

Strongest

Chapter 1891 – Another Method Dark Night City, Purple Night Plaza:

As the barrier disappeared, silence filled the entire plaza, and every player that had been trapped behind the barrier turned to stare at Shi Feng.

“So strong!”

“Didn’t the barrier just shake a little after the Valkyrie’s attack? How did he straight-up destroy the barrier?”

Whether it was the spectating players outside of the plaza or the two super-first-rate Guilds’ members within, all looked at Shi Feng with incredulous expressions. The expert players Starlink had stationed to observe the situation from outside of the plaza stared at the scene with bulging eyes.

They had only formed the Illusory Spatial Barrier after sacrificing 288 players to the magic array, yet Shi Feng had shattered it without much effort

The Illusory Spatial Barrier had been formed with a set of special magic tools the Guild had found in ancient ruins. Starlink had exhausted a lot of time and resources to explore the various ruins, and by the time the Guild had completed the required set to form the magic array, the Guild had suffered over 5,000 casualties, all of which had been elite or expert players.

Once the Illusory Spatial Barrier had been activated, not even a Tier 4 monster should be able to escape. The Tier 4 monster would have no choice but to wait through the barrier’s eight-hour duration. Moreover, even if players died inside the barrier, they would resurrect within it instead of in the nearest graveyard.

Yet, Shi Feng had shattered the barrier in one hit...

While everyone was still shocked, Shi Feng sheathed Killing Ray and turned to Unyielding Heart and his companions.

“The magic array has been dealt with. Let’s hurry to the Sea of Trees,” Shi Feng said as he gestured to the magic array in the heart of the Purple Night Plaza. Calmly, he continued, “It hasn’t been long since Starlink’s members left. We should be able to catch up if we hurry.”

Hearing Shi Feng’s reminder, Unyielding Heart and Mu Lingsha quickly snapped out of their daze and gave the swordsman grateful looks. If Shi Feng hadn’t shattered the magic barrier, they wouldn’t have been able to compete with Starlink. Immediately, Unyielding Heart took a key from his bag and activated the teleportation gate to the Sea of Trees. Mu Lingsha then directed their experts to enter the teleportation gate.

Meanwhile, Illusory Words couldn’t pull her gaze from Shi Feng, astonishment filling her eyes.

Strength Combination? When Illusory Words recalled the attack Shi Feng had executed with the Valkyrie, a playful smile graced her lips. It seems that Black Flame is far more capable than I thought. It’s no wonder why the Secret Pavilion has such a high evaluation of him.

The Valkyrie’s Strength hadn’t been quite high enough to shatter the Illusory Spatial Barrier alone. Shi Feng had actually combined his Strength with the Valkyrie’s to compensate. Executing the Strength Combination technique with another individual was many times more difficult than using it alone. One’s grasp of timing and positioning had to be extremely accurate. It wasn’t a casual feat to accomplish.

Yet, Shi Feng had smoothly executed the technique, which even Domain Realm experts found challenging...

Although Shi Feng hadn't combined his full Strength with the Valkyrie's, it had been enough to exceed the magic barrier's limit. Thus, the magic barrier had shattered.

"Vice Guild Leader, the magic barrier is gone. Let's hurry as well," a tall, muscular Berserker said.

"Alright. Activate the teleportation gate." Illusory Words nodded. She then directed her selected players into the teleportation gate.

Following which, white light enveloped Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor's members, one after another, as the players teleported to the Sea of Trees.

While Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor's members left for the Sea of Trees, the observing Starlink members hurriedly reported to Lu Xingluo and Bright Dawn.

"What did you say?! Unyielding Soul broke through the Illusory Spatial Barrier?!" When Bright Dawn heard his subordinate's report, his mind instinctively wanted to reject the notion. "That's impossible! Not even Tier 4 monsters can break out of the barrier! I know full well what Unyielding Soul is capable of! They definitely don't have the power to destroy the Illusory Spatial Barrier!"

As Unyielding Soul's ex-Vice Guild Leader, he was fully aware of the Guild's current prowess. He even knew the Guild's trump cards. At best, the Guild could expend five Tier 4 Offensive Magic Scrolls, which wouldn't be enough to destroy the Illusory Spatial Barrier.

“The Illusory Spatial Barrier really shattered, but Unyielding Soul’s members didn’t do it,” the reporting Assassin said.

“Not Unyielding Soul’s members? Was it Crimson Emperor?” Bright Dawn’s expression darkened. “It seems that I’ve underestimated Illusory Words...to think that she had such card hidden...”

While the Illusory Spatial Barrier could be broken, doing so required immense power. One would need enough power to destroy a town’s defensive magic array in one hit, and players had no chances of encountering such power at this stage of the game.

However, God’s Domain had countless opportunities to offer. With how widespread a superpower’s influence was, it wasn’t impossible to acquire a tool with enough destructive power.

“No...it wasn’t Crimson Emperor’s members either. Based on our information, one of Zero Wing’s members destroyed the barrier,” the Assassin said as he sent an image of Shi Feng to Bright Dawn.

“Zero Wing?” Bright Dawn blinked in surprise as he looked at Shi Feng’s cloaked figure and the Sacred Sword in the Swordsman’s hand.

When Lu Xingluo heard the report, he was surprised as well. He had never thought that Zero Wing actually had a means to destroy the Illusory Spatial Barrier.

“It seems that Zero Wing isn’t all talk after all. It’s no wonder why Unyielding Soul agreed to share some of its profits with the Guild,” Lu Xingluo said, chuckling. “Unfortunately, even if they get into the Sea of Trees, it’s too late! Starlink will claim the first 20 slots!”

Not long ago, they had learned that not only could a limited number of players class-change to the Traveling Bard class, but the quest only accepted a limited number of applicants as well. Only 300 slots would be available once every two hours. Each application also cost 60 Gold. Although the price was high, it wasn't much to Starlink.

In the end, they had spent 18,000 Gold to purchase all 300 slots, sending 50-plus Intermediate Magician experts to attempt the quest. The Guild then gave the remaining 240 or so slots to weH-equipped Tier 1 experts.

As Lu Xingluo and his companions, who didn't plan on challenging the Class-change Quest, were about to leave to explore the Sea of Trees' city, Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor's members finally made their appearance, arriving in the temple that served as the venue for the Traveling Bard Class-change Quest.

"Damn it! Why does the quest have this restriction, too?!" Unyielding Heart's gave the female Elf clerk a grim expression after receiving her reply.

They had just broken through the barrier with great difficulty, yet they had been told that there were no applicant slots remaining; they'd have to wait another two hours before they could attempt the quest. Unyielding Heart felt as if the system were playing some cruel joke.

Illusory Words wore a similarly ugly expression. She hadn't expected the restriction, either.

Sure enough, there are no more slots available. Shi Feng could not help but sigh as he looked toward Lu Xingluo and his group, who stood a short distance away. Well, I didn't plan for them to take the normal class-change quest, anyway.

Following which, Shi Feng switched his title to Demon Hunter and approached the exchange counter beside the registration counter.

There was more than one way to obtain the Traveling Bard class. The first was the normal method, but the second required purchasing a Trial Emblem and taking part in the original class-change trial the Primordial Elf Kings had left behind.

However, the Trial Emblem wasn't easy to purchase. One needed to be a noble of the Sea of Trees to gain access.

Other players would have to complete a long string of quests to become a noble in this city, but Shi Feng, who had the Demon Hunter title, didn't. Players with the Demon Hunter title were considered World Nobles, so Shi Feng would be viewed as a noble in an NPC city like the Sea of Trees.

"Lord Demon Hunter, how may I be of service?" the NPC Elf asked, smiling brightly. "Here, we can provide a Trial Emblem that will allow you to take part in the trial the Primordial Elf Kings had left behind for us. If you pass this trial, you'll become a valiant Traveling Bard!"

"Mhm. I wish to purchase nine Trial Emblems," Shi Feng answered.

Chapter 1892 – Complete Legacy “Trial Emblem?”

"How did he just trade with that NPC? Didn't she refuse to trade with us a moment ago?"

When Lu Xingluo and the others heard the female Elf's words, they were stunned.

When they had visited the elven temple, they had spoken with its NPCs. After asking around, they had verified that only 300 players could attempt the class-change quest every two hours.

They had tried to speak with the female Elf at the exchange counter as well, but she had ignored their questions, stating that she'd only deal with people of noble status or higher, yet she treated Shi Feng with such respect. Moreover, she had taken the initiative to introduce Shi Feng to the products she offered...

There's still such a method? Unyielding Heart and his companions watched Shi Feng purchase Trial Emblems with glowing eyes. They had never expected Shi Feng to have such access to the class-change quest.

So, this is Zero Wing's Sword King? Shi Feng's display greatly surprised Illusory Words.

The only Guilds with a Sea of Trees Teleportation Key were Starlink, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor. Hence, one could say that their Guilds were the most familiar with the Sea of Trees. However, based on Shi Feng's performance thus far, it was obvious that he knew even more about the Sea of Trees than they did. In fact, he even possessed a special status in the Sea of Trees.

As the crowd watched, Shi Feng spent 450 Gold to purchase nine Trial Emblems. He then handed the emblems to the nine Zero Wing members he had brought with him.

Purchasing a Trial Emblem was the same as applying for the Class-change Quest. Only, this method was 10 Gold cheaper. Using the Trial Emblems when attempting the quest also granted two difficulty modes to choose from: Normal Mode and Hard Mode. Normal Mode was no different than the Class-change Quest without the emblem, but if players chose Hard Mode, they'd be sent to a different trial. However, if players chose to challenge Hard Mode, they would be sent to a different trial.

Furthermore, unlike the Normal Mode Quest, which only 20 players could complete each week, Hard Mode didn't have such a limit. As long as one had access to the Trial Emblems and could afford them, they could enable as many players to become Traveling Bards as they wanted. The Hard Mode Quest had been Shi Feng's goal since the very beginning.

