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Chapter 235 – Asura's Strongest?

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TL Notes:

Made a correction in Chapter 230 (4th July 2022):

Original: Numerous powers were gathered at the plaza where the divine statue was situated.

Corrected version: Numerous powers were gathered at the plaza located on top of the divine statue's head.

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Boundary Mountain Range, second underground level, outside the divine statue plaza:

A 1,000-man team was currently making its way up the staircase lining the divine statue to reach the plaza on top of the divine statue's head. Then, around 2,000 yards away from the plaza, the team erected a magic barrier to stop for a quick break.

"Why are there so many Void Creatures flying around the divine statue? Why do Asura's members have so much Stamina? We have significantly more players than them, so we should be able to conserve more Stamina than they can logically. Yet, they managed to shake us off easily. They've probably already reached the uppermost plaza by now," Tao Yuwei said as she looked up at the distant plaza with an envious gaze.

According to the information the Flower of Seven Sins just shared, various powers from the two God's Domain were currently gathered at the uppermost plaza to complete a VIP's commission. Among them included the various powers from the several great alliances. Meanwhile, so long as these powers could complete the VIP's commission, they'd have a much easier time establishing a foothold in the Greater God's Domain.

However, the several great alliances had kept their lips shut on this matter to prevent others from getting a cut in the action. By the time World Dominators and Blackwater learned of this commission, everything was already too late. Although they've already done their best to hurry to the plaza on top of the divine statue, they still couldn't reach the plaza in time to participate in the commission.

"Do you honestly think Asura's team will have the qualifications to participate in the commission, little girl?" the Flower of Seven Sins' Death Omen said contemptuously and rolled her eyes when she overheard Tao Yuwei's words. "You must've seen the other God's Domain's players we passed by on our way here. The overall standard of the other side's players is much higher than ours. A force of eight God-ranked experts might be powerful on our side, but it is only one of many teams among the other side's various superpowers. Without a recommendation, Asura's team won't even qualify to participate in the commission."

The VIP's commission might be extended to all powers originating from the two God's Domain, but the authority to verify whether a power was qualified to participate in the commission lay in the hands of the Desolate Star God's Domain's two hegemonic powers.

In other words, without the two hegemonic powers' agreement, a power couldn't even qualify for the commission.

The several great alliances managed to qualify for the commission because they had gotten in touch with the Bright Dragon Guild, one of Desolate Star's two hegemonic powers, very early on. Among them, the Flower of Seven Sins even had something that interested Bright Dragon.

When Thousand Swords and Jing Yang overheard Death Omen's words, the two kept silent because they understood that what the woman said was most likely true. They also no longer hoped to be able to participate in the commission. The only reason they continued following the several great alliances' 1,000-man team even now was so that they could hopefully get acquainted with some of the Desolate Star God's Domain's powers.

Unlike ordinary superpowers, World Dominators and Blackwater knew a connection had already formed between their world and the Greater World. They also knew that their world would eventually merge with the Greater World, and everyone on Earth would inevitably have to live in the Greater World. If World Dominators and Blackwater could establish a certain degree of partnership with the Desolate Star God's Domain's superpowers, it'd be of immense help to them in God's Domain and the real world.

After all, the Desolate Star God's Domain's real world had become connected to the Greater World long ago. By now, Desolate Star's players had already established a foundation for themselves in the Greater World. This was a stark contrast to the players of their world, who had hardly anything in the Greater World.

After their short conversation, Death Omen and the others continued their ascent and quickly reached the plaza on top of the divine statue's head.

As soon as they arrived, the sight of several thousand players frantically fleeing out of the spacious plaza greeted them. Death Omen even spotted a familiar figure among these fleeing players.

"What's going on?" Death Omen grew confused when she saw Gluttony fleeing out of the plaza.

Gluttony was tasked with leading the Flower of Seven Sins' experts to participate in the commission at the divine statue's plaza. Yet, Gluttony was now fleeing out of the plaza with his team...

Moreover, aside from Gluttony, Death Omen also noticed many God-ranked experts among the fleeing crowd, their numbers easily exceeding 100...

Aside from Death Omen, Chiyang Tianhe, Thousand Swords, and the others were also flabbergasted by this scene. Although they had long known that the Desolate Star God's Domain was much more powerful than their God's Domain, they didn't think the other side would be this powerful. God-ranked experts were no different than cabbages in this place, with every team having at least two or three. The Desolate Star God's Domain's circumstances were completely different from their God's Domain.

"Quickly retreat! We can no longer stay in this place!" Gluttony shouted when he saw Death Omen's group at the staircase's entrance.

However, Gluttony's reminder didn't get much of a response from Death Omen and the others. This was because their attention was drawn toward the gigantic skeleton in the middle of the plaza.

Nether King Diaclo!

They could clearly sense the Nether King's might even from over a thousand yards away. Not to mention, Diaclo was still wielding its Soul Fire even until now.

However, compared to the Nether King that could easily extinguish players' souls, what astonished Death Omen and the others even more, was the man who had stopped Diaclo's attack with a gigantic sword.

How did he do it?! Death Omen's eyes widened in disbelief as she stared at Shi Feng.

At Tier 3, even a God-ranked expert would be nothing but an ant that could be crushed instantly in front of a Tier 5 monster. It wouldn't matter even if the Tier 5 monster in question was being suppressed. There was no way a Tier 3 player could single-handedly block and survive the attack of a Tier 5 monster.

Yet, Shi Feng had actually accomplished this feat. For a moment, Death Omen even started to wonder if Shi Feng was still a Tier 3 player or if he had secretly completed his Tier 4 promotion already.

Meanwhile, Thousand Swords and Jing Yang also gaped in shock at this scene.

After seeing Shimmering Sword's over-the-top performance previously, they thought that Shimmering Sword was undoubtedly the Asura Mercenary Alliance's strongest player. After all, the woman already had the strength to go up against an entire superpower all by herself.

Yet, Shi Feng had blocked the attack of a Tier 5 Nether King... What was up with this situation?

As for Flanders, who stood in the middle of the plaza, he was both surprised and relieved to see Shi Feng's extraordinary strength. After all, if Frey's soul were to get erased, the Tower Alliance would be doomed. In fact, everyone participating in the operation would most likely meet a tragic fate.

While everyone inside and outside the plaza had fallen silent, Shi Feng suddenly looked toward the exhausted Frey and asked, "Would you like to make a deal, Miss Frey?"

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, Flanders couldn't help but have the urge to roll his eyes. He couldn't believe that Shi Feng was trying to make a deal with Frey in this situation rather than think of a way to get out of the plaza alive.

"A deal?" Frey wasn't a pampered princess. Although she was surprised by the strength Shi Feng displayed, she quickly calmed down and asked, "What kind of deal?"

"If we can defeat Diaclo, I want half of the Nether King's loot and the right to have first pick over one item," Shi Feng said without any reservations.

What is he thinking?! Maria, who stood next to Frey, widened her eyes in shock as she looked at Shi Feng. She felt that Shi Feng must have lost his mind to try to bargain with Frey.

If the Galaxy Corporation's Fourth Princess got angry, she could even make the people of their two worlds vanish forever, let alone the Tower Alliance.

However, Shi Feng was convinced that Frey wanted to kill Diaclo, and if she missed this opportunity, there would be no second chance. Moreover, Frey should know that the raid was doomed to fail now that most of the teams here were thinking about running for their lives.

So, now was the best opportunity for Shi Feng to get his hands on some of the Nether King's loot.

Tier 5 monsters were very rare in God's Domain. This was the case even in the Greater God's Domain.

However, all Tier 5 monsters found in the Greater God's Domain or special worlds that connected multiple God's Domains, such as the Miniature Ancient World, would have a great chance of dropping a Cross-Border Guild Promotion Order.

This was an item that could directly promote a Basic Cross-Border Guild into a Bronze Cross-Border Guild, granting the Guild privileges that a Basic Cross-Border Guild could only dream of having. The status of a Bronze Cross-Border Guild was also crucial in allowing Guilds to establish a foothold in the Greater World.

Now that the World Passage's opening was fast approaching, if he were to miss out on this opportunity, he'd have to wait until he entered the Greater God's Domain before he could obtain a Cross-Border Guild Promotion Order.

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After hearing Shi Feng's offer, a look of hesitation appeared on Frey's face as she watched Shi Feng holding back the Nether King.

"You can have half of the Nether King's loot, but I cannot give you first pick on the loot," Frey said resolutely after taking a deep breath. "However, I can give you five million Star Coins as compensation."

When the players from the Desolate Star God's Domain heard Frey's counteroffer, a look of envy immediately appeared on their faces. Even Flanders couldn't help but look at Frey in astonishment, not expecting Frey to be willing to offer such a high price.

