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Why are they here? Shi Feng frowned slightly as he eyed Xie Qiwen and Gan Xingteng, who sat on a sofa and chatted merrily with Xiao Yu.

The White Tiger Dojo was currently Big Dipper's rival.

As Shi Feng walked up to the three people, Xiao Yu took the initiative to welcome him.

"Instructor Shi, you're finally here. Let me introduce you. This is White Tiger Dojo's rising star, Xie Qiwen. As for our other guest, I believe that you've already met. Gan Xingteng has already been appointed the acting Head Instructor of the White Tiger Dojo's branch in Jin Hai City." Xiao Yu introduced the men to Shi Feng.

As Xiao Yu completed the introductions, Xie Qiwen stared at Shi Feng.

Shi Feng currently wore dark-blue sportswear. He appeared extremely young for someone in his position. No matter how Xie Qiwen looked at Shi Feng, the latter looked like any ordinary youth. Shi Feng did not exude the aura that was usually found on martial arts experts. If not for Gan Xingteng providing him with information about Big Dipper beforehand, he would've assumed that Shi Feng was a new student who had recently enrolled to the Big Dipper Dojo.

"Hello, Head Instructor Shi." Xie Qiwen greeted Shi Feng without getting up from his seat. He simply looked at Shi Feng, nodding slightly as he spoke with a courteous tone, "I have heard of Head Instructor Shi's fame. Sure enough, the rumors were true."

"Hello." Shi Feng gave with a brief, but polite response.

As for Gan Xingteng, he did not bother saying anything to Shi Feng.

In Gan Xingteng's opinion, Shi Feng was simply one of the Big Dipper Group's puppets and did not possess any true ability. The dojo's true master must be the woman he had fought before, Fire Dance. In both strength and reaction capabilities, Fire Dance far surpassed him. He wouldn't even be surprised if she turned out to be the internal force expert the Big Dipper Group had invited.

Xie Qiwen stood up and turned to look at Xiao Yu before saying, "Chairman Xiao, since we've already told you why we are here, we'll take our leave now. When the time comes, I will welcome your arrival."

Initially, he had waited here to catch a glimpse of Shi Feng.

Now that he had met the man in question and discovered that Shi Feng was exactly as Gan Xingteng had mentioned, he had no reason to stay.

Following which, Xiao Yu sent both Xie Qiwen and Gan Xingteng to the door. He then had Liang Jing send them on their way.

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After the duo left, Shi Feng asked, "Chairman Xiao, may I know what business you wish to discuss?"

"The White Tiger Dojo will be holding an opening ceremony in four days, and they have invited you and me to participate. At the same time, the White Tiger Dojo plans to hold a friendly competition during the ceremony and has invited the various training centers and dojos to participate as well. The match will involve teams of three, and participants must be below the age of 20.

"The competition's champion will win one million Credits and an invitation card to the Green God Company's annual auction."

"An invitation card to the Green God Auction? Sure enough, the White Tiger Dojo is impressive."

The White Tiger Dojo's wealth and influence surprised Shi Feng.

Practically everybody in the world knew about the Green God Company.

The Green God Company was the sole producer of Nutrient Fluids, which was sold in practically every town and city around the world. It was an absolute giant. In this current era, who did not pay attention to their bodies? Who didn't want to live longer?

Particularly, the S-rank Nutrient Fluid produced miraculous effects. However, as its production volume was low, it was extremely difficult to obtain.

The Green God Company also held an auction once every year. In this auction, the company sold plenty of S-rank Nutrient Fluids. In addition, the company would introduce new products that were not available on the market. Only, it was extraordinarily difficult to gain an invitation.

A company like the Big Dipper Group did not qualify to receive an invitation. However, this wasn't surprising. After all, not a single person or company in Jin Hai City qualified.

Most likely, only an existence like the White Tiger Dojo, which nurtured international-level fighters consistently, qualified. After all, in this era, where everyone paid attention to their physical fitness, the various international training centers and dojos were the Green God Company's main customers.

"I know, right? In previous years, we've offered five million to purchase an invitation card. However, we have never actually managed to buy one. Hence, Head Instructor Shi, I was wondering if you could select a few members from the Big Dipper Dojo to participate in this friendly competition?" Xiao Yu asked anxiously.

Although he knew that the White Tiger Dojo wanted to flaunt its might through this friendly competition and solidify its position in Jin Hai City, the invitation card to the Green God Auction was simply too tempting to give up.

This invitation card was a pass that allowed one to purchase S-rank Nutrient Fluids. At the same time, one would encounter people of high social standing. If he could form some kind of relationship with some of these influential people, it might help the company's development in the future.

Hence, even if he knew it was a trap, he couldn't refuse it.

"Chairman Xiao, you should know that the dojo's members have only recently joined. Even the powerful fighters are no match for the White Tiger Dojo's elite geniuses," Shi Feng replied as he shook his head.

Since the White Tiger Dojo dared to put up such a tempting prize, it was obvious that the dojo was confident in claiming the prize for itself. During the competition, the dojo would definitely send geniuses from its main branch to participate and teach the various dojos and training centers in Jin Hai City a lesson that they would never forget.

"I heard that Head Instructor Shi has several experts in your Workshop. What if they participate instead?" Xiao Yu asked eagerly.

He had long since learned about the Zero Wing Workshop from Liang Jing. According to Liang Jing, the Workshop members were powerful fighting experts. The woman named Fire Dance, in particular, had even defeated Gan Xingteng in a single move.

"Chairman Xiao, I understand what you are trying to say, but unfortunately, they are all over 20 years old," Shi Feng said, smiling bitterly.

Of course, he wanted Cola and the others take part in the competition. However, they were all over the age limit. Only Violet Cloud met this requirement. However, the competition was a group match. If he could not fill the two remaining spots, they wouldn't be able to take part anyway. As for the members that had recently joined the Zero Wing Workshop, although they had improved significantly, they were no match for the White Tiger Dojo's elite members.

"The White Tiger Dojo really is crafty. I never thought that they would've accounted for this as well." A disappointed expression dominated Xiao Yu's face.

Despite the valuable opportunity to develop the company, he had no way of grasping it.

"We still have four days. It isn't entirely impossible to find suitable experts. However, it won't be easy."

Shi Feng suddenly recalled several core members in the Guild that were younger than 20. Only, none of them had come to Jin Hai City to participate in Zero Wing's special training.

Xiao Yu's eyes shone at Shi Feng's words. Immediately, he said, "If Head Instructor Shi has any requirements, please, don't hold back!"

"Since Chairman Xiao has offered, things will be easier on my side." Upon hearing Xiao Yu's assurance, Shi Feng said, "If we wish to defeat the White Tiger Dojo, I'll need roughly ten bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids."

Although those several core members possessed a wealth of combat experience, their physical attributes were simply too low. Meanwhile, unlike virtual combat, real-life combat relied heavily on a person's physical attributes.

If he wanted to improve their combat power in the real world quickly, the only way to do so was by pushing them past their brain's limits and utilizing the S-rank Nutrient Fluids to recover. Only this method would rapidly improve their body's overall strength.

He could also nurture the Guild's experts, killing two birds with one stone.

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"Ten bottles?!" Xiao Yu's heart skipped a beat when he heard Shi Feng's request.

S-rank Nutrient Fluids were not cabbages that one could purchase easily. It was difficult to buy a bottle even if one could afford it. People around the world referred to the S-rank Nutrient Fluid as the Water of Life. A bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid could easily go for one million Credits. Even Xiao Yu himself was only willing to drink one bottle per year to repair the damaged cells in his body, significantly slowing the aging process.

The S-rank Nutrient Fluid was a treasure to well-known international fighters. Normally, they would only consume a bottle if they were heavily injured. Even drinking A-rank Nutrient Fluids during normal training was considered a luxury.

Previously, to recruit Shi Feng into Big Dipper, he had utilized his connections and spent a significant sum to obtain a batch.

No matter how he looked at it, buying another ten bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids to obtain the Green God Company's invitation was not a worthwhile transaction.

After all, his main goal in obtaining the invitation card was to purchase S-rank Nutrient Fluid and other new products the Green God Company intended to offer. He was still uncertain about how many bottles he could purchase in the auction. It was simply too risky to invest ten bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid right off the bat.

"That's right. I'll need ten bottles at the very minimum." Shi Feng wasn't lying. Void Steps placed a huge burden on the human brain. Without the in-depth healing the S-rank Nutrient Fluid provided, one would risk their life by using the technique. Hence, whenever he trained the Guild's core members, he warned them that, if they did not have any S-rank Nutrient Fluids on hand, they were absolutely not allowed to practice Void Steps excessively. "If it is money you are worried about, I can pay half the cost. However, I want a spot on the Green God Company's invitation card."

"You'll pay half of it?" After giving the matter some thought, Xiao Yu agreed and said, "Alright, I'll try to find a way to get the ten bottles. However, they will cost slightly above market price."

Every invitation card allowed two people to attend the auction. It did not matter if he shared one with Shi Feng.

To further develop itself, the Big Dipper Group had already invested a large sum into the new dojo. They had also spent a lot on advertising. Hence, the company was somewhat tight on funds. If Shi Feng were willing to cover half of the S-rank Nutrient Fluids' cost, investing in Shi Feng's group was no different than their previous attempt of purchasing the Green God Auction invitation card for five million Credits. Only, unlike Shi Feng, that plan hadn't succeeded.

As for whether Shi Feng had the money to pay up, he had long since ordered Liang Jing to investigate the man's finances.