Players could only acquire the complete Traveling Bard Legacy the Primordial Elf Kings had left behind, becoming true Traveling Bards, by completing the Hard Mode Class-change Quest. If players only completed the Normal Mode Quest, they would only acquire a portion of the Legacy, becoming a pseudo-Tier 2 player.

However, the Hard Mode Quest was incredibly difficult to clear, even more challenging than normal Tier 2 Promotion Quests. The Hard Mode Quest was the equivalent of the Tier 2 Hell Mode Promotion Quest. Unless one's combat and equipment standards had reached a certain level, challenging the Class-change Quest would only lead to failure. If a player failed the quest, they'd have to wait a while before they could challenge it again.

Hence, every player Aqua Rose had selected for this class-change was an expert capable of reaching the Trial Tower's seventh floor. In addition, all nine were Intermediate Magicians, and among these nine players, five had been well-known Tier 4 experts in the past. However, since they had merely been independent players, their access to resources had been limited. Even though they had been members of well-known adventurer teams, they had lacked the resources to reach Tier 5.

The remaining four had been experts in first-rate Guilds. Even the weakest among them had reached Tier 4 in the past, and the strongest, Happy Wind, had been a Tier 5 Traveling Bard. Naturally, things had changed in this life, and all nine of these players had joined Zero Wing.

With these nine players' combat standards, their chances of completing the Hard Mode Quest should've been quite low, but Aqua Rose had given each of them a Primordial Soul before they had come to the Sea of Trees. With the increased physique the Primordial Soul granted, these nine should have a much higher chance of completing the Hard Mode Quest.

As Shi Feng distributed the Trial Emblems to his players, Unyielding Soul's group approached him.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, can I trouble you to help us purchase some Trial Emblems as well? I will buy them at a 50% markup. Of course, if that is not enough, I can increase the price," Unyielding Heart offered, feeling slightly embarrassed.

Originally, Zero Wing had tried to purchase class-change slots from Unyielding Soul, which, in turn, had increased the competition Unyielding Soul faced. Now, however, Unyielding Soul approached Zero Wing for the same, increasing Zero Wing's competition. This put Unyielding Heart in a bind.

Long Soul and Hunting Blade, who stood beside Unyielding Heart, felt ashamed as they considered their earlier attitude towards Zero Wing.

They had assumed that Zero Wing had taken advantage of their Guild, but now, it seemed that Zero Wing would become Unyielding Soul's benefactor. It was only thanks to Zero Wing that their Guild had overcome the incident in the Purple Night Plaza. Now, they had to rely on Zero Wing once more to gain access to the class-change quest. If not for Zero Wing, they would've had no hope of competing with Starlink...

"Sure enough, you really are Guild Leader Black Flame. Hello, I am Illusory Words of Crimson Emperor. On behalf of Crimson Emperor, I wish to seek your help in purchasing Trial Emblems. I am willing to offer double the original price. May I know if you are willing to lend me your aid?" Illusory Words asked gently as she approached Shi Feng.

Everyone was stunned as they watched the Vice Guild Leaders of two super-first-rate Guilds approach Shi Feng for help. If the public found out about this, they'd be shocked.

"Our Guild Leader is so amazing! Even superpowers are asking him for help!"

“That’s only natural! That’s Zero Wing’s Guild Leader we’re talking about!”

“Quick, look at the stupid faces Starlink’s members are making!”

The nine Zero Wing members that had obtained the Trial Emblem chatted about their Guild Leader, reverence flashing in their eyes as they looked at Shi Feng.

Before they had joined Zero Wing, even first-rate Guilds had been colossal existences in their eyes, let alone super-first-rate Guilds. Super-first-rate Guilds were the virtual gaming world’s overlords, yet two such Guilds wanted their Guild’s help. This was simply unbelievable.

“That won’t be a problem. Let’s forget about the price markup. Instead, I hope that your two Guilds can help with a problem of mine,” Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words.

“Help?” Both Vice Guild Leaders gave Shi Feng confused looks.

They had brought with them a lot of players to attempt the class-change quest. In total, both had a little over 1,000 players. Even with a 50% price markup, Shi Feng could earn over 25,000 Gold instantly, a huge sum for a first-rate Guild. If Shi Feng charged a slightly higher price, he would even have enough money to build a town.

Yet, Shi Feng only wanted their assistance.

“That’s right I need your two Guilds to help me with something. In return, I’ll help you buy as many Trial Emblems as you want” Shi Feng nodded. There was no limit on the number of Trial Emblems one could purchase. It was a privilege for the Sea of Trees’ nobles, allowing them to skip the queue and granting a small discount when applying for the Class-change Quest. There was nothing special about it.

Moreover, even with the Trial Emblems, neither of these Guilds would become a competitor for Zero Wing. After all, the Hard Mode Quest was Zero Wing’s target; it didn’t have to worry about any competition.

“May I know what kind of help Guild Leader Black Flame requires?” Illusory Words asked.

Although the Traveling Bard class was valuable, if Shi Feng’s request threatened her Guild’s foundations, she had to refuse.

“Right, you can’t consider your decision properly if I don’t tell you the details. To put it simply, I’d like to borrow 200 Tier 2 experts from each of your Guilds. What are your thoughts on this?” Shi Feng explained.

Chapter 1893 – Age-Old Secret “Borrow Tier 2 experts?”

Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words stared at Shi Feng in confusion, unable to fathom why Shi Feng would need so many experts.

At this stage of the game, Tier 2 experts were still quite rare in God’s Domain. Even a first-rate Guild would only have around 30 to 50 Tier 2 players, yet Shi Feng wanted their Guilds to lend him 200 Tier 2 experts each. This was close to half of the Tier 2 experts in their Guilds.

Such a large number of Tier 2 experts would be far too many to raid a Team Dungeon. The largest Team Dungeon at this stage of the game could only accommodate 200 players, yet Shi Feng wanted 400. Furthermore, Zero Wing had its own Tier 2 experts.

“That’s right I want to raid a Field Boss, but I currently lack manpower,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “Of course, Zero Wing will compensate for any deaths incurred during the expedition. May I know your opinions on this?”

He might earn 30,000 Gold or so if he resold the Trial Emblems to the two Guilds at a markup, but 30,000 Gold was not enough to change Zero Wing’s situation. Besides, Zero Wing’s financial need wasn’t limited to the money required for Silverwing Town’s upgrade. The Guild also had to pay back the loan for the airport. In total, Zero Wing needed 500,000 Gold. It was a significant sum, even for a superpower.

Most importantly, Zero Wing wasn’t as weH-off as everyone thought.

While it was true that Zero Wing’s members were improving their equipment and leveling rapidly thanks to the Guild’s expansion into the Ore Empire’s southeastern area, there was a saying: ‘the nail that sticks out gets hammered down.’ Now that Zero Wing had secured a large fraction of the Ore Empire’s benefits, the various superpowers watched the Guild closely. The only reason they had not taken any actions was Zero Wing’s war weapons and teleportation abilities.

However, now that Blackwater had opened the Ore Capital City’s armory, it was only a matter of time before the various superpowers obtained a large number of war weapons or designs for them. If Zero Wing did not take any preventive measures now, the Guild would suffer later on.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng had been nursing a headache over the last few days while trying to figure out a solution to this problem. Fortunately, an opportunity had just presented itself.

He had planned to wait until Zero Wing had 1,000 Tier 2 experts before initiating the next step of his plan, but it seemed that he wouldn't have to wait that long. If he had the help of these two super-first-rate Guilds' Tier 2 experts, he could definitely defeat the Void Serpent, a Level 60 World Boss!

Although World Bosses seemed like ordinary Field Bosses, they possessed a unique Domain that prevented players from using external tools. Players had to rely on their own strength to face these World Bosses. Hence, raiding World Bosses was far more difficult than Field Bosses of the same rank and level.

However, due to the extremely high raid difficulty, every World Boss dropped impressive loot. World Bosses also dropped some unique materials. Because of this, God's Domain's countless powers had constantly challenged World Bosses in his previous life. Guilds had still raided Level 70 or 80 World Bosses after players had reached Level 200.

Shi Feng's interest in slaying the Void Serpent wasn't only because of its loot. The Void Serpent also held a secret that Shi Feng wanted.

Only with the Void Serpent's blood could players activate the greatest secret the Witch's Hill had hidden for several centuries—the Otherworld Gate!

The Void Serpent was in a secret, underground temple in the Witch's Hill, and since the map was so large, locating the underground temple was quite difficult. The fact that the Witch's Hill was so far from civilization only made the temple even more difficult to find. As a result, the Void Serpent had remained hidden even after mainstream players had reached Level 100 in Shi Feng's past.

Players had only learned of the Void Serpent after a party exploring the Witch's Hill had discovered the World Boss. After news of the creature had gone public, Guild teams had rushed to the underground temple to kill the Void Serpent. They then discovered the Witch's Hill's secret.

Although the Otherworld Gate had been activated relatively late in the past, the various powers had still treated it like a priceless treasure. Within the Otherworld Gate, players had discovered an abundance of rare, precious materials, all of which were difficult to acquire in Star-Moon Kingdom. Among the most notable materials was Void Silver.

Void Silver was no less valuable than Mana Stone. Not only could it strengthen weapons and equipment, but it could also increase production success rates for forgers, engineers, enchanters, and alchemists by a large margin.

The Otherworld Gate was also a good place to acquire Level 50-plus top-tier weapons and equipment for independent players. Hence, the Witch's Hill had instantly become Star-Moon Kingdom's focus.

