

Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God

Chapter 3301: Alternate Ending 375 - Level 5 Affinity

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“Zero Wing’s Acting Guild Leader?” Frey was a little surprised by the Guardian Knight’s answer. “Are you talking about *the* Zero Wing that killed Dira?”

“Yes, *that* Zero Wing.” The Guardian Knight nodded.

The news of Dira getting killed had long since spread across the entire Starlight Realm, and any power operating in the Starlight Realm would know about it. It was especially so for the powers based near the Sea of Giants now that the Divine Seal Saint had sent the Wind Seal Commander, one of the Four Seals, there to await the opening of the Miniature Ancient World’s World Passage.

“Have that person in the Seven Luminaries Alliance carefully look into this matter. If it turns out to be true, this matter is going to be interesting,” Frey said, her lips curling up a little. “But be sure to do things secretly. We must not let a third party know about this matter.”

“Rest assured, Young Miss. That person is a confidant trained by the Galaxy Conglomerate. He will never leak this information to other powers,” the Guardian Knight assured.

“Good. You should know how important a Great Grandmaster Magician is to the Galaxy Conglomerate. If any mistakes occur, you won’t be able to afford the consequences,” Frey calmly said.

“Understood!” The Guardian Knight hurriedly nodded, cold sweat rolling down his forehead. “I won’t disappoint you on this matter, Young Miss!”

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While Frey was looking into the latest Great Grandmaster Magician going by the name of Ye Feng, the Starlight Realm’s various hegemonic powers and conglomerate were also frantically looking into this person. They even offered to give anyone who could provide useful information related to Ye Feng a permanent resident status in a first-tier city.

When this news spread, the entire Starlight Realm instantly went into an uproar.

For ordinary players, just the opportunity to gain permanent residence in a third-tier city was already an unattainable dream. As for permanent residence in a first-tier city, that was something not even mental strength grandmasters would dare to think of obtaining. At most, they could afford to visit a first-tier city for a few days every now and then.

Yet, now, there was an opportunity to gain permanent residency in a first-tier city simply by providing information on Ye Feng. How could everyone not be shocked?

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While the Starlight Realm's players and powers were busy looking into the player named Ye Feng, Shi Feng was focused on creating his Tier 5 Mana Body.

After becoming a Great Grandmaster Magician, Shi Feng not only noticed his Concentration undergoing an evolutionary change, but he also felt his elemental ascending to a new level. Or, more specifically, the Great Grandmaster Emblem he wore had increased his elemental affinity by one level.

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[Great Grandmaster Emblem]

A Magician Emblem exclusive to Black Flame.

When worn, it increases the wearer's elemental affinity by one level, up to a maximum of Level 6.

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The Magician class's Great Grandmaster Emblem is truly incredible. Now that my elemental affinity has reached Level 5, I only need to expend half as much Concentration to manipulate solid mana.

Shi Feng grew ecstatic as he integrated the Great Grandmaster Mana Gathering Arrays he created with his Mana Body one after another.

Elemental affinity was crucial for players in controlling mana.

Normally, players' elemental affinity would only be at Level 1, while gifted individuals could reach Level 2. Compared to players with only Level 1 affinity, players with Level 2 affinity would have an easier time perceiving and manipulating the various elements.

Although elemental affinity could be artificially increased using various methods, such as using tools and improving one's Mana Body, there was a limit to the effectiveness of such methods. Even with a Legendary Mana Body, Shi Feng only managed to raise his elemental affinity to the Level 4 standard.

Level 4 also happened to be the highest standard Shi Feng achieved during his previous life, and he had achieved that standard after relying on various tools. This was also the limit for most Tier 6 experts.

So, the fact that the Great Grandmaster Emblem for Magicians could elevate his elemental affinity to Level 5 was incredible. This effect alone made it as valuable as a Fragmented Divine Artifact.

In less than half an hour, Shi Feng finished constructing a Mana Body that was fully made up of Great Grandmaster Mana Gathering Arrays.

“Start the assisted creation!”

After looking at the Mana Body he constructed, Shi Feng chose to activate the Hundred Refinement Building’s Creation Assistance Mode.

This time, the Hundred Refinement Building seemingly got stimulated as divine runes appeared all over the training room Shi Feng was in. At the same time, the density of Eternal Energy in the room plummeted as if to fuel the assisted creation this time.

One minute... Two minutes... Three minutes...

Ten minutes later, the sound of a system notification entered Shi Feng’s ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have successfully constructed a new Mana Body. The constructed Mana Body’s strength is at 224% of your current Mana Body and has reached the Tier 5 standard. The created Mana Body is evaluated to be at the Epic rank. Do you wish to replace your current Mana Body with it and get promoted to Tier 5?

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Sure enough, I was right! Shi Feng’s eyes brightened when he saw the system notification.

The fact that he managed to achieve the Epic rank on his first attempt at using the Great Grandmaster Mana Gathering Array to create his Tier 5 Mana Body meant that he had made the right judgment. Now, all he needed to do was continuously optimize his Mana Body’s structure, and he should have no problems elevating his Tier 5 Mana Body to the Legendary rank.

Immediately, Shi Feng began varying the number of Mana Gathering Arrays he used across his Mana Body, trying to improve his Mana Body’s mana transmission efficiency

and mana density as much as possible. Meanwhile, the more he optimized his Mana Body, the stronger it became.

230%... 235%... 240%...

After numerous experiments, Shi Feng hit a bottleneck after reaching 255%.

It seems this is my current limit. Shi Feng revealed a wry smile as he looked at the Mana Body he had created.

The difficulty of achieving a Tier 5 Legendary Mana Body was much greater than he imagined.

The reason he could no longer improve his Mana Body any further wasn't that the Mana Gathering Array had become a limiting factor. Instead, it was because of his control over mana.

Currently, he could only manipulate up to 64 Great Grandmaster Mana Gathering Arrays simultaneously. Meanwhile, after integrating 64 Great Grandmaster Mana Gathering Arrays into his existing Mana Body and optimizing its structure as much as possible, he only ended up with a Mana Body that was 255% stronger than his current Mana Body. In other words, it was only at the Tier 5 Advanced Epic standard. If he wanted to create a stronger Tier 5 Mana Body, he would have to increase the number of Great Grandmaster Mana Gathering Arrays in his Mana Body.

While Shi Feng was looking for ways to further optimize his Mana Body's structure, he suddenly received a system notification.

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Regional System Announcement: A Miniature Ancient World's World Passage will soon open. All kingdoms and empires situated near the Sea of Giants are advised to prepare to resist the incoming beast tide.

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Miniature Ancient World, Thunder Fortress:

When the gigantic door 10,000 yards away from the Thunder Fortress opened, all the players gathered in the Thunder Fortress boarded their respective ships and swarmed toward the gate. In no time, a gigantic fleet of over 100,000 ships could be seen sailing

toward the distant gate. A fleet of such size could fight against even an army of several million sea monsters. It could also easily annihilate any maritime empire.

However, the fleet of 100,000-plus ships looked comically small when gathered before the gigantic door.

The bottom half of the door in question was submerged in the ocean, while the upper half rose well beyond the clouds. Its width was also beyond absurd, easily surpassing the width of the entire Thunder Fortress by many times.

When the Miniature Ancient World's native players saw this door, they couldn't help but be deeply shocked. They didn't think the World Gate, which served as a connection point for the World Passage, would be such a spectacular sight.

Amidst the 100,000-plus ships, a fleet led by one Common Warship and supported by several Bronze Speedboats and several dozen Advanced Speedboats could be seen carefully making its way to the World Gate. Meanwhile, standing at the helm of the Common Warship was a Level 137, Tier 4 elderly man carrying a greatsword on his back.

In the current Miniature Ancient World, there was no native expert player who wouldn't recognize this old man.

Thousand Swords!

He was the Great Elder of the Super Guild World Dominators and one of their God's Domain's few Tier 6 experts.

Although Tier 6 experts became insignificant along with the myriad worlds' descent, the strength Thousand Swords could exhibit in the Miniature Ancient World was still impressive. In one instance, the fleet Thousand Swords led had defeated two foreign fleets out in open water. At the time, Thousand Swords himself had also single-handedly held back four fourth-floor experts. According to rumors, Thousand Swords was now only one step away from reaching the standard of titled experts.

It should be known that in the current Miniature Ancient World, even the various hegemonic powers would only have one or two titled experts under their command, while most superpowers didn't even have titled experts under their command. So, Thousand Swords' presence had allowed World Dominators to become a superpower that was only second to the various hegemonic powers in the Miniature Ancient World.

"All of you, be extremely careful once we are inside the World Passage! Do not get washed away by the beast tide! Any ship caught by itself will be quickly devoured by the Void Creatures!" Thousand Swords said, issuing a command to all ships in the fleet through the team chat.

“Finally! We are finally going to enter the Greater God’s Domain!” Gu Yiren, who had similarly reached Tier 4, revealed an excited expression as he looked at the nearing World Gate.

“Don’t get too excited, Yiren,” Thousand Swords said as he glanced at his student. “The World Passage is a very dangerous place. Based on the information we’ve collected, even the weakest Void Creature in a World Passage will be at the Grand Lord rank. There will even be plenty of Mythic and Superior Mythic Void Creatures mixed among them. Also, our ultimate goal might be to enter the Greater God’s Domain, but we also have to try to earn as many Association Contribution Points as possible.”

“Don’t worry, Teacher. I’ve prepared over a dozen Tier 4 Magic Scrolls for those Void Creatures. We can definitely earn a ton of contribution points,” Gu Yiren confidently said as he patted the spatial bag on his waist.

So long as one bothered to do a little research, anyone would know about the welfare provided by the Greater God’s Domain’s Adventurer’s Association to players of isolated God’s Domain.

For two days after a World Passage opened, players who entered the World Passage could earn Association Contribution Points by killing Void Creatures in the World Passage. Then, players could use the points they earned to exchange Immortal Weapons and Equipment from the Adventurer’s Association. If players collected enough points, they could even exchange for the incomparably Legacy Guidances. These were all things that would let isolated players have an easier time settling in the Greater God’s Domain.

Meanwhile, Gu Yiren had done a lot of preparation in anticipation of the World Passage’s opening.

Of the Tier 4 Magic Scrolls he prepared, every one of them held a large-scale Destruction Spell. Although these Spells were incapable of one-shotting Tier 4 Mythic monsters, they were strong enough to heavily injure Mythic monsters. So long as these monsters were killed later on, the system would judge him as having made a big contribution to the kill and award him at least 10% of the monster’s points.

This was an incredibly effective and efficient way of earning contribution points. It was significantly better than trying to kill one Void Creature with a large group of players.

With over a dozen Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells, he would have no problem heavily injuring over a thousand monsters. Even if he only earned a few points from each monster, that would still be several thousand contribution points. If he was lucky, he might even earn over 10,000 contribution points.

Based on the information World Dominators had collected, 1,000 points could be exchanged for an Epic Immortal Weapon, 3,000 points could be exchanged for a Tier 5

Demigod's Legacy Guidance, 5,000 points could be exchanged for a Tier 6 NPC's Legacy Guidance, 10,000 points could be exchanged for a Tier 6 God's Legacy Guidance, and 20,000 points could be exchanged for a Legacy that provided a perfect experience of a Gold Combat Technique's use.

Setting aside the perfect experience of a Gold Combat Technique, just receiving a Tier 6 God's Legacy Guidance would be of significant help to him when he challenged his Tier 5 and Tier 6 promotions in the future. After all, all Tier 6 Gods possessed extraordinary Mana Bodies with extremely high reference value for players.

If he could create a Tier 5 Mana Body that reached the Epic rank, he could instantly reach the peak of his life.

While Gu Yiren was fantasizing about earning 10,000 Association Contribution Points and exchanging them for a Tier 6 God's Legacy Guidance, Thousand Swords suddenly tensed up as he looked at a fleet of ships coming from behind. Then, he hurriedly shouted, "All ships, turn to the left and open up a path!"