It should be known that the Tower Alliance was only offered three million Star Coins to take on this commission.

Of course, Flanders and the others also understood that Shi Feng was most likely the only person capable of going up against Diaclo right now. No other team or player present had the strength to

survive the Nether King's attacks. Not to mention, most of the participating teams had fled the plaza already. So, the offer of five million Star Coins was completely understandable.

At this time, even Shi Feng was a little stunned. He didn't think Frey would make him such a lucrative offer. Although he yearned for a Cross-Border Guild Promotion Order, the Promotion Order was nowhere near worth five million Star Coins.

"Deal," Shi Feng answered without hesitation.

Shi Feng was confident he could defeat Diaclo because of the Tower Alliance's magic barrier and Frey's Soul Annihilation Spears. Without either of these factors, it'd be impossible for him to defeat the Nether King. Hence, had Frey refused his offer, his only option would be to escape. Now that Frey had made him an even better offer, he'd be a fool to throw this opportunity away.

"You're too amazing, Guild Leader! With this, we just earned 100 Life Potions!" Su Qianliu said excitedly through the team chat.

A sum of 100 Life Potions was something that could make the various international corporations' jaws drop. Zero Wing could even become a major corporation by relying on these 100 Life Potions.

As for Shi Feng's ability to block Diaclo's attack, anyone who had seen the fight between Shi Feng and Solitary Soul in the Stratified Abyssal Realm wouldn't be surprised. After all, aside from not having any Tier 4 Skills or Spells, Shi Feng was no different than a Tier 4 player already. In terms of the Strength Attribute, he was even superior to the average Tier 4 expert. Otherwise, he couldn't have defeated Solitary Soul, who had become a bona fide Tier 4 player.

The Nether King might be an insurmountable opponent for Tier 3 players. Still, now that its Basic Attributes were weakened by 30% and its soul was injured to a certain extent, even Tier 4 experts had a chance of defeating it, let alone a monster like Shi Feng.

Meanwhile, Liu Wusheng and Galaxy Past couldn't help but widen their eyes in shock after seeing this turn of events. They didn't think that Shi Feng could actually hold his ground against a Tier 5 Nether King, his strength in no way inferior to Shimmering Sword.

If Shi Feng had such strength, even if the Flower of Seven Sins' three commanders attacked him together, the only outcome awaiting them would be death.

"Alright, everyone, get moving!" Shi Feng said to his team with a faint smile. "I'll keep the Nether King busy while the rest of you attack its blind spots!"

Following Shi Feng's command, everyone in Shi Feng's team went into action. Shi Feng took on the Nether King from the front, while Laura Crader, Echoing Judgment, Hidden Soul, and the other God-ranked experts attacked the Nether King from its sides. Everyone else coordinated their attacks with the God-ranked experts from a distance.

For a time, the Nether King could be seen stopped in its tracks by Shi Feng's team, unable to target Frey any longer. Its HP was even steadily decreasing with time.

"What a powerful team!"

"They've managed to stop a Tier 5 Nether King with only a 100-man team of Tier 3 players? Could they be from some hegemonic power from the Greater God's Domain?"

"So that's why the Tower Alliance's team took the initiative to greet those people."

When the other teams in the plaza saw Shi Feng's team successfully pinning down the Nether King, curiosity immediately filled their minds.

The feat of pinning down a Tier 5 Nether King with only a 100-man team of Tier 3 players was something not even the Desolate Star God's Domain's two hegemonic powers could accomplish. Yet, Shi Feng's team had accomplished it. This meant that Shi Feng's team should have extraordinary origins.

"Good! Now that the Nether King is kept busy, everyone else, focus on eliminating the Revenant Manipulators!"

When Flanders saw this turn of events, a hint of excitement flashed in his eyes, and he promptly commanded the remaining teams in the plaza to relaunch their offensive.

Although there were significantly fewer teams in the plaza than before, due to the Tower Alliance's team's participation, the process of eliminating the Revenant Manipulators was not the slightest bit slower than before.

In less than twenty minutes, all ten Revenant Manipulators were defeated. Diaclo's HP bar had also decreased by a lot, the Nether King having only 70% of its HP left.

This situation caused the various teams that had long since fled out of the plaza to grow incredibly envious.

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"Dammit! Why didn't we stay a little longer just now?! With this, not only did we lose half of our team, but we're not even getting any compensation!"

A Crusade Quest differed from a normal Boss raid out in the fields. Once the Boss of a Crusade Quest was summoned, the raid would begin, and a combat zone would be designated. If players were to leave this combat zone during the raid, they would be prohibited from entering the combat zone again afterward. Of course, players who weren't in the combat zone from the beginning would also be prohibited from taking part in the raid.

The combat zone for the Legendary Crusade Quest was limited to the divine statue plaza. Since their teams had fled out of the plaza, they naturally couldn't participate in the Nether King raid anymore. Moreover, since they fled in the middle of the raid, it went without saying that they wouldn't receive any compensation from Frey. After all, they had taken the initiative to give up on the commission before Frey had declared the operation a failure.

"He did it on purpose! Black Flame must have done it on purpose!" Flames of anger burned in Gluttony's eyes as he glared at Shi Feng's figure in the center of the plaza.

When Diaclo was incinerating the various teams with its Soul Fire, Shi Feng had chosen not to take action despite having the strength to stop the Nether King. Yet, he had taken action as soon as the Flower of Seven Sins' team had left the combat zone.

Even a fool could tell that Zero Wing was targeting the Flower of Seven Sins and making sure that the Flower of Seven Sins did not receive any share of the commission's compensation.

To make matters worse, the Flower of Seven Sins had lost nearly half its main force members to the Nether King. After such a devastating loss, the Flower of Seven Sins' exploration progress of the Boundary Mountain Range would definitely fall behind the various superpowers' main forces...

"Don't worry. They won't succeed," Menghao said, chuckling as he looked at the distant Nether King. "At the end of the day, Diaclo is still a Tier 5 monster. If those people had the ability to take care of a Tier 5 monster all by themselves, the Tower Alliance would have never invited Bright Dragon."

Gluttony instantly calmed down after hearing Menghao's words.

Tier 5 monsters were such challenging opponents that it would normally take a team of Tier 5 experts to bring one down. This was because players beneath Tier 5 would have a very difficult time surviving the Tier 5 Skills and Spells of a Tier 5 monster.

"Look! Isn't this the beginning of the end?" Menghao said as he pointed at the Nether King that had suddenly started chanting an incantation.

The Tower Alliance didn't invite Bright Dragon to challenge this commission together out of the kindness of its heart. Instead, the Tower Alliance had done so because of a certain Tier 4 Defensive Magic Scroll Bright Dragon possessed.

Holy Realm!

This was a Tier 4 Defensive Curse that summoned a barrier capable of withstanding even Tier 5 Skills and Spells used by a Tier 5 monster.

However, now that Bright Dragon had already withdrawn from the operation, what would Shi Feng use to stop the Nether King's Tier 5 Spell?

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"This is...Rain of Stars! A Tier 5 Destruction Spell!"

When Flanders, who had just hurried back to Diaclo's side, saw the gigantic crimson magic array in the sky that essentially covered the entire plaza, his complexion paled instantly.

Flanders did not forget that the Nether King could use Tier 5 Skills and Spells. Even so, he hadn't worried too much about this previously since it was still possible to whittle Diaclo to death with their numbers advantage.

However, Flanders never imagined Diaclo would use a Tier 5 Destruction Spell of all things. This attack alone was enough to annihilate every player in the plaza.

Before Flanders could think of a way to salvage the situation, miniature stars that measured several dozen meters in radius began descending from the crimson magic array.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng saw the several dozen descending stars, he unsheathed his other longsword, Blasphemer, and charged to the center of these stars without hesitation.

Abyssal Power!

After letting out a low shout, Shi Feng executed his defensive sword technique, Sword's Orbit.

Subsequently, a galaxy of stars formed around Shi Feng. Different from the descending miniature stars made of gigantic boulders, the stars formed around Shi Feng were made of four or five sword lights each.

When Shi Feng used Sword's Orbit in his duel with Solitary Soul in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, he executed the technique with only one sword. Because of that, the stars he created were only composed of two or three sword lights each, and the resulting power he exhibited was only at the level of a Bronze Combat Technique.

However, Shi Feng was now executing the technique with two swords, which was the intended way of using Sword's Orbit. As a result, Sword's Orbit was now a sword technique that had officially stepped into the realm of Silver Combat Techniques!

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Chapter 237 – Epic Expansion Pack

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the stars made of sword lights clashed with Diaclo's Rain of Stars, the space above the plaza shattered and transformed into a dark void. The resulting shockwaves of the clash caused even the players standing outside the plaza to stumble backward, and only God-ranked experts managed to keep their bodies steady.