If Shi Feng could activate the Otherworld Gate now, Zero Wing City, which occupied the Witch's Hill, would become the most popular city in Star-Moon Kingdom. Not only could Zero Wing rake in a fortune, but it could also acquire tons of rare materials, allowing the Guild to grow rapidly.

He had wanted to raid the Void Serpent for a while, but unfortunately, Zero Wing lacked the strength to do so. A World Boss was not an easy raid, and he didn't have a quest to take advantage of, drastically weakening the Void Serpent as he had with the Flame Demon King. If he wanted to raid the Void Serpent, he'd need at least 1,000 Tier 2 players.

Meanwhile, after pondering on Shi Feng's suggestion for a short moment, both Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words nodded.

"Alright, I'll agree to your proposal on Unyielding Soul's behalf," Unyielding Heart said. Although he did not know what Shi Feng wanted with so many Tier 2 players, saving over 10,000 Gold by lending the Swordsman 200 experts to raid a Boss was a worthwhile transaction.

“May I know when Guild Leader Black Flame needs our players?” Illusory Words asked.

“Naturally, the sooner, the better,” Shi Feng said.

“My side will need some time to gather the necessary manpower. After all, many of our Tier 2 experts are either questing or raiding Dungeons right now. I’ll need a little over a day to gather 200 Tier 2 experts, so can we gather in two days?” Illusory Words proposed a time after giving the matter some thought

“That won’t be a problem. I need to see to certain preparations, as well,” Shi Feng replied, nodding. In truth, even if Illusory Words hadn’t suggested it, he’d still need one or two days to prepare. “Since both of you have agreed to the arrangement, let’s establish a contract.”

Following which, Shi Feng signed a contract with Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words. In exchange for helping the two Guilds purchase 1,000 Trial Emblems in total, each of the Guilds would send 200 Tier 2 experts to help Shi Feng hunt a Boss.

Once the contract had been signed, the two Guilds handed Shi Feng the Coins to purchase the Trial Emblems. When Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words had the emblems in hand, they turned to distribute them to their respective Guild members. These players then activated their Trial Emblems and teleported to the Legacy Grounds.

While the exchange between Shi Feng and the two super-first-rate Guilds seemed cumbersome, they had completed the entire process in less than five minutes. It wasn’t enough time to provide Starlink any noticeable advantage. Moreover, to the two super-first-rate Guilds’ surprise, they had the option of choosing the quest’s difficulty, and Hard Mode didn’t have a slot limit.

However, the two Guilds sent the majority of their experts into Normal Mode to increase their chances of success. They only sent a small number of experts to test the Hard Mode Quest

Suddenly, 1,000 players vanished from the lively hall, stunning Lu Xingluo and the other nearby Starlink members.

How is this possible? They ignored the application limit? Lu Xingluo's expression darkened as he watched Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor's members disappear. He then turned to Shi Feng, killing intent flashing in his eyes. Black Flame! You dare to ruin my plans once again?! Do you really think that I won't strike at Zero Wing just because you managed to partner with Unyielding Soul?!

One thousand players!

If these players participated in the Class-change Quest, it would severely affect Starlink's performance.

However, Shi Feng paid no attention to the killing intent Lu Xingluo directed at him. He simply glanced at the man before leaving the temple and heading for the City Hall. They were in the Sea of Trees; if Lu Xingluo and his companions wanted to attack him here, they'd suffer the consequences, not him.

Chapter 1894 – City of Foreign Races

The Sea of Trees was located in a secret land the Primordial Elf Kings had created. A forest enveloped the city, and unlike Dark Night City, which was populated by tall buildings, this city was crowded with towering trees. Every tree pierced the clouds like a skyscraper. Houses had been built within the gigantic trees, and thick vines connected one tree to the next.

Currently, Shi Feng rode his mount down the spacious roads made of vines. When he looked down, he gazed at a sea of clouds below him.

Since the Sea of Trees hadn't been fully unlocked, most of the people wandering on the streets were NPCs. Aside from the three superpowers' members, who had begun to explore the city, Shi Feng didn't spot a single player.

Sheltered by the Six Great Primordial Elf Kings, the Sea of Trees had a long history. Most of the NPCs living here were Elves, although some were NPC merchants from other races. Human NPCs only made up a small majority of the city's residents.

Meanwhile, the weakest soldiers patrolling the city were Level 180, Tier 1 NPCs. There were well-equipped Tier 2 soldiers, as well. Each patrol squad was led by a Level 200, Tier 3 Knight. However, these soldiers' levels and tiers weren't their most eye-catching aspects.

All of these soldiers wore ancient equipment engraved with Advanced Battle Arrays. When the Advanced Battle Array activated, the Tier 2 soldiers could even take down Tier 4 players. The patrol captains' equipment sported Master Battle Arrays. With these patrol captains protecting the city, not even Tier 5 players would last long if they tried to cause trouble.

According to the legends, the Primordial Elf Kings had also left behind Immortal Guardians to protect their Sea of Trees. Although these Immortal Guardians were not Tier 6 existences, they had the combat power to face Gods.

If a Tier 6 player entered the city, the secret land would forcibly suppress them to Tier 5. Hence, on the continent of God's Domain, the Sea of Trees' security was even superior to Blackwing City's. During Shi Feng's previous life, Tier 5 and Tier 6 players had frequently caused trouble in NPC cities, but none had dared to do so in the Sea of Trees.

This was also the reason that the Sea of Trees had become the most well-known NPC city in God's Domain, attracting tons of normal and neutral players. These players didn't have to worry about their safety while inside the city.

After roughly 20 minutes, Shi Feng arrived before the largest, oldest tree in the city. This primordial tree was both the Sea of Trees' City Hall and the city's heart.

There are so many foreign race merchants here already? As Shi Feng approached the city's central district, he noticed many NPC merchants hawking their wares alongside the road.

These merchants all sold rare goods such as Magic Scrolls, potions, materials, tomes, engineering tools, weapons, equipment, etc. The sight was dazzling. The three superpowers' members, who had arrived before him, browsed the goods with sparkling eyes.

They could easily make a fortune by reselling these items, especially the Magic Scrolls, weapons, equipment, and rare materials. Some merchants even offered Tier 2 Magic Scrolls and Level 50 Dark-Gold Equipment. Only, the items' prices were far higher than market value.

However, the superpowers' members weren't fools. Rather than purchasing any of these items, they first investigated every NPC merchant's goods. They then proceeded to survey the central district, empty Lands, and establishments, compiling the information to allow their companions in the City Hall to make the best decision when purchasing the city's lands for their Guilds.

When Shi Feng stepped into the City Hall, the merchant players that represented the superpowers had already busied themselves with researching the Lands and Shops, carefully selecting which to purchase. Naturally, the three superpowers had sent these merchant players since they were more adept with business negotiations than the Guilds' upper echelons. Moreover, the merchant subclass allowed them to bargain for discounts and learn more from NPCs.

But despite their expertise, these merchant players had headaches as they selected Lands for their Guilds.

The Sea of Trees' Lands were just so expensive...

Even the ordinary Lands in the city's outer area cost between 7,000 Gold and 15,000 Gold, whereas Lands in the city's inner area cost between 12,000 Gold and 30,000 Gold. The cheapest plot of Land in the central district cost 50,000 Gold, while the more expensive options cost over 100,000.

Even superpowers at this stage of the game couldn't afford to purchase the Sea of Trees' Lands casually, but that wasn't the most important issue. To purchase the central district's Lands, one needed sufficient status and Reputation.

For the moment, they could only purchase the Lands in the city's outer and inner areas, but since there were so many to choose from, they couldn't make a proper decision without further understanding of the city's layout.

"Lord Demon Hunter, how may I be of service today?" a male Elf in a suit and tie asked gracefully as he approached Shi Feng.

"I wish to see some of the city's hotels and restaurants for rent," Shi Feng said.

"Alright, please follow me," the male Elf bowed before leading Shi Feng to a VIP reception room.

As the Elf led Shi Feng to a reception room, the three superpowers' representatives watched him leave the main lobby with astonished expressions.

"What's going on? How did he get an invite to a VIP room? We've already bought two plots of Land and earned quite a few Contribution Points, yet we haven't earned such treatment?"

"Clearly, he's an idiot. He's actually trying to rent hotels and restaurants instead of purchasing Lands. What benefit could he earn by doing so? They won't be profitable in the least"

Many of the merchant players watched enviously as Shi Feng was led to a VIP reception room, but the man's statement had also confused them.

When players gained access to a VIP reception room, they also gained access to better benefits. Aside from refreshments and privacy, players would also be offered Lands, which weren't usually available to the public, for purchase. Moreover, every one of those Lands would be worth their price or more. In contrast, the Lands offered in the lobby varied. Not every plot would be worth its selling price, and whether players made a profit or not would rely on them.

Meanwhile, in the VIP reception room, the Elf administrator quickly prepared a list for Shi Feng.

"Lord Demon Hunter, here are the hotels and restaurants that are available for rent. However, these hotels and restaurants are located in the city's outer and inner areas. You will need 10,000 Contribution Points to rent those in the central district," the Elf administrator explained.

"I understand." Shi Feng nodded. He then lifted the stack of paper to inspect

Naturally, setting up a trading firm in a trade city like the Sea of Trees would generate a lot of profit. Aside from selling products, the Shops could also serve as a warehouse for all kinds of precious materials and items that flowed into the city.

However, unlike ordinary NPC cities, the Sea of Trees was slightly unique since it occupied a secret land. The Sea of Trees was similar to the Holy City of Titan in that players could not remain in the city long-term. Once the sun set, players that hadn't rented a hotel room or purchased a private house would be automatically teleported out of the Sea of Trees. Furthermore, getting into the city wasn't an easy task. Even once the Sea of Trees had been fully unlocked, players would still need to expend a lot of effort to visit the city, especially ordinary and elite players.