World Dominators' members couldn't help but grow confused when they heard Thousand Swords' command. Then, while carrying out the command, they curiously turned around and looked at the ships sailing up from behind them.

At this time, a fleet of fewer than twenty ships was sailing up to World Dominators' fleet. However, despite its small size, the fleet was by no means weak. This was because the fleet was led by one Advanced Warship and six Common Warships and supported by a dozen Bronze Speedboats. Some hegemonic powers didn't even have such a high-quality fleet.

Meanwhile, as this small fleet swiftly made its way to the World Gate, all of the other fleets in its path promptly sailed aside and opened a path for it, none daring to sail in this small fleet's way. This was because the ships of this fleet carried the Guild Emblem of the Flower of Seven Sins.

"Is this the treatment for the number one genius?"

As the Flower of Seven Sins' fleet got closer, Gu Yiren could see two female Assassins standing at the helm of the Advanced Warship sailing at the front of the fleet. Of these two Assassins, one was Death Omen, a former Tier 6 player who had shaken their God's Domain with her name in the past, while the other was Thousand Scars, the current number one genius among the Miniature Ancient World's native players.

When Gu Yiren watched as Thousand Scars sailed past World Dominators' fleet, he couldn't help but feel a little envious of her. Ever since Thousand Scars got chosen by the Paimon Conglomerate, even the various hegemonic powers had to behave respectfully around her and the Flower of Seven Sins. This allowed the Flower of Seven Sins to develop smoothly and rapidly in the Miniature Ancient World.

A good example of the Flower of Seven Sins' rapid development would be the one Advanced Warship and six Common Warships in its fleet. With such naval prowess, the Flower of Seven Sins wouldn't need more than a few minutes to annihilate World Dominators' entire fleet.

Meanwhile, with such a fleet under its command, it goes without saying the Flower of Seven Sins could kill Void Creatures in the World Passage very effectively. Even if he had 100 Tier 4 Magic Scrolls in his possession, he still wouldn't be a match for the Flower of Seven Sins' fleet. After all, the Advanced Warship's main cannons were just as strong as Tier 4 large-scale Destruction Spells. Moreover, so long as these cannons were supplied with enough Magic Crystals, they could fire an infinite number of times.

Shortly after the Flower of Seven Sins' fleet entered the World Passage, a fleet made of five ships also made its way up to the World Gate. When this fleet of five ships appeared, it instantly attracted the attention of all other fleets present. This was because all five of this fleet's ships were Bronze Warships.

Then, upon seeing the Guild Emblem on these five Bronze Warships, everyone couldn't help but gape in shock.

"Crap! Isn't this Zero Wing?"

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The sight of the six-winged emblem on the five Bronze Warships dumbfounded the various powers gathered before the World Gate.

Bronze Warships were very recognizable. This was because Bronze Warships were a cut above Common and Advanced Warships. Moreover, they came with twofold Tier 4 defensive magic arrays that could stop the attacks of even Superior Mythic monsters.

It was no exaggeration to say that one Bronze Warship was enough to make up an entire fleet by itself.

A force of five Bronze Warships was something none of the various hegemonic powers dared to think of having in the Miniature Ancient World.

Yet, now, it was revealed that this unbelievable fleet originated from Zero Wing, a Guild that hadn't even come into contact with the Greater God's Domain yet.

"How is this possible?"

Gu Yiren wore a complicated look on his face when he saw several familiar figures standing on Zero Wing's five Bronze Warships. Apart from Black Flame, the man who had killed him once before, he also spotted Rampant Blade, a former member of the now-defunct Shadow Guild. He even saw Wu Lingling, a newcomer who had made a splash during the newcomer competition of Jin Hai City's God's Domain Academy, and Lin Yaoyue, the director of Jin Hai City's God's Domain Academy.

Currently, not only did all of these people reach Tier 4 already but the way they carried themselves was completely different. It was obvious that their current combat standards were drastically greater than before.

If these people combined their current strength with the contribution points they could accumulate with the help of five Bronze Warships, it wasn't hard to imagine how big of an improvement they would have once they entered the Greater God's Domain.

"So what if Zero Wing has five Bronze Warships?" Tao Yuwei on the side said, curling her lips. "All they're doing is putting up pointless resistance. Once the World Passage is open, the Paimon Conglomerate will definitely send its army from the Greater God's Domain. At that time, Zero Wing won't even dare to enter the World Passage, let alone the Greater God's Domain."

"You're right. They can only enter the World Passage during its initial opening before they'll have to quickly withdraw from it." Gu Yiren nodded in agreement, his mood lightening significantly.

The matter of Zero Wing offending the Paimon Conglomerate was no secret in the Miniature Ancient World. The various powers even knew that the Paimon Conglomerate had already mobilized its forces to barricade the other side of the World Passage.

With Paimon's army blocking the World Passage's exit, Zero Wing wouldn't dare to enter the Greater God's Domain at all. If it did, it would instantly suffer annihilation at the hands of the Paimon Conglomerate's Tier 6 army. All of Zero Wing's members would also suffer Soul Annihilation and be prohibited from logging into God's Domain for the rest of their lives.

Moreover, even if Zero Wing chose not to enter the Greater God's Domain, the Paimon Conglomerate would still be sending many well-equipped Tier 4 experts into the Miniature Ancient World. At that time, Zero Wing would still meet its end.

This was also why most of the Miniature Ancient World's native powers had chosen to cease any and all dealings they had with Zero Wing.

At this time, Gu Yiren and Tao Yuwei weren't the only ones to have such thoughts about Zero Wing. The members of the various other powers also deemed Zero Wing's actions as putting up a pointless struggle.

The World Passage's opening didn't only allow the Miniature Ancient World's players to travel to the Greater God's Domain. It also allowed the Greater God's Domain's players to enter the Miniature Ancient World.

Meanwhile, with the help of a Bronze Speedboat, it wouldn't take more than a day's travel to cross the entire World Passage. The travel time would be even shorter if speedboats above the Bronze rank were used.

The only problem was the Void Creatures in the World Passage. Without a sufficiently strong fleet, traveling across the World Passage would be no different than suicide.

However, with the Paimon Conglomerate's strength, it probably wouldn't take more than a day before its Tier 4 army could cross the World Passage to reach the Miniature Ancient World.

In other words, Zero Wing had less than a day left to strut around in the Miniature Ancient World.

However, after the various powers entered the World Passage, they quickly forgot about Zero Wing. This was because greeting them in the calm sea beyond the World Gate was a swarm of Void Creatures of illogical proportions.

What awaited the various powers beyond the World Gate wasn't a swarm of a million monsters. Even describing the swarm in the millions would be an understatement. At a glance, the number of Void Creatures in the calm sea was easily in the tens of millions. Moreover, even the weakest among them was at the Tier 4 Mythic rank, while many of them were at the Superior Mythic rank...

"What's going on?"

"Shouldn't the weakest monsters here be Grand Lords?"

The fleets that had just entered the World Passage panicked when they saw the fleets getting destroyed in the distance. Even the top adventurer teams originating from the Greater God's Domain were distressed by this situation.

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[Void Sea Serpent] (Void Creature, Mythic)

Level 142

HP 20,000,000,000

[Void Sea Dragon] (Void Creature, Superior Mythic)

Level 145

HP 50,000,000,000

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The average Void Creature had significantly greater HP and Defense than the average sea monster. Normally, killing even one Mythic-ranked Void Creature would require the joint effort of one Common Warship and several dozen Advanced Speedboats.

Yet, now, even the weakest monster in this sea was a Tier 4 Mythic Void Sea Serpent. If a few dozen of these Void Sea Serpents attacked together, even a Common Warship wouldn't last more than a few exchanges.

Meanwhile, if players were to lose the support of their ships in this environment devoid of mana, their combat power would plummet. At that time, even flying would become a problem, let alone fighting. This was also why transportation tools were far more important than individual strength when it came to traveling between worlds.

While the various powers were panicking, some players with excellent eyesight suddenly noticed the silhouette of an island floating in the distance.

"An island? Why is there an island here?"

Many players couldn't help but grow confused when they saw the floating island in the distance. The inside of the World Passage was supposed to be an empty void, so a floating island shouldn't exist here.

Moreover, the island even looked like it was inhabited by people, making its presence here even stranger. After all, apart from Void Creatures, other creatures were incapable of staying in the void for long periods of time.

Meanwhile, when Thousand Scars saw the island, she suddenly thought of something as she exclaimed, "Void Gods!"

"Void Gods? What do you mean?" Death Omen looked at Thousand Scars in confusion.

"Void Gods are a race of Gods who live in the void," Thousand Scars excitedly explained. "I've read about them in the Paimon Conglomerate's database. Rumor has it that Void Gods are constantly wandering about in the void, and people can occasionally see the islands they live on in the void. Meanwhile, it is rumored that Void Gods possess Legacies passed down by Ancient Gods.

"More importantly, the settlements of Void Gods are also the only places in the Greater God's Domain where players can change classes into a Void Saint. In the Greater

God's Domain, Void Saints are labeled invincible when fighting in the void, and even dragons of the same tier are no match for them!"

"Even dragons of the same tier are not a match?" Death Omen was surprised to hear Thousand Scars' explanation.

There were many hidden classes in God's Domain, but none were known to be able to rival Dragons, let alone surpass them.

It should be known that dragons were an apex race and the symbol of destruction in God's Domain. Even in the Greater God's Domain, Adult Dragons were akin to natural disasters.

If she could class-change into a Void Saint...

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While Thousand Scars was explaining to Death Omen about Void Gods and Void Saints, five figures emerged from the leading ship of the Paimon Conglomerate's fleet and rapidly made their way toward the distant island.

Of these five figures, one of them was Dira, while the remaining four were the Four Beast Warriors. Currently, all four of the Beast Warriors have already become bona fide Tier 5 players.

Meanwhile, thanks to the Four Beast Warriors opening a path, Dira could effortlessly approach the distant floating island, the sight causing the various powers stuck on their ships to grow envious.

Unfortunately, there was nothing they could do about their envy. Currently, the Paimon Conglomerate was the only power that could afford to produce Tier 5 players. For everyone else, all they could do was slowly sail to the floating island in their ships.

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When Kasio of the Glimmer adventurer team saw Dira's group fast approaching the floating island, he anxiously looked at Shi Feng and said, "This can't continue, Guild Leader Black Flame. You and the commander should go ahead without us. Otherwise, Dira will be the first to enter the island at this rate."

The other members of Glimmer nodded in agreement.

The Void Saint Legacy was extraordinary even in the Greater God's Domain. Others might not know what the Void Saint class represented, but they did. In a situation where they didn't know whether the Void Saint Legacy would be limited in number, they absolutely could not let Dira reach the floating island before them.

“That won’t be necessary.” Shi Feng faintly smiled in response to Kasio’s anxiety. “All of us will go there together.”

“All of us?”

Kasio and the others were on the verge of being rendered speechless by Shi Feng.

With the strength of five Bronze Warships, how were they supposed to overtake four Tier 5 experts?

Just as Kasio was about to say something else, Shi Feng took out a pendant from his bag and chanted the incantation engraved on it.

Immediately, a magic array with a radius of more than a hundred meters appeared in the void. Then, a dark dragon measuring over a hundred meters in length emerged from this magic array, the dragon having a life aura so terrifying that it caused even the nearby Void Creatures to back away.

“A dragon?”

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As Dira’s group of five flew increasingly closer to the island above the void sea, the various hegemonic powers also started advancing toward the island at all costs.

“Faster! Move faster!”

“Even if we can’t reach the island before Dira, we should still reach it before the other powers!”

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Although the various hegemonic powers didn’t have detailed information on Void Gods, they knew plenty about the Void Saint class. Or, more specifically, anyone who had reached their standards would know about the hidden class whether they wanted to or not.