Recently, God's Domain had become increasingly popular around the world. Many industry giants had already invested in the game. It was definitely possible to earn a lot of money through God's Domain. Moreover, based on what he had heard from Liang Jing, Shi Feng's Workshop was considerably large. Moreover, more companies had invested in the Workshop. At this point, the Workshop had begun mass-recruiting full-time gamers. It was obvious that Shi Feng earned quite an income from the game. He shouldn't have any issues spending several million Credits at a moment's notice.

Now that God's Domain was so popular, even Xiao Yu had considered establishing a Workshop.

Based on what he had heard from his connections, he learned that Gaming Workshops focused on God's Domain earned far more than they had in past virtual reality games. God's Domain also had far more players. However, expanding the Big Dipper Group took priority. Once the Big Dipper Group had grown, it would become far more profitable than any Gaming Workshop or Guild.

After all, more people had begun to take their physical training more seriously after discovering God's Domain.

Unfortunately, what Xiao Yu did not know was that Shi Feng's Workshop was more profitable than he imagined...

After Shi Feng finalized his arrangements with Xiao Yu, he returned to Zero Wing's training room. Only the Workshop's official members had access to this room. Shi Feng had specifically instructed Liang Jing to stock the room with various training equipment. These machines would help strengthen a person's reaction speed and evasive maneuvers.

"Blackie, contact Shadow Sword and Turtledove. Have them come to Jin Hai City as quickly as possible. Report the travel expenses as a Workshop expenditure," Shi Feng instructed Blackie, who was currently occupied with basic training.

Shadow Sword and Turtledove had been members of a certain dojo before they had joined Zero Wing. They were both younger than 20. However, after officially becoming Zero Wing core members, Shi Feng had both of them leave their dojos. After all, becoming a Zero Wing core member was basically a formal job. They had to make God's Domain their main priority.

After they left their previous dojos, aside from playing God's Domain, they normally exercised at a local gym. All of their attention had shifted to God's Domain. However, as Zero Wing had yet to establish its

own company officially and the purchasing agreement for Ouroboros's training center wasn't finalized, Shi Feng hadn't invited them to take part in special training with the others.

"We're having them here now?" Blackie shot Shi Feng a curious look. Suddenly, his expression shifted to one of excitement as he asked, "Is the training center ready?!"

He had already heard about the matter from Shi Feng.

Ouroboros's training center specialized in nurturing gaming experts. Setting aside its numerous facilities, it had an advanced virtual system in which players could train. Of course, Ouroboros's training center wasn't as advanced as the Secret Pavilion's simulated training system. However, it was far more efficient than a ton of people competing for the ten black cards.

Most importantly, with the acquisition of Ouroboros's training center, Zero Wing would finally have its own headquarters. They would no longer have to borrow someone else's facilities. Like the core members of those first-rate Guilds, they could then walk into their luxurious training centers in the city center every day.

"No," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Qingxue[1] is still negotiating the price for the training center. I want them here for another matter."

Although the Blackwater's defeat had indeed dealt a major blow to the several companies backing Ouroboros, it was not an easy task to buy the training center's remaining shares. If they discovered Zero Wing's true goal, they might demand a far higher price than what Zero Wing had planned on.

Unless something forced these companies were forced to sell the shares in a hurry, Shi Feng had to let Bai Qingxue find a way to obtain the shares cheaply.

His reply disappointed Blackie. However, he suddenly thought of something else as he said, "Brother Feng, when you went to your meeting, someone came to the Workshop asking for you. However, I told him that you're in a meeting, so he's been waiting in the lounge. Do you want to meet him right now?"

"Who is it?"

"It's that youth that Big Sis Fire flattened. I think his name is You Ziping?" Blackie responded, somewhat uncertain.

"He came on his own volition? Interesting. I just so happen to be free, so I might as well meet with him." Shi Feng thought back to the bait he cast. He hadn't expected to hook You Ziping so quickly.

However, after giving the matter some thought, he found it reasonable. Now that Xie Qiwen was in Jin Hai City, as You Ziping's greatest romantic rival, how could the boy sit by and do nothing? If You Ziping remained passive, Xie Qiwen would definitely take the girl he loved. This was his last chance to do something.

Only, this development had occurred sooner than Shi Feng had anticipated. The current timeline was deviating further away from the one he remembered.

Following which, Shi Feng entered the training room's lounge.

You Ziping sat on the lounge's sofa, his legs shaking slightly. He looked quite nervous.

"What business do you have with me?" Shi Feng asked slowly as he examined the fighter before him.

Seeing Shi Feng, You Ziping stood up abruptly, anxiety flashing in his eyes as he asked, "Didn't you say that, as long as I join Zero Wing's workshop, you'll tell me how to become stronger? Is that offer still valid?"

Hall Master Jiang had already announced his intentions of driving his daughter, Jiang Lingyu, closer to Xie Qiwen. If he did not achieve some sort of feat quickly, he would be too late.

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"Of course, it's still valid." Shi Feng provided a definitive answer. "However, didn't your White Tiger Dojo bar you from joining any Gaming Workshops?"

You Ziping fell silent upon Shi Feng's question.

He had been determined not to join Zero Wing's Workshop. After all, he was recognized as an elite member in the White Tiger Dojo. If given enough time, he would gain Hall Master Jiang's recognition.

However, Xie Qiwen's sudden appearance in Jin Hai City significantly reduced the time he had to make any notable achievements.

Xie Qiwen was already a well-known national fighter. Now, the White Tiger Dojo's main branch had decided to cultivate Xie Qiwen and prepare him for the international stage.

On the other hand, he hadn't to even reached the national threshold. With Hall Master Jiang's personality, he definitely had no hopes of furthering his relationship with Jiang Lingyu.

Right now, his only way of getting Hall Master Jiang's recognition was to grow a lot stronger within a short time.

At the very least, he needed to become a fighter on the national level. Only then would Hall Master Jiang even consider handing his daughter over to him.

To build his strength quickly, the only way he could think of was by joining Zero Wing's Workshop. There wasn't actually a rule or regulation in the White Tiger Dojo that disallowed joining a Gaming Workshop, and growing stronger was far more important than violating Gan Xingteng's rules.

"If I join Zero Wing's Workshop, how much stronger can I become within a month?" You Ziping was desperate to grow stronger. However, he was suspicious about how much stronger the Zero Wing Workshop could help him become.

"I knew you would ask something like this. Since you're curious, how about you spar with one of our Workshop's new members?" Shi Feng suggested, chuckling. "Fortunately, you're already familiar with this person."

"Someone I am familiar with?" You Ziping gave Shi Feng a skeptical look.

"Follow me." Shi Feng did not bother to explain as he left the lounge.

You Ziping promptly followed him, curious about his opponent.

In the White Tiger Dojo, his status was relatively high. Not only had he become an intermediate disciple at the young age of 18, but he even ranked near the top among intermediate disciples. He was only a short time from becoming an advanced disciple. If he became an advanced disciple in the White Tiger Dojo at his age, he would definitely qualify to participate in the national youth fighting competition.

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Inside Zero Wing's training room...

Many of Zero Wing Workshop's new members were preoccupied with their basic training. When they noticed Shi Feng lead an indifferent youth into the room, they stopped and looked at You Ziping curiously.

"Who's that? A new member?"

"No, I know that guy. He was one of the fighters that came to the dojo to make trouble, but got a beating from Big Sis Fire instead."

"What unfortunate fools. Big Sis Fire never shows mercy in a fight. She is exactly like Instructor Lei in this aspect..."

"Do you think that guy is looking to challenge Big Sis Fire again?"

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Everyone in the training room had their assumptions about You Ziping's intentions. As for whether You Ziping had any chance of actually defeating Fire Dance, the thought never even entered their minds. In their eyes, You Ziping would need a miracle to survive against the woman for longer than five seconds.

As for the youth defeating Fire Dance?

Had anyone ever seen an ordinary human win against a monster before?

After Shi Feng entered the training room, he turned to a slim youth that looked to be roughly twenty years old and said, "Lu Xiu, come over here for a second. We'll be testing your strength today."

"Understood!" Lu Xiu hurriedly responded.

"Lu Xiu?" When You Ziping saw Lu Xiu walking over, the youth wore a strange expression.

Previously, when they had shown up to make trouble for the Big Dipper Dojo, Lu Xiu had chosen to leave the White Tiger Dojo and take part in the Zero Wing Workshop's test.

As an intermediate disciple of the White Tiger Dojo, You Ziping was very familiar with Lu Xiu's standards. The latter was just barely as strong as an intermediate disciple. Hence, he had been happy about Lu Xiu's decision to leave the dojo. After all, not everyone could succeed in the world of fighting. Lu Xiu might have a better future if he joined a Gaming Workshop instead.

However, when he realized that Shi Feng had selected Lu Xiu to be his opponent, he found the matter laughable.

Just how much did Shi Feng underestimate him?

"Alright, you two, get in the arena. Your time limit is three minutes," Shi Feng instructed, not explaining further.

Shi Feng's words instantly attracted everyone's attention.

Blackie merrily shouted, "We have a good show coming up! I'll be the bookkeeper! The betting ratio is one-to-five! Whoever bets on You Ziping will get five times their wager if he wins! Don't miss this opportunity!"

"Alright, I'll bet on Lu Xiu!"

"I'll bet on Lu Xiu as well!"

"I'll bet one bottle of Hundred Berry Wine on Lu Xiu's win!"

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In the end, nobody bet on You Ziping. Blackie's expression twisted.

However, among those present, You Ziping had the ugliest expression. He was only a step away from becoming an advanced disciple in the White Tiger Dojo, yet in the eyes of these gamers, he seemed to be some random passerby not worth their attention.

Lu Xiu felt an immense pressure on his shoulders. Similar to You Ziping's familiarity with his strengths, he, too, understood You Ziping's power. He had never imagined that Shi Feng and Zero Wing Workshop's core members expected him to win. No matter how he thought about it, that was impossible.