Unfortunately, purchasing a private house in the city was out of the question for most players. Not even large Guilds' upper echelons could necessarily afford a private house here. Purchasing a private house in this city was even more expensive than setting up a Shop. Most importantly, players needed a very high status and a ton of Reputation Points to buy one. Even expert players would need to quest in the Sea of Trees for a very long time to fulfill these requirements.

Aside from private houses, players could stay in hotels or Advanced Restaurants. Of course, since Shops had living spaces for players, they could own a Shop as well. Only, Shops accommodated far fewer players than private houses, but how could many players afford Shops just for the living space?

As a result, the only options remaining were hotels and Advanced Restaurants. Needless to say, staying in these establishments was also quite expensive.

Depending on the environment, accommodation fees could range from 50 Silver to 5 Gold per day. Even elite players would feel a sting from these prices. Meanwhile, if players rented the whole hotel or Advanced Restaurant, they would earn 20% of the profits. While the Sea of Trees was in its early stages, this was the best way to earn money. Moreover, renting these establishments cost far less than purchasing them directly.

After reading through the list, Shi Feng quickly set his sights on a few hotels and restaurants that had been particularly popular during his previous life. However, when Shi Feng reached the final page and saw the small restaurant listed, he was stunned.

What?! Even this restaurant is available for rent?!

Chapter 1895 – Epic Shop

Shi Feng's eyes widened as he saw the name "Forest Traveler," surprise and ecstasy overcoming him.

In the current Sea of Trees, the Forest Traveler was an unassuming restaurant located in the city's outer area. The restaurant had only two floors; the first was the dining hall, and the second was used for accommodations. The restaurant was ordinary, and nothing about it stood out.

However, when the Sea of Trees' third seal had been lifted in the past, players had discovered the restaurant's unique quality. Since so many players had crowded the Sea of Trees back then, both hotels and restaurants' guest rooms had been full. Naturally, many players instantly targeted the cheap accommodations that small restaurants like the Forest Traveler offered.

Once the third seal had lifted, the Forest Traveler revealed a package that included both room and board, available exclusively for the restaurant's few high-class guest rooms. As the high-class guest rooms could only be rented by purchasing this combo pack, players had no choice but to dine there as well.

The Forest Traveler had become instantly famous after players had tried the provided meal, which granted a special buff called Forest Blessing[!].

The Forest Blessing buff granted players anywhere from 5 to 20 points in Luck for 18 hours. The buff could only be gained once every two days.

Although Luck was somewhat illusory in God's Domain, it had a subtle effect on players. For example, Luck would affect loot from opening treasure chests and killing monsters. It would also affect one's production success rate. Hence, on the market, ornaments that added even three to five points of Luck cost a fortune. Such ornaments would never become obsolete.

In the past, the various large Guilds had desperately stockpiled items that added Luck. A single extra point in Luck could be enough to gain a top-tier item. Since Luck items were so precious to both independent players and Guilds, such items had rarely appeared on the market.

One could easily imagine how attractive a meal that increased Luck would be to independent and Guild players. Even Shi Feng had often visited the Forest Traveler for a meal in the past, especially before he raided a large-scale Team Dungeon. The only downside was the buff's long Cooldown. Even after the Forest Traveler had expanded its Shopfront, players had to deal with a seven- to eight-hour queue to get a seat.

The Forest Traveler had ranked as one of the top 100 Epic Shops in God's Domain in its heyday. The Secret Pavilion managed the ranking system, and a Shop's rank depended on demand for and rarity of its services.

Since the Forest Traveler had revealed itself to him, why wouldn't Shi Feng be surprised and excited?

However, when Shi Feng saw the restaurant's rental price, his eyebrows twitched.

Is this a robbery? Shi Feng couldn't help but wonder.

Normally, the Sea of Trees' hotels and restaurants demanded per week or per month rent, but the Forest Traveler had to be paid by the year. Moreover, renting the restaurant for a single year cost 60,000 Gold...

Even the larger Advanced Restaurants only cost 4,000 Gold per month, yet the Forest Traveler's rent cost 5,000 Gold per month. Moreover, the system demanded a full year upfront. It was half of the funds Shi Feng had on hand right now.

With 60,000 Gold, he could rent over a dozen hotels and restaurants.

Should I set it aside for now and rent it during my next visit? Shi Feng fell into deep thought as he looked at the Forest Traveler's information.

Competition would be at its fiercest during the first month after the Sea of Trees had activated. It was also the best time to secure an advantage. As long as players rented one of the Sea of Trees' establishments, they could continue to renew their lease. Unless players gave up their right to renew the lease, other players wouldn't have an opportunity to claim the establishment

However, if he rented the Forest Traveler now, he wouldn't have much left to rent other restaurants and hotels, but he had no guarantee that the three superpowers wouldn't discover these hotels and restaurants' importance before his next visit. If the superpowers had already realized these establishments' value, he'd have a far more difficult time renting a large number of them later. Fortunately, he didn't have to worry about losing the Forest Traveler since only he knew the restaurant's secret right now. Furthermore, 60,000 Gold was a huge sum to a superpower, as well. None of them would be willing to spend so much Gold for a modest restaurant like the Forest Traveler.

"Lord Demon Hunter, I recommend the hotels and restaurants on the last page. Many customers favor those establishments in particular. I cannot guarantee that these establishments will be available during

your next visit,” the Elf administrator said, flashing Shi Feng a cunning smile when he noticed the Swordsman stare tentatively at the list’s final page.

Shi Feng rolled his eyes at the Elf administrator.

The administrator’s comment made one thing clear; he would either have to give up on the Forest Traveler or give up on renting another dozen or so hotels and restaurants. Both options would rob Shi Feng of profits.

“I’m interested in renting this Forest Traveler, but why must it only be rented by the year? Can it not be rented on a monthly basis?” Shi Feng asked as he gestured to the Forest Traveler’s information on the list He wanted to see if the system would grant him any other options.

“The Forest Traveler?” The Elf administrator repositioned his glasses as he took a look at the list. Smiling, he explained, “This restaurant has encountered some operational problems and urgently needs funding. That is why the owner had decided to rent the restaurant. We have suggested that the owner accept a monthly rent, but the owner is adamant about his decision.

Due to your status, Lord Demon Hunter, the city is willing to help you negotiate altered conditions with the owner. However, each negotiation will cost a 1,000-Gold fee. May I know if you wish to open negotiations?”

“One thousand Gold per negotiation?” The corners of Shi Feng’s mouth twitched.

Shi Feng was no stranger to negotiations. This was the precise reason that the three superpowers had sent their merchant players to purchase the city’s Lands, not their upper echelons. The higher-ranked a merchant player was, the more ability they’d have to reduce an item’s price. Some merchant players could even negotiate for price cuts by offering NPCs favorable conditions.

However, this was the first time Shi Feng had encountered a 1,000-Gold negotiation fee.

“That’s right. As a noble in our city, you have the right to three negotiation attempts. Of course, the city cannot guarantee the negotiations’ results,” the Elf administrator explained.

“Alright, let’s open the negotiations, then.” Shi Feng sighed as he took 1,000 Gold from his bag.

After receiving the money, the Elf administrator left the room.

To put it simply, the purpose of these negotiations was to convince the owner to adjust the rental requirements. Whether or not the player gained the upper hand would depend on their luck.

After five minutes, the Elf administrator returned with new rental conditions for the Forest Traveler.

Now, instead of paying a full year of rent for the Forest Traveler, Shi Feng could secure the establishment for 10 months of rent at 54,000 Gold. While this new condition had reduced the total payment and shortened the required lease duration, the average monthly rent had increased considerably. This wasn’t a favorable option.

Declining the option, Shi Feng paid 1,000 Gold for another negotiation attempt

The second negotiation’s outcome still required annual rent, but it could be paid in installments. Shi Feng would have to pay a 50,000-Gold downpayment. However, he’d then have to pay 15,000 within one month.

Seeing this result, Shi Feng regretted leaving Icarus's Heart with Aqua Rose. If he had the godly necklace with him right now, he might have had a better result.

With no other choice, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and paid for the third negotiation attempt.

If the conditions were still too stringent, he would have to give up on the Forest Traveler for now. After all, the Forest Traveler would not generate much income within a short period. Meanwhile, he was extremely tight for money right now. Although the Forest Traveler was tempting, he needed to earn a large sum of Coins quickly.

As the Elf administrator returned for the third time, Shi Feng silently prayed that the new rental conditions were in his favor.

“Congratulations, Lord Demon Hunter. After our third round of negotiations, the Forest Traveler's owner has agreed to adjust

the lease's duration to six months. However, you will have to pay 45,000 Gold. In exchange, you will receive 40% of the Forest Traveler's profits instead of 20% during those six months.”

Chapter 1896 – 2-star Restaurant

Half a year and 40% of the profits for 45,000 Gold? Shi Feng fell deep in thought after hearing the Elf administrator's final results.

Once the Forest Traveler introduced the meal that granted the Forest Blessing buff, the various major powers would visit before any major operation. However, as the restaurant's business was limited by its size, and its overall income wasn't much more than a large hotel's. Players would only gain the Forest Blessing buff when they ate the food that provided the buff in the restaurant. The food would not grant the buff if consumed elsewhere.

Hence, Shi Feng had considered giving the Forest Traveler up, selecting a dozen or so ordinary restaurants and hotels instead.

However, the Forest Traveler's latest conditions were far better than they had been, especially the 40% profit-sharing. This would grant him twice as much income as normal from the restaurant. With the Forest Traveler's advantage, it could generate enough income to rival a dozen or so establishments.

"Alright, I agree to the owner's conditions," Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought.