This was because every hegemonic power would at least have one or two Tier 6 experts becoming an official participant in the Seven Luminaries League, and anyone who became an official participant in the League would also become a core member of the Seven Luminaries Alliance. This, in turn, would let them learn about the person

known as Divine Eye, the current youngest Grand Elder of the Seven Luminaries Alliance.

Meanwhile, Divine Eye's class was none other than the Void Saint!

It should be known that the Seven Luminaries Alliance was one of the strongest powers in the Greater God's Domain. Even mighty conglomerates would have to bow their heads in front of the Alliance.

The Seven Luminaries Alliance was controlled by the Senate, which consisted of only twelve people.

These twelve individuals stood at the very apex of the Greater God's Domain. At the same time, they also represented the Greater God's Domain's apex combat power.

Divine Eye was someone who managed to become one of these twelve individuals before even reaching the age of 50. Meanwhile, the main reason Divine Eye managed to accomplish this feat was due to his Void Saint class. Otherwise, he would still have to strive for several more decades before he could become a member of the Senate.

Indeed!

This was the power of the Void Saint class!

However, what made the Void Saint class truly fearsome wasn't the fact that it could exhibit tremendous combat power in the void. Instead, it was the fact that the class wasn't unique.

Because the Void Saint class wasn't unique, the number of people who could acquire it wasn't limited to just one.

Of course, obtaining the Void Saint class was an incredible challenge. This was because the settlement of Void Gods did not stay in one place. Instead, their settlements would randomly drift about in the void, and even a titanic existence like the Seven Luminaries Alliance could only rely on luck to find the Void Gods' settlement.

However, so long as players managed to come across the settlement of Void Gods, their chances of becoming a Void Saint would instantly increase to a minimum of 50%.

I truly didn't think the farce of getting me to earn contribution points would actually lead me to encounter the settlement of Void Gods! Saint Nine thought as he and Calgaron's Tier 4 team were frantically making their way to the distant floating island on their Flying Mounts.

Void Saint!

So long as he could become a Void Saint, he would instantly be strong enough to defeat all of the Ancient River Kingdom's paragons. Even becoming the Starlight Realm's strongest paragon wouldn't be out of the question.

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It seems my chances are going to be bleak... Thousand Scars thought as she enviously looked at the several 100-man teams of Tier 4 players flying toward the Void Gods' settlement.

There were far too many Void Sea Serpents and Void Sea Dragons in the way of the floating island. Without Tier 5 combatants, it was nigh impossible to safely reach the island in a short amount of time.

Although the Flower of Seven Sins had over a hundred Tier 4 experts in its fleet, none possessed strength at the Tier 5 standard. This remained true even after they factored in the use of magic arrays. So, the Flower of Seven Sins' members could only rely on their Advanced Warship to advance bit by bit.

However, while Thousand Scars was busy envying paragons like Saint Nine and Trecht, a dragon's roar suddenly sounded from a distance, the roar instantly petrifying the Void Sea Serpents and Void Sea Dragons.

"A dragon?"

Before Thousand Scars could determine where the dragon's roar came from, a gigantic figure suddenly flew across the Advanced Warship she was on, the speed of the figure rivaling Tier 6 players.

Although it was only an instant, Thousand Scars, as a Tier 4 expert, still managed to catch a glimpse of this gigantic figure's appearance.

—It was a dark dragon with a body measuring over a hundred meters in length.

While Thousand Scars was wondering why a dragon would appear in this place, she got a better look at the dragon, and she couldn't help but be dumbfounded by what she saw.

It turned out that the dragon wasn't by itself. Instead, a group of people was riding on the dragon's back, and Thousand Scars was incredibly familiar with this group.

"I must be dreaming! Yes! I must be dreaming!" Thousand Scars muttered in denial as she rubbed her eyes before taking another look at the dragon flying into the distance.

Dragons were apex existences in God's Domain, and the appearance of one could cause a huge commotion in any location. So, how could Zero Wing's members possibly be riding atop a dragon's back?

If what she just saw wasn't a hallucination, then there could only be one explanation for it—she was still fast asleep!

"No, you didn't see wrongly, Scars. Those are indeed Zero Wing's members," Death Omen said, similarly shocked by what she just saw.

While the various hegemonic powers were feeling proud of themselves for owning a Bronze Warship in the Miniature Ancient World, Zero Wing had already found itself a dragon to ride on.

"That can't possibly be a real dragon, right, Big Sis Omen?" Thousand Scars asked Death Omen in a whisper.

Dragons were extremely rare in God's Domain, and very few players had actually seen one in person. However, Death Omen was one of the Flower of Seven Sins' commanders. Not only had she seen real dragons, but she had even slain them before.

So, if Thousand Scars had to name someone knowledgeable about dragons, it would definitely have to be Death Omen.

Meanwhile, after pondering for a moment, Death Omen firmly said, "That isn't a real dragon. A real dragon is much more terrifying than that. Merely standing in the presence of a Tier 4 Dragon is enough to suffocate and petrify ordinary Tier 4 experts."

Thousand Scars immediately felt relieved when she heard Death Omen's answer.

Dragons were akin to natural disasters in God's Domain. They were also known to be invincible among opponents of the same tier. If Zero Wing truly did manage to tame a Tier 4 Dragon, the situation in the Miniature Ancient World would become very different in the future.

It should be known that contracted monsters could be promoted to higher tiers. If Zero Wing truly did own a Tier 4 Dragon and managed to promote it to Tier 5, not even the Paimon Conglomerate could do anything against Zero Wing in the Miniature Ancient World. After all, Tier 6 players entering the Miniature Ancient World would be subjected to the Miniature Ancient World's suppression. They could, at most, exhibit power at the standard of Tier 5 players. In that case, how were they supposed to fight against a Tier 5 Dragon?"While I can confirm that thing isn't a dragon..." Before Thousand Scars could feel relieved for too long, Death Omen suddenly revealed a wry smile as she said, "If my guess is correct, that thing is likely to be a Legendary Mount..."

Chapter 3305: Alternate Ending 379 - Laura's Sword

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A Legendary Mount? Thousand Scars fell into a daze when she heard Death Omen's words. *Is this the reason for his confidence?*

Flying Mounts were incredibly rare. They were so rare that even Tier 6 experts would have difficulty getting their hands on an Extraordinary Flying Mount in the Greater God's Domain, let alone Legendary Flying Mounts.

Throughout the entire Starlight Realm's history, no more than 100 Legendary Flying Mounts have been recorded. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that Legendary Flying Mounts were rarer than dragons. The value of a Legendary Flying Mount also wasn't the least bit inferior to a contracted Tier 4 or Tier 5 Dragon.

Compared to a contracted Tier 4 or Tier 5 Dragon, a Legendary Flying Mount had a much greater chance of getting promoted to Tier 6. It should be that a single Tier 6 Flying Mount had enough HP and destructive power to rival several dozen Tier 6 players. Even a Tier 6 expert clad in a Legendary Equipment Set and wielding a Legendary Equipment could only hope to match a Tier 6 Flying Mount.

Moreover, this was only under the assumption that the Tier 6 expert was fighting in the Greater God's Domain or their native world.

If players tried to fight in a foreign world, they would be subjected to the world's suppression. Under this suppression, a Tier 6 expert clad in a complete Legendary Equipment Set and wielding a Legendary Weapon could, at best, match a native Tier 6 expert wielding a Legendary Weapon. Needless to say, they'd be of no threat to a Tier 6 Flying Mount in such a weakened state.

Normally, so long as a power owned a Tier 6 Flying Mount, even conglomerates would have difficulty dealing with said power unless they had the strength to destroy an entire God's Domain.

However, in the Greater God's Domain, few powers possessed such strength.

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While Thousand Scars was in a daze, Zero Wing's members couldn't help but grow ecstatic as they rode on the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon.

“You’re amazing, Guild Leader!” Su Qianliu said excitedly as she admired the shocked expressions of the players stuck in the void sea. “The various powers are probably feeling dumbfounded right now.”

There were tens of millions of Mythic-ranked Void Sea Serpents on the void sea. This was a very frightening beast tide. With just the players and ships currently gathered here, there was no way to clear out these monsters in a short time. As a result, even the various hegemonic powers could only advance through the void sea at a snail’s pace. At this rate, even getting close to the Void Gods’ settlement would be a problem for the various hegemonic powers, let alone reaching it.

However, it was a different story for Zero Wing. Although there were also monsters blocking the sky, the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon could break through these monsters’ blockade easily. And once overtaken, none of these monsters could catch up to the Frostflame Dragon since their Movement Speeds were inferior to Flying Mounts. Because of this, the various hegemonic powers could only watch as Zero Wing’s team rapidly closed in on the floating island.

Meanwhile, after seeing the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon leaving behind the various powers’ fleets, Wu Xiaoxiao looked to Jun Luosha and smiled, asking, “Well? I didn’t lie to you, right, Big Sis Luosha? It’s not a loss for you to join Zero Wing. None of the various hegemonic powers can hope to compare with Zero Wing.”

“I truly did not think Guild Leader Black Flame would own a Legendary Flying Mount,” Jun Luosha exclaimed. “So long as this Mount reaches Tier 5, Zero Wing can indeed hold its ground against the Divine Seal Saint.”

Currently, the Miniature Ancient World only allowed foreign Tier 4 players to enter it. No matter how much power the Divine Seal Saint wielded, he could, at most, send Tier 4 players on the verge of reaching Tier 5 into the Miniature Ancient World and have these players quickly get promoted to Tier 5 once they entered the World Passage.

However, if the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon successfully got promoted to Tier 5, it’d be invincible among Tier 5 players. At that time, Zero Wing could put up a good fight even if it had to go up against an army of Tier 5 players.

And if the Flying Mount could get promoted to Tier 6, it’d be invincible in the Miniature Ancient World. At that time, even a force of 100 Tier 6 players would be nothing to it.

Of course, the Paimon Conglomerate would never mobilize 100 Tier 6 players into the Miniature Ancient World. After all, a force of 100 Tier 6 players was significant even to the Paimon Conglomerate. There was no way the conglomerate would commit so much combat power to a measly Miniature Ancient World.

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As the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon shook off the various powers' fleets, Dira's party of five also took notice of it.

"Dammit! Damn these natives! How did a bunch of natives get their hands on a Legendary Flying Mount?!" Dira cursed, his eyes burning with jealousy as he looked at the rapidly approaching Frostflame Dragon.

As mighty as the Paimon Conglomerate was, even it only had four Legendary Flying Mounts in its possession. Moreover, they were acquired through many years of effort and accumulation. Meanwhile, apart from the conglomerate's current helmsman getting to use one, the remaining three were in the hands of the conglomerate's old monsters.

So, let alone Dira, not even his father, the Divine Seal Saint, got to use a Legendary Flying Mount. If his father wanted to obtain a Legendary Flying Mount, he'd either have to wait until the conglomerate found a new one or one of the conglomerate's old monsters thoroughly retired from God's Domain.

Yet, now, a measly native of the Miniature Ancient World actually owned a Legendary Flying Mount. This situation was utterly absurd.

"Rest assured, Young Master. Even if Black Flame has a Legendary Flying Mount, he still won't beat us to the Void Gods' settlement!" Platinum Behemoth, the leader of the Four Beast Warriors, said in a reassuring tone.

The other three Beast Warriors also nodded in agreement.

The closer they got to the Void Gods' settlement, the more Void Creatures they had to face. When they got within 10,000 yards of the floating island, they already had to go up against over a hundred Void Sea Serpents and over a dozen Void Sea Dragons simultaneously. The only reason their party of five could still advance toward the floating island at a rapid pace was because they had four Tier 5 players in a battle array.

A Legendary Flying Mount might be powerful, but its massive body would also attract the attention of many Void Creatures. Take the current situation, for example. Even though the Frostflame Dragon had yet to move within 10,000 yards of the floating island, it already had to go up against over 400 Void Sea Serpents and over a dozen Void Sea Dragons at a time. With only a Tier 4 Legendary Flying Mount, Zero Wing's team shouldn't think of advancing any further once they reached the 10,000-yard mark.

