such a high-difficulty Dungeon to not have risks." Samsara said.
"In that case, I have some things to settle first. I have fulfilled my end of our agreement. I want first pick of one item among the Dungeon's loot, and I want command over the team throughout the raid," Shi Feng told Samsara.
In their previous deal, Shi Feng had agreed to help Samsara's team until they reached the Thunder Temple. Since his mission was complete, he had no obligation to help Samsara or his people.

"That won't be a problem," Samsara said, nodding as he set Shi Feng as the new team leader.
No one else on the team voiced any objections to the arrangement. Most of them were under Samsara's employ, and since Shi Feng had fulfilled his prior obligations, he had every right to negotiate new terms.
Moreover, they had only avoided annihilation at the Flower of Seven Sins' hands thanks to Shi Feng.
Once Shi Feng became the team leader, he assigned each member their tasks.
He wasn't unfamiliar with the Thunder Temple's side temple in the least. The Thunder Temple itself had been quite famous throughout God's Domain in the past.
During his previous life, many superpowers' main forces had suffered tremendously in the Thunder Temple's side temple. Even after reaching Level 90, those main forces had been helpless against the Dungeon's Nagas.
Not only were these Nagas stronger and faster than monsters of the same rank and level, but they also had extremely high Lightning Resistance as the Thunder God's Kin. Moreover, they could command their own lightning abilities, imbuing their physical attacks with lightning-type magic damage and a certain chance of inflicting a paralysis debuff.
Melee players had a particularly miserable time in this Dungeon, especially MTs. Even if an MT successfully blocked the Nagas' attacks, there was a chance that they'd be paralyzed for one or two seconds.

To make matters worse, this Dungeon's Nagas had high combat standards. One or two seconds was more than enough for them to land two or three more hits.

Fortunately, the various superpowers had discovered these Nagas' weakness after repeated attempts to raid the Dungeon.

This weakness was the Nagas' slow turn-rate!

Although the Nagas had very high Movement and reaction speeds, they couldn't immediately follow a player in a sudden turn that was greater than 100 degrees. The Nagas often overshot, missing their fleeing prey and forced to make a U-turn.

Although Nagas could make the U-turn in one or two seconds, that was more than enough time for peak experts to distance themselves from the monsters. If peak experts used this moment appropriately and had an accurate grasp of timing and distance, they could easily kite the Nagas. They wouldn't have to face these monsters head-on.

Of course, a single mistake would send any player to their grave. This tactic didn't change the fact that Nagas were far faster than players.

Hence, Shi Feng had Maple Locust and Formless Arrow replace their current equipment with items that focused on Agility and Movement Speed. As those Attributes were his focus already, Shi Feng didn't need to readjust his equipment at all. Even with his tier suppressed, his Movement Speed was still far higher than ordinary Great Lords.

Later, Shi Feng took the lead, luring a lone Naga Guard that wandered the hall, with Formless Arrow and Maple Locust moving alongside the Lord. The three of them then took turns aggroing the Naga, and when the monster moved wdthin 20 yards of a player, someone else would attack and draw its aggro. With Shi Feng's high damage and Formless Arrow's Provoke Skill, the team's other ranged players could attack the Naga Guard with impunity.

Since the hall was so spacious, Shi Feng and his companions had plenty of room to kite around the
monster. Their low DPS was the only problem they faced. Even with Endless Scars and the others
attacking the Naga Guard with everything they had, its HP fell at a snail's crawl.

Yet, the team persisted. A moment ago, they had been stuck with no options. They were fortunate to have the opportunity to kill these Nagas.

Time passed quickly as they fought.

Finally, after fighting for more than 20 minutes, one of Endless Scars' Spells took down the first Level 87 Naga Guard. Everyone's experience bars immediately grew by a small chunk, and as they did, the crisp sound of a system notification reached their ears.