After the clash continued for around ten seconds, the illumination in the entire second underground level dimmed as if night had descended on the area.

"Is that guy really just a Tier 3 player?"

Many of the players standing outside the plaza couldn't help but doubt their eyes when they saw the lone figure standing steadily in mid-air. This was especially so when they also noticed that the other players in the plaza had lost a portion of their HPs to the shockwaves alone.

This was a Tier 5 Destruction Spell cast by a Tier 5 monster they were talking about. Yet, Shi Feng had stopped it completely. This accomplishment was enough to put him on par with the Greater God's Domain's legendary individuals.

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It should be known that these legendary individuals were experts that even the Greater God's Domain's hegemonic powers feared greatly. Every one of these individuals stood at the Greater God's Domain's apex. They also wielded great authority in the Greater World.

How is this possible?!

At this moment, Death Omen similarly looked at Shi Feng in disbelief.

Death Omen might be a God-ranked expert, but as one of the Flower of Seven Sins' seven commanders, she was well aware that there were significant differences even between God-ranked experts. The gap could be as big as the difference between a human and a dog or possibly even more.

This was why she had chosen to go under Supreme Sky, the Sin of Greed's commander.

In the eyes of the average person, the various international corporations and the Five Great Super Guilds of their world might be unreachable and insurmountable existences.

However, Death Omen knew that be it the various international corporations or the Five Great Super Guilds, they were still nothing but ants in the Greater World. At most, they'd be slightly bigger-sized ants.

Meanwhile, it was only a matter of time before their world merged with the Greater World. If she wished to have a better chance at surviving and thriving in the Greater World, her best bet would be to go under the wing of someone strong like Supreme Sky. After all, competition in the Greater World was much more intense than in their world. Only experts like Supreme Sky were sufficiently strong to be treated well in the Greater World. As for weaker God-ranked experts, they could, at most, earn enough to get by if they couldn't find a strong backer to rely on.

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Hence, when Death Omen initially learned that Hidden Soul had chosen to join the Asura Mercenary Alliance and rely on some unknown Outerworld expert named Black Flame, she couldn't help but find the decision laughable and foolish.

But now...

The unknown Outerworld expert she had previously looked down on was not only single-handedly pinning down a Tier 5 Nether King, but he had also stopped a Tier 5 Destruction Spell completely. Meanwhile, he had accomplished all that while being only at Tier 3. With such strength, so long as Black Flame successfully reached Tier 6, even the Greater World's top-tier corporations would treat him as a VIP.

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He stopped everything?

Flanders was greatly surprised when he saw that the various teams had hardly suffered any casualties. At the same time, a hint of awe appeared in his eyes as he looked at Shi Feng.

Previously, Flanders had been of the opinion that Shi Feng's only partnership value lay in his ability to bring players out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm. However, after seeing Shi Feng's performance against Diaclo, Flanders realized that Shi Feng's value was much higher than he expected.

"Don't get too excited yet. I can only stop Diaclo for a limited amount of time, so you need to defeat the Boss as quickly as possible," Shi Feng hurriedly said when he swept his gaze across the plaza and saw the excited looks on everyone's faces. "If you still have any trump cards saved up, you'd best use them now. Otherwise, none of us will be leaving this place alive!"

Everyone might think he had stopped Diaclo's attack with relative ease, but he was well aware of how much Stamina he had exhausted just to stop the Nether King's Rain of Stars. Not to mention, he had used Abyssal Power to stop the Tier 5 Spell.

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Abyssal Power only had a three-minute duration. Once these three minutes were up, he could no longer block Tier 5 Skills and Spells even if he executed Sword's Orbit.

It seems we cannot continue saving our strength.?Upon hearing Shi Feng's words, Flanders promptly suppressed his excitement and said to his team, "Use all of the Tier 4 Magic Scrolls we prepared! Everyone who has Berserk Skills left unused, use them now! We must kill the Boss before Black Flame reaches his limit!"

Following Flanders' command, the Tower Alliance's members activated their Berserk Skills one after another. They also took out the Tier 4 Magic Scrolls in their possession and began bombarding the Nether King with Tier 4 attacks. As for the several dozen teams in the plaza, they similarly used their Berserk Skills and precious tools.

For a time, over a thousand Tier 4 Magic Scrolls and several thousand precious tools were being used as if they cost nothing. Then, attacks at the Tier 4 caliber bombarded Diaclo one after another, each attack reaping over ten million of the Nether King's HP.

The Asura Mercenary Alliance's members were dumbfounded when they saw this scene. Tier 4 Magic Scrolls were typically treated as strategic items by the various superpowers, and the average superpower would, at most, have around one hundred Tier 4 Magic Scrolls in their reserves. Yet, now, Tier 4 Magic Scrolls were being used like they were Tier 3 Magic Scrolls.

Seeing over a thousand Tier 4 Magic Scrolls being used, even the several great alliances outside the plaza couldn't help but wince in pain. Not even the Five Great Super Guilds would dare to waste so many Tier 4 Magic Scrolls for a single raid. This was an act only superpowers from the Desolate Star God's Domain, which was a God's Domain superior to theirs, would dare to do.

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Diaclo's HP had fallen to 5% in less than two minutes. Although the Nether King had cast Tier 5 Spells one after another throughout this period, Shi Feng had blocked every one of its attacks with Sword's Orbit.

However, Shi Feng's complexion would also turn slightly paler with every Tier 5 Spell he blocked.

"Quick! Only 5% to go!"

When Flanders saw Shi Feng's pale-white complexion and more and more experts getting killed by the residual power of Diaclo's Tier 5 Spells, he knew that they were now in the final length of their race against time. Hence, he began executing Silver Combat Techniques against the Nether King one after another, completely disregarding the massive toll he placed on his Stamina and Concentration.

5%... 3%... 1%...

Unfortunately, before the various teams could bring down Diaclo, Shi Feng succumbed to his exhaustion and powerlessly fell out of the air. To make matters worse, the Nether King had seemingly been waiting for this opportunity as it promptly started casting another Rain of Stars...

Just when everyone had fallen into despair, Frey, who had been passively recovering in the middle of the plaza all this time, suddenly raised the staff in her hands.

"Wither away! Soul Flower!"

Immediately, translucent vines appeared from the void and wrapped around Diaclo, the thorns that covered the vines causing the Nether King's HP to plummet until nothing remained. This situation caught everyone off guard as nobody expected Frey to still have the strength to execute such a powerful attack.

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Only, after using this move, Frey became so weak that she had to rely on her staff to stay standing.

Meanwhile, along with Diaclo's death, a series of system notifications suddenly rang in everyone's ears.

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Regional System Announcement: A player has killed Diaclo, the Netherworld's Gatekeeper. Epic Expansion Pack "Myriad Worlds' Descent" activated. The update for the new expansion pack will begin in 15 minutes. The update will take two natural days. Please prepare to log out.

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Chapter 238 – Greater Era's Arrival?

"An Epic Expansion Pack?"

"The update is going to last for two days? What kind of expansion pack is this?"

"Hm? There seems to be a general introduction from the system!"

Before the players in the plaza could celebrate their success in bringing down the Nether King, they were stunned by the abrupt announcement of the Epic Expansion Pack. The information was so shocking that nobody even noticed they had all leveled up from the raid.

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System: Once the Epic Expansion Pack "Myriad Worlds' Descent" activates, the Miniature Ancient World's various NPC Cities will be open to the Realm to which the Miniature Ancient World belongs. All players under Level 120 from the Realm will have one opportunity to enter the Miniature Ancient World. The World Wall in the Miniature Ancient World will no longer prevent teleportation between the cities of the two domains.

System: Ten natural days after the activation of the Myriad Worlds' Descent expansion pack, the Top of Two Worlds' teleportation will open in the Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level. All players at Level 115 or above can teleport to the Top of Two Worlds using this teleportation gate and explore the Level 120-plus maps there.

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Although the system's text introduction only consisted of a few sentences, every player present couldn't help but feel surprised and shocked after reading it. Even Shi Feng fell into a daze after reading the introduction.

The merger got brought forward??A frown formed on Shi Feng's face as he looked at the system notifications.

Shi Feng knew that it was only a matter of time before the two God's Domains connected to this Miniature Ancient World would start interacting with each other. However, what he did not expect was for it to happen so soon and on a much larger scale.

This was no longer something as simple as the players of two God's Domains clashing. Instead, the scale of the conflict would be extended to cover the God's Domains of an entire Realm. The danger ahead for their God's Domain would likely be far greater than his initial expectations.