"I know that," Dira said before retracting his gaze and refocusing his attention on the floating island.

A Legendary Flying Mount might be tempting, but it was nothing compared to the Void Saint hidden class.

So long as he could become a Void Saint, he might very well have a chance of joining the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Senate. Even the Paimon Conglomerate's helmsman would have to behave humbly in front of him if he succeeded. Obtaining a Legendary Flying Mount would also become a piece of cake.

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A short moment later, the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon could be seen catching up to the Flying Mounts belonging to paragons such as Trecht and Saint Nine. At the same time, all these Flying Mounts entered within 10,000 yards of the floating island.

Meanwhile, as soon as these Flying Mounts crossed the 10,000-yard mark, each Flying Mount came face to face with over a thousand Void Sea Serpents and several dozen Void Sea Dragons. Trecht and the other paragons could feel their scalps tingling when they saw how many enemies they had to go up against. It was especially so when they saw how many Void Sea Dragons stood in their way.

The Void Sea Dragons were not only Superior Mythic monsters but also Void Sea Creatures. Even players with Tier 5 combat power could, at most, resist the attacks of two or three Void Sea Dragons simultaneously. They would instantly fall if they had to go up against several dozen simultaneously.

At this time, Trecht and the other paragons weren't the only ones feeling the pressure. Midsummer and the others riding atop the Frostflame Dragon also felt their confidence wavering.

"Everyone, get ready to defend!" Su Qianliu anxiously commanded as she readied the staff in her hand.

The Frostflame Dragon might be faster than the Void Creatures, but it still needed considerable time to maneuver its way across the monsters' blockade. This meant that those riding on the Frostflame Dragon would have to survive the onslaught of several dozen Void Sea Dragons for a considerable amount of time.

"That won't be necessary." While everyone was getting ready to defend themselves, Laura suddenly stepped to the front of the crowd. Then, she calmly said, "All you need to do is stand still."

"Stand still?" Midsummer and the others couldn't help but be confused as they looked at Laura, failing to comprehend what the other party was trying to convey.

However, before the crowd on the Frostflame Dragon's back could process Laura's words, Laura suddenly unsheathed the longsword by her waist. Subsequently, all everyone managed to see was a blinding light appearing in front of them, followed by Laura returning her longsword to its sheath.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When Laura's longsword clicked into its sheath, blood suddenly burst from the bodies of the several dozen Void Sea Dragons in the distance. Then, these Superior Mythic monsters fell to the void sea down below one after another...

Chapter 3306: Alternate Ending 380 - Demigod

Chapter 380 – Demigod

TL Notes:

Made a change to Chapter 380:

Original:

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Meanwhile, as soon as these Flying Mounts crossed the 10,000-yard mark, a significantly greater number of monsters moved to hinder their advance. Among them, the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon had to deal with over a thousand Void Sea Serpents and several dozen Void Sea Dragons simultaneously. Trecht and the other paragons felt their scalps tingling when they saw this scene. It was especially so when they saw the grouping of Void Sea Dragons.

"Impossible!"

"Who is she?!"

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Whether it was Trecht and the other Tier 4 paragons or the Four Beast Warriors, they couldn't help but be dumbfounded when they saw the several dozen Void Sea Dragons blocking Zero Wing's team falling into the void sea. They were so shocked by this scene that they had nearly forgotten to defend themselves against the Void Sea Dragons they faced.

Meanwhile, standing atop the Frostflame Dragon's back, Midsummer couldn't help but turn to look at Shi Feng and ask, "Who is this person, Guild Leader?"

Even Trecht, an existence on par with Empress Blood Arrow and the Undefeated Battle Maniac, had great difficulty going up against three Void Sea Dragons by himself. If he tried to take on several dozen Void Sea Dragons by himself, he would instantly be reduced to ashes. After all, all of the Void Sea Dragons could attack from range. If several dozen of them attacked, there'd be no room for him to make evasive maneuvers.

Yet, the woman named Laura Crader had heavily damaged several dozen Void Sea Dragons in one move. Her strength was utterly horrifying.

"Xiaoxiao, has Zero Wing always had such an expert?" Jun Luosha asked, the corner of her eyes twitching as she looked at Wu Xiaoxiao. The degree of shock she experienced from seeing what just happened was beyond the shock she experienced from learning about Shi Feng's ownership of a Legendary Flying Mount.

At this time, Jun Luosha could only think of one word to describe the woman known as Laura Crader.

Invincible!

True invincibility!

Dira's four bodyguards had to work together just to hold back a dozen or so Void Sea Dragons from attacking Dira. Moreover, that was under the condition that all four of them had reached Tier 5.

It should be known that the Four Beast Warriors were not some random nobodies. They were paragons nurtured by the Paimon Conglomerate for many years. During their early years, their names were known throughout the Starlight Realm, and the fame they enjoyed back then went far beyond what paragons like Trecht currently enjoyed.

But now, comparing the Four Beast Warriors to Laura Crader felt like comparing the glow of four fireflies with the glow of a full moon.

With an expert like Laura Crader defending Zero Wing, the Guild's position in the Miniature Ancient World would be unshakable.

Did Zero Wing have such an expert?

Wu Xiaoxiao did not have an answer to Jun Luosha's question. This was because she was equally shocked and confused by this situation. She never knew Zero Wing had an expert of Laura's caliber under its command.

The reason behind Wu Xiaoxiao's confidence in inviting Jun Luosha to join Zero Wing was because of Shi Feng and the Hundred Refinement Building in Gazing Moon City. Meanwhile, like Jun Luosha, this was the first time Wu Xiaoxiao was meeting with the person known as Laura Crader.

While everyone was immersed in shock and confusion, Shi Feng steered the Frostflame Dragon to the floating island. In only a few seconds, the Frostflame Dragon overtook Dira's party of five. Meanwhile, every Void Sea Dragon that tried to hinder the Frostflame Dragon's advance was struck down without fail by Laura's sword.

"Dammit!" Dira cursed when he saw that Zero Wing's team had moved within 1,000 yards of the floating island. Then, he turned to Platinum Behemoth and asked, "Platinum, what is that person's standard?"

"Tier 6!" Platinum Behemoth said, a hint of fear surfacing in his eyes as he looked at the distant Laura Crader. "Her strike just now has already reached the entry level of the Tier 6 standard!"

"The entry-level of Tier 6?" Surprised, Dira exclaimed, "Doesn't that mean she's already on par with White Owl?"

"Most likely." Platinum Behemoth nodded. "If we have to compete against her for the Legacy, we have zero chances of winning..."

White Owl was one of the Paimon Conglomerate's current Ten Core Paragons. Not only did she receive a Fragmented Legendary Equipment Set from the conglomerate, but she was even assigned a Legendary Weapon of high compatibility. Recently, she had even successfully constructed a Tier 5 Epic Mana Body, becoming a candidate for the conglomerate's Three Overlords position in the future.

At the same time, White Owl was also responsible for commanding the Tier 4 army that would be invading the Miniature Ancient World to deal with Zero Wing. Moreover, because of a favor she owed to the Divine Seal Saint several years ago, she had agreed to complete her promotion to Tier 5 as soon as she entered the World Passage.

"Dammit! Contact White Owl and have her hurry over here!" Dira said in dissatisfaction. "It's all that damned Zero Wing's fault! Once White Owl's group arrives, I'll make sure Zero Wing suffers!"

The appearance of the Void Gods' settlement in the Miniature Ancient World's World Passage was a huge surprise even for him. Originally, he had thought of monopolizing the Void Saint Legacy, but that evidently wouldn't be possible now.

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When Platinum Behemoth had gone offline to contact White Owl, Zero Wing's team also arrived on the Void Gods' floating island.

When Hidden Soul, who had only gotten promoted to Tier 4 recently, felt the Eternal Energy present on the island, she couldn't help but exclaim, "What an incredible place this is! Not only does it have such dense mana, but it even has Eternal Energy diffused across the air! This place will be wonderful for training!"

Gentle Snow, who had similarly reached Tier 4, excitedly nodded in agreement.

Setting aside the solidified mana environment, just the Eternal Energy diffused in the air was enough to make it the dream training ground of countless players. Players seeking to train their Skills, Spells, and combat techniques could achieve incredible results here. Even players looking to create their Tier 5 Mana Body could receive great help from the environment here.

"This isn't a place for training," Shi Feng said, shaking his head as he looked at the numerous void chains that covered the island.

"Not for training?" Looking at Shi Feng in confusion, Midsummer asked, "Wasn't it mentioned that the Void Saint Legacy could be found here?"

"The Void Saint Legacy indeed exists here," Shi Feng said. Then, he turned to look at a nearby town and explained, "But this island itself is a Space-Time Prison built specifically to imprison the Greater God's Domain's Demigods."

Void Gods constantly wandered the void, so most people knew very little about them. However, Shi Feng happened to come across a piece of important information related to the Void Gods during his previous life. This information was also one of the Greater God's Domain's great secrets.

"Imprison Demigods? Do Demigods need to be imprisoned?"

Existence capable of being regarded as a Demigod in God's Domain were NPCs who were only one step away from reaching Tier 6. However, there were plenty of such Demigod-rank NPCs in the Greater God's Domain. There was also very little these Demigod NPCs could accomplish in the Greater God's Domain, since even a country like the Ancient River Kingdom had Tier 6 NPCs guarding it.

"It is naturally unnecessary to imprison ordinary Demigods," Shi Feng said before pausing for a short moment. Then, he continued, "But what if it's a Demigod who has destroyed a kingdom or an empire in the Greater God's Domain?"

"What? A Demigod who has destroyed a country in the Greater God's Domain? How is that even possible?" Wu Xiaoxiao did not believe Shi Feng's words for even a second.

No matter how powerful a Demigod was, they would still be nothing more than Tier 5 NPCs. Meanwhile, the Greater God's Domain was a place where many Tier 6 NPCs existed. There was no way a Demigod could destroy an entire kingdom in the Greater God's Domain, much less an empire.

However, in response to Wu Xiaoxiao's doubt, Shi Feng simply chuckled and did not bother offering additional explanations.

In God's Domain, there were significant differences even between Demigods. In fact, the difference could be even bigger than the gap between Tier 5 and Tier 6. If memory serves him correctly, it wouldn't be long before a piece of major news would shake the entire Greater God's Domain—the destruction of a Realm caused by a Demigod!

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While Shi Feng and the others were making their way closer to the nearby village, a powerful voice suddenly echoed in everyone's minds, the voice instilling fear into everyone's souls.

"Humans! This is not a place for you to approach!"

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System: You have discovered the settlement of Void Gods. You have triggered a Legendary Main Storyline Quest for the Greater God's Domain. Do you wish to accept the quest?

Chapter 3307: Alternate Ending 381 - Pseudo-Fifth-Floor Expert

Chapter 381 – Pseudo-Fifth-Floor Expert

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TL Notes:

Made a change to Chapter 381:

Ten Core Paragons -> Ten Great Paragons

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"A Legendary Main Storyline Quest for the Greater God's Domain?"

Everyone from Zero Wing subconsciously gulped when they saw the system notification they had just received. They did not know whether they should be smiling or crying over this situation.

According to the information they gathered, Legendary Quests remained incredibly rare in the Greater God's Domain. Most Tier 6 experts would only come across one or two Legendary Quests throughout their careers in God's Domain. As for Legendary Main Storyline Quests related to the Greater God's Domain, their rarity was even higher, and most players in the Greater God's Domain would spend their entire careers in God's Domain without ever seeing one.

Meanwhile, so long as players could complete such a Legendary Main Storyline Quest, the resulting effects could affect the entire Greater God's Domain. The rewards players could receive from completing such a quest would also be beyond their wildest imaginations. Though conversely, the penalty would be unbelievably harsh if they fail such a quest.