Although renting a single restaurant for 45,000 Gold was a little extravagant, not only would he get double the profits in return, but he would also have an advantage when gaining the Forest Blessing buff. This would ensure that Zero Wing's members wouldn't have to wait in line for hours to get a seat before raiding an important Team Dungeon. He could simply reserve a table for Zero Wing's exclusive use.

No power had taken control of the Forest Traveler in his previous life; it had been under NPCs full control. As a result, the restaurant's development had been left to the system's discretion. Compared to player-managed hotels and restaurants back then, the Forest Traveler's development speed had been pitiful.

If he managed the Forest Traveler, the restaurant's development speed would increase by a significant margin. After all, with the Forest Blessing buff, the restaurant would not lack popularity or income. If he played his cards right, he could earn a fortune through the restaurant.

Immediately, Shi Feng signed a lease contract with the Elf administrator. In addition to the 45,000 Gold for the Forest Traveler, he spent another 70,000 Gold to rent 23 hotels and restaurants. Although the hotels and restaurants he had rented varied in size, they were all situated in strategic locations throughout the city. They were all near important buildings and special establishments.

Once the city's second seal had been removed, which should happen in the next few days, a large number of players would surge into the Sea of Trees. At that time, his hotels and restaurants would officially begin to make money. The 24 hotels and restaurants he rented should generate even more profit than Silverwing Town's teleportation service.

Silverwing Town's teleportation service would lure players to the town and increase its competitive edge. As a result, the town could only earn a small amount of money from each player with the teleportation service. However, such considerations weren't necessary when operating the Sea of Trees' hotels and restaurants. Even if he only received 20% of the profits from each customer, he should earn at least ten times more per customer than from Silverwing Town's teleportation service.

Once Shi Feng had rented his establishments, he left the VIP reception room.

The three superpowers' merchant players were still carefully selecting Lands for purchase. Over 20 of the available Lands had already been bought, many of which were located in the city's inner area. Shi Feng had to admit that these superpowers' spending power was astonishing. Zero Wing simply couldn't compare.

If these superpowers had known the value of leasing the city's hotels and restaurants, they would've claimed half of the city's establishments by now. They would've monopolized every hotel and restaurant, not including those in the central district, by the time the second seal was removed. They wouldn't leave other powers the opportunity to claim a share of the profits.

However, the value of these establishments had been discovered quite late in the past, and the various major powers had still rented quite a few for themselves.

As Shi Feng returned to the lobby, the superpowers' representatives spared him a glance before returning to their lists.

Now that my business here is done, I should take a proper look at the Forest Traveler. After glancing at the other players, Shi Feng left the City Hall, making his way towards the Forest Traveler. He was not interested in competing with the three superpowers over the city's lands in the slightest.

His lack of reaction wasn't due to a lack of interest in purchasing the city's Lands, but because he didn't qualify to do so. Purchasing a plot of Land and setting up a Shop here would easily cost more than 10,000 Gold. Although these Shops would pay for themselves in the long run, he currently needed his money. He could not afford such long-term investments right now.

After riding his Demonic Flame Tiger for half an hour, Shi Feng arrived before a two-story restaurant near the edge of the city. This area wasn't as lively as the central district as there were only a dozen or so NPCs roaming the street. Meanwhile, the street's few Shops only sold groceries, and the highest-class building was a three-story smithy. Smoke swirled out of the smithy as the sound of metal on metal echoed down the street.

The view here was one-of-a-kind. A sea of clouds enclosed the district, and flying beasts occasionally soared by. Due to the refreshing scenery, many leisure players would settle here long-term.

Sure enough, business here is bleak. When Shi Feng entered the Forest Traveler, he noticed that, aside from the restaurant owner and two staff members, there was nobody inside the restaurant.

The two waitresses were members of foreign races. One was a female Catkin with cat ears and tail, while the other was a female Foxkin with a pair of pointed ears atop her head and a bushy tail. The restaurant owner was a long-haired Elf, but unlike most Elves, the man was burly. He looked like a

natura 卜 bom Shield Warrior or Berserker. Based on the scars gracing the Elf's arms and neck, it was clear that he had once been an adventurer.

"Welcome, Lord Demon Hunter. Thank you for renting our restaurant. I am Joseph, the owner of this establishment," Joseph the Elf said respectfully when he noticed Shi Feng enter the restaurant. "May I know what business you have here?"

When the two Half-beastwomen saw Shi Feng, they nervously lowered their heads. They did not even dare to look Shi Feng in the eye.

Of course, Shi Feng didn't find this strange. Although the Sea of Trees was a trade city that welcomed both humans and members of neutral races, the secret land that contained the Sea of Trees was still within the Dark Night Empire's borders. Meanwhile, humans weren't generally friendly towards other races. Hence, surviving in the Sea of Trees wasn't easy for them. The Half-beastwomen couldn't afford to provoke nobles, in particular. A single mistake could even result in their enslavement.

"I wish to see all of the information available on this restaurant. Can I trouble you to prepare it for me?" Shi Feng asked.

Although he had rented the restaurant, he only had partial management rights. This was the case for other NPC-operated establishments, as well. It was impossible for players to acquire full management rights over an NPC establishment. Players could only gain full rights over the establishments and Lands sold at the City Hall.

"Alright, please wait a moment," Joseph said.

A short moment later, Joseph returned with a thick tome. He then set the book before Shi Feng.

Amazing. This restaurant has two Master Cooking Recipes. It's a pity that the required materials are so rare. The Shopfront is also the cheapest variety. It's no wonder why business is so terrible. Shi Feng was surprised as he read the restaurant's information.

Many players in God's Domain had chosen the chef subclass. Not only were chefs capable of creating delicious dishes, but some of those dishes also provided additional effects, such as temporary Attribute increases. Master Dishes, in particular, provided significant Attribute boosts, high enough to rival the effects of Master Potions.

Although players could cook Master Dishes after becoming Master Chefs, producing one of these dishes was actually quite difficult. The first issue was the lack of recipes. Even a Master Chef would struggle when concocting a Master Cooking Recipe. In the past, eight out of ten Basic Master Chefs lacked a Master Cooking Recipe. The second issue was the lack of materials.

Yet, the Forest Traveler actually possessed two Master Cooking Recipes, which gave it an advantage over larger restaurants. Unlike the Forest Blessing meal, these Master Dishes would still be effective when consumed outside of the restaurant.

Meanwhile, the Attribute increase they provided was even superior to Master Potions. Both dishes would see very high demand. If he could mass-produce the dishes, he could make a fortune.

When Shi Feng inspected the restaurant's Shopfront, he noticed that the Forest Traveler already met most of the conditions for its upgrade to a 2-star Restaurant. All it lacked was sales. However, even NPCs weren't willing to visit the area. How could the restaurant earn an income without any customers?

If the restaurant wanted to attract NPC customers and increase its sales, the easiest way to do so was to upgrade the Shopfront. Only, upgrading the Shopfront would require 1,500 Gold.

The thought of gaining a 2-star Restaurant tempted Shi Feng. Immediately, he chose to upgrade the Shopfront. Suddenly, the system deducted 1,500 Gold from the 3,000-plus he had remaining in his bag.

Chapter 1897 – Master Dishes

As soon as Shi Feng chose to upgrade the Shopfront, the Forest Traveler started to change.

In less than five seconds, the Forest Traveler transformed from a shabby, two-story restaurant into an exquisite, three-story establishment. The restaurant was now far more appealing than the surrounding Shops.

However, the interior had changed far more than the restaurant's exterior. The space inside the restaurant had more than doubled.

Originally, the first floor had only had room for a little over ten tables, but now, it could hold more than 30. The second floor had also become a dining area, and the living area had been moved to the third floor. Currently, however, the interior's design was still modest. Shi Feng would have to spend more Gold to decorate the place.

Next, I have to figure out how to lure customers here to increase the restaurant's business. Shi Feng nodded in satisfaction at the new Forest Traveler.

Although he had to pay for the restaurant's upgrade with his own money, now that the restaurant's quality had improved, he could charge customers more. At the same time, the restaurant's increased size could hold more customers at one time, increasing profits further.

However, Shi Feng was more concerned with the two Master Dishes.

One of the two Master Dishes was Drunken Tiger Meat, while the other was called Frozen Bone Soup. When consumed, the Drunken Tiger Meat increased players' Strength by 10% for six hours. As for the Frozen Bone Soup, it increased players' Intelligence by 10% for six hours. Neither dish had a Cooldown. Hence, even if the buffs were removed by a Skill or death, players could consume another dish to regain the benefits.

To physical and magical class players, a 10% increase in Strength or Intelligence would provide a significant boost to combat power. Moreover, the two dishes effects could stack with similar potions. The only downside was that the Drunken Tiger Meat and Frozen Bone Soup's buffs would vanish upon death. In contrast, many Master Potions would remain in effect. However, there was a positive to these two Master Dishes. If players entered special Dungeons or environments that prevented the use of external tools, they wouldn't lose the dishes' buffs.

Hence, the Drunken Tiger Meat and Frozen Bone Soup would be of significant help during his planned Void Serpent raid.

Since the Forest Traveler was only a 1-star Restaurant, its only chef had been the owner, Joseph. Even if he provided the dishes' required materials, their production speed would be limited. Now, when Shi Feng examined the restaurant's menu, he saw that the Drunken Tiger Meat only needed ten minutes to cook, while the Frozen Bone Soup only required eight minutes.

However, since he had upgraded the restaurant, he could now hire two more chefs. He could double the dishes' production speed if he did. As for the required materials, Zero Wing could collect them in a short time.

Following which, Shi Feng called up the Forest Traveler's system interface. In no time at all, he managed to hire two more chefs and eight more waiters. He then reopened the Forest Traveler for business.

Less than five minutes, the restaurant welcomed its first NPC customer. Although the promotion was as effective as he had hoped, it was tolerable.