There were many Realms in the Greater God's Domain. Meanwhile, each Realm was home to at least a thousand God's Domains.

The Realm God's Domain belonged to was the Starlight Realm. According to the information he gathered during his previous life, there were 1,654 God's Domains in the Starlight Realm. Based on their size and average player standard, these God's Domains could be categorized into three groups: Elementary, Intermediate, and Higher.

Meanwhile, the Starlight Realm had 1,549 Elementary God's Domains, 97 Intermediate God's Domains, and 8 Higher God's Domains.

In the case of the Desolate Star God's Domain, it could only be considered an Intermediate God's Domain if going solely by its player standards. It would even be ranked near the bottom of Intermediate God's Domains, and there were at least 100 God's Domains in the Starlight Realm that were stronger than the Desolate Star God's Domain. After all, many Elementary God's Domains had average player standards superior to Intermediate God's Domains.

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Meanwhile, not only did the Miniature Ancient World possess Legacies left behind by Ancient Gods, but it also contained the possessions of Ancient Gods. The Miniature Ancient World itself was also quite wealthy in resources. So, the Miniature Ancient World was a considerably tempting treasure trove even to the Greater God's Domain's various powers.

Originally, the struggle for the Miniature Ancient World only involved two God's Domains. Even if the Desolate Star God's Domain was an open God's Domain, players from other God's Domains would first need to gain the Desolate Star God's Domain's permission before they could enter the Miniature Ancient World. Otherwise, they'd be annihilated by the Desolate Star God's Domain's native powers before they could event each the Miniature Ancient World.

However, once the Myriad Worlds' Descent expansion pack took effect, the Starlight Realm's various God's Domain would no longer have to go through the Desolate Star God's Domain to enter the Miniature Ancient World.

At that time, the number of players and powers flooding into the Miniature Ancient World would be simply unimaginable...

Right now, Shi Feng even started to doubt whether their God's Domain's mighty superpowers could survive the Myriad Worlds' Descent.

"Crazy! This is crazy!"

"How did things turn out like this?"

When Thousand Swords and the others saw the system notifications, their expressions turned incredibly somber.

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While it was great that they would have more opportunities to interact with the powers of other God's Domain, having the powers of so many God's Domain flood into the Miniature Ancient World was not good news. Instead, it was a nightmare.

The Miniature Ancient World had limited space and NPC Cities. At best, it could only accommodate the players of three or four God's Domains, not a thousand or more. If players from so many God's Domains flooded into the Miniature Ancient World?

Even a fool could tell that competition would shoot through the roof. At that time, players and powers wouldn't just be competing for monsters and resources. They'd also have to compete frantically for living space. Weaklings might not even be able to continue surviving in the Miniature Ancient World...

While everyone was shocked by the news of the Epic Expansion Pack, Frey was the only one who had happily walked up to the Nether King's loot. She didn't care about the Miniature Ancient World's Epic Expansion Pack in the slightest. The only thing in her eyes were the dozen or so items the Nether King dropped.

"Sure enough, it's here."

A happy smile appeared on Frey's face when she saw a gray, withered seed among the dropped items. Immediately, she walked up to the withered seed, picked it up, and put it into her spatial bag. Throughout this process, she didn't spare any of the items a single glance even though every one of them radiated dense Mana.

"You all did a good job this time. I will transfer all the promised compensation to your God's Domain Accounts afterward. For those without a God's Domain Account, you can contact the Tower Alliance, and they will resolve this problem for you," Frey said as she looked at the several hundred players that remained in the plaza. Then, she turned to Shi Feng, who was barely keeping himself standing, and continued, "I will be taking this seed as per our agreement. You can have the rest of the loot. Consider it the Asura Mercenary Alliance's bonus compensation. As for the five million Star Coins, if you do not have a way to accept it, Flanders will help you solve it."

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After saying so, Frey seemingly didn't wish to spend even a moment longer in the Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level as she took out a Tier 5 Teleportation Scroll and activated it.

A Tier 5 Teleportation Scroll was an item that even superpowers wouldn't dare dream of owning. Yet, Frey had used it without hesitation. Moreover, she didn't even use it to get herself out of a precarious situation. Instead, she used it simply to save herself some travel time.

However, none of the Desolate Star God's Domain's players were surprised by Frey's extravagant behavior. On the contrary, they even felt it was an action befitting Frey. After all, Frey was the Galaxy Corporation's Fourth Princess. With her position's importance, she'd use even a Tier 6 Teleportation Scroll without hesitation as long as she could save time.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng didn't know what to say when he saw Frey's prodigal behavior. He felt that only someone like the Galaxy Corporation's heiress could treat something as precious as a Tier 5 Teleportation Scroll so nonchalantly.

"What should we do next, Guild Leader?" Su Qianliu quietly asked as she looked at Shi Feng.

She was no longer the ignorant executive of a third-rate power anymore. After her trip to the Stratified Abyssal Realm, she more or less knew what a Realm was. Hence, she knew that the Epic Expansion Pack's name of Myriad Worlds' Descent truly meant the descent of a myriad of worlds into the Miniature Ancient World...

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"Everyone's tired. Don't think about anything for now and just go offline and rest," Shi Feng said when he saw the anxiety on the faces of Su Qianliu and the others. "We'll talk about future matters after we come back online." Everyone nodded and followed Shi Feng's instructions, choosing to log out of the game and rest.

As for Shi Feng, he stuffed the Nether King's loot into his spatial bag before similarly logging out of the game. After having used Sword's Orbit so many times in a row, he was having trouble even staying conscious right now. So, he naturally wasn't in the mood to inspect the loot or care about anything else.

However, although Shi Feng wasn't in the mood to consider the new expansion pack, it was a different story for the rest of the Miniature Ancient World and the main continent. The Myriad Worlds' Descent expansion pack's announcement quickly sparked a huge uproar...

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Chapter 239 – Myriad Worlds' Era

Boundary Mountain Range, second underground level, divine statue plaza:

"Am I hallucinating, Teacher? Every God's Domain in our Realm will have access to our Miniature Ancient World? Doesn't that mean we can get in touch with the various God's Domains' players?" Tao Yuwei asked excitedly as she turned to look at Thousand Swords.

As one of World Dominators' peak geniuses, she was privy to much more information than most players. So, she naturally knew that their God's Domain and the Desolate Star God's Domain weren't the only God's Domains in existence. Instead, there were many, many more God's Domains out there.

Previously, the various superpowers had invested a considerable amount of manpower and resources into the Miniature Ancient World so that they could have a better time interacting with the Desolate Star God's Domain's various powers. Meanwhile, the reason they were trying to interact with the Desolate Star God's Domain's powers was so that they could learn more about the Greater God's Domain, which would, in turn, give them an easier time once their God's Domain got integrated into the Greater God's Domain.

However, according to the system notification, the new expansion pack would allow the players from many other God's Domains to enter the Miniature Ancient World directly. Not only would this give them a much easier time learning about the Greater God's Domain, but they would also have access to many more fortuitous opportunities than before.

At this moment, even Gu Yiren couldn't help but look forward to the expansion pack.

There were two reasons why so many Tier 4 and Tier 5 experts were attracted to the Miniature Ancient World. Firstly, it was because the Miniature Ancient World contained many God Legacies. Secondly, it was because they could spar and interact with the Desolate Star God's Domain's experts. They could climb to higher tiers if they could further improve their technical standards.

Now that many more experts from other God's Domains would be coming to the Miniature Ancient World, they might even have hope to reach Tier 6, let alone Tier 5.

"We can indeed interact with many more experts." Unlike Tao Yuwei and Gu Yiren, Thousand Swords did not reveal any feelings of joy or excitement. On the contrary, his face looked somewhat gloomy as he said, "But this is both good news and bad news for us..."

The new expansion pack had indeed granted them more opportunities to interact with powerful experts and broaden their horizons.

However, the arrival of more experts would also mean that competition in the Miniature Ancient World would become more intense.

It wasn't hard to imagine that once the expansion pack took effect, the status quo in the Miniature Ancient World would undergo a significant change. Even Super Guilds like World Dominators would not be spared from this change.

However, Gu Yiren and Tao Yuwei did not feel worried despite what Thousand Swords said. On the contrary, they even hoped the expansion pack would come sooner. That way, they could spar with the experts of other God's Domains and rapidly improve their strength. At that time, they'd be able to stand out more in the Miniature Ancient World and become legendary individuals among the younger generation.

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When the rest of the players in the Miniature Ancient World and the players on the main continent learned about the Epic Expansion Pack, the official forums quickly exploded with activity.

"What's going on? Wasn't the Miniature Ancient World supposed to only be for players of our God's Domain and another planet's God's Domain?"