Upon seeing both fighters in their positions, Shi Feng shouted, "Begin!"

"Lu Xiu, don't hold back and show me everything you've got. I'm curious to see what you've accomplished in the Zero Wing Workshop since you've joined," You Ziping told Lu Xiu seriously.

Lu Xiu nodded and charged at You Ziping.

Lu Xiu launched a straight punch towards You Ziping, his fist pushing a strong gust of wind into the latter's face. Lu Xiu's punch was so fast that You Ziping barely caught a glimpse of it.

So fast!

You Ziping could not help his surprise. Lu Xiu's punch was far faster and more accurate than it had been in the past.

However, You Ziping was no ordinary fighter. Diverting the approaching fist with one hand, You Ziping sidestepped and rushed forward, slamming his body into Lu Xiu.

As if Lu Xiu had expected the move, he quickly adjusted his footwork as his fist was redirected. Twisting his body, he circled to You Ziping's back, avoiding the latter's body slam.

He dodged it? You Ziping was slightly surprised.

You Ziping regained his composure as he turned and continued his fierce assault against Lu Xiu. Every one of You Ziping's moves contained both deadly speed and precision, making them extremely difficult to parry.

However, contrary to You Ziping's expectations, Lu Xiu didn't become flustered, and the attacks didn't land; rather, with nimble movements and footwork, he systematically dodged one attack after another.

After You Ziping's barrage ended, Lu Xiu realized that You Ziping was exhausted. Immediately, Lu Xiu took advantage of the opportunity and dove in for the kill.

You Ziping, knowing he was in a bad position, could only throw a punch of his own to deter Lu Xiu's assault. However, Lu Xiu showed no signs of avoiding the hit. On the contrary, Lu Xiu continued straight towards You Ziping's punch. As You Ziping's fist was about to collide with Lu Xiu's face, however, the latter abruptly tilted his head.

You Ziping's fist brushed past Lu Xiu's cheek, leaving a bloodied cut. However, this allowed Lu Xiu to move into You Ziping's guard. Combining his speed and strength, Lu Xiu sent an open-palm strike at You Ziping's neck.

This strike forced You Ziping to retreat by three steps, feeling a little faint. Meanwhile, Lu Xiu took this opportunity to land another palm strike on his opponent's chest. Immediately, the attack sent You Ziping sprawling to the ground.

The victor of this match: Lu Xiu.

From the start of the match to You Ziping's collapse, Lu Xiu felt as if he had been dreaming. He had the weird feeling that You Ziping had gone easy on him. Why else would You Ziping have had so many holes in his defense? Moreover, in Lu Xiu's opinion, You Ziping's attack methods had been monotone. It was as if You Ziping had *begged* him to dodge the attacks...

However, in Shi Feng's opinion, Lu Xiu's win wasn't unexpected.

Since joining Zero Wing, Lu Xiu had experienced many life-or-death battles. He also frequently attended Lei Bao's training sessions. Both provided plenty of combat experience.

Lu Xiu also used to be one of the White Tiger Dojo's intermediate disciples. In terms of his physique, he wasn't any weaker than You Ziping. Lu Xiu had simply lacked combat experience. However, during his time in Zero Wing, Lu Xiu had accumulated far more combat experience than You Ziping. You Ziping's defeat wasn't unusual.

The first thing You Ziping saw after regaining consciousness was Lu Xiu.

How did he improve so much so quickly? A bitter feeling swam in his heart as he looked at Lu Xiu.

He knew why he had been defeated. The fight might've looked like a deadlock, but the difference in their combat experience was simply too vast. Right now, Lu Xiu moved like an expert that had lived through hundreds of battles. Lu Xiu may even possess more combat experience than the White Tiger Dojo's advanced disciples.

Yet, how much time had passed since Lu Xiu had joined the Zero Wing Workshop? How could he have gained that much combat experience in such a short timespan?

"You've seen how much Lu Xiu has improved for yourself. What do you think of my place now?" Shi Feng asked, laughing.

"Will you really teach me everything if I join Zero Wing's Workshop?" You Ziping asked anxiously. He stared at Shi Feng with anticipation.

Shi Feng could not help but sigh ruefully at the tense You Ziping. No one would ever have imagined that this youth before him would actually become the Tier 5 Berserker known as Silent Blade.

You Ziping was just as talented as Xie Qiwen. However, Xie Qiwen was slightly older and had a far stronger family background.

If one wanted to improve their physique rapidly, intense training wasn't enough. A fighter also needed to replenish the energy they consumed.

Even the most common C-rank Nutrient Fluid cost 400 Credits.

Fighters who trained arduously everyday needed at least one bottle per day. That meant that one would have to spend 12,000 Credits on C-rank Nutrient Fluids in a single month. Ordinary households couldn't afford that expenditure. There was even less need to mention B-rank Nutrient Fluids, which cost 1,000 Credits per bottle.

Dojos and training centers were only willing to sign contracts with and nurture people with outstanding talent. Ordinary members wouldn't have access to the privilege. However, even contracted members only received C-rank Nutrient Fluids. Only those geniuses would be given B-rank Nutrient Fluids.

As for You Ziping, the White Tiger Dojo had only offered him an ordinary contract, providing one bottle of C-rank Nutrient Fluid each day. However, Xie Qiwen was different. Xie Qiwen did not even need the support of the White Tiger Dojo as his household provided A-rank Nutrient Fluids to finetune his body. A-rank Nutrient Fluids cost 10,000 Credits per bottle. Not only were A-rank Nutrient Fluids capable of healing injuries that normally went unnoticed, but they could also develop a person's brain cells.

Even if You Ziping and Xie Qiwen were equally talented, the difference in their strengths at the end of the day was like the difference between heaven and earth. Furthermore, Xie Qiwen's household had invited powerful fighters and instructors to help the man gain a plethora of combat experience.

Aside from talent, You Ziping was weaker than Xie Qiwen in almost every aspect. How could he possibly be a match for Xie Qiwen?

Meanwhile, Jiang Tianyuan, Jiang Lingyun's father, highly valued strength. It was only a matter of course for him to choose Xie Qiwen.

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Noticing Shi Feng's long moment of silence, You Ziping grew nervous.

You Ziping had already seen how much Lu Xiu had improved.

Despite having recently joined the Zero Wing Workshop, Lu Xiu could display strength like never before.

If You Ziping told the other White Tiger Dojo members about this, nobody would believe him.

In any case, he was now sure that, by joining and training in the Zero Wing Workshop, he could become strong enough to get a ticket to the national youth fighting competition before this year's qualifiers. If he improved sufficiently, his results might even be quite good. Although he still wouldn't be a match for Xie Qiwen, with the advantage of his age, Hall Master Jiang would, more or less, consider giving You Ziping his daughter instead of outright rejecting him.

"If you join Zero Wing's Workshop, you won't miss out on any training. Before that, however, we have to see whether or not you can pass the Workshop's test. Based on your performance, you'll be offered a corresponding contract," Shi Feng explained. "Of course, Lu Xiu's standards are already quite high. He has already become a reserve core member in our Workshop, and we're providing various benefits to nurture him. Above that are the reserve main force member slots. If you achieve that standard, you'll receive even heavier emphasis from the Workshop. The resources we'll invest in you at that time will definitely surprise you. To put it simply, what benefits you receive are up to you. However, one thing to note is that the higher your position is, the greater the Workshop's restrictions will be.

"If you become one of the Workshop's reserve main force members, you'll need to leave the White Tiger Dojo and focus on the Workshop."

You Ziping nodded in response, not particularly surprised by Shi Feng's explanation.

He had no intentions of becoming a reserve main force member. He was fine with becoming a reserve core member. This way, he could continue his development in the White Tiger Dojo.

Following which, Shi Feng had Blackie lead You Ziping to take the foundation tests.

The Workshop's tests were very simple. They tested for an applicant's reaction speed, observation, and judgment. As long as they performed well in these aspects, even if they had never received training from a Gaming Guilds before, they could get by fairly well in God's Domain. Once Zero Wing nurtured these people, both in the game and in the real world, they could very quickly become fifth-floor experts in the Trial Tower.

Shi Feng had always planned for his Guild to walk the path of the elite. Hence, he was very strict when recruiting internal members.

Zero Wing's evaluations fell into five grades: D, C, B, A, and S.

Various large Guilds had created these grades in the past during their own internal member recruitment. It was a standard method. Those who earned a D grade were considered ordinary. Generally, large Guilds only picked people who earned a C when recruiting internal members. In other words, people who were slightly more than ordinary in the various aspects. This way, these Guilds' investments had a higher likelihood of greater return.

To become a Super Guild's internal member, one generally needed to earn a B in their evaluation. Although the difference was only one rank, a B grade player could easily defeat a C grade player of the same level.

This was similar to the wooden barrel theory. The amount of water a wooden barrel could contain was not determined by the longest plank of wood. Rather, it depended on the shortest plank of wood.

This was also why, despite there being countless people applying to join Super Guilds as internal members each year, very few actually managed it.

The internal members Zero Wing recruited were separated into two groups. To become a core member, one needed to earn a high C. Meanwhile, main force members needed a B at the very minimum. The Guild had very few members who had earned an A. Even super-first-rate Guilds and Super Guilds hungered for such talent, much less Zero Wing.

After You Ziping completed his test, Blackie ran to Shi Feng and handed him You Ziping's results.

"Brother Feng, this You Ziping kid is really impressive. His scores are the highest I've ever seen. Based on your tests, he actually managed to score a high A in everything. His observational skills even earned an S," Blackie reported excitedly.

"It seems that he should be quite talented in God's Domain. However, his future achievements will depend on him." Shi Feng chuckled as he read the results the system had provided.