In God's Domain, a leased restaurant didn't only earn an income from player customers. It could also earn money from NPCs. Only, the profit-sharing for income from NPC customers was much lower, only one-quarter of that from players. However, while this amount seemed insignificant, NPCs provided daily income. As the restaurant's star-rank and size continued to improve, it would generate more income from NPCs.

Currently, the Forest Traveler was a 1-star Restaurant and could only earn about 3 to 10 Gold from NPCs each day.

However, once it became a 2-star Restaurant, it could earn around 30 to 100 Gold per day from NPCs. Most importantly, the restaurant would gain more Master Cooking Recipes. The restaurant's accommodations would become higher-quality, as well.

Players didn't determine accommodation fees in the Sea of Trees. Rather, the system would set a price based on the hotel or restaurant's size, star-rank, and popularity. The minimum accommodation fee for a 1-star establishment in the city would be 50 Silver, while the maximum was 1 Gold. For 2-star accommodation, the minimum price was 2 Gold, while the maximum was 5 Gold. Hence, accommodation fees in the Sea of Trees ranged from 50 Silver to 5 Gold. Establishments could only rise to 2-star status in the city.

However, 2-star Restaurants and Hotels were very rare in the Sea of Trees. They were all concentrated in the central district, but players would need sufficient status and Contribution Points to rent these establishments. Though, once players crowded the Sea of Trees, those who owned 2-star Hotels and Restaurants would earn a massive income from their establishments.

After Shi Feng dealt with the Forest Traveler, he contacted Melancholic Smile and had her collect the required materials for the Drunken Tiger Meat and Frozen Bone Soup as quickly as possible. Then, using the Abyss Pendant, Shi Feng left an Abyss Marker in his office in the Forest Traveler. With this, he could return to the Sea of Trees even without a key.

Of course, there was an easier method to return; he could upgrade one of his leased establishments to 2-star status. He'd be able to head to a magic store and purchase a special Teleportation Scroll. Although the Teleportation Scroll cost far more than a Return Scroll, each costing 5 Silver Coins, 2-star establishments' player staff could bind the Teleportation Scroll to the building. Players could then use the bound Teleportation Scroll to teleport back to the establishment.

Since the Forest Traveler wasn't yet 2-star rank, it didn't have this function. Hence, Shi Feng had to rely on the Abyss Pendant.

Once Melancholic Smile had gathered the necessary materials, Shi Feng teleported to White River City's Guild Residence to collect them. After retrieving the materials from the Guild Warehouse, he used Abyss Teleport to return to the Forest Traveler. He then had Joseph and the two new chefs begin their work in the kitchen.

While waiting for the chefs to complete the dishes, Shi Feng returned to White River City's Candlelight Trading Firm to produce Advanced Mana Armor Kits and Titan City's standardized Dark-Gold Weapons. He used this opportunity to upgrade the weapons of Zero Wing's members and earn the Forging Proficiency required to become an Intermediate Master Forger.

Previously, he had acquired several hundred sets of materials necessary for forging the standardized Dark-Gold Weapons from the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion and Unyielding Soul. Meanwhile, as Cream Cocoa and Melancholic Smile were both busy with the Hell Tank components, these items' production rate had considerably slowed. Even now, there was a huge pile of materials left unused.

In his Special Forging Room, Shi Feng forged weapons without rest, steadily and rapidly filling his experience bar.

As he crafted Dark-Gold Weapons, not only did his Forging Proficiency increase, but he also gained EXP faster than grinding normal monsters. After two days of work, Shi Feng had reached 70.5% of Level 69. He was now less than 30% away from the Level 70 threshold. He was also less than 20,000 Proficiency Points away from becoming an Intermediate Master Forger.

Shi Feng had also forged 300-plus standardized Dark-Gold Weapons and 200-plus Advanced Mana Armor Kits.

Shi Feng used 130 Dark-Gold Weapons to upgrade the Abyssal Blade to Level 55. Although the improvement wasn't earth-shattering this time, its Attack Power had risen from 2,070 to 2,350. All Basic Attributes had also increased by 192 points, rather than the previous 170 points, and the weapon's Attack Speed had risen by 29 instead of 27. This change increased the Attack Power of Shi Feng's sub-arm immensely. However, the Abyssal Blade still couldn't compare to Killing Ray, whose level increased or decreased with its user's.

However, Shi Feng was satisfied with this result. After all, the Abyssal Blade was a top-tier Epic Weapon now. If he evolved it further, it would become as powerful as Fragmented Legendary Weapons.

It's about time. I should go and collect the dishes. After a glance at the time, Shi Feng used Abyss Transfer to return to the Sea of Trees.

As Shi Feng returned to the Forest Traveler, he noticed that the restaurant had considerably more NPC customers. At least, it wasn't as deserted as it had been. There were even six customers dining in the first-floor hall.

A short moment later, Shi Feng collected 300 sets of Drunken Tiger Meat and 500 bowls of Frozen Bone Soup from Joseph. He then teleported back to the Guild Residence in Zero Wing City.

When Cola, Alluring Summer, and their companions noticed Shi Feng's arrival in the Guild Hall's lounge, they ran up to greet him.

"Hehe, Guild Leader, look! I'm Level 60 now!" Cola said as he gleefully revealed his level, proving to Shi Feng that he had worked very hard while grinding monsters.

Every five levels was a minor turning point in God's Domain. Meanwhile, Level 60 happened to be one of those turning points that gave players a small boost to their Attributes.

"Guild Leader, why did you recall us so suddenly?" Alluring Summer asked after rolling her eyes at Cola.

"Mhm. You two, try on these two set equipment," Shi Feng said, nodding. He then took out the Sins of Thunderfire Set and the Scorching Wind Set, which he had acquired from the Flame Demon King, handing them to Alluring Summer and Cola.

Chapter 1898 – Gathering at Zero Wing City

"Set equipment?"

Both Alluring Summer and Cola looked at the two set equipment Shi Feng had taken out, a little confused.

While they were not trying to brag, their current equipment was among the best available in God's Domain right now. Only Epic Equipment could surpass what they wore.

"Just try it out," Shi Feng said. Although he could see the confusion plaguing the two, he didn't bother to offer any additional explanation.

With no other choice, Alluring Summer and Cola complied, trying on the set equipment.

"This is...a Level 70 set equipment?!" Alluring Summer's eyes widened in shock when she saw the Sins of Thunderfire Set's Attributes.

The Sins of Thunderfire Set was a Level 70 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, though Shi Feng had only given her four of the six- pieces. Even so, the Thunderfire Set's Attributes were far superior to the Level 60 Dark-Gold Equipment she currently wore.

Moreover, the Sins of Thunderfire Set's set effects were simply tyrannical. The two-piece set effect increased casting speed by 20%, cast range by 20%, and magic damage dealt by 20%. As for the four-piece set effect, it increased all Basic Attributes by 15% and granted the use of the Tier 3 Spell, Thunderburst, a dual-element Spell that dealt both flame and lightning damage.

Meanwhile, Cola was incomparably excited after receiving the Scorching Wind Set. Unlike Alluring Summer, he had received a complete, six-piece Level 70 Fine-Gold Set Equipment.

As Shi Feng had already equipped the two sets with Attribute Gemstones and Level Reduction Gemstones, Alluring Summer and Cola could equip the sets right away.

“Amazing! Just equipping this set has pushed my Defense past 35,000 and HP past 100,000!” Cola was stunned when he inspected his updated Attribute Panel. “Not even a Tier 2 Berserker can budge me, now. Not even receiving a Level 60 Mythic monster’s attack will be a problem. If Turtledove and Ye Wumian saw this, they’d die with envy!”

Even without any team buffs, he had 100,000 HP. He was basically a humanoid Boss. Reaching 120,000 HP shouldn’t even be impossible with team buffs. Currently, Turtledove and Ye Wumian only had 85,000 HP after receiving team buffs, which only the best Tier 2 MTs had at this stage of the game. Not only had his HP soared past his two companions’, but he was also a Strength-focused MT. He had only invested a small fraction of his Free Attribute Points in Endurance.

“Alright, it’s time to go. We can’t keep the other Guilds waiting for too long,” Shi Feng said, nodding in satisfaction when he saw Cola and Alluring Summer’s Attributes. With this, he was more confident of taking down the Void Serpent.

Following which, Shi Feng led Cola and the others to one of the Four Towers of Elements, the meeting point he had agreed upon with Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor.

The members of both super-first-rate Guilds had already arrived, but to avoid attracting attention, they all wore Black Cloaks.

Despite their efforts, however, the group of 400 players was simply too large to ignore. Furthermore, these players were all Tier 2 experts from major Guilds, so the aura they radiated instilled fear in others. Although these experts had done their best to suppress their auras, the combined energy of 400 experts was stifling.

“Who are those people? I don’t mean to brag, but I can be considered an expert player as well, so why do those people feel so dangerous?”

“I caught a glimpse of their equipment a moment ago, and they’re all wearing multiple pieces of Level 50 Fine-Gold Equipment. I’ve spent many days grinding to reach Level 54, but even now, I only have one piece of Level 50 Secret-Silver Equipment, yet they have multiple pieces of Level 50 Fine-Gold Equipment...”

“Could they be members from a top adventurer team?”

Curiosity pulled at the passersby when they looked at Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor’s members, but the super-first-rate Guild’s players simply ignored the surrounding crowd, waiting in the tower’s main hall in silence.

“Vice Guild Leader, Zero Wing is quite impressive. It actually developed Zero Wing City to such a prosperous state. I get the feeling that it’s even more prosperous than Star-Moon City,” a slender youth wielding a wooden staff commented, astonished as he observed the players in the tower.

“Indeed. Zero Wing City’s development is surprising. It’s no wonder why so many corporations are trying to invest in it. The income of Zero Wing City alone could easily sustain a first-rate Guild’s daily operation,” Illusory Words said, nodding. “I wonder which Mythic Boss Zero Wing plans to raid this time?”