"I thought there were only two God's Domains in existence. But looking at the system's introduction, there seem to be many more God's Domains in existence."

"That is indeed the case. You guys might not know this, but there actually exist many, many God's Domains. Moreover, the players of these God's Domains aren't from other planets. Instead, they are people from parallel worlds. It's just that God's Domain can connect all of these parallel worlds. This information has always been known to only the executives of the various superpowers and first-rate powers. These powers have also prohibited the spread of this information."

"What a bunch of nonsense. Parallel worlds? How can such things exist? Also, if this information is prohibited from being spread, how did you come to know it?"

"Hehe, that's because I'm a first-rate Guild's reserve executive. I can share this information now since it won't be a secret once the new expansion pack takes effect."

"So that's why the various corporations have invested so much into God's Domain. These sneaky bastards..."

"If that really is the case, God's Domain's value is much higher than we imagine. The Miniature Ancient World's value might also be far higher than the main continent. Trading currencies and resources in the real world with other parallel worlds might not be possible, but we can buy technologies that are unavailable in our world. If a corporation can get its hands on new and unavailable technology, it can definitely make a fortune."

"I just checked the exchange rate for Coins. The value of Coins increased tenfold not long after the new expansion pack was announced. The people who have stocked up on Coins previously are probably making a killing right about now."

"This won't do! I'm going to transfer to the Miniature Ancient World as soon as the update finishes!"

"I've decided as well! Although I went through great pains to reach Tier 4, the opportunities available in the Miniature Ancient World are far superior to the main continent!"

"Going to the Miniature Ancient World now isn't a bad idea. Although players choosing to enter the Miniature Ancient World now cannot bring any Coins or Magic Crystals, can only bring up to 50 slots' worth of items, and cannot reconstruct their Mana Bodies, we will only regress to Level 120, Tier 3. Overall, it is still a good tradeoff."

Shortly after the new expansion pack launched, many players came to know about the secrets of God's Domain. Meanwhile, after learning these secrets, these players were filled with expectations towards the Miniature Ancient World. It was especially true for the main continent's Tier 4 and Tier 5 experts.

Tier 4 and Tier 5 experts might be able to earn a sizable salary by working for the various powers, their earnings in a single year enough for them to buy a house in a first-rate city. However, this salary was nothing compared to the possibility of getting their hands on unknown technology and selling it for a fortune.

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While the whole world was discussing the Miniature Ancient World's new expansion pack, Jin Hai City's God's Domain Association Building welcomed a group of people. Along with the arrival of this group, the originally lively lobby instantly turned quiet.

"Their uniform... Are they from the Green God Corporation?"

"Quick, look! Elder Li has come out to greet them!"

"What's going on? Elder Li is personally greeting them? Isn't Elder Li a director in the Green God Corporation?"

"Look at the woman at the front. She might be young, but she's wearing a Three-Leaf Emblem, proof that she is an executive in the Green God Corporation. Elder Li might be a director in the corporation, but he is only one of the corporation's many outer directors. He isn't part of the corporation's middle management. Just one word from that woman can probably get Elder Li kicked out of the Green God Corporation.

"What? Why would an executive from the Green God Corporation come to this place?"

"It isn't just the Green God Corporation's executive. See that man wearing sunglasses next to the woman? If I'm not mistaken, he should be Breeze Wine, the Midnight Tea Party's former commander."

"That's right! That is definitely Breeze Wine! I met him in the early years of God's Domain. He was one of God's Domain's Three Great Guardian Knights at the time, but he suddenly disappeared a few years ago. Rumor has it that he died, so I really didn't expect him to appear here!"

"Even the Midnight Tea Party's former commander has appeared... Did some great personage appear in this place? I recall that under Breeze Wine's lead, the Midnight Tea Party dared to challenge even the Five Great Super Guilds. If not for Breeze Wine and the Midnight Tea Party's commander disappearing, the Midnight Tea Party might surpass the Five Great Super Guilds in terms of apex combat power..."

"But why would bigshots like them suddenly come to this place?"

Curiosity and confusion filled the people in the lobby when they saw the Green God Corporation's group of ten or so people. For a moment, their attention had even shifted away from the Myriad Worlds' Descent expansion pack.

"What brings you here, Miss Xia?" Elder Li, an Elder of the God's Domain Association conducting a routine inspection on Jin Hai City's association branch, asked respectfully as he looked at the young woman before him.

"It's nothing worrying. I'm just here to find Zero Wing. Can you lead the way for me?" the young woman asked with a faint smile.

Although Elder Li was greatly confused by this request, he still led the young woman and her entourage to Zero Wing's temporary office.

Meanwhile, when the players in the lobby overheard the woman's words, they couldn't help but be dumbfounded.

Zero Wing was nothing more than a small Guild that didn't even have its own headquarters. Zero Wing had even offended the Flower of Seven Sins and was at risk of disbanding at any time. Yet, this small Guild had actually managed to get an executive from the Green God Corporation to visit it in person. This was simply unbelievable.

At the same time, a piece of shocking news appeared on the official forums of God's Domain.

One of the parties involved in activating the Myriad Worlds' Descent expansion pack was Zero Wing!

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Chapter 240 – Greater World

Inside a training room filled with all kinds of state-of-the-art training equipment, a group of young men and women around 20 years of age and dressed in dark, tight clothing were frantically fighting multiple six-armed Demons on a stage that measured 50 meters in length and width.

If the various superpowers' peak geniuses were to see this, they would definitely be shocked.

This was because the six-armed demons on the stage were Blade Demons, Tier 4 Great Demons. Moreover, even though the six-meter-tall Blade Demons were only holographic simulations, they fought like real existences, their every attack causing the youths to stumble and retreat. Whenever these youths received a direct blow from the Blade Demons, they would even get knocked back by three meters. It didn't look like the Blade Demons were simulations at all.

However, the fact that these youths were getting pushed around didn't mean they were weak. On the contrary, they were extraordinarily strong for youths of their age. On top of having the physical fitness of Henglian masters, every one of these youths possessed incredibly high combat standards, with some having already reached the Void Realm. In addition, every one of them had already reached the Realms of Truth's Truth Realm and could apply the Truth Realm's principles to real-world combat.

After the battle continued for around twenty minutes, the youths eventually defeated all of the Blade Demons and breathed a deep sigh of relief.

"Today's training is finally over," a young man sweating profusely said after collapsing onto the stage. "I thought I was going to fail just now. I'll probably be kicked out if I fail again..."

"Consider yourself lucky that we have a lot of talented newcomers this time. Otherwise, we would have definitely lost this battle," a short-haired girl of roughly similar age said to the young man. Then, she looked toward a silver-haired girl kneeling near her and said enviously, "Aren't you improving a little too quickly, Wu Xiaoxiao? Even though we are all newcomers here, you have already caught up to the earlier batch of trainees that joined three months ago. At this rate, it probably wouldn't be long before you get shortlisted."

"No, I still have a long way to go compared to you all, Senior Sister. Moreover, there are countless geniuses here, but only ten will get shortlisted. Even those at the Domain Realm wouldn't necessarily get chosen," Wu Xiaoxiao said, shaking her head. However, she couldn't help but feel a sense of yearning at the mention of getting shortlisted.

"By the way, Xiaoxiao, I heard that the Guild your little sister is in has done something amazing this time," the short-haired girl suddenly said. "I can't believe Zero Wing was one of the parties responsible for activating the new expansion pack. Everyone in God's Domain is talking about it right now. Zero Wing will definitely gain a significant advantage over the various superpowers."

"It doesn't matter even if Zero Wing gets an advantage over the various superpowers," the young man lying on the ground said disdainfully. "Superpowers are as numerous as the stars among the myriad God's Domains, and most of these superpowers can barely survive in the Greater God's Domain. Xiaoxiao, seeing as you are so talented, your little sister should be quite talented as well, right? If you make further improvements, you'll be able to bring your little sister here. If your little sister wants to make any noteworthy accomplishments in the future, it's best if she comes to us."[1]

The short-haired girl nodded in agreement. If Wu Xiaoxiao's younger sister wished to have a better life in the future,

"Bring Lingling over?" When Wu Xiaoxiao thought of Wu Lingling, who was more talented than she was, a hint of resolve appeared in her eyes.

Zero Wing might have powerful instructors and God-ranked experts, but in this place, reaching Tier 6 was only a beginning.[1]

Moreover, so long as Wu Lingling came to this place, she'd be able to understand the true extent of God's Domain. She would realize that their God's Domain or the Miniature Ancient World were nothing but insignificant existences.

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God's Domain Association Building, Zero Wing's temporary office:

"Something big happened, Guild Leader!" Blackie said after hurriedly entering the room. "People from the G-Green God Corporation are here! They're asking to have a chat with you!"