Out of everyone present, Shi Feng was the only person unfazed by the quest notification. After looking at the notification, he said through the team chat, "Anyone who wishes to attempt becoming a Void Saint can accept the quest. The system won't assign the actual quest to you until you become a Void Saint. So, if you fail the class-change, the only penalty you'll receive is a prohibition from attempting the Void Saint class-change in the future."

The Void Saint class was different from his Sword Law Saint class in that it wasn't unique. There was no limit to the number of players who could become a Void Saint. However, every player would only ever have one opportunity to attempt to class-change into a Void Saint. So long as they failed, they couldn't attempt the class-change again, even if they started a new account.

When Zero Wing's members heard Shi Feng's explanation, they breathed a sigh of relief. At the same time, though, everyone couldn't help but be surprised by Shi Feng's explanation. It was especially true for Laura Crader and the other members of the Glimmer adventurer team.

The details of becoming a Void Saint were a secret known by only those standing at the apex of the Greater God's Domain. So, Laura and the others couldn't help but wonder how Shi Feng, someone who supposedly lacked a powerful background, would know about this secret.

Subsequently, everyone apart from Shi Feng and Laura chose to accept the quest. Then, after everyone had made their decisions, a large phantom suddenly appeared in front of the town.

The phantom was a 100-meter-tall giant that looked like someone had cut out a portion of a starry sky and shaped it into a person. The instant the phantom appeared,

everyone present could feel a powerful Divine Might washing over them. The Divine Might was so powerful that even Shi Feng and Laura found themselves completely immobilized.

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[Void Phantom (? ? ?)] (God, Void Saint)

Level ? ? ?

HP ? ? ? ? ?

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What a powerful doppelganger!

It should be known that Laura was already a bona fide Tier 5 Sword Saint, whereas Shi Feng might not have reached Tier 5 yet, but he was already strong enough to match Tier 5 players. In their current states, not even Tier 6 Gods could immobilize them using only Divine Might. Yet, now, the two of them were rendered immobile by the Divine Might of a mere doppelganger.

“Humans! I’ve warned you!” the Void Phantom coldly said. “Since you insist on entering, be prepared to accept the consequences!”

As soon as the Void Phantom finished speaking, it made a grabbing gesture with its hand, instantly causing everyone except Shi Feng and Laura to vanish into thin air. Then, the Void Phantom gradually dissipated and disappeared.

Upon seeing this, Shi Feng and Laura did not panic. They also didn’t choose to leave their current location, opting to wait outside the town for the others to return. After all, there were dangers all over the island, and it would be difficult for most Tier 4 players to survive against the Level 150-plus, Tier 5 Legendary monsters that occupied the island.

Hopefully, someone can succeed, Shi Feng inwardly prayed as he looked at the town that was wrapped in void chains. It would be a huge jackpot for Zero Wing if anyone manages to become a Void Saint.

Void Saints were known to be invincible among those of the same tier when fighting in the void. They could even transcend tiers. So, even at Tier 5, a Void Saint could be a formidable force. If Zero Wing could have a Void Saint on its side, it would have the qualifications to fight for a foothold in the Void Zones between Realms. Those were places where upper-ranking hegemonic powers mainly operated.

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Time quickly passed, and two hours went by in the blink of an eye. At this time, a large group of players arrived a short distance away from the island.

Among this group of players were Dira's party of five and paragons such as Trecht and Saint Nine. However, out of this group of several dozen, Dira, surprisingly, wasn't the one standing in the lead. Instead, it was a short-haired woman wearing a suit of silver armor and a crown that had a sacred appearance.

Upon closer observation, one would notice two other Tier 5 experts were standing next to this short-haired woman. Of these two Tier 5 experts, one was a middle-aged elven woman wielding a staff that looked like it was wrapped by lightning bolts, while the other was a six-meter-tall middle-aged man with a muscular body and tanned skin. Both these two Tier 5 experts and the short-haired woman were at Level 140, and all three of them were clad in equipment that could absolutely blind the eyes of all players in the Miniature Ancient World.

All three of these players were clad in Fragmented Legendary Equipment Sets, with the short-haired woman's set being an eight-piece set and the other two's sets being six-piece sets. However, for the two with six-piece sets, each of them was equipped with a piece of Legendary Equipment. Meanwhile, the auras these three players radiated were so powerful that ordinary Tier 4 players would have difficulty breathing in their presence.

"This place can make for an excellent training ground. It's a pity that Saint Arm and I have already ascended to Tier 5," the middle-aged elven woman said after briefly scanning the island with her eyes. Then, she turned to Meteor and Star Snail and continued, "But you two have lucked out."

"Don't tease us, Big Sis Storm," the red-haired youth named Meteor tamely said. "Star Snail and I admire you and Big Brother Saint Arm a lot. You two are only half a step away from reaching the fifth-floor standard, whereas Star Snail and I are still far from even reaching the pseudo-fifth-floor standard..."

When Trecht and the other paragons saw how the middle-aged elven woman treated Meteor and Star Snail like they were her juniors and how Meteor's and Star Snail's obedient responses, they couldn't help but gape in shock.

Meteor and Star Snail were both ranked among the top 10 of the Miniature Ancient World's God List. They had also become internal paragons of the Paimon Conglomerate at a young age. With their current achievements, it was only a matter of time before they became core members of the Paimon Conglomerate.

Because of their statuses, Meteor and Star Snail didn't even have to behave respectfully when dealing with the Four Beast Warriors. Yet, in front of the elven woman and tanned man, they behaved no differently than obedient kittens...

However, when Meteor and Star Snail saw the reactions of Trecht and the other paragons, they simply rolled their eyes in response.

Ignorant fools! Meteor inwardly sneered as he looked at Trecht and the others.

Whether it was the middle-aged elven woman or the middle-aged giant man, both were core paragons nurtured by the Paimon Conglomerate. In terms of combat standards, both of them have already reached the pseudo-fifth-floor standard.

Although they were met with failure when competing with the position of Paimon's Ten Great Paragons and forced to ascend to Tier 5, so long as they reached Tier 6, they would be instantly promoted to Elders in the Paimon Conglomerate. At that time, they would only be one rank beneath the Three Overlords in the conglomerate's chain of command, and their statuses would be vastly superior to existences like the Four Beast Warriors.

Meanwhile, when the middle-aged elven woman saw the two cloaked figures standing outside the distant town, she looked to Platinum Behemoth and asked, "Are those two Zero Wing's members?"

"Yes!" Platinum Behemoth hurriedly nodded.

Apart from their group, the only players that could possibly be on this floating island right now were Zero Wing's members.

After hearing Platinum Behemoth's answer, the elven woman promptly swung the staff she wielded.

"Disappear, you nuisances!"

Chapter 3308: Alternate Ending 382 - Another Lunatic?

Chapter 382 – Another Lunatic?

A thousand yards away outside the town on the floating island...

When the middle-aged elven woman swung the staff she wielded, three magic arrays with a 500-yard radius instantly formed in the sky, every one of them being a magic array for a Tier 5 Spell.

Tier 5 Spell, Forbidden Realm!

Tier 5 Spell, Life Bondage!

Tier 5 Spell, Thunder's Fury!

All three of these Spells were top-tier among Tier 5 Spells. A Tier 5 Grand Wizard at the fourth-floor standard would be fortunate if they could silent-cast one of them, while a titled expert could only barely silent-cast two simultaneously. After all, the complexity of Spells increased exponentially along with the increase of their tiers.

Yet, the elven woman had easily silent-cast three Tier 5 Spells simultaneously. The level of control she just displayed was simply ungodly, and even the Four Beast Warriors and paragons such as Trecht couldn't help but widen their eyes in shock.

Is this the strength of a pseudo-fifth-floor expert?

Meteor couldn't help but sigh ruefully as he watched the three Tier 5 Spells taking shape. Although he was regarded as a titled expert, which essentially meant he had reached the peak of the fourth-floor standard, it was evident that there was still a huge gap between him and someone who had already taken half a step into the fifth-floor standard.

When can I also reach this standard? Star Snail wondered enviously.

It might seem like titled experts were only one step away from matching pseudo-fifth-floor experts, but there was an insurmountable gap between the two. After all, a titled expert was still only at the Domain Realm, whereas a pseudo-fifth-floor expert was already in the Beyond Domain Realm.

A pseudo-fifth-floor expert could maintain peak focus at all times. They could even grasp their sixth sense, becoming able to predict all of their opponents' movements ahead of time and move in response to those predictions. On top of that, they could instinctively exhibit the power of Silver Combat Techniques with their every move. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that a pseudo-fifth-floor expert could beat titled experts to a point where the latter couldn't even resist.

Meanwhile, when Saint Arm, the six-meter-tall man, saw the magic arrays in the sky, he said in dissatisfaction, "Aren't you a little too quick to act, Storm? How am I supposed to get any action like this?"

"First come, first served. It's your fault for being slow," the elven woman named Storm nonchalantly responded.

While Storm was speaking, the three Tier 5 Spells she cast also began their performance.

However, just when everyone thought the three Tier 5 Spells would devastate the land outside the town, one of the cloaked figures—a woman—targeted by Storm's Spells

suddenly stood up from the ground and drew her sword. Then, following her actions was a bright flash.

When the bright flash disappeared, all mana in the sky vanished along with it. As a result, the three Tier 5 Spells crumbled apart, failing to activate properly. Naturally, none of the lands outside the town was subjected to any devastation.

“Void Annihilation! The 26th-ranked Absolute Technique!” Platinum Behemoth exclaimed when he saw the empty space in the sky distorting.

If the average player in the Greater God’s Domain were to see someone distorting space in the void, they would most likely think nothing of it. However, for any expert yearning to learn the Greater God’s Domain’s 99 Absolute Techniques, they would instantly recognize it as the product of Void Annihilation, the 26th-ranked Absolute Technique.

This was because a certain Tier 6 powerhouse had relied on this technique to secure the championship of the Seven Luminaries League’s A-League!

In terms of raw power, Void Annihilation was already comparable to Gold Combat Techniques. The only reason it was evaluated as an Advanced Silver Combat Technique was due to a limitation that prevented users from using the combat technique consecutively. Otherwise, it’d be no different than Gold Combat Techniques.

Before everyone could get over their shock from seeing Void Annihilation, the cloaked woman drew her sword once more.

Boom!

A thunderous explosion immediately echoed across the floating island. Then, before anyone could process what just happened, the space next to Storm suddenly distorted, forming a distorted barrier of sorts.

“This will be your only warning! Turn back now!” Laura declared as she looked in Storm’s direction. Then, she sheathed her longsword and sat back down under the shade of the tree next to her, closing her eyes to rest.

Is she crazy?

Meteor and the others couldn’t help but look at Laura with stupefied looks on their faces.

It should be known that even Dira had to curb his arrogance in front of White Owl’s party. Yet, Laura had threatened White Owl’s party...

What are these people from Zero Wing made of?

Trecht was at a loss for words when he saw Laura threatening White Owl's party. Previously, he thought he had already seen the limits of insanity when he saw Black Flame killing Dira. He never thought he would see the day when someone would threaten a party of core paragons from the Paimon Conglomerate to withdraw.

For a moment, Trecht even had the urge to ask what Zero Wing's members actually thought of the Paimon Conglomerate.

"Do you think you're invincible just because you've grasped Void Annihilation?" Storm was incensed by Laura's threat.

Immediately, Storm executed Elven Heart, a God-ranked Mana Technique that elevated her Concentration and Mana standards. Then, two Tier 5 Curses could be seen forming above and under Laura, both Curses capable of exhibiting power comparable to Laura's Void Annihilation.

Sensing the change in mana flow around her, Laura leisurely stood up and placed her hand around the hilt of her sword.

"Second Form, Soul Break!"

There was no bright flash this time. Apart from seeing Laura mutter a few words, Meteor and the others saw nothing else happening. Instead, only silence followed after Laura stopped speaking.

Then, before anyone realized it, Storm's HP fell to zero...

Chapter 3309: Alternate Ending 383 - Apex Clash

Chapter 383 – Apex Clash

She died?

Storm got killed in one hit?