On their way to the tower, they had noticed that Zero Wing City’s player population was in no way inferior to that of Star-Moon City. Many of the city’s residents were even elite and expert players. Quite a few major trading firms had also set up shop here. However, the most unbelievable part about the city had to be its number of NPC merchants, which sold plenty of rare items.

“According to our investigation on Star-Moon Kingdom, there are only sixteen known Mythic Bosses between Level 50 and Level 60 in the kingdom. Since Zero Wing has gathered us in Zero Wing City, I assume that they are targeting the Level 56 Emerald Dryad in the Witch’s Hill’s forest. However, I have

heard that the Emerald Dryad is extremely difficult to deal with. There will be several hundred Treants guarding the Dryad, as well, all of which are Level 50 Lords and above. Among them are more than 30 Great Lords and four Grand Lords. Even with the combined strength of our Guild's team and Unyielding Soul's, raiding the Emerald Dryad will be quite challenging. If we include 600 Tier 1 and Tier 2 experts from Zero Wing, our chances of success are..." the slender youth said, shaking his head.

Just dealing with the several hundred Treants would be a major problem, not to mention defeating the Mythic Boss itself.

"Zero Wing should have a plan. Otherwise, they wouldn't have given up such a good opportunity to make money, hiring our Guilds' experts instead," Illusory Words reasoned.

God's Domain had many tools to offer, and with an appropriate tool, challenging a Field Mythic Boss wasn't that difficult. One of the most common examples of such tools was the variety of magic arrays.

While Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor's members wondered how Zero Wing planned to take down the Emerald Dryad, a large group of cloaked players appeared in the tower's entrance. These cloaked players were none other than Zero Wing's members. The group consisted of exactly 600 players. Naturally, such a large team's arrival attracted the attention of the players in the tower.

"How is this possible?" The slender youth beside Illusory Words stared at the approaching Zero Wing members with a flabbergasted expression.

"What's wrong? They're not Zero Wing's members?" Illusory Words asked strangely.

The slender youth was Dawnmaster, one of Crimson Emperor's top ten Elementalists. He also possessed an Identification Skill called Demon Eye, which allowed him to ignore Black Cloaks' concealment.

“No! They are all from Zero Wing, but...those people... They are all Tier 2...” Dawnmaster explained in a trembling voice.

Chapter 1899 – World Boss

“They’re all Tier 2?!” Illusory Words spun towards the approaching Zero Wing members after hearing Dawnmaster’s statement. In a low tone, she asked, “There are...600 people here. Are you sure you’re not mistaken?”

Although she could tell that the approaching players were powerful experts, she found it a little frightening that all 600 were Tier 2.

All of the various superpowers had an increasingly large number of players that had already completed their Tier 2 Promotion Quests, but even the weaker superpowers were still some time from amassing a 500-man, Tier 2 team, let alone a 600-man team.

The Tier 2 Promotion Quests weren’t easy challenges to overcome. The quest had heavy requirements of both technique and equipment standards.

Of course, some players, such as independent players with good equipment and techniques, would challenge the lowest difficulty Promotion Quests. The advantage a Tier 2 class had over a Tier 1 was simply too massive. Not only would players gain a huge boost to their Basic Attributes once they reached Tier 2, but their physique would also improve significantly. With these improvements, players would have a much easier time questing and grinding monsters.

However, players that selected a low-difficulty Promotion Quest would face severe consequences. Their Tier 3 Promotion Quest would be far more difficult than normal.

The majority of independent players chose to acquire their Tier 2 class as soon as possible to secure better resources now, but large Guild experts were a different story. As these experts had their Guild's support, they didn't lack resources. Naturally, to ensure that they had an easier time with their Tier 3 Promotion Quests, these experts would challenge the harder Tier 2 Promotion Quests. They invested a lot of time in improving their levels, equipment, and techniques to complete the higher difficulty Promotion Quests, establishing a sturdy foundation so they could walk a smoother path in the future.

Meanwhile, Zero Wing was a Guild with abundant resources due to its goldmines like Zero Wing City and Silverwing Town. There was no doubt that Zero Wing had prepared its experts to challenge high-difficulty Promotion Quests.

However, just how many members did Zero Wing possess? How many experts had the Guild nurtured?

Comparing Zero Wing to a superpower was akin to comparing a firefly to the moon. The two were on entirely different levels.

Yet, the Guild had just revealed 600 Tier 2 players, already surpassing many superpowers.

"Vice Guild Leader, I wish I were wrong, but players can't fake the Tier 2 Class Insignias. Every one of those players has a Tier 2 Class Insignia equipped..." Dawnmaster said, smiling bitterly.

He had inspected Zero Wing's members multiple times, but the Tier 2 Class Insignia beneath their Black Cloaks was conspicuous to his eyes. There was no way he would mistake those insignias. Moreover, he hadn't told Illusory Words everything; among the 600 Zero Wing members, four were Level 60 and more than 50 were Level 59. He also couldn't identify Shi Feng's level.

The highest-level player in the Dark Night Empire was only Level 58. According to Crimson Emperor's investigation, this fact included the players that habitually hid their levels. Once players reached such a high level, they'd require a massive amount of EXP to level up, and although players could grind more efficiently and gain EXP more quickly once they had reached Tier 2, they'd still need a lot of time to grind to the next level.

Yet, Zero Wing had over 50 Tier 2 players at Level 59. There were even four Level 60 players. If the Guild wished it, it could easily monopolize the top 50 spots on the Dark Night Empire's Ranking List...

One or two levels higher might not mean much to ordinary players, but once players reached Level 50 and gained their Tier 2 class, their natural Attribute growth would increase significantly, exceeding the Free Attribute Points each level up awarded. A gap of two levels could mean a difference of 30 points in one's main Attribute. Taking into account the Free Attribute Points, the gap would become even larger.

If the level gap increased to five levels, the difference in Attributes would be so massive that it would be akin to equipping an additional piece of top-tier equipment. This was the frightening aspect of level differences. This was also why many independent players had opted to complete their Tier 2 Promotion Quests as soon as possible, leveling up more quickly.

"Zero Wing has already developed to such an extent?" When Illusory Words thought about Zero Wing openly declaring war against Blackwater in the Ore Empire, she realized the source of Zero Wing's confidence.

It was no wonder why Zero Wing dared to provoke Blackwater with so many Tier 2 experts.

When he saw Zero Wing's members, Unyielding Heart was similarly surprised. Unyielding Soul also had players with high- ranked Identification Skills, after all, but compared to Illusory Words, Unyielding Heart was stupefied by the discovery.

Unyielding Heart had raided the Eclipse Throne alongside Zero Wing's members, so he had known how many Tier 2 players the Guild had. While it was possible that Zero Wing had hidden some of its Tier 2 players, it shouldn't have been able to hide so many.

Despite the short time that had passed since the Eclipse Throne raid, Zero Wing now had at least 600 Tier 2 players. The Guild's development speed was disturbing...

"Since everyone's here, let's set out," Shi Feng said once he stood before Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words. "If we linger, I'm afraid that we'll attract even more attention."

The two Vice Guild Leaders exchanged a glance before nodding to Shi Feng's statement

They had already attracted a lot of attention. If they stayed, they would likely attract the various major powers' notice. Raiding a Field Boss was a dangerous task, especially if it was a Mythic Boss. If God's Domain's other powers discovered their operation, they could be ambushed during the raid.

Immediately, the two merged their respective 200-man teams with Shi Feng's. The team of 1,000 then moved to the tower's teleportation array.

Once Shi Feng had input the coordinates, the entire team vanished. Although some curious players had tried to follow the team, Shi Feng had instructed the NPC soldier to erase the team's destination coordinates before he had left, replacing it with a random location.

Players' figures began to appear, one after another, before a large waterfall within a dense forest. The lake at the base of the waterfall radiated a chilly air, making the new arrivals shiver. These new arrivals were none other than Shi Feng and his companions.

"Isn't this the Frost Jade Waterfall?" Illusory Words, who had memorized the various landmarks in the Witch's Hill, muttered. Turning toward Shi Feng, she asked, "Aren't we raiding the Emerald Dryad in the Million Woodland?"

The Frost Jade Waterfall was nowhere near the Million Woodland. In fact, the two locations were on opposite ends of the map. Although a dense forest surrounded the Frost Jade Waterfall, this area didn't have any monsters or resources. No player would grind in such a deserted location. Needless to say, this area didn't have any Field Bosses.

Unyielding Heart nodded in agreement. Based on Unyielding Soul's research, the Emerald Dryad should be the only Mythic Boss in the Witch's Hill. Moreover, the forest the Emerald Dryad resided in was rich with herbs. If Zero Wing killed the Emerald Dryad, it would significantly lower the danger players faced while exploring the Million Forest, making it easier to harvest rare herbs. Logically, Zero Wing should target the Emerald Dryad.

"No, I'm aiming for a different Boss," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "The Boss is inside this lake. If anyone's Ice Resistance is lower than 20 points, see me for an Ice Resistance Potion."

The lake bed was entirely composed of Frost Jade, and the cold air the jade emitted was extremely powerful. Players would freeze to death in less than 30 seconds without any Ice Resistance, only surviving long-term if they had 20 points or more.

Fortunately, fulfilling that requirement wasn't any trouble to the Tier 2 players present. As experts, they all had some equipment or ornament that granted Magic Resistance, which would also serve as a sort of Universal Resistance. Even without such items, they still had Passive Skills that granted some Magic Resistance. Furthermore, their respective Guilds would have prepared some Ice and Fire Resistance equipment to cater to unexpected situations. Hence, only a small number of players on the team failed to meet the requirement

After Shi Feng distributed Ice Resistance Potions to the 100-plus players who didn't meet the requirement, he instructed the team to jump into the water without offering an explanation.