This outcome didn't surprise him in the least. After all, You Ziping had been a Tier 5 Berserker in the past. At his peak, he had even ranked 58th on the God's Domain Experts List. Players who had earned such high ranks at that time were of much higher quality than present players. After all, God's Domain had been a second world for people back then. Far more experts had competed with each other in the game. Placing within the top 60 ranks had been dozens of times more difficult than it was now.

If not for the fact that You Ziping had joined God's Domain later than others, he might've achieved an even higher rank.

"It's a pity that he only chose to become a core member. If he wanted to join Zero Wing's main force, with his potential, he could reach far greater heights," Blackie sighed.

Shi Feng only tested a person's current talent, but talent wasn't a constant. As long as one continued to develop their mind, their talent would rise as well.

The fact that You Ziping was already so talented meant that his starting point was much higher than others. If he wanted to grow stronger, he still required training and resources.

"Relax. Now that he has already set foot on Zero Wing's boat, I believe that he will, sooner or later, join our main force." Shi Feng chuckled as he clapped Blackie's shoulder.

Following which, according to his daily schedule, Shi Feng proceeded with training his members.

As the sun began to set, Shadow Sword and Turtledove arrived at Zero Wing's Workshop.

When Shi Feng met the two for the first time, he discovered that they both looked much younger than in God's Domain. Moreover, they were only 19 years old, only one year older than You Ziping. However, although the two's combat experience trampled over You Ziping's, they were physically much weaker than You Ziping. According to the White Tiger Dojo's evaluation standards, they were not even fit to become basic disciples.

However, this wasn't unusual. Neither Shadow Sword nor Turtledove had received much attention from their previous dojo. Their dojo hadn't wanted to contract either of them.

After the two arrived, Shi Feng split the ten bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids, which Xiao Yu had Liang Jing deliver some time ago, between Shadow Sword and Turtledove. These S-rank Nutrient Fluids should be enough for them to train Void Steps for a considerable amount of time.

S-rank Nutrient Fluids?! You Ziping gaped in shock when he saw the exquisite coolers Shadow Sword and Turtledove were carrying.

He had seen the coolers used to store S-rank Nutrient Fluids many times. After all, when the White Tiger Dojo's advanced disciples performed exceptionally well, the dojo rewarded them with S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

As far as he could remember, the last time the dojo awarded S-rank Nutrient Fluids was when one of the geniuses at the main headquarters got 10th place in the national youth fighting competition. The dojo had boasted about this achievement, so much so that it had rewarded that youth two bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids. That youth had treated those bottles like family treasures, only using them when he was severely injured.

Yet, Shi Feng had given Shadow Sword and Turtledove five bottles each without hesitation.

What was this?

Could the Green God Company be backing the Zero Wing Workshop? The thought hovered in the back of You Ziping's mind.

There was no other explanation.

A Gaming Workshop like Zero Wing had actually given ten bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids to two people?

This was far beyond extravagant. This was simply being a spendthrift!

If he had received them, those ten bottles would last him ten years.

After Shi Feng finished instructing Shadow Sword and Turtledove on what they needed to do, he returned to his own room.

There were less than ten minutes before God's Domain's system update completed.

After drinking a bottle of A-rank Nutrient Fluid, Shi Feng entered his gaming cabin and logged into God's Domain.

Chapter 1135: Resource Competition

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"Huh? The interface changed?"

When Shi Feng logged back into his Rest Space, he suddenly discovered that plenty of changes had occurred.

Originally, the Rest Space was an empty space with only a massive interface display and nothing else.

Now, however, the dimly lit Rest Space had a set of stone doors ten meters tall with ancient runes carved on each door, lending them an ancient ambiance. Meanwhile, at a corner of the doors was a system interface.

Mind Space System.

Owner: Ye Feng

Mind Space: Inactive (Activation conditions: Own a private space under your own name. Private space must also be located in a city at the very minimum.)

Space Size: Unknown

System: Scan discovers that you own a private space in White River City. Do you wish to activate your Mind Space?

"The system has already been updated to such a degree?" Shi Feng could not help but sigh as he looked at the familiar set of stone doors.

The previous system update had introduced the Mind Space System but had not actually applied it to God's Domain. Only the related files had been added into the game, so that the Main God System could gradually phase it into the game. At the same time, the addition could also attract the attention of the various international corporations and let them know about God's Domain's uniqueness.

However, after the update this time, the Mind Space System could be said to have truly been activated.

From now on, as long as players had a private space of their own in the game, they would be able to activate their Mind Space. With a sufficient number of Seven Luminaries Crystals, they could also expand and perfect their Mind Spaces.

The Mind Space was different from God's Domain. In God's Domain, players could connect to the official forums to search for relevant information there but nowhere else. However, inside the Mind Space, players could connect directly to the internet. Whether it was for work or shopping, players could do all that through their Mind Space. Players could even contact mobile phones in the real world and engage in conversation. In addition, players could change the environment in the Mind Space to their liking, creating their own virtual world.

Most importantly, the Mind Space shared the same flow of time as God's Domain. In the Mind Space, one could enjoy twice the amount of time they had in the real world. Moreover, the flow of time in the Mind Space could also be sped up further, though at a very huge cost.

In a limited life, who did not want to live longer?

The official activation of the Mind Space System meant that the competition for resources in God's Domain had also officially begun.

In the future, competition in God's Domain definitely would not be as peaceful as before.

It would even become normal for everyone to fight over the Seven Luminaries Crystal while disregarding all costs. And to contest for more Seven Luminaries Crystals, everyone would definitely continuously strengthen themselves, which would intensify the competition over weapons, equipment, and tools in turn.

Shi Feng grew worried just thinking about what was about to come.

Nevertheless, now that the era of resource competition had begun, he had no choice but to get his hands on some of the Seven Luminaries Crystals that he knew the whereabouts of as soon as possible.

However, it was also not that easy to get these Seven Luminaries Crystals.

Seven Luminaries Crystals were exceedingly rare in God's Domain. Even an entire kingdom would have only a limited amount. Most importantly, unlike Magic Crystals, Seven Luminaries Crystals could not be stored in a player's bag space, nor could they be transported via teleportation arrays. Players could only carry them by hand or by Transport Carriages. However, many variables could occur when one was conveying Seven Luminaries Crystals over long distances. Robbery by incomparably powerful NPCs would not be surprising. After all, Seven Luminaries Crystals were equally important items to NPCs.

However, in Shi Feng's opinion, the most criminal setting placed by the Main God System would still have to be the fact that Seven Luminaries Crystals could not be disguised.

The Seven Luminaries Crystal contained Mana of extremely high purity and density. Just its presence alone could cause a change to the ambient Mana, which allowed players and NPCs to discover it readily.

Without a sufficiently powerful transport team, even if one managed to obtain some Seven Luminaries Crystals, the crystals would not reach their intended destination.

Many of the transport teams Shi Feng led in the past, which carried Seven Luminaries Crystals, had been robbed by Tier 4 and Tier 5 NPCs.

He had to admit that this was the pitiful aspect of small Guilds. This was also precisely the reason why apex experts had gained importance in the past, and why nurturing apex experts became essential for the various large Guilds.

Following which, Shi Feng chose to activate his Mind Space.

The instant he activated his Mind Space, the massive stone doors began shattering. Chunks of stone fell one after another, revealing bronze metal behind them. When all the stone was gone, a set of bronze doors had replaced the set of stone doors. Meanwhile, the divine runes carved on the doors began radiating a faint golden glow.

Immediately after, a change occurred to the system interface.

Owner: Ye Feng

Mind Space: Active

Space Level: Bronze (3,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystals will be required to upgrade to Secret-Silver

rank.)

Space Size: 0 (Every additional cubic meter will require 1 unit of Seven Luminaries Crystals.)

Seven Luminaries Crystals: 0 (After scanning, it is discovered that you have no Seven Luminaries Crystals in your private space.)

After taking a glance at the interface, Shi Feng promptly chose to enter God's Domain.

Although his Mind Space was already active, without any Seven Luminaries Crystals, it was equivalent to nonexistent. Currently, what he needed to do was gather Seven Luminaries Crystals and deliver it to his private space.

In God's Domain, aside from lacking powerful experts, another aspect where small Guilds were inferior to large Guilds was the amount of Land they owned. As Seven Luminaries Crystals could be stored only in one's private space, the more Land one possessed, the easier it would be to transport the crystals. However, the Main God System had also implemented a corresponding restriction to this matter. For Bronze Spaces, the private spaces they were bound to in God's Domain could be changed only once every twenty days. This prevented Guilds that possessed a large number of Lands from gaining too great an advantage.

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When Shi Feng entered the game, he found himself alone inside the Armory. Nobody else had logged back into the game yet.

He expected that the others were taking a look at the officially activated Mind Space System.

With all the traps in the Armory disabled, Shi Feng walked straight to the stone altar.

Previously, Fire Dance had managed to disable the Master Trap only at the very last second. Everyone was forcibly logged out of the game before they could even get a glimpse at what was on the stone altar. Shi Feng was very curious to find out what exactly the trap had been protecting.

Despite the rarity of Master Traps even in the inner area of the Fallen Ark, they actually found one in the Armory located in the Ark's outer area. Without a doubt, the item on the altar was extraordinary.

Walking forward, Shi Feng sent a glance at the altar.

Nothing particularly remarkable lay on the altar—only a glass bottle and some scattered designs covered in dust.

Following which, Shi Feng blew away the dust and carefully held up the glass bottle and designs. He was immediately stunned by what he saw.

"A Small Sailboat?!" Shi Feng could not believe his eyes right now.