"The Green God Corporation?" Shi Feng was a little surprised when he heard Blackie's words.

The Green God Corporation was the largest corporation in their world, bar none. Be it their world's God's Domain or miracle potions like the S-rank Nutrient Fluids and Life Potions, all these things came from the Green God Corporation. Because of this, once powers in God's Domain grew to a certain extent, it was inevitable for them to make contact with the Green God Corporation.

However, no matter how Shi Feng looked at it, the current Zero Wing was nowhere near strong enough to catch the Green God Corporation's attention. After all, the standard of technology and manpower the Green God Corporation possessed was far beyond the imagination of any superpower. The corporation was so powerful that not even the Five Great Super Guilds were worthy of its attention.

Although Zero Wing currently possessed considerable fame in the Miniature Ancient World and even had fourth-floor experts safeguarding it, these were still insignificant matters to the Green God Corporation.

Hence, Shi Feng found it incredibly hard to imagine why the Green God Corporation would take the initiative to seek out Zero Wing.

"Do you want to meet them?" Blackie asked quietly.

"I don't think we have a choice in this," Shi Feng said with a bitter smile. "Go and greet them. I'll see you in the reception room later."

"Understood." Blackie hurriedly left to make the necessary preparations.

The Green God Corporation was an existence far above even the Flower of Seven Sins. If they accidentally provoked the Green God Corporation's people, Zero Wing would probably cease to exist before the day ended.

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God's Domain Association Building, top-floor reception room:

When Shi Feng, Su Qianliu, and Blackie, stepped into the reception room that was roughly the size of a basketball court, they found that around a dozen people were already seated in the room. Out of these

dozen or so people, even the weakest among them was a Henglian grandmaster with physical fitness far beyond the average person. Even Su Qianliu, who had already reached the Henglian master standard, found herself feeling suffocated when standing in the presence of these people, her mind warning her to stay as far away from these people as possible.

After seeing the arrival of Shi Feng's group, the young woman sitting at the head of the Green God Corporation's group took the initiative to stand up and introduce herself, "Hello, I am Xia Qingyin, Vice President of the Green God Corporation."

"Hello, I am Shi Feng, Zero Wing's Acting Guild Leader," Shi Feng responded, feeling a little surprised when he saw the young woman before him. However, he did not show his surprise on his face as he calmly asked, "May I know what business you have with Zero Wing, Vice President Xia?"

Xia Qingying!

The young woman might look like she was in her early twenties, but Shi Feng knew that the other party was even older than he currently was. Meanwhile, in addition to being one of the Green God Corporation's core executives, she also possessed extraordinary individual strength. Most importantly, she was a mental strength grandmaster.

If Xia Qingying wanted to, she could single-handedly wipe the floor with every person in this room...

"I see that you are a straightforward person, Guild Leader Shi Feng," Xia Qingying said, a smile forming on her face as she scrutinized Shi Feng. "In that case, I'll get straight to the point. I am here today to make a deal with Zero Wing. I heard that Zero Wing had received five million Star Coins from the Galaxy Corporation previously. The Green God Corporation is willing to sell Zero Wing a slot to the Greater World. I am sure Zero Wing should know how valuable the Greater World's entry slots are, right? As for the price, it'll be five million Star Coins. How about it?"

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TL Notes:

[1]bring your little sister here || in this place:

I don't know where exactly "here" or "this place" is referring to. The author decided to be incredibly vague here for some reason.

Following Chapter 54, "here"/"this place" should be referring to Crimson Emperor, but the author might not be referring to Crimson Emperor, so I'll leave things vague.

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Chapter 241 – Going Online

Five million Star Coins are enough to cause the Green God Corporation to make such a huge move? Su Qianliu couldn't help but blink her eyes in surprise when she heard Xia Qingying's words.

The Green God Corporation was the number one corporation in the world. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the Green God Corporation's yearly revenue exceeded even the revenue of every other corporation in the world added together. The amount of wealth the Green God Corporation possessed was simply unimaginable.

A large part of why the Green God Corporation could generate so much revenue was because it was responsible for constructing and operating the several dozen Upper Zones around the world.

The various Upper Zones possessed technological and living standards far superior to the rest of the world. Because of these superior standards, people living in the Upper Zones tended to have an average life expectancy of around 180 years. Moreover, they could even retain their youth up to 60 years old or above.

Due to these reasons, countless wealthy people were willing to pay hundreds of millions or more just to live in an Upper Zone. Although the Green God Corporation would only give out qualifications to live in the Upper Zones to several thousand people each year, that was already more than enough to let the corporation generate astronomical amounts of wealth.

Logically, with so much wealth in its possession, there shouldn't be anything that could tempt the Green God Corporation to take action. Yet, now, the Green God Corporation had sent one of its Vice Presidents to visit a small Guild like Zero Wing just to purchase the five million Star Coins in Zero Wing's possession. This situation both surprised and confused Su Qianliu.

According to Flanders, five million Star Coins were only enough to exchange one hundred Life Potions. Meanwhile, a sum of one hundred Life Potions was nothing to the Green God Corporation. After all, every bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid and Life Potion in their world came from the Green God Corporation. There was no way one hundred Life Potions could tempt the Green God Corporation into action.

"Deal. Zero Wing will buy the Greater World's entry slot," Shi Feng answered Xia Qingying without hesitation.

"Guild Leader?" Blackie couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in confusion. According to what he learned from Flanders, he knew that people from many parallel worlds in existence could head to a single world known as the Greater World. More specifically, every parallel world would eventually be integrated into the Greater World. Hence, he knew that if Zero Wing could enter the Greater World ahead of other powers, Zero Wing could secure itself a head start in the Greater World.

However, although he understood the importance of getting a head start, trading away one hundred Life Potions for just one slot was simply too much for Zero Wing.

Zero Wing was very tight on money right now. It was especially so after the new expansion pack's announcement. Just the announcement of the new expansion pack had already caused the various powers to increase the benefits they offered to their core members, afraid that other powers would poach their core members. Once the new expansion pack took effect, competition in the Miniature

Ancient World would become even more intense. At that time, Zero Wing's Credit expenditure would definitely skyrocket.

"This isn't a loss for Zero Wing," Shi Feng said to Blackie quietly. "You can even say that we've profited. If other superpowers receive this opportunity, the corporations behind them will agree to the offer even if they have to sell their assets. We naturally cannot miss this opportunity."

The Greater World was a gathering place of the many parallel worlds. Although people from the various parallel worlds would eventually have to live in the Greater World no matter what, the order of one's entry into the Greater World would significantly impact one's life in the Greater World. After all, the sooner one entered and learned about the Greater World, the sooner one could prepare for the eventual integration.

Of course, Shi Feng didn't need to learn about the Greater World since he had long since learned about it in his previous life. The only reason he was trying to enter the Greater World sooner was so that he could prepare for Zero Wing's future development in the Greater World.

As for the price of five million Star Coins for one entry slot into the Greater World, it was definitely an offer that favored Zero Wing massively. Now that their God's Domain had yet to become fully open, entry slots for the Greater World in the real world would be extremely limited. If not for the Green God Corporation urgently needing Star Coins, there was no way Zero Wing would get the chance to buy an entry slot into the Greater World for just five million Star Coins.

"You are a very straightforward person indeed, Guild Leader Black Flame," Xia Qingying said as she looked at Shi Feng with a faint smile. "The passage to the Greater World will stabilize in seven days. Someone from the Green God Corporation will come to pick you up at that time. If you don't have any other problems, we will be taking our leave."

After saying so, Xia Qingying left the reception room with her entourage, her behavior making it seem as if she wasn't interested in Zero Wing in the slightest.

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"Miss Xia, there are only ten entry slots for the Greater World, and the various corporations have spent countless resources to exchange for them. If these corporations learn that Zero Wing only spent five million Star Coins to buy a slot, they'll most likely have opinions about it," Breeze Wine said worriedly. "If they refuse to cooperate after entering the Greater World, it'll create a lot of problems for my side of the operation."

"Opinions?" Xia Qingying's mouth curled slightly when she heard Breeze Wine's concerns. "They should be thankful that the Green God Corporation is willing to even sell them a slot. Do they think we are lacking that little bit of resources? If not for the President hoping for other corporations to have some presence in the Greater World, they wouldn't receive a single slot. If any of them dare to refuse to cooperate with you after going over to the other side, I will show them the harshness of the Greater World!" Breeze Wine was relieved when he heard Xia Qingying's assurance. If he only had himself to rely on, there'd be nothing he could do if the representatives of those several corporations refused to obey his commands. After all, he had just barely managed to establish a foothold for himself in the Greater World. He had no authority to speak of in the Greater World.