Meteor and the other Tier 4 experts present were at a loss for words when they saw Storm's HP suddenly falling to zero, none of them knowing what had just happened.

Since when did Void Annihilation have a second form?

What a quick strike! Platinum Behemoth broke out in cold sweat as he looked at Laura's distant figure.

Platinum Behemoth was currently a Tier 5 player, so unlike Meteor and the other Tier 4 experts, he had caught a glimpse of Laura's attack just now. Or, more specifically, only those with Tier 5 physiques and reaction speeds could possibly hope to perceive Laura's attack.

Meanwhile, from what Platinum Behemoth managed to see, Laura had executed five slashes after she finished speaking, each one faster than the last. By the fifth slash, he couldn't even see her attack.

At the same time, Platinum Behemoth also saw Storm reacting to Laura's attacks, the elven woman instinctively creating a magic barrier and raising her staff to defend herself. However, Storm only managed to defend against the first three strikes, whereas the fourth and fifth slashes struck her squarely on the body. With the cloth armor Storm wore, there was no way she could survive two full Tier 6 attacks.

Different from the Four Beast Warriors and the various Tier 4 experts, White Owl, Saint Arm, and Dira reacted calmly to Storm's death.

Before Meteor and the others could make sense of the three's reactions, they suddenly saw Storm's body vanishing in the blink of an eye and reappearing at a location roughly 20 yards away. The elven woman was also alive and healthy at this time.

"You've even used Illusory World? Did you need to get so serious, Storm?" Saint Arm jokingly said as he watched Storm flying back.

When it came to pseudo-fifth-floor experts like them, it was incredibly difficult for opponents of the same tier to kill them. After all, by relying on the sixth sense they grasped after reaching the Beyond Domain Realm, they could predict most, if not all, dangers and take appropriate countermeasures.

Of course, it'd be a different story if the opponent had strength so overwhelming that it could render all of their countermeasures useless.

However, it should be known that Storm possessed many lifesaving capabilities. Not only did she possess numerous Tier 4 and Tier 5 Lifesaving Spells, but she also had the True Amulet, a Legendary Equipment that could let her avoid death once a day.

Unless the opponent was someone on the level of White Owl, it would take a significant amount of time to kill Storm. Moreover, that was under the precondition that Storm did not try to run away. If Storm focused on escaping, even White Owl could not kill her.

"Why don't you try fighting her, then?" Storm said as she rolled her eyes at Saint Arm.

Illusory World was a Lifesaving Spell she learned after getting promoted to Tier 5. The Spell allowed her to enter an illusory space while leaving behind a phantom of herself in the real world. The phantom possessed all of her abilities, and it could attack her

opponents while she waited for an opportunity to launch an ambush from the illusory space.

Originally, Storm had planned to launch a two-pronged attack with her phantom. However, the instant she harbored thoughts of attacking Laura, her sixth sense warned her of great danger, so she promptly dismissed her plan of attacking Laura with her main body as well. Instead, she decided to let her phantom do all the fighting while she stood by and observed what kind of cards Laura had up her sleeves.

Only, Storm didn't think her phantom would get killed after only one exchange...

"Me?" Saint Arm shook his head. "I'm no fool. She has a Legendary Weapon. I'm no match for her in a one-on-one."

"You!" Storm grew even more incensed upon hearing Saint Arm's reply. She didn't think Saint Arm would be such a coward, admitting defeat without even trying to fight Laura.

"Neither of you needs to take her on. Leave her to me," White Owl, the short-haired woman, suddenly said before leaping into the air. Then, while making her way to Laura, she added, "You two take care of the kid over there."

"Understood!"

Storm and Saint Arm responded respectfully, neither of them questioning White Owl's decision as they were fully confident in their commander's capabilities. In addition to being one of the Paimon Conglomerate's Ten Great Paragons, White Owl had also created an Epic Mana Body for her Tier 5 promotion. In her current state, she could even hold her ground against actual Tier 6 players.

Not to mention, Laura was only a Tier 5 Sword Saint. As a Tier 5 Divine Rune Warrior, White Owl could easily overpower Laura in terms of Strength.

As soon as Storm and Saint Arm voiced their responses, a greatsword wrapped in starlight appeared in White Owl's right hand. Immediately afterward, White Owl swung the dazzling weapon with both hands, sending a blade of light flying in Laura's direction. At the same time, the mana around White Owl transformed into a miniature star that covered a 300-yard radius and disintegrated everything caught within its range.

Starfall, the 49th-ranked Absolute Technique!

Is this the strength of one of Paimon's Ten Great Paragons? Trecht couldn't help but gasp when he saw the miniature star that had formed before him.

Devastation!

True devastation!

Sensing the power contained within this miniature star, Trecht had no doubt that it could destroy an entire island in the Miniature Ancient World.

Meanwhile, Laura finally got serious when going up against this devastating attack, choosing to unsheath the longsword by her waist as she got ready to welcome White Owl's attack.

What an amazing sword! Shi Feng mentally exclaimed as he looked at the dark longsword in Laura's hand. The entire weapon was pitch-black like the night sky, and the blade was as thin as a cicada's wing. Yet, despite its dark appearance, the weapon radiated a faint silver glow.

In the past, Laura would sheath her longsword as soon as she was done executing her attacks. So, this was the first time Shi Feng could inspect it in detail.

When it came to knowledge about one-handed swords, Shi Feng wouldn't say that he was the most knowledgeable in the Greater God's Domain, but he dared to say that he ranked among the top 3. Yet, the longsword Laura wielded did not match the appearance of any Legendary Sword in his knowledge. In fact, it didn't even have the basic mana-gathering properties of a Legendary Weapon.

However, there was no way Laura's longsword was beneath the Legendary rank. Not on his life would Shi Feng believe the weapon was inferior to Legendary Weapons.

In that case, Shi Feng could only think of one possibility to explain why he had no knowledge of Laura's weapon and why the longsword could exhibit the power of Legendary Weapons without having the basic properties of a Legendary Weapon.

A Fragmented Divine Artifact!

What Laura wielded in her hand was a weapon Shi Feng had constantly dreamed of obtaining during his previous life. For the sake of obtaining a Fragmented Divine Weapon, he had even paid numerous powers exorbitant prices to help him in searching for clues.

At this moment, Shi Feng finally understood why Laura was confident she could break through the Paimon Conglomerate's blockade once she got promoted to Tier 5.

After all, a Fragmented Divine Weapon could instantly elevate the average fourth-floor expert to the apex of the Greater God's Domain once this expert reached Tier 6. If such a weapon was put into the hands of Laura's caliber, anything could become possible.

Subsequently, Laura could be seen charging forward and stabbing her longsword into the miniature star that White Owl had transformed into. When both sides made contact, dazzling lights emerged from the point of contact. Then, the miniature star could be

seen rapidly dimming before eventually bursting apart and revealing White Owl using both hands to swing her starlight greatsword into Laura's dark longsword.

Boom!

A powerful explosion resulted from the collision of weapons. However, it wasn't the last explosion, but rather the first of many as White Owl began brandishing her starlight greatsword and sending a barrage of attacks at Laura as if she were firing a machine gun.

Tier 5 Taboo Skill, Self-Acceleration!

Heaven's Collapse, the 30th Absolute Technique!

The Taboo Skill and Absolute Technique combined allowed White Owl to become a machine of mass destruction. She executed over a hundred attacks in the blink of an eye, and not even Tier 5 players like the Four Beast Warriors could keep up with the attacks.

However, Laura was not at all inferior to White Owl. With a simple thrust of her longsword, over a hundred streamers formed before her, each streamer carrying power at the Tier 6 standard.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

After hundreds of exchanges between Laura and White Owl, the sky above the floating island began to distort, and even the Legendary monsters on the island started to distance themselves from the town.

However, as the number of exchanges increased, those spectating the fight quickly noticed a problem—White Owl's HP was decreasing bit by bit.

Although White Owl would only lose small amounts of HP in every exchange, her HP had already fallen to 70% after several hundred exchanges. At this rate, it was clear that it was only a matter of time before White Owl got killed.

Partway through the fight, White Owl suddenly distanced herself from Laura. Then, she glared at Storm and Saint Arm, shouting, "

"Why aren't you two getting rid of that kid yet?!"

Storm and Saint Arm instantly snapped out of their dazes when they heard White Owl's words. Their commander's intentions were clear—they were to work with her to deal with Laura after taking care of Black Flame. Understanding this, Storm and Saint Arm promptly charged at Shi Feng, who had similarly been watching the show this entire time.

“Don’t blame big sister for this, kid! It’ll only hurt for a moment!” Storm said, licking her lips as she looked at Shi Feng. Then, she transformed her staff into a large thunderbolt and threw it at Shi Feng.

The move Storm just used was Thunder God’s Spear, an Additional Active Profound Inheritance that came with her staff. Meanwhile, the speed and power of this move were not at all inferior to Laura’s Void Annihilation.

Chapter 3310: Alternate Ending 384 - One-Versus-Two

Chapter 384 – One-Versus-Two

Accompanied by thunder, the Thunder God’s Spear in Storm’s hand instantly flew through the sky and reached Shi Feng, its speed so fast that even Meteor and the other spectating Tier 4 experts had failed to catch it.

However, at the same time as the Thunder God’s Spear arrived before Shi Feng, the flow of time seemingly slowed down. Moreover, this phenomenon wasn’t limited to just Shi Feng’s vicinity. Everything within a 500-yard radius had seemingly entered a state of stagnation. The descent of the falling leaves had slowed to a halt, and the dirt raised from the ground stayed suspended in the air.

At this moment, Shi Feng, the epicenter of this strange phenomenon, appeared to be the only existence unaffected.

Subsequently, Shi Feng could be seen unsheathing the Winter of Eternal Night and executing a simple strike against the Thunder God’s Spear, forcibly altering its trajectory. Ultimately, the Thunder God’s Spear failed to hit Shi Feng, only brushing past Shi Feng’s shoulder and flattening a distant mountain.

How can a Tier 4 player possibly deflect that kind of attack? Meteor was greatly shocked as he looked at the flattened mountain. After all, going by the destruction caused, Storm’s Thunder God’s Spear was already close to rivaling a Tier 6 player’s attack.

What did he do?

Saint Arm was similarly surprised by this turn of events. He knew very clearly how powerful the attack was. Now that Storm had reached Tier 5 already, few existences below Tier 6 should be able to stop her Thunder God’s Spear. Even if pseudo-fifth-floor experts could predict the attack’s trajectory, they wouldn’t be able to evade it, let alone deflect it.

Yet, Shi Feng had accomplished this feat. Through some unknown means, Shi Feng drastically slowed down the flow of time around him, causing the Thunder God's Spear to lose much of its speed, which, in turn, allowed him to deflect the attack. This was the first time Saint Arm had seen such a phenomenon, and he couldn't help but find it unbelievable.

As expected of Thunderstorm. I might have gotten killed if I hadn't promptly upgraded the Winter of Eternal Night to the Legendary rank, Shi Feng thought, feeling a little surprised as he looked at the vibrating Winter of Eternal Night. It might seem like he had deflected the Thunder God's Spear with little effort to everyone, but Shi Feng knew just how close to death he was just now.

The elven woman named Thunderstorm was one of the Paimon Conglomerate's iconic figures. She might not be on the level of the Three Overlords, but she was still a top-tier presence in the Seven Luminaries A-League.

Thunderstorm was especially known for her mastery over the lightning element. Rather than an Elementalist, it'd be more appropriate to describe her as a War Goddess of Thunder. Her attacks were often so fast that her opponents would get killed before they could even react.

Although Thunderstorm had yet to reach Tier 6, her current strength was already plenty terrifying. If not for the Winter of Eternal Night having the hidden ability to freeze all things, Shi Feng would have definitely failed to react to Thunderstorm's attack just now.

After all, Shi Feng was still only a Tier 4 player, while his opponent was a Tier 5 player equipped with a six-piece Fragmented Legendary Equipment Set and one piece of Legendary Equipment. Even if he had a Legendary Weapon and Tier 5 Physique, winning against an expert like Thunderstorm would still be impossible.