In God's Domain, speedboats were mainly meant for individual players. A Small Sailboat, on the other hand, was intended for teams. A Bronze Small Sailboat was even more valuable than the Swift Dragon Speedboat. In terms of maritime combat power, the Small Sailboat was far superior.

Meanwhile, the Small Sailboat before him was Mysterious-Iron rank.

Chapter 1136: High-end Building

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Shi Feng was dazed as he stared at the ancient bottle in his hand.

He had to admit that time could erode everything.

The glass bottle storing the Small Sailboat was extremely high quality, crafted of Epic ranked materials. However, the bottle had been in this Armory since the Great Ancient War. After so much time, even Epic materials would start to disintegrate.

As a result, Shi Feng could only see the Small Sailboat's information. He couldn't actually use it...

[Hurricane Sailboat] (Small Sailboat, Mysterious-Iron Rank)

Maximum capacity: 150 people

Durability 1,000/1,000

Item storage when liberated: 8,000 bag space slots and 100 non-bag space slots.

Additional Active Skill 1-

Triple Shield: Absorbs up to 1,300,000 damage for 5 minutes.

Cooldown: 15 minutes.

Additional Active Skill 2-

Double Destruction Cannon: 2,000-yard range. Deals divine damage to a radius of 20 yards.

Cooldown: 1 minute

(Four cannons are currently equipped. Up to six cannons can be equipped.)

Additional Active Skill 3-

Hurricane Frost Field: Reduce the Movement Speed of all lifeforms and objects outside of the Hurricane Sailboat within a radius of 200 yards for 4 minutes.

Cooldown: 30 minutes

Each activation costs 60 Magic Crystals.

Additional Active Skill 4-

Mana Conversion: Converts Mana into motion, increasing Movement Speed by 40%. Every 10 Magic Crystals consumed extends duration by 20 minutes.

Cooldown: 10 minutes

Additional Passive Skill-

Braving the Winds and Waves: When sailing with the wind, Movement Speed increased by 50%. When sailing against the wind, Movement Speed is unaffected.

The Hurricane Sailboat has been severely damaged and cannot be used. Must repair the boat's divine ruins before use.

It seems I'll have to get Burning Abyss to fix it. Shi Feng sighed as he stored the Hurricane Sailboat.

The Hurricane Sailboat was no less valuable than a Fragmented Legendary item. It was even more valuable than the Swift Dragon Speedboat.

The sailboat was especially valuable right now.

Sailboats were very large. Not only could they participate in naval combat, but they were also transportation tools.

Transporting cargo over sea was much faster and more convenient than on land. More importantly, transportation across the sea was much safer. This was especially true for the current God's Domain.

Naval combat was different from combat on land. While players' role in these battles was important, the ship they used was the more so.

In God's Domain, a Mysterious-Iron Small Sailboat' combat power made it practically invincible among current Guilds. The sailboat could even deal with troublesome sea monsters.

After storing the Hurricane Sailboat, Shi Feng shifted his gaze towards the designs.

Although the designs were somewhat damaged due to the passing of time, Shi Feng could discern their information.

Four Towers of Elements!

When Shi Feng saw these words, he froze.

"So, this is the famous Four Towers of Elements!" Shi Feng's eyes glowed with excitement as he examined the designs, nearly losing his grip on the papers.

While the Four Towers of Elements' name seemed ordinary, in the various libraries around God's Domain, it was also known as the Elemental Towers. The Four Towers of Elements was a defensive structure that combined four towers that harnessed the power of the four major elements: earth, water, wind, and fire.

If the Mana Tower was considered a mainstream defensive building, the Four Towers of Elements was a high-end defensive building.

However, in the past, he had only seen these towers in Super Guilds' main headquarters. He had never heard of a lesser Guild owning one. In fact, only Super Guilds had known where to obtain them.

However, looking back at it now, Shi Feng felt that those Super Guilds might've obtained the designs in the Fallen Ark. Either that, or the Midnight Tea Party had sold the designs to Super Guilds after obtaining them. Otherwise, the Four Towers of Elements would not have been so rare in the past.

Shi Feng finally understood why the Main God System had activated the Mind Space System.

It turned out that it was because he was about to obtain the Four Towers of Elements.

As a high-end building, ordinary players could not construct the Four Towers of Elements. Only those who had learned the relevant subclasses could build them. Moreover, the relevant subclass requirements were exceptionally high. At the very least, one needed to reach the Advanced rank.

With this, I won't have any issues defending the city. Shi Feng could not help but grin at the designs.

There were a total of four designs, the complete design for the Four Towers of Elements. With these designs, in addition to the Lifestyle players the Candlelight Trading Firm had already nurtured, he could definitely construct the towers.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng began reading the list of required construction materials. This way, he could prepare.

"What?! These towers require Seven Luminaries Crystals?!"

Shi Feng grew somewhat faint after glancing through the materials.

If the towers simply needed a few Seven Luminaries Crystals, he could have dealt with that. However, each tower required ten units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Constructing the entire set would cost him forty units of Seven Luminaries Crystal...

Constructing these four towers cost more than constructing an entire city.

In God's Domain, one unit of Seven Luminaries Crystal was roughly the size of an adult's fist. Generally, one only came across 0.1 to 0.3 units of a Seven Luminaries Crystal. One-tenth of a Seven Luminaries Crystal would sell to NPC merchants for around three to four hundred Gold. If sold to players, some had even offered 1,000 Gold in the past. However, even at such a price, nobody had been willing to sell their crystals.

If Shi Feng invested forty units in his own Mind Space, he could increase it by forty cubic meters. This was enough space for one person to live in.

Even though he knew of many areas where he could collect Seven Luminaries Crystals right now, collecting so many in such a short time wouldn't be easy.

Suddenly, Fire Dance came online. When she noticed Shi Feng's sour expression, she asked curiously, "Guild Leader, what's wrong?"

"It's nothing," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. He had no intentions of revealing the Four Towers of Elements.

The Four Towers of Elements were of the utmost importance. There wasn't much benefit in revealing the information. Rather than letting everyone worry about the matter, it was better that they focus on what they needed to do right now.

Shortly after, Aqua Rose also logged in. Immediately, she turned to Shi Feng and asked anxiously, "Guild Leader, what was on the stone altar?"

"A Small Sailboat," Shi Feng said. He then shared the Hurricane Sailboat's information in the team chat for everyone to see.

Those that had just come online and saw the Hurricane Sailboat's information were stupefied.

Although they weren't very familiar with naval matters, they could, more or less tell, how powerful the Hurricane Sailboat was by its Skills.

The Hurricane Sailboat was practically a moving turret. If the four Double Destruction Cannons were lined up and fired together, their killing power would be absolutely terrifying. If the Hurricane Sailboat could be used on land, it would be invincible, not to mention at sea.

"Guild Leader, with this sailboat, we can start developing in a coastal city. With this sailboat and our resources, we'll definitely get our own share of the pie," Gentle Snow suggested after reading the Hurricane Sailboat's details.

"That's right. Guild Leader, the various large Guilds have already secured most of the available resources on land. We have to waste a lot of time and effort to contest for those resources. We might as well shift a portion of our focus to the sea. There are not many cities out at sea, so the various Guilds are slow in developing their maritime strength. There are still a lot of locations free of Guilds' control. With this Small Sailboat, we can definitely compete with the Guilds current in coastal cities." Aqua Rose very much agreed with Gentle Snow's proposal.

Both Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow were members of the Guild's management team. They possessed far more information than others. The two of them had also considered the problem of the Guild's future development. There were simply too few resources available on land, and it was time-consuming to contest for more. As for the sea, not only were its resources abundant, but the majority of the various large Guilds in God's Domain were in the same situation as Zero Wing when it came to competition at sea. Most Guilds were just starting to move towards the ocean at this stage of the game. One could say that they were all at the same starting point right now.

Zero Wing's acquisition of the Mysterious-Iron Small Sailboat gave it a significant advantage over the other Guilds. Zero Wing could easily suppress their competition's fishing boats and speedboats.

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In the canyon outside of the Fallen Ark, the Soul Eater Lord, which had previously attacked Zero Wing's team, finally emerged.

Immediately, the Soul Eater Lord's powerful Domain enveloped a significant portion of the canyon.

"How is there such a powerful monster?!"

The sight of the Soul Eater Lord instilled fear and insecurity into the Midnight Tea Party's members.

They had listened to Shi Feng's instructions and moved 1,000 yards away from the Ark, which put them outside of the Soul Eater Lord's Domain. However, as experts, their senses were far superior to ordinary players. In addition, they normally fought high-tiered monsters. As a result, they could roughly gauge a monster's strength based on the pressure it emitted.

Meanwhile, right now, from the pressure they felt from the Soul Eater Lord, they could tell that he was the strongest monster they had encountered since joining God's Domain.

"Black Flame really didn't lie. Even if every member in the team has reached Tier 2, Level 60, we'll still be cannon fodder against such a powerful monster," Netherworld Wave said, finding it somewhat difficult to breathe.

Even Tier 4 NPCs of the same level wouldn't be a match for the Tier 4, Level 67 Mythic monster with a complete Domain. After all, complete Domains were what made Tier 4 NPCs so powerful and allowed them to fight Mythic monsters, which had higher Attributes, on equal footing.

"Leader, are we still going to go in?" Cloud Yarn asked Breeze Wine worriedly.

With such powerful monsters guarding the Fallen Ark, even sending in an army of tens of thousands of players of the same level would be meaningless. They were significantly underleveled right now.

"Let's wait for a bit," Breeze Wine said softly. "Black Flame told us his method for luring these monsters away. Let's make our decision after watching the situation."

After Breeze Wine announced his decision, the team fell silent.

It would be a pity to simply leave after so much difficulty to open the Fallen Ark.