However, it was a different story for the Green God Corporation.

The Green God Corporation had already entered the Greater World and achieved a certain degree of development there many years ago, let alone now. Even after the several corporations' representatives had entered the Greater World, so long as the Green God Corporation wanted to, it could end these people's careers easily.

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Although Xia Qingying's sudden visit had caused a huge uproar in Jin Hai City, everyone's attention gradually shifted away from the matter as the arrival of the Myriad Worlds' Descent expansion pack neared.

This was because the new expansion's impact on the world was growing bigger and bigger throughout the two-day update. Even players on the main continent were constantly talking about the expansion pack.

Among the topics discussed, the topic that came up most frequently involved the actions taken by the various corporations worldwide.

To ensure they could secure themselves a place in the Miniature Ancient World, the various corporations were poaching talents left and right with lucrative offers. Some corporations even offered independent Tier 5 experts the chance to live in the Upper Zones.

The Upper Zones were places that countless people sought to live in. Just the benefit of retaining one's youth up to 60 years old and living up to 180 years old on average was more than enough to attract anyone.

It should be known that the living standards of modern people were already very high. It had also become a norm for people to conduct physical training on a daily basis. However, even after factoring in the advancements made in the fields of nutrition and medicine, the average person's life expectancy was only 100 years, and the life expectancy of wealthy people was 120 years. That was a far cry compared to the Upper Zones' average life expectancy of 180 years. Not to mention, people living in the Upper Zones could retain their youth up to 60 years old and only start to grow old after reaching 100 years old.

Moreover, the Upper Zones' living standards were continuously improving with time. Hence, the sooner one moved into an Upper Zone, the better their life would become in the future.

Unfortunately, the Upper Zones only accepted several thousand new residents each year. One couldn't necessarily acquire a slot even if one was willing to pay a billion Credits. Even corporations with many business dealings with the Green God Corporation could only get their hands on very few entry slots each year, so few that they didn't even have enough to use for their own families.

Yet, now, corporations were using these slots to recruit players. Through this point, one could imagine just how valuable the Miniature Ancient World was.

For a time, many hidden experts and young talents operating on the main continent couldn't help but get the urge to enter the Miniature Ancient World. According to a survey conducted by the God's Domain Association, at least a million experts with official membership in the God's Domain Association were prepared to enter the Miniature Ancient World. Among them, many were experts in the Professional League's A-League and B-League.

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Nighttime, Qingzhu Villa District:

I can finally go online after two days of waiting.

When Shi Feng heard the update completion notification sound coming from his virtual gaming cabin, he took a deep breath and got into the gaming cabin. Then, he chose to log into God's Domain.

Chapter 3168

Chapter 242 – Myriad Worlds' Players

Boundary Mountain Range, second underground level, divine statue plaza:

Players appeared one after another in the plaza. Apart from Shi Feng and his team members, the members of the Desolate Star God's Domain's various powers similarly did not leave the plaza when the system update started. Instead, they had chosen to log out of the game to rest.

"Strange. Why does my body feel a lot heavier than before?" Su Qianliu immediately noticed the change in her body as soon as she logged into the game, and she couldn't help but be confused by this situation.

"Me too. My body's reaction speed has also slowed down significantly," Zhuo Yalin said with a stunned look on her face. "Could there be a bug with the update?"

God's Domain's environment had been fixed from the very beginning. Although the Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level had a special environment, it still didn't make sense for the environment to change because of the system update.

Not to mention, Zhuo Yalin could feel that her reaction speed had slowed down significantly, and her physical fitness was reduced to that of an ordinary person. In this situation, she'd be fortunate if she could exhibit even half of the combat power she could previously exhibit in the second underground level...

"No, this isn't a bug. This is the true God's Domain," Maria, who stood nearby, said.

"The true God's Domain?" Liu Wusheng looked toward Maria in confusion.

Aside from Liu Wusheng, the others present, such as Crimson Heart, Hidden Soul, Gentle Snow, and the others, also turned to look at Maria, curious to learn what the other party meant by "true God's Domain."

In response, Maria looked to Liu Wusheng and explained, "The environment we are in now, or, more specifically, the level of control we have over our bodies currently, is the true standard of control players should have in God's Domain. This is the standard that the Greater God's Domain and all God's Domain that has come out of isolation share.

"When a God's Domain remains in an isolated state, players of that God's Domain can move their character bodies with only a single thought. Unlike in the real world, the nervous system is not involved in the entire process of controlling one's body in God's Domain. As a result, it is significantly easier to control one's character body than one's real body. However, once a God's Domain comes out of isolation, everyone belonging to that God's Domain will see this manipulation method changed to match that of the real world. So, you will feel as if your bodies cannot keep up with your brains."

Liu Wusheng and the others instantly understood Maria's explanation and realized what had gone wrong with their bodies. At the same time, unprecedented pressure fell on them.

The way they had to control their bodies had changed!

After playing in their isolated God's Domain for so many years, they had long since gotten used to having their character bodies execute movements with a single thought. In that state, one could say that their bodies could move as quickly as their brains could think.

However, in their current state, their bodies' reaction speed could no longer keep up with their brains' reaction speed. This situation would make fighting monsters incredibly difficult for them in the future.

More specifically, whenever they fought against monsters in God's Domain in the future, it'd be no different than if they were to fight these monsters in the real world. The only difference would be that their character bodies would be much stronger than their real bodies. However, there was no doubt that their combat standards in God's Domain would plummet.

From today onward, Refinement Realm experts would probably have difficulty beating even High Lords of the same level...

Players would most definitely have to change their combat methods to adapt to this new control method.

For peak experts and above, though, they wouldn't be affected by this change as much as other players. With their ability to perceive their surroundings clearly, they could compensate for their bodies' reduced reaction speed by predicting their opponents' moves in advance and taking the appropriate countermeasures. Though, when it came to using combat techniques, Skills, and Spells, peak experts would also be severely affected like ordinary players.

Aside from Liu Wusheng and the others, the various superpowers' members standing in the distance similarly felt great pressure after experiencing the true God's Domain. Even the Flower of Seven Sins' Death Omen and Gluttony wore ugly looks on their faces.

"With this change, the gap in strength between our God's Domain and other God's Domains has just grown even bigger..." The corners of Thousand Swords' eyes twitched when he finished listening to Menghao's explanation.

Originally, Thousand Swords thought that even if the various foreign God's Domains' powers came to the Miniature Ancient World, the native powers of their God's Domain could rely on their numerical and geographical advantages to maintain a considerable advantage.

However, after learning about the changes that had taken place, it wouldn't matter even if they had a numerical advantage. The gap in combat standards between both sides was simply too massive.

After the update, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that Refinement Realm and Flowing Water Realm experts were not much different than ordinary experts. They were merely better at making use of their five senses. However, due to the limitation of their bodies' reaction speed, Refinement Realm and Flowing Water Realm experts wouldn't gain much advantage even if they could use their five senses better than ordinary experts.

It would no longer be possible for Flowing Water Realm experts to single-handedly wipe the floor with a 100-man team of ordinary experts. This would be the case even if Stamina restrictions were removed.

In the current state of God's Domain, if ordinary players were said to be able to exhibit 60% of their bodies' potential, then Flowing Water Realms could only exhibit 80% of their bodies' potential. The difference between the two was considerably small.

As for Domain Realm experts, they were probably only at the 90% to 95% standard. Their overall strength advantage over ordinary experts was also considerably limited. A Domain Realm expert might even have difficulty going up against a few Refinement Realm experts with the same Basic Attributes...

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While everyone was feeling stressed by the unexpected changes, Shi Feng was calmly inspecting the loot he got from the Nether King. He wasn't at all surprised that the various superpowers were having a hard time processing this situation.

This was the process that all players of isolated God's Domains had to experience sooner or later. This was also why, in the Greater God's Domain, players were divided based on their accomplishments in the World Tower rather than their accomplishments in the Realms of Refinement.

From now onwards, one's accomplishments in the Realms of Truth would be just as important as one's accomplishments in the Realms of Refinement. Even if players reached the Domain Realm and could exert their five senses to their very limits, they wouldn't be considered third-floor experts if they had no accomplishments in the Realms of Truth.

In fact, even if a Domain Realm expert managed to reach the Truth Realm, which was the Realms of Truth's entry-level, and achieve combat power at the third-floor standard, they wouldn't be recognized

as third-floor experts by the Greater God's Domain's hegemonic powers. They would still be deemed as second-floor experts.

Only after a player had reached the Realms of Truth's Ascension Realm on top of reaching the Realms of Refinement's Domain Realm would they be considered a true third-floor expert, which was also the so-called God-ranked expert. After reaching the level of a God-ranked expert, players would have the ability to defeat multiple second-floor experts in the Greater God's Domain, assuming that there were no Stamina restrictions in place.