"Die!"

Not giving Shi Feng any time to rest, Saint Arm suddenly appeared in front of Shi Feng, wielding two massive shields. Then, he smashed both shields down at Shi Feng, his hulking frame making it look like a house was crashing down on Shi Feng.

However, Saint Arm wasn't just attacking Shi Feng with a straightforward shield bash. During his attack, Saint Arm also executed a rapid footwork, instantly creating over 20 realistic afterimages around Shi Feng, his speed so fast he could put Tier 5 Assassins to shame.

Earthen Dance?

Shi Feng remained unfazed when he saw Saint Arm's realistic afterimages. Instead, he calmly activated World of Frost, causing the flow of time around him to stagnate even more and creating nine frost swords around him.

Ninefold Sword's Orbit!

Immediately, Shi Feng brandished the nine frost swords, creating a field of stars that rapidly orbited him in a 50-yard radius. He did not dare to underestimate Saint Arm in the slightest.

Saint Arm was of the Giant race, one of the few races with the Titan Bloodline. At the same time, he also had the Time Guardian class, which was considered a Lost Class in God's Domain.

Unlike the Winter of Eternal Night, which manipulated time by freezing it, Saint Arm could manipulate time itself. Using this ability, he could accelerate his movements to a significant degree and maintain that accelerated speed throughout entire fights. Meanwhile, as a Tier 5 Time Guardian, Saint Arm could increase his speed by a maximum of 300%. $(100\% + 300\%)$

Of course, this powerful ability wasn't without its flaws. Although Time Guardians could increase their Movement Speed and Attack Speed to extraordinary extents, their reaction speeds would remain unchanged. So, if a Time Guardian's neural reactions couldn't keep up with their movements, they would only worsen their combat performance if they accelerated themselves too much.

In Saint Arm's case, he could only afford to increase his speed by 200%.

Subsequently, the countless stars formed around Shi Feng started striking Saint Arm's twin shields one after another, each collision pushing Saint Arm back a little. In no time at all, Saint Arm was pushed out of the field of stars, and no matter how hard he tried, he couldn't get within 50 yards of Shi Feng.

Dammit! Is he really just a Tier 4 Sword Emperor?! Saint Arm gnashed his teeth as he looked at the countless stars that orbited Shi Feng.

Normally, Swordsmen and Assassins were Saint Arm's favorite classes to go against. This was because both of these classes relied on speed to achieve combat superiority.

However, ever since Saint Arm class-changed from a Shield Warrior into a Time Guardian, he was able to overwhelm both classes in terms of speed, negating the advantage of both classes. On top of that, Shield Warriors were inherently superior to Swordsmen and Assassins in terms of Strength. So, he had essentially become the perfect counter to Swordsmen and Assassins.

But now, not only were Shi Feng's frost swords overpowering him, but they were also overwhelming his reaction speed. So long as he got within 50 yards of Shi Feng, he would have to face the attacks of at least five frost swords simultaneously. In such a situation, he didn't have any room for evasive maneuvers and could only receive the attacks with his shield...

“Keep him pinned for me, Saint Arm!” Storm suddenly said to Saint Arm through the team chat. “I refuse to believe he can withstand Thunder Realm’s Avatar!”

“Thunder Realm’s Descent? You got it!” Saint Arm promptly nodded when he heard Storm’s words.

Thunder Realm’s Descent was a combination attack Storm had developed, and it was her ultimate trump card. The attack combined Thunder Realm with a magic barrier that enhanced the Curse’s power.

In the case of Thunder Realm, it was a powerful Curse that launched many thunderbolts. Now that Storm was at Tier 5, the Curse could easily overwhelm even the reaction speeds of Tier 5 players. As for the magic barrier, it functioned to enhance the power of the individual thunderbolts launched.

Subsequently, Saint Arm began attacking Shi Feng in a frenzied manner, forcing Shi Feng to defend himself with all of his strength to prevent the Time Guardian from getting close to him. In the meantime, Storm began chanting a series of incantations and drawing magic arrays with her staff. From time to time, she would also throw a bunch of Mana Stones at certain locations.

In less than ten seconds, over 30 Grandmaster Magic Arrays had appeared in Shi Feng’s vicinity, these magic arrays linking together to form one big magic array that covered a 1,000-yard radius.

“Amazing! She used less than ten seconds to create a Grandmaster Barrier!” Trecht exclaimed as he looked at the barrier before him.

The construction of magic barriers was complicated and time-consuming. Normally, Magicians would prepare magic barriers in advance using magic scrolls. That way, they simply needed to use the scrolls whenever they needed to use a magic barrier.

Of course, there was also a problem in doing so—barriers formed using magic scrolls would have weaker-than-average power. This was because mana needed to be supplied to the magic scrolls beforehand, and this stored mana would wear away with time. Moreover, due to the limitations of the materials used to create magic scrolls, only a limited amount of mana could be stored in them. Normally, a magic barrier constructed using magic scrolls would be fortunate to exhibit half of the power of the real deal.

But because it didn’t take much time to construct a magic barrier using magic scrolls, such barriers were much more practical in actual battles. Hence, hardly anyone in the Greater God’s Domain would attempt to construct a magic barrier from scratch in the middle of a battle.

Yet, Storm had used less than ten seconds to construct a Grandmaster Barrier. The level of skill she possessed was simply astounding.

When Storm saw that her magic barrier was active, she promptly waved her staff and shouted, “Thunder Realm!”

Chapter 3311: Alternate Ending 385 - Magic Suppression?

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TL Notes:

Fixed an error in Chapter 384;

When Storm saw that her magic barrier was active, she promptly waved her staff and shouted, “Thunder Realm!”

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On the floating island...

As soon as Storm finished speaking, a magic barrier that covered a 1,000-yard radius appeared around Shi Feng, thunderbolts constantly striking the inside of the barrier. Every thunderbolt carried as much power as the Thunder God’s Spear previously used by Storm, and these thunderbolts easily numbered more than 300.

Upon sensing the devastating power the thunderbolts carried, even the Four Beast Warriors spectating from a distance, couldn’t help but shudder. Although the four of them had already become Tier 5 players, they knew they couldn’t survive this move, even if all four of them worked together.

Tier 5 players might have a much stronger physique than Tier 4 players, but even a Tier 5 player would be fortunate if they could defend against 100 of these thunderbolts simultaneously. The fact that Thunder Realm could let its user launch over 300 attacks simultaneously was also why, despite having weaker-than-average raw power compared to other Tier 5 Curses, it was still labeled as a Curse.

However, thanks to the Grandmaster Barrier created by Storm, every one of her Thunder Realm's 300-plus lightning bolts now carried power at the Tier 6 standard. Even Tier 6 experts would feel their scalps going numb when going up against such an attack, let alone Tier 5 players.

Is this the strength of the conglomerate's core paragons? Meteor was in awe as he watched Storm controlling over 300 lightning arcs.

Until this point, Meteor had always been confident he could enter the ranks of the Paimon Conglomerate's core paragons in the future. After all, he was currently already considered a paragon among the conglomerate's internal members. However, after seeing Storm's performance, his confidence started to waver because he realized that the gap between him and an actual core paragon was unbelievably huge.

At this time, Meteor even had a feeling that Storm could already go up against the Tier 6 experts of corporations in her current state.

With her ability to manipulate over 300 lightning bolts carrying power at the Tier 6 standard, it wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say that Storm was a Goddess of Thunder!

Meanwhile, after seeing the barrier taking shape, Saint Arm promptly fled out of it, not daring to stay within it for even a moment longer. Although Storm could manipulate the thunderbolts in the magic barrier, she had to manage over 300 thunderbolts at all times. If she mismanaged them and he got hit by a few, he would still be vaporized, even if he was a Shield Warrior.

When Storm saw that Saint Arm had exited the barrier, she looked at Shi Feng and smiled, saying, "You can take pride in the fact that you got me to use Thunder Realm's Descent."

After saying so, Storm pointed at Shi Feng, and all 300-plus lightning bolts in the barrier transformed into agile serpents that attacked Shi Feng from all directions.

At this time, even White Owl and Laura, who were fighting in the distant sky, couldn't help but glance at Storm's Thunder Realm's Descent.

"If you're thinking of saving him, you best go now before it's too late," White Owl said, grinning as she looked at Laura. "Otherwise, he might very well suffer Soul Annihilation at Storm's hands."

Tier 6 attacks already had the power to heavily damage Tier 5 Immortal Souls. If Storm could land all 300-plus of her thunderbolts, she could even annihilate a Tier 5 Immortal Soul, let alone a Tier 4 Immortal Soul.

This was also why White Owl had chosen to bring Storm into the Miniature Ancient World with her.

Do I help him?

Laura couldn't help but grow a little worried when she saw Storm's attacks. Honestly, even she would have difficulty dodging all 300-plus thunderbolt attacks, let alone Shi Feng, who wasn't even a Tier 5 player. Yet, if she tried to save Shi Feng, White Owl definitely wouldn't let such a good opportunity slip.

Currently, although Laura could suppress White Owl, that was because of her slight advantage in Strength. When it came to Movement Speed, Attack Speed, and reaction speed, they were about evenly matched. So, if she let herself get distracted by Storm's thunderbolts, White Owl would have a great chance of killing her.

Yet, if Laura didn't save Shi Feng, Storm's attack might really extinguish Shi Feng's soul.

While Laura was hesitating about what to do, Shi Feng, who was inside the magic barrier, suddenly smiled.

"You call this Thunder Realm's Descent? I'll show you what a true Thunder Realm's Descent looks like!"

After saying so, Shi Feng had the nine frost swords insert themselves into the ground and form a magic barrier around him. Meanwhile, he drew a series of divine runes with his left hand and had these runes merge themselves with the space around him.

Once the divine runes merged with the surrounding space, the 300-plus lightning serpents started to actively avoid Shi Feng as if afraid of him. Although the lightning serpents continued to linger around Shi Feng, none dared to touch him...

Impossible!

Storm was dumbfounded when she saw her attacks failing to harm Shi Feng in the slightest. She had launched over 300 attacks at the Tier 6 standard, but none managed to damage Shi Feng. Moreover, it looked like Shi Feng had used less effort to neutralize these attacks than when he neutralized her Thunder God's Spear.

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Is he really just a Tier 4 Sword Emperor? Trecht's mouth turned into a big 'O' shape as he looked at Shi Feng.

Although Shi Feng was currently wearing a Black Cloak to hide his personal information, the life aura he exuded clearly indicated that he was only a Tier 4 player. But could a Tier 4 Sword Emperor really resist 300-plus Tier 6 attacks?

Was he hiding his strength the last time we fought?

Platinum Behemoth, who had previously fought Shi Feng in the Thunder Restaurant, also gaped in shock at this sight.

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While everyone outside the magic barrier was looking at Shi Feng in shock, Shi Feng raised his hand and created one magic array after another before him. With each magic array Shi Feng created, the mana in the magic barrier also grew denser.

"I've seen your moves already, so it's your turn to see mine now!"

Suddenly, everyone outside the barrier felt a change in Storm's magic barrier. Before anyone could determine what had happened, the lightning serpents lingering around Shi Feng suddenly merged into one big ball.

Had Storm and Saint Arm opted to attack him together without using any fancy moves, Shi Feng would have indeed had difficulty tackling them. He might not even last long against them. After all, the Winter of Eternal Night could only remain at the Legendary rank for a limited time.

However, it was a different story now that Storm had set up a magic barrier.

In the entire Greater God's Domain, no expert would dare to use magic barriers against a Great Grandmaster Magician. This was because doing so was akin to suicide.

Subsequently, once the numerous lightning serpents finished merging into one big ball of lightning, the lightning sphere gradually transformed into a lightning dragon that measured several hundred meters in length. The lightning dragon was also vastly stronger than the lightning serpents from before.