While the Midnight Tea Party members waited quietly, one monster after another exited the Fallen Ark. The weakest among them was a Grand Lord, while most were Mythic monsters. The adventurer team counted 20 Mythic monsters leaving the Ark.

Watching this, the Midnight Tea Party members, who had experienced hundreds of challenging battles, shuddered.

If not for the monsters' low levels, they could have easily obliterated numerous major NPC cities if they worked together. Even at Level 60, players would be cannon fodder in front of these monsters. It did not matter how many players fought them. Everyone that tried to do so would undoubtedly die.

If not for their quest's time limit and severe penalty for failure, the Midnight Tea Party members would've fled.

"Leader, look. They seem to have discovered something," the Ranger, Dark War, reported softly.

Everyone followed Dark War's gaze, and indeed, one Mythic monster in the distant forest sniffed the air as if it had scented something. Suddenly, the Mythic monster roared, and the rest gathered to its location. The Midnight Tea Party members began to panic.

"They couldn't have discovered us, right?!" Cloud Yarn asked anxiously.

If these monsters discovered them, their deaths were certain.

"That shouldn't be the case. Black Flame had returned from that direction. He should've set up some sort of luring magic array there," Endless Scars calmly explained.

As soon as Endless Scars said so, the abyssal monsters began to rush elsewhere. Very quickly, they disappeared from the Midnight Tea Party's sight.

"They're gone?" Everyone could not help but release a sigh of relief.

A few of the team members, who had expressed their discontent with Shi Feng, began to view the Swordsman in a new light.

Although Shi Feng was ridiculously greedy, they had to admit that if not for him, they would've been unable to enter the Fallen Ark for a long time.

"We have our chance. Let's hurry and enter the Ark!" Breeze Wine shouted as he stood.

Now that the monsters were nowhere to be seen, they could sneak into the Ark undetected. Once they were inside, things would become much easier.

It seems that I'll have to learn more about this Guild Leader of Zero Wing. Endless Scars revealed a faint smile as she looked to where the monsters had flown.

Even Super Guilds knew little about the secret of the Fallen Ark. She had searched everywhere for information, even utilizing the Blackwater Corporation's power, to grasp the little she had learned about the Ark. And yet, the Guild Leader of a newly developed Guild knew far more about the Fallen Ark than she did. One could see just how extraordinary Shi Feng was. Zero Wing was definitely not as simple as she had imagined.

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As the abyssal monsters moved away from the Fallen Ark, Shi Feng led the Zero Wing team to the Ark's inner region.

He had finally made it into the Fallen Ark after so much trouble. He could not simply leave after looting a single Armory.

Furthermore, the Fallen Ark's truly valuable items lay in the inner region.

However, as they ventured deeper, they encountered many traps. Even after the traps were disabled, new traps appeared in their place after a certain amount of time. In addition, due to the recent system update, the traps had become far more difficult and risky to disable. Any mistake could trigger the traps. It might be fine if it were weak, as triggering the trap wouldn't result in an instant death. However, if they triggered a stronger trap, it could result in a team-wipe. As a result, Shi Feng's group progressed very slowly through the Ark.

Fortunately, Shi Feng had the Fallen Ark Map. The map depicted which areas within the Ark were riddled with traps and which were not. Not only could they choose the safest path, but they would also know if they were about to walk into one. They didn't need to be on high-alert constantly.

Finally, after over an hour advancing through the Ark, the team reached the inner region.

Following which, Shi Feng had everyone standby and wait for orders as traps riddled this area. Their only option was to let Fire Dance explore.

As Fire Dance still held the Icarus's Heart Shi Feng had given her, she could explore the inner region somewhat safely. Anyone else that tried to do so would only be looking to die.

"Fortunately, we dealt with the traps in the Armory before the system update began. Otherwise, the stone alter's trap would have killed us already," Flying Shadow said, his heart fluttering with fear.

Previously, when he had disabled an Advanced Trap, he had very nearly lost his life when he triggered the trap by mistake. Fortunately, Violet Cloud had reacted quickly and immediately cast Truth Shield on him. In the end, the trap had only wounded him, leaving him with only 2,000 HP.

"That's right! Guild Leader is really amazing! If not for sensing that the system update would affect traps, we wouldn't have obtained the Hurricane Sailboat!" Cola said, laughing.

Shi Feng hadn't expected to acquire the Hurricane Sailboat either. However, he agreed with Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose's suggestion. Hence, he made some slight adjustments to his plans.

Before obtaining the Hurricane Sailboat, Shi Feng had planned to develop in Ocean Viewing Town slowly. He had even intended to let Immortal Light develop in the Apocalypse Empire's coastal towns.

After all, Zero Wing was different from the other Guilds in coastal cities, where the latter had already begun to build their strength. Trying to compete with these coastal Guilds would be foolish. Even if Zero Wing were far stronger than these Guilds, naval combat relied on the ships' quality, rather than players'. Zero Wing would not have much of an advantage by relying on the Swift Dragon Speedboat.

Coastal cities were very different from coastal towns. Coastal cities possessed Large Shipyards. They also had plenty of high-ranking rare quests that could help players to obtain powerful ships.

Otherwise, Phoenix Rain, the Pavilion Master of a super-first-rate Guild, would not have bothered cooperating with a first-rate Guild like Firmament. She had done so because Firmament had taken over a major NPC coastal city very early in the game. Even some Super Guilds feared its strength at sea.

Hence, Shi Feng now planned to occupy a major NPC coastal city.

"Guild Leader, I discovered a Forging Hall! I can see an Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest inside the hall!" Fire Dance excitedly announced in the team chat.

Chapter 1138: Chapter 1138 - Two Weak Points

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"An Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest in the Forging Hall?" Shi Feng's heart began beating rapidly when he heard this.

In the past, he had never even seen an Epic Treasure Chest, only ever heard about it through rumors.

As for Inferior Legendary Treasure Chests, their existence in God's Domain was only player speculation. Nobody would say for certain that such Treasure Chests even existed in the game. After all, as long as one's luck was not extremely bad, they could get a Fragmented Legendary item from an Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest.

Without exaggeration, a single Fragmented Legendary item could change the fate of a player in God's Domain.

In God's Domain, the large Guilds were fully capable of obtaining Epic items—in relatively high quantities. However, not every large Guild possessed Fragmented Legendary items. Even ten years after God's Domain's launch, first-rate Guilds only had a handful of such items at most. Meanwhile, Guilds would definitely dispatch a lot of players to guard their experts wielding these Fragmented Legendary items.

The reason for this was very simple: fear of an ambush by other apex experts wielding Fragmented Legendary items. Although their own experts possessed extremely frightening strength, with appropriate counters, the enemy could still take them out. Hence, these Guilds would dispatch expert teams to prevent unexpected incidents from happening.

Even so, many such ambushes still occurred in God's Domain every day.

One could see just how desperate the large Guilds were towards Fragmented Legendary items.

Shi Feng never imagined that, shortly after entering the inner area of the Fallen Ark, he would actually come across such a harvest. The Fallen Ark was even more amazing than the rumors had made it out to be.

However, after giving the matter some thought, he found it reasonable.

Back then, some people had already entered the Fallen Ark prior to the public's discovery of it and had definitely cleaned out the treasures inside. Moreover, the Super Guilds that had cleared out those ancient abyssal monsters must've looted the Ark as well. By the time other players were able to swarm into the Ark, the treasures remaining were extremely few—but still extraordinarily amazing.

Now that his team was the first to explore the Fallen Ark, it was not surprising that they came across an Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, which he had never seen in the past.

When everyone heard Fire Dance say so, flames of passion flared up in their eyes.

Even Epic items were exceedingly rare right now. If they could obtain a Fragmented Legendary item, it would truly be a game changer for Zero Wing.

Among those present, aside from Blackie, Aqua Rose, Gentle Snow, Fire Dance, and an extreme few who knew that Zero Wing possessed more than one Fragmented Legendary item, everyone else believed that the best weapons and equipment Zero Wing possessed were only of Epic rank.

"What's the situation over there?" Shi Feng asked softly after calming himself.

"There's an extremely powerful trap set up around the Treasure Chest. Furthermore, there are two statues inside the Forging Hall, and both of them are giving off a very faint pressure. They could be the guardians protecting the Treasure Chest. I don't dare approach them right now, so I still can't determine whether I can disable the trap."

Fire Dance then took a picture of the Forging Hall and shared it through the team chat.

Previously, Shi Feng had warned her that aside from traps, certain parts of the Ark's inner area had guardian monsters. Hence, she had taken notice of the two statues set up in the Forging Hall.

After scrutinizing the picture, Shi Feng nodded and said, "Your judgment is correct. Those two statues are indeed guardians. Moreover, they're not just any normal guardians. They're Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, an Archaic Species."

Shi Feng had seen the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus in the past. Back then, a Super Guild had dispatched an army of ten thousand players, in addition to many apex experts, to kill one. In the end, although the Super Guild managed to finish off the Archaic Species, it had suffered a casualty rate of over 80%.

"An Archaic Species? Isn't that similar to the monster we encountered in Titan City's entrance trial?" Aqua Rose asked in shock.

She had personally experienced the strength of an Archaic Species. If not for the powerful magic array suppressing the King of Corrosion back then, they would not have had any chance of defeating it at all. Yet, now, there were actually two such monsters in the Forging Hall.

In truth, even Shi Feng was surprised upon seeing this.

According to the information he obtained, there should not be any other powerful monsters in the Fallen Ark's inner area, aside from Special Lifeforms and those ancient abyssal monsters. The sudden appearance of two Archaic Species was completely outside of his expectations.

No wonder the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest was placed in such an eye-catching location. Shi Feng felt his head start aching.