A small cave hid under the Frost Jade Waterfall, large enough for five people to swim through at the same time. This cave was the entrance to the Void Serpent's underground temple.

After swimming through the cave for around three minutes, the first group discovered an exit.

As players emerged from the tunnel, they arrived in a dark cavern. Ancient murals covered the cavern walls, depicting the history of the Witch's Hill. When these players broke through the water's surface, they were amazed by the scene. They had never expected to find such a place hidden beneath the Frost Jade Waterfall.

Unfortunately, the players who lacked understanding of divine runes failed to comprehend the murals on the walls.

The players who were familiar with divine runes, however, quickly realized that the murals depicted the Otherworld Gate and the method of activating it.

Once the team had finished admiring the murals, they proceeded into another long, dark tunnel. When they left the tunnel, the team arrived in another cavern. This time, the team found a temple within, and unlike the previous cavern, this one was as large as a town and brightly illuminated. Lifting their heads, the team discovered a gigantic, glowing crystal embedded in the cavern's ceiling. This crystal lit the cavern until it was as bright as day.

While everyone admired the glowing crystal, they discovered something that caused their stomachs to churn and a frown to pull at their lips.

Coiled around the crystal was a snake that was over a hundred meters long. The serpent's body was made entirely of translucent crystal. At the moment, the serpent's eyes were shut, and if not for the occasional twitch, the players would have treated it as a part of the shining crystal.

The serpent's head was easily the size of a three-story building, and its eyes alone were easily larger than a human. As they gazed up at the monster, an instinctive fear gripped their hearts.

After a closer look at the serpent's statistics, many of the players felt their knees go weak.

[Void Serpent (Wakanet)] (Realm Lord, Void Creature, Mythic)

Level 60

HP 560,000,000/560,000,000

"A World Boss?!" Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart gasped in shock.

When they saw the Void Serpent's HP bars, they felt an unprecedented pressure bear down as terror overwhelmed them.

There was no definitive indication of whether a Field Boss was a World Boss or not in God's Domain. However, one thing differentiated the two: how many HP bars the Boss possessed.

Normal Grand Lord ranked Field Bosses had around three to five HP bars, while Mythic ranked Field Bosses had five to seven HP bars. Meanwhile, based on the various large Guilds' understanding of World Bosses, such a monster should have eight or more HP bars. While more HP bars didn't necessarily increase a Boss's total HP, depleting each bar would alter the Boss's combat method, increasing the raid's difficulty.

The Void Serpent before them had a total of nine HP bars...

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The Void Serpent was curled up and sleeping peacefully on the ceiling, and none of the present players dared to move for fear of awaking the World Boss.

They had never dealt with a World Boss before, so they did not know how wide its perception range was. On the off chance that the Void Serpent discovered them, they would pay for their mistake with their lives.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you're not planning to fight that Void Serpent...right?" Illusory Words softly asked Shi Feng.

Although she understood that since Shi Feng had brought them here, there was a 99% chance that the Void Serpent was his target, her sanity urged her to confirm her suspicion.

For all she knew, this cavern might have two Bosses, and they were actually here for the other one.

“Mhm, it’s this Void Serpent.” Shi Feng nodded.

Illusory Words was silent for a long moment. She decided that Shi Feng must be insane.

That was a World Boss they were talking about!

Ordinary Mythic monsters were no match for the Void Serpent, and magical tools were utterly useless against World Bosses. In other words, they had no special means of weakening the Void Serpent. They would have to fight it at its peak. Even with their Berserk Skills, peak MTs wouldn’t last more than a few hits. The Void Serpent would likely kill the other classes instantly.

Moreover, the Void Serpent was a Realm Lord. Its Skills, Spells, and physique were far superior to Mythic monsters of the same level. Defeating this monster would be even more difficult than facing the Emerald Dryad and its several hundred guards.

Although their team of 1,000 Tier 2 players met the requirements to raid a Level 60 World Boss, they barely managed it. If they wanted to raid the World Boss effectively, all 1,000 members would have to be Level 60 and wear Level 50 Fine-Gold Equipment or better.

Taking a deep breath, Illusory Words looked at Shi Feng and said seriously, “Guild Leader Black Flame, let me say this. The dangers of raiding a World Boss are too great. Crimson Emperor will only help you once. If it looks like we’ll team-wipe, Crimson Emperor’s members will retreat.”

If she allowed 200 of her Guild’s Tier 2 experts to lose a level, her Guild would suffer a massive blow. She would not follow Zero Wing in its descent into madness.

Unyielding Heart, however, said nothing. He simply watched the Void Serpent before turning to Zero Wing's members.

"Vice Guild Leader, aren't you going to inform Zero Wing of your limits?" Long Soul whispered. "That's a World Boss we're talking about. Our Guild can't afford to lose so many Tier 2 players."

Lately, the intensity of the struggle between Unyielding Soul and Starlink had grown. As a result, the Guild needed its Tier 2 experts to manage many affairs. Unyielding Soul could not afford to weaken 200 of its Tier 2 experts for no reason. If the raid turned sour, they had to retreat to minimize their losses.

However, Unyielding Heart did not answer Long Soul's question. Instead, he walked up to Shi Feng solemnly.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, Unyielding Soul is willing to fight to the death alongside Zero Wing. In return, please consider selling Unyielding Soul a few pieces of MT equipment once the raid is over," Unyielding Heart said sincerely.

"Heart, are you insane?!" Unyielding Heart's proposal shocked Long Soul.

Illusory Words also turned to the other Vice Guild Leader, confusion flashing in her eyes.

The various superpowers still relied on special tools for a small chance of defeating ordinary Mythic Bosses, yet not only were they about to raid a Mythic World Boss, but they also had to do so without any tools.

Unyielding Heart was one of Unyielding Soul's supporting pillars of strength. He had invested a lot of time and effort into developing his Guild. She couldn't understand why Unyielding Heart would take such a massive risk, especially with Unyielding Soul's current state in the Dark Night Empire.

Does Zero Wing really have a chance of defeating the Void Serpent? Illusory Words could not help but wonder as she swept a glance over Zero Wing's members.

She couldn't see what ability Zero Wing had to face the Void Serpent

Meanwhile, Unyielding Heart ignored Long Soul's attempts to dissuade him. Instead, he remained focused on Shi Feng as he continued, "Of course, we will purchase the equipment at above market price as long as the items are Level 60 Fine-Gold Weapons or Equipment."

The fact that Zero Wing intended to challenge a World Boss had surprised him greatly, but he had witnessed the strength of Zero Wing's main force before. He doubted that the Guild would attempt a challenge it wasn't confident of overcoming.

After all, Zero Wing had dispatched 600 Tier 2 experts for this raid.

Hence, he would gamble on Zero Wing's ability to defeat the Void Serpent

Even the various superpowers only had a small stock of top-tier Level 55 equipment, let alone Level 60 equipment. If he could acquire a few pieces of Level 60 Fine-Gold Weapons and Equipment for his MTs, it would definitely be of great help to Unyielding Soul during future Team Dungeon raids. Unyielding

Soul had many expert teams, and a single Dark Corrosion Set wasn't nearly enough to satisfy the Guild's needs.

"Alright, I'll see what I can do." Shi Feng replied to Unyielding Heart's sincerity with a serious nod.

Level 60 Fine-Gold Equipment for MTs was nothing to Shi Feng. Selling a few pieces of such equipment in exchange for Unyielding Soul's full support in the following raid was definitely a worthwhile transaction. The difference between the combat power willing Tier 2 experts wielded and that of experts who were prepared to flee at a given moment was like the difference between heaven and earth.

"Thank you," Unyielding Heart said.

Normally, when a Guild employed another Guild's experts to take down a powerful Boss, it wouldn't sell any of the loot.

Such items were crucial to strengthening a Guild's teams and weren't usually available on the market, after all.

"Has Unyielding Heart gone mad? Does he really believe Zero Wing can succeed?" Chaos gripped Dawnmaster's mind as he watched Unyielding Heart thank Shi Feng.

After witnessing the exchange between Unyielding Heart and Shi Feng as they discussed the Void Serpent's loot, he wondered if the monster coiled on the ceiling was truly a World Boss. He also wondered if the two players knew what a World Boss was.

After discussing the agreement with Unyielding Heart, Shi Feng began to split the team into smaller groups and designated tasks to each.

The Void Serpent would transition through a total of nine different combat methods as the raid progressed, and all nine stages would be extremely dangerous. A single mistake could result in a large number of deaths. However, all of these players were experts, and many of them had even reached the Refinement Realm. As long as they were instructed properly, they could avoid any major mistakes. Then, they'd see if the Boss would die before the team was annihilated.

"Since there are no problems, all MTs and magical class players, come here to collect a dish. I'll call up the physical class players after to collect their share," Shi Feng announced after organizing the team.

Following which, under Shi Feng's instructions, everyone received the dishes Shi Feng handed out

What a powerful Master Dish! Illusory Words was stunned when she accepted a bowl of Frozen Bone Soup. She hadn't expected Zero Wing to be capable of securing such a top-tier dish.

She was no stranger to chefs' products. She knew that some dishes could enhance players' combat power. Unfortunately, most of the buffs food and beverages provided were minor, but this Master Dish increased her Intelligence by 10%. The Frozen Bone Soup could already rival a Master Potion. Moreover, the dish's effect would even be effective against a World Boss. This buff reduced the raid difficulty by a considerable margin.

"Cola, start the raid! Everyone else, follow the plan!" Shi Feng commanded once his teammates were ready.

Hearing Shi Feng's command, Cola, who had long since grown restless, grinned fiercely as he charged forward to attract the Void Serpent's attention.