"We got quite the good harvest this time, so it's about time we leave," Shi Feng said after sorting out the Nether King's loot.

Shi Feng had gained quite the harvest from the Nether King this time. Aside from gaining enough EXP to reach Level 117, he had also obtained two Fragmented Legendary Weapons—a staff and a greatsword. In addition, the Nether King had also dropped a Tier 5 Magic Scroll, a Teleportation Magic Array Design, and a bunch of Legendary materials.

Most importantly, the Nether King had dropped a Cross-Border Guild Promotion Order, an item that could instantly promote a Basic Cross-Border Guild into a Bronze Cross-Border Guild.

Liu Wusheng and the others nodded when they heard Shi Feng's words. Now that numerous foreign God's Domains were about to enter the Miniature Ancient World, the last thing they should do would be to waste time grinding in the second underground level. According to the system's introduction, the Miniature Ancient World's City System would also undergo a significant change once the myriad worlds descended. If they didn't adapt to this change as soon as possible, the various foreign powers would quickly eliminate them from the Miniature Ancient World.

After Shi Feng bid goodbye to Flanders' team, he promptly led his team out of the Boundary Mountain Range. Then, after traveling on Mount for around ten hours and exiting the Boundary Mountain Range's underground area, Shi Feng and the others took out a Return Scroll and teleported back to Hundred Flow City.

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Hundred Flow City, Teleportation Hall:

Followed by the appearance of numerous flashes in the Teleportation Hall's teleportation array, Shi Feng and the others finally returned to Hundred Flow City.

"So many people actually came?!" Galaxy Past gasped when he saw the crowded Teleportation Hall.

Currently, players standing shoulder to shoulder could be seen crowding the lobby the size of a football field. Moreover, these players were incredibly high-leveled, nearly all of them being at Level 120. These Level 120 players were also equipped with Epic Equipment Sets, their equipment standards not the slightest bit inferior to the various superpowers' main force members.

However, compared to these players' equipment standards, their combat standards were even more shocking.

At a glance, Galaxy Past could see Refinement Realm experts everywhere, with many Void Realm experts and above among them. He even felt a sense of danger from quite a few of these experts...

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Hundred Flow City, main street:

When Shi Feng and the others walked out of the Teleportation Hall, they found that the main street outside was similarly crowded with players. Players couldn't even run in the spacious main street right now. At best, they could only walk at a quick pace.

After Shi Feng and the others took a few steps away from the Teleportation Hall, the players on the street suddenly stepped aside and created an empty path. Then, a 100-man team of players dressed in uniform equipment and clothing walked down this path. Meanwhile, the mere presence of these 100 players caused Liu Wusheng, Crimson Heart, Hidden Soul, and the others to step back subconsciously.

"Is this the strength of other God's Domains?" A grave expression appeared on Liu Wusheng's face when he saw the 100-man team.

Although this team only had one hundred members, Liu Wusheng could feel an oppressive feeling coming from every one of them. He felt he wouldn't even be a match for these one hundred players in a one-on-one fight. Moreover, he could also sense a suffocating presence from several of these experts. The auras of these people had clearly reached the Tier 4 standard already.

Echoing Judgment, Wordless Ember, and Flowing Quicksand also wore serious expressions on their faces. Unlike Liu Wusheng, they knew exactly how terrifying this 100-man team was.

Every member of this 100-man team could rank within the top thirty of Slumber City's Temple Knights. Among them, the several players walking at the front of the team were even more terrifying than Solitary Soul. Those several players were experts at the Vice City Lord level.

"Who are these people? Who would send such a powerful team here? Even hegemonic powers of Intermediate God's Domains can't afford to part with such a team!" a Level 120 Tigerkin with tanned skin exclaimed after seeing the 100-man team disappearing into the distance.

Upon hearing the Tigerkin Berserker's words, a Level 120 elven man standing next to the Tigerkin rolled his eyes and said, "Are you a native of this Miniature Ancient World? How can you not know about the Divine Hunters Guild?"

"Divine Hunters? The Divine Hunters from the Four Saints Higher God's Domain?" The Tigerkin Berserker was stunned.

"That's right. That Divine Hunters. Otherwise, why do you think everyone made way for those people?" The elven man nodded. Then, he sighed and continued, "It seems Hundred Flow City is going to be the Divine Hunters Guild's territory from now on. Guilds from Intermediate God's Domains like ours won't stand a chance here."

"That's not for certain, right? The Divine Hunters Guild might be powerful, but if hegemonic powers from Intermediate God's Domains are willing to shoulder the cost, it's not impossible for them to compete with the Divine Hunters. After all, there are only a few hundred cities in this Miniature Ancient World. There aren't even enough to go around for the Intermediate God's Domain, let alone the other Higher God's Domains," the Tigerkin Berserker said.

"What do you know!" With a bitter smile, the elven man said, "Now that the City System has been activated, the top ten players of each city's Colosseum will receive a portion of their respective city's management rights. However, Divine Hunters has sent six of its titled commanders here! It's almost certain that Divine Hunters will have absolute control over Hundred Flow City!"

"What?! Is the Divine Hunters Guild crazy?! Is Hundred Flow City so important that it needed to send six titled commanders?!" the Tigerkin Berserker shouted in astonishment. "Those are Titled experts we are talking about!"

Upon hearing the Tigerkin Berserker's words, the experts from the various God's Domains were similarly astonished. Only Liu Wusheng and the players native to the Miniature Ancient World remained puzzled by this situation.

How extravagant of Divine Hunters. Shi Feng was also inwardly surprised by this situation.

The term "titled expert" referred to experts who had received a title from the Greater God's Domain's Seven Luminaries Alliance.

Players native to the Miniature Ancient World might not know the significance of a titled expert. However, players who had lived in the Greater God's Domain would know that any expert who had received a title from the Seven Luminaries Alliance was like a war god in God's Domain.

This was because every titled expert was an existence capable of going up against one hundred opponents of a similar level and tier simultaneously. They were top-tier existences even among fourth-floor experts!

"If we have to go up against so many experts, even maintaining our foothold in Hundred Flow City will be a challenge..." Su Qianliu experienced a headache when she saw the various God's Domains' experts that crowded the street.

Originally, Su Qianliu had been rather confident in Zero Wing's future. However, after seeing so many experts appearing in Hundred Flow City, she doubted that Zero Wing could even retain its position in Hundred Flow City. This would be terrible for Zero Wing.

Only the various NPC Cities had teleportation arrays in the Miniature Ancient World. This meant that most trades between players would be conducted in NPC Cities. If Zero Wing couldn't maintain its

foothold in Hundred Flow City, it couldn't even trade with other powers. Even if powers were willing to go through the hassle of trading with Zero Wing, they'd exploit Zero Wing to an unimaginable level.

At this time, Su Qianliu wasn't the only one feeling pressured. Liu Wusheng, Galaxy Past, and Crimson Heart were in a similar situation.

The Miniature Ancient World might be rich in resources, but these resources were mainly concentrated in the trade network formed by the various NPC Cities. If they couldn't join this trade network, they'd be isolated by the powers that were a part of it.

"You don't need to worry about this. God's Domain isn't a place where you can achieve greatness with only a few experts," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "Sometimes, status is much more important than strength in God's Domain!"

"Status?" Su Qianliu suddenly thought of the Stratified Abyssal Realm's nobility system. Some of the Stratified Abyssal Realm's Upper-class Nobles might not be as strong as Temple Knights, but they still enjoyed much better treatment in the various NPC Cities than Temple Knights.

However, another question quickly popped into Su Qianliu's head.

How were they supposed to acquire status in the Miniature Ancient World's NPC Cities?

Something like the Abyssal Tower did not exist in the Miniature Ancient World. Although the various cities had a peerage system, obtaining a noble title required a vastly greater sum of Contribution Points than obtaining an ordinary noble status, and it wasn't something that could be accomplished within a short time.

However, Shi Feng did not offer any additional explanations. He simply had Su Qianliu and the others return to the Asura Mercenary Alliance to gather a large number of Magicians and collect the materials necessary to construct a teleportation array. Then, he made his way to Hundred Flow City's Adventurer's Association.

When Shi Feng arrived at the Adventurer's Association, the building was crowded with players from other God's Domains going through the procedures for Guild creation in the Miniature Ancient World.

"How may I help you, Sir?" a Half-elf female administrator working the front desk on the second floor asked when she saw Shi Feng approaching.

In response, Shi Feng took out the Bronze Cross-Border Guild Promotion Order and said, "Hello. I want to promote Zero Wing into a Bronze Guild."