Archaic Species were stronger than even Special Lifeforms.

A Tier 4 Archaic Species could definitely rival those Tier 4 abyssal monsters inside the Ark in strength. If two of such Archaic Species worked together to defend an area, they would be practically invincible at this stage of the game.

It might be possible to challenge them with a team of Tier 3 experts. Either that, or if they had another Water Boundary Magic Scroll to hold the two guardians back, they could use the opportunity to disable the trap and take the Treasure Chest away. Otherwise, they could only look at the Treasure Chest from the sides.

"Guild Leader, with our current standards, I'm afraid that we won't be able to get that Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest. Why don't we explore other locations first?" Gentle Snow suggested.

While she wanted to obtain the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest as well, the difficulty of doing so was simply too high. Rather than pointlessly throw away their lives, it would be much better if they first looked for whatever items they could get their hands on.

"Alright. Fire, send over the safe route to the Forging Hall first. Afterwards, explore some other locations and take as many items as you can." After giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng decided to first do whatever they could in the inner area before considering other courses of action.

"Understood." Fire Dance nodded, then shared the route she took to reach the Forging Hall through the team chat.

Shi Feng carefully led everyone towards the Forging Hall.

The inner area of the Fallen Ark was very complex. It was like a highly diversified maze, and one could easily lose their way in here. One might even encounter the same trap several or even dozens of times.

It was no wonder the players that actually managed to leave with any treasure numbered extremely few, despite players swarming the Fallen Ark.

After wending their way for over an hour, Shi Feng and the others finally arrived at the Forging Hall.

The extremely spacious Forging Hall was roughly the size of a sports stadium that could fit 50,000 people. There were all sorts of forging tools placed around the room as well as many books on display. However, due to the corrosion of time, none of these things seemed usable. Only the Treasure Chest and the statues placed in the center of the hall appeared in pristine condition.

"Flying, find a way to disable the traps protecting the forging tools and books. Everyone else, take whatever you can away from here. Leave nothing behind," Shi Feng instructed after glancing through the hall.

Since he had already arrived in the Fallen Ark's inner area, he naturally could not let this trip go to waste.

Although the forging tools and books were severely damaged, with so many tools and books here, he refused to believe that not a single one of them was usable.

"Understood!"

Everyone promptly spread out and went into action.

As for Shi Feng himself, he was carefully observing the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest and the two massive statues standing beside it.

Over two hours passed very quickly. Aside from where the Treasure Chest sat, everyone had cleared out all the other areas in the hall.

Although everyone was relatively tired from all the looting they did, they managed to end up with a considerable harvest. The items they obtained included dozens of complete books as well as eight forging tools. Every forging tool was Secret-Silver rank, and if placed in the Candlelight Trading Firm, they would all be top-class tools.

While everyone was quietly waiting for Fire Dance to return, Gentle Snow used the time to flip through some of the books they found in the Forging Hall.

Suddenly, Gentle Snow exclaimed with excitement, "Guild Leader, this book seems to have a relevant introduction to the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus!"

"An introduction? Let me see!" Shi Feng demanded hurriedly.

The book Gentle Snow was reading was titled *Archaic Species Material Analysis*. The book specifically introduced the various Archaic Species in existence as well as the materials that could be gained from their bodies. It also had a section on how those materials could be used to produce specific kinds of weapons, equipment, and other items.

Among the Archaic Species recorded, the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus had over a dozen pages dedicated to it.

Meanwhile, the information mentioned that the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus had two weak points.

The first one was the monster's hydrophobia. Submersion in water would inhibit the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's reactions, and its Defense would decrease significantly.

The second weak point was its power core. There was a power core in the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's body. The destruction of this power core would significantly weaken the monster's Strength Attribute.

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At the outer area of the Fallen Ark, the members of the Midnight Tea Party moved with extreme caution.

This was because shortly after their entry, they very nearly got team-wiped due to triggering a trap.

Nobody could've imagined that the latest system update would include penalties for failing to disable a trap. With Netherworld Wave's Advanced Trap Disabler class, it was simply impossible for him to succeed in disabling Advanced Traps all the time. As a result, the team had no choice but to exercise extreme caution while advancing.

"If I had known something like this would happen, I would've had us enter the Ark before the system update began." Breeze Wine now felt that he had made the wrong decision before.

There were still many Fallen Patrols roaming about the outer area of the Ark. With their slow progress, it was very easy for them to come across those Patrols. If they really got caught by a Patrol, they would have no choice but to withdraw immediately. Right now, whether they could even reach the Ark's inner area was still in doubt.

Had they utilized the twenty minutes logout preparation time, they might've already reached the inner area by now.

"Leader, you didn't make the wrong decision. If we entered the Ark before the update began, we would've risked encountering those dangerous abyssal monsters. Our situation at that time wouldn't be much better than right now. Moreover, now that we've grasped the method to lure those abyssal monsters away, should we really fail to complete our quest this time, we can simply come back once everyone has reached Level 50 and obtained their Tier 2 classes. At that time, even if we come across the Fallen Patrols, we can still quickly finish them off or fight them as we advance deeper into the Ark," Endless Scars said after noticing Breeze Wine beating himself up. "Let's use this chance to scout out a path in advance."

Likewise, everyone else on the team expressed their agreement when they heard Endless Scars's words.

Although their quest had a time limit, they still had enough time to make appropriate preparations.

Just as everyone was merrily chatting with each other, Endless Scars suddenly received a message.

Seeing this message, Endless Scars smiled faintly.

"Big Sis Endless, did something good happen?" Cloud Yarn could not help but ask curiously when she saw Endless Scars suddenly sporting a playful smile.

"You could say that. Any of you interested in watching a competition at the Dark Arena? I've just received an invitation card, and I can bring five people with me," Endless Scars said, chuckling.

"The Dark Arena?"

Everyone lost interest when they heard this.

Although those participating in the Dark Arena were much stronger than ordinary experts, to experts of their standards, the fights at the Dark Arena possessed no reference value whatsoever.

"Are you all really not interested in going? I heard that the Dark Arena is even prepared to hold a grand auction this time, which apparently will include even Epic items," Endless Scars said, somewhat disappointed when she noticed the disinterest on everyone's faces. "Moreover, the battle teams that will be fighting are very interesting. Among them, Zero Wing will be facing off with the Miracle Guild. I heard that Miracle has dispatched quite a few powerful experts this time."

"Epic items? Zero Wing against Miracle?"

"Big Sis Endless, I want to go!"

"Hold it! I've never been to the Dark Arena even once before! Let me go this time!"

When everyone heard Endless Scars's words, they immediately grew interested.

Setting aside how tempting Epic items were, just the fact that Zero Wing was going up against the Miracle Guild already gave them plenty of reason to go spectate at the Dark Arena. Although Miracle was only a super-first-rate Guild, the number and quality of experts it possessed were by no means inferior to Super Guilds'.

If Miracle dispatched its apex experts to the Dark Arena, then the upcoming match would definitely be an interesting one.

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Elsewhere, after Shi Feng was done reading through the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's introduction, he fell into deep thought.

"So these are the methods to raid them?"

No matter how he looked at it, the two Archaic Species were invincible existences at this stage of the game. If the two worked together, even a 100-man team of Level 60, Tier 2 experts would fall very quickly.

However, since the Main God System had set the difficulty of this raid as such, it would naturally provide players with some kind of hope to complete the raid.

Although Shi Feng did not know how effective these two methods would be in weakening the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, it would be a criminal waste if he simply gave up on the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest without even giving it a try.

Following which, Shi Feng had everyone begin making preparations to raid the two monsters.

"Guild Leader, are we really going to raid these two Archaic Species?" Aqua Rose asked worriedly as she looked at the two giant statues in the center of the Forging Hall.

Previously, when they went up against the King of Corrosion, they had had a team of 100 players and even the assistance of an ancient magic array. Right now, not only did they not possess such a magic array, but their team also had only 20 members in all. To make things worse, they had to go up against two Archaic Species at the same time. No matter how she looked at it, they were simply trying to get themselves killed.

The outcome would be the same even if they managed to grasp the weak points of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

"I know what you're worried about. Before we learned of their weak points, I indeed had no idea how we could get the Treasure Chest. Now, however, things are different. I have around a 30% certainty that we can get that Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest," Shi Feng laughed.

"Thirty percent? So high?" Aqua Rose was quite surprised by Shi Feng's response.

She had estimated that they had less than a 5% chance of successfully obtaining the Treasure Chest. But Shi Feng was now saying he was roughly 30% sure he could pull it off. If he really did have such a high probability of success, it was indeed worthwhile to make an attempt.

Currently, Super Guilds were willing to sacrifice thousands of elite members just to obtain one Epic item, let alone a Fragmented Legendary item. If the existence of this Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest were made known to Super Guilds, most likely, they would be more than willing to sacrifice tens of thousands of elite players as well as hundreds of experts.

"Around that percentage. However, our main problem would still be the trap set up around the Treasure Chest. If it is a Grandmaster Trap, we'll most likely have no chance of getting the Treasure Chest. Only if it is a Master Trap will we have a 30% chance of succeeding." Shi Feng shrugged, expressing that he was taking a gamble right now.

In the past, it was a common sight for the various large Guilds to send out tens of thousands of elite players just to contest for one Fragmented Legendary item. After all, with one Fragmented Legendary item, a Guild could nurture one more apex expert. This way, not only would a Guild get another expert to lead it, but they would also have a much easier time defending the transportation of important cargo or locations in the future.

Following which, everyone began taking action according to Shi Feng's commands.

To take advantage of the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's first weak point, Shi Feng armed everyone—with the exclusion of the team's MTs and healers—with Tier 1 and Tier 2 water-type Magic Scrolls. As soon as the battle began, they would close the doors to the Forging Hall, turning it into an enclosed space. After that was done, they could easily create an environment filled with water.

As for the Archaic Species' second weak point, Shi Feng possessed the Omniscient Eyes. He should have no problems targeting the power cores.

Everything else would have to depend on luck.

When Fire Dance returned to the Forging Room, Shi Feng had his team shut the doors to the Forging Room.

"Begin!"

At Shi Feng's command, everyone sprang into action, unfurling their Magic Scrolls one after another and launching a barrage of water-type Spells at the two statues.

In the blink of an eye, a lake formed within the Forging Hall, the height of the water easily surpassing that of a player. At the same time, everyone also activated a Water Walking Scroll.

The Water Walking Scroll was a commonly used Magic Scroll in God's Domain. As its name suggested, it allowed players to walk on water for ten minutes. Each scroll sold for 20 Silver Coins, and it could be said to be one of the tools specialized for maritime combat.

As the water-type Spells struck the bodies of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, both monsters immediately awoke.

"Roar!"

The Fossilized Tyrannosauruses let loose deafening roars, shaking up the Forging Hall. Meanwhile, the powerful aura that abruptly filled the entire hall struck fear into everyone.

Now that the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses had awakened, everyone was finally able to get a glimpse at their statistics.

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[Fossilized Tyrannosaurus] (Inferior Dragon, Archaic Species, Mythic) Level 65 HP 320,000,000/320,000,000

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Just as everyone was feeling shocked by the statistics of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, Shi Feng shouted, "Fire, use this chance to disable the trap!"

Shi Feng knew better than anyone else present just how powerful the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses were. It was also because of this understanding that he knew how valuable time was right now. If they continued daydreaming, the chances of obtaining the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest would decline.

"Understood!"

"Fire Dance immediately responded and activated Silent Steps, appearing behind one of the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses. She then dashed straight towards the Treasure Chest.

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When Fire Dance was only 30 yards away from the Treasure Chest, the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, which had initially been lured away by the Spells attacking them, suddenly shifted their attention to her. As if they had had their tails stepped on, they glared at Fire Dance with single-minded ferocity as though she were the only person left in the world.

"Not good! Our aggro is too weak!" Shi Feng frowned. "Cola, Turtledove, use everything you've got to pull aggro! Have the Bosses stay as far away from the Treasure Chest as possible!"

As Guardian Bosses, the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses' priority was the protection of the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest. To them, aggro was secondary.

Only when another player's aggro over the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses reached a sufficiently high degree would the Bosses stop paying attention to the player attempting to steal the item they protected. This was why Shi Feng previously had everyone use their water-type Magic Scrolls on the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses. Not only could they deal a significant amount of damage to the Bosses, but they could also increase their aggro over the Bosses.

However, the effects of the water-type Spells were not as good as Shi Feng expected.

"Understood!"

Upon hearing Shi Feng's command, Cola and Turtledove immediately activated Power of Darkness, causing their Basic Attributes to soar instantly. Both of them then charged straight at the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses and used Justice Roar, trying their best to shift the attention of the Bosses to themselves.

However, the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses still kept the Treasure Chest as their priority, completely disregarding the two Guardian Knights' Justice Roars and continuing to chase Fire Dance.

Both Cola's and Turtledove's Justice Roars were at Tier 1. If the target they used the Skill on ignored them, their Strength Attributes would double for a short time. Their speeds would increase significantly as well.

Sure enough, Cola's and Turtledove's Strengths immediately doubled. Both of them then followed up with a Shield of Vengeance at their respective Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

Boom! Boom!

The moment their shields collided with the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, sparks flew. Despite the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses having had their Defenses weakened, Cola's and Turtledove's attacks only left a small scratch on their scales.

As for the damage the two Guardian Knights dealt, it was less than -8,000.

"So this is an Archaic Species?" Gentle Snow revealed a dumbfounded expression when she saw the damage the two MTs dealt.

This was her first time encountering an Archaic Species.

Although she already knew their team had no chance whatsoever of winning against the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, when she saw this scene, she still could not help but be shocked.

She had a general idea what Cola's and Turtledove's equipment standards were. If she was not wearing the Seven Luminaries Battle Armor Shi Feng had given to her, her Attributes would no doubt be inferior to theirs. Currently, not only had the two Guardian Knights activated their Berserk Skills, but they even

had the Strength boost from Justice Roar. In terms of Strength, even a Tier 2, Level 60 Berserker would be no match for them.

Yet, now, the both of them had dealt less than -8,000 damage to their targets.

The Defense of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses was simply insane.

At this moment, she wondered if Cola and Turtledove could even deal any damage to the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses if not for the submerged environment weakening the Bosses' Defenses.

"Roar!"

Although Cola's and Turtledove's full-powered attacks had barely dealt any damage, they still managed to get the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses to shift their attention to them, which eased up the pressure on Fire Dance.

"Good! Now activate your Lifesaving Skills and slowly lure the Bosses away!" Shi Feng commanded.

Without hesitation, Cola and Turtledove activated Protection Blessing.

If they managed to deal only such a small amount of damage, despite the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses' weakened Defenses, they did not dare to imagine what kind of damage the Inferior Dragons could deal, seeing as the Bosses' Attack Power had not weakened in the slightest.

Peng! Peng!

No sooner had the two Guardian Knights activated Protection Blessing than the tail swipes of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses sent them both flying away. The speed of the attacks was so fast that not a single person present had managed to react.

"What happened?!" Minor Wind's eyes widened in shock.

He had only seen the tails of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses moving slightly just now. There had been no sign of the tails making their way towards Cola and Turtledove at all. Yet, before he knew it, both Guardian Knights were already in the air, their HPs decreasing by over 36,000, instantly falling below 50%. If not for Cola and Turtledove having activated Power of Darkness and Protection Blessing, which increased their HP to over 50,000 and halved the damage they received, the two of them would be meeting God by now...

Aside from Shi Feng, everyone present was stunned by the horrendous amounts of damage dealt by the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

With such speed and Strength, even a Tier 2, Level 60 MT would not be able to last long against the Inferior Dragons.

"All healers, focus on Cola and Turtledove! We need to buy as much time for Fire as we can!" Shi Feng shouted hurriedly, not feeling any surprise whatsoever at this situation.

In the past, when Super Guilds dealt with Tier 4 Archaic Species, the teams they sent had been filled with players equal to or higher than the monster's level. Meanwhile, half of the lead MT's equipment had to be Epic rank at the very minimum. Moreover, they needed to have three MTs simultaneously

receiving the monster's attacks. Aside from that, they would also use Intermediate Magic Arrays to suppress the Archaic Species. Otherwise, they would have had no chance of victory at all.

Right now, the only thing they could do was to buy as much time as possible by relying on their Berserk Skills. As for defeating the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, Shi Feng had never even entertained the possibility.

Under Shi Feng's command, Cola and Turtledove carefully lured the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses away from the Treasure Chest, giving Fire Dance the opportunity to remove the trap set up around the Treasure Chest.

However, after Fire Dance looked at the trap, a frown appeared on her face.

"Guild Leader, this trap is indeed Master rank. However, its complexity is much greater than the Master Trap I disabled before. I need time if I want to disable it safely!" Fire Dance sent a private message to Shi Feng.

Everyone had clearly witnessed for themselves how terrifying the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses were. There was simply no chance they could win against these monsters. They could only drag the battle out as long as possible. Hence, Fire Dance was extremely anxious.

"How long?" Shi Feng asked.

"At least...five minutes," Fire Dance replied helplessly. Right now, she hated herself for not training her Trap Disabler class as much as she could. Although she had forcibly increased her rank to Master right now, her technical skills were not actually at the Master rank yet.

Five minutes was more than enough for everyone to die dozens of times.

"Five minutes?" After giving it some thought, Shi Feng clenched his teeth and said, "I got it. I'll try to buy as much time over here as possible. You just relax and disable the trap."

This reply stunned Fire Dance. However, she knew that Shi Feng never joked around. Since he had said so, he definitely had a way to realize his words. Immediately, she nodded and began disabling the trap before her.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng had also activated Omniscient Eyes and began searching for the power cores of the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

Their power cores are actually in constant motion?

The Fossilized Tyrannosauruses could hide no secrets from the Omniscient Eyes. Shi Feng could clearly see a glowing red dot moving about inside the body of each monster. Although the dots were very small, they were extremely eye-catching.

However, while Shi Feng had guessed correctly that he could locate the power cores with Omniscient Eyes, he had no way of damaging them. Seeing how Cola and Turtledove had only managed to scratch the scales of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses before, even if Shi Feng relied on the Abyssal Blade and Killing Ray, it would be very difficult for him to shatter those scales, not to mention penetrating deep into the Inferior Dragons' bodies and striking at their power cores.

Nevertheless, Cola's and Turtledove's HPs were rapidly decreasing at this moment. The two Guardian Knights could die at any time. If he did not destroy the power cores right now, it would be impossible for them to survive for five minutes. When Protection Blessing ended, both of them would die instantly.

"It seems I have no choice but to use that," Shi Feng muttered to himself before letting out a sigh. In a battle of such level, it was just too risky to use *that*. However, in order to obtain the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, he had no choice but to take a gamble.

Saying so, Shi Feng took out a Summon Guard Scroll and summoned his Epic Guard, Anna.

Players generally would not let their Personal Guards take part in such a dangerous battle. While Personal Guards that were killed could be resurrected, the price for doing so was exorbitant. It was definitely not a price that players were willing to accept. Hence, players with powerful Personal Guards very rarely allowed their Personal Guards to take part in risky battles.

"Anna, use Angel Summoning!"