"Go!" Shi Feng said as he pointed at the elven woman standing over a thousand yards away.

As if understanding Shi Feng's words, the lightning dragon bellowed at Storm and flapped its wings. Despite being Thunder Realm's caster, Storm could not exert any control over the lightning dragon created from her Thunder Realm.

Before anyone could react, the massive lightning dragon shot through the magic barrier and devoured Storm in the blink of an eye. Then, the lightning dragon disappeared along with its creator, leaving behind only a piece of equipment...

Chapter 3312: Shi Feng's Secret

Chapter 386 – Shi Feng's Secret

Storm?

Saint Arm fell into a daze when he saw Storm getting vaporized.

In terms of combat standards, Storm was not at all inferior to him. When it came to lifesaving measures, Storm even had the upper hand. After all, as an Elementalist, it would be fatal for her if her opponents managed to get within melee range, so it was only natural she placed more focus on gathering lifesaving measures.

Meanwhile, combined with her sixth sense, so long as Storm focused on fleeing, not even White Owl could kill her.

Yet, now, Storm had died. Moreover, she had died at the hands of her own Thunder Realm's Descent...

What did he do?

Meteor and the other Tier 4 spectators were confused and horrified as they looked at Shi Feng's figure inside the barrier, none of them able to understand what had just happened.

The Tier 5 Curse clearly originated from Storm. Yet, the Curse not only refused to obey Storm, but it even turned around to kill Storm. This situation completely exceeded their understanding of God's Domain.

"Everyone, retreat!"

While everyone was in a panic, White Owl suddenly issued a retreat order through the team chat.

"Commander Owl, this is the Void Saint Legacy we are talking about! Dira hurriedly said when he heard White Owl's call for retreat. "We might never come across another opportunity like this if we miss it!"

The Void Saint class was a stepping stone into the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Senate. Not even apex powers would be willing to abandon such an opportunity, let alone the Paimon Conglomerate.

"If you wish to suffer Soul Annihilation, be my guest," White Owl curtly said before taking out a Group Teleportation Crystal and enveloping everyone on her team in a

teleportation array. At the same time, everyone in the teleportation array received a prompt asking them whether they agreed to get teleported.

“Dammit!”

Dira reluctantly looked at the nearby town before gnashing his teeth and agreeing to the teleportation.

Immediately, White Owl and the others vanished into thin air, leaving only Shi Feng and Laura on the floating island.

“They sure didn’t take their time leaving,” Laura remarked as she watched White Owl’s team teleporting away. However, she did not bother chasing after them, opting to sheath her sword instead.

A Group Teleportation Crystal could teleport everyone on the same team together. It was a rare and precious tool that was valued at 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal in the Greater God’s Domain, and they were usually treated as strategic items by the various powers.

Although the floating island’s barrier prevented players from directly teleporting out of the island, it was still possible to teleport to the barrier’s edge. There was quite some distance between her current location and the barrier’s edge, so unless she employed the help of teleportation magic as well, there was no way she could catch up to them.

“It’s a good thing that they’ve left,” Shi Feng said, wryly smiling when he saw that Laura still wanted to fight. “I can only fight them for a short time. Had the battle dragged on for a little longer, I would have most likely had to flee.”

Shi Feng could only make use of Thunder Realm’s Descent once. After all, he had already eliminated Storm, the source of the combination attack.

Meanwhile, without Thunder Realm’s Descent or an attack of a similar caliber, there was no way Shi Feng could kill Saint Arm. At best, he could hold his ground against the Time Guardian.

After all, a Legendary Weapon might grant its wielder the strength to transcend tiers, but the precondition was that the opponent wasn’t equipped with a Legendary Weapon or Equipment. Meanwhile, Saint Arm obviously wasn’t part of this category of opponents.

Moreover, apart from the Legendary-rank Winter of Eternal Night, another reason Shi Feng could match Saint Arm was because of his level of 155. That put him 15 levels above Saint Arm. If Shi Feng was only at Level 140, he would have definitely been put at a disadvantage against Saint Arm.

Hence, had the battle dragged on until Ancient Dragon's Power's duration ran out, Shi Feng would have to either flee or get killed by Saint Arm.

"But I have to say, what you did just now was truly incredible. Could you perhaps be *that* Ye Feng who recently became a Great Grandmaster Magician?" Laura asked as she looked at Shi Feng suspiciously. "It is almost impossible to take over someone else's magic in God's Domain. Unless, of course, you managed to grasp all of the magic arrays in that woman's Mana Body. But that evidently isn't feasible. Besides that, the only other method I can think of is if you manipulated that woman's mana through her magic barrier."

Previously, Storm had cast her Curse via her magic barrier so as to strengthen its output. Hence, so long as Shi Feng could take control of Storm's magic barrier, he would gain control over her Curse.

However, that was easier said than done.

Taking over another person's magic barrier was an incredibly challenging and time-consuming feat, as one would have to discern the mana nodes in the other person's magic barrier. On top of that, one would need to have control over mana that was superior to the barrier's creator so that one could win control over these mana nodes.

It should be known that Storm was a Grandmaster Magician. So, the fact that Shi Feng had not only managed to take control of Storm's magic barrier but also accomplished it in such a short time was simply unbelievable. Apart from Shi Feng being a Great Grandmaster Magician, Laura truly couldn't think of any other explanations for this situation.

Meanwhile, although Great Grandmaster Magicians were exceedingly rare in the Greater God's Domain, it just so happened that a new one had appeared not long ago. Linking these two events together, Laura couldn't help but overthink matters.

"You've guessed correctly, Commander Laura," Shi Feng said, openly admitting to Laura's suspicion. Then, he chuckled and added, "But please keep this a secret."

Others might not be able to link him with Ye Feng, but it wasn't a difficult thing for Laura to guess the connection. After all, Laura was aware of his ability to freely travel between worlds. Moreover, the timing of his recent trip to the Greater God's Domain coincided with his becoming a Great Grandmaster Magician.

"Don't worry. I won't tell anyone about it," Laura said. Then, she grinned and continued, "But if the Divine Seal Saint were to find out that you're that Ye Feng, he'll probably lose his mind."

The ultimate goal of the Greater God's Domain's various powers was to explore the Void Zones situated in the gaps between Realms. Meanwhile, exploring these Void

Zones necessitated the construction of bases. However, unless a stronghold was protected by a Great Grandmaster Defensive Magic Array, it would need a large amount of manpower to keep it standing in the Void Zone.

This led to a situation where Great Grandmaster Defensive Magic Arrays were in high demand.

However, there were far too few Great Grandmaster Magicians in existence. In the current era, there didn't even exist 100 Great Grandmaster Magicians across the entire Greater God's Domain. In other words, there were more Realms than there were Great Grandmaster Magicians. Moreover, most of these Great Grandmaster Magicians were gathered in the Twelve Sanctuaries, leaving even fewer Greater Grandmaster Magicians for the other Realms.

To make matters worse, these Great Grandmaster Magicians needed a lot of time to produce even one Great Grandmaster Defensive Magic Array.

Because of this, even if a power was willing to pay an exorbitant price to hire the services of a Great Grandmaster Magician, it would need to make a reservation for several decades later.

"Anyway, we can't defend this place for much longer. The forces the Divine Seal Saint dispatched shouldn't be limited to just White Owl's group of three. Those three must have used some special means to reach this place ahead of the main army. Once the Divine Seal Saint's army of experts arrives, even escaping will be a challenging task for us," Laura said, feeling a little worried.

The strength of the experts the Divine Seal Saint dispatched had exceeded Laura's expectations. If she had to fight against White Owl, she could only afford to take on a few more Tier 5 experts.

However, the Divine Seal Saint had dispatched thousands of Tier 4 experts, and many among them would complete their Tier 5 promotion as soon as they entered the World Passage. If this army of Tier 5 experts arrived, she could, at best, flee with several people. It'd be impossible for her to escape with all of Zero Wing's members.

"You don't have to worry about this, Commander Laura. So long as we can defend this place until the others return from their trials, I am confident in bringing everyone away safely," Shi Feng confidently said.

From what Shi Feng learned during his previous life, the Void Gods' settlements relied on divine seals created by Ancient Gods to imprison dangerous Demigods. So long as he could release these imprisoned Demigods and create some chaos, it should be easy for him and his team to escape the Divine Seal Saint's army.

If Shi Feng was still only a Grandmaster Magician, he would have had a hard time undoing these divine seals. However, now that he had become a Great Grandmaster Magician, these divine seals were not a problem for him. It was only a question of whether he was willing to invest the time to undo these seals.

Before Shi Feng set off in search of the sealing grounds, he waved his hand at the item Storm dropped when she died, causing the item to fly into his hand.

If this was an item dropped by any other player, Shi Feng might not have been particularly interested in it. However, Storm was a core paragon of the Paimon Conglomerate. Every item she carried with her would be incredibly valuable, so he naturally couldn't ignore it.

Meanwhile, after taking a look at the light-purple metal piece in his hand, Shi Feng couldn't help but be rendered speechless.

Is Paimon so rich that it can afford to give away even things like this?

Chapter 3313: Alternate Ending 387 - Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor

Chapter 387 – Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor

“Is Paimon crazy? It's letting a mere core paragon use a suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor?” Apart from Shi Feng, Laura similarly revealed a surprised look when she saw the light-purple metal piece. “Even apex powers would only be willing to let core paragons with great contributions use their Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor. Could Paimon be overflowing with Sacred Armor of this caliber?”

Sacred Armor was different from the average equipment. They usually came in complete sets and did not have any Attribute or Tier requirements. Players could equip Sacred Armor so long as their control over mana was sufficiently high.

Meanwhile, so long as players could don a suit of Sacred Armor, they would see a significant improvement in their control over mana.

In the Greater God's Domain, a suit of Epic-ranked Sacred Armor could sell for a whopping 100,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal, whereas a suit of Fragmented Legendary-ranked Sacred Armor couldn't even be found on the market. Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor was so rare and precious that players and powers who owned a suit wouldn't even be willing to trade it for several pieces of Legendary Equipment.

After all, Sacred Armor were items passed down from the Greater God's Domain's ancient era, and there was no way to reproduce them in the modern era. Hence, every suit used was one less suit available in the Greater God's Domain.

It was also highly unlikely a used suit of Sacred Armor would be handed over to another player, especially not a Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor. This was because Sacred Armor could grow with their wearers.

Apart from providing more Basic Attributes, a suit of Sacred Armor would also provide an increasingly greater improvement to mana control as their wearer leveled up. On top of that, not only would the suit of Sacred Armor eventually become fully compatible with its wearer, but it could also grow in rank. In the case of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor, it could ultimately grow into a Legendary Equipment Set, which was why nobody would be willing to exchange a suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor for even several pieces of Legendary Equipment.

However, before a suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor became a player's personalized equipment set, it would have an extremely high chance of dropping on death. Hence, any power that owned such Sacred Armor would be incredibly careful when handing them out to their paragons. After all, this was a potential Legendary Equipment Set they were talking about. Not even apex powers would dare to fool around with such a precious treasure.

Yet, now, the Paimon Conglomerate had given a suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor to Storm, someone who wasn't even among the conglomerate's Ten Great Paragons. If the Paimon Conglomerate could afford to be so generous with its Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor, it wouldn't even be an exaggeration to call it the Starlight Realm's number one conglomerate.

"No, this thing looks like it's broken," Shi Feng said, wryly smiling after he finished inspecting the worn-out divine runes engraved on the light-purple metal piece. "This thing might be a suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor, but with its runes damaged, not only will it have a significantly higher equipment requirement, but its strength will also only be slightly stronger than Epic Sacred Armor when equipped. Moreover, it can't grow along with its wearer. At best, this thing is worth 60 to 70 thousand units of Seven Luminaries Crystal."

Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor might be priceless, but it was a different story for a damaged suit. In the case of a damaged suit, it wouldn't even be worth as much as Epic Sacred Armor. After all, an intact suit of Epic Sacred Armor could still grow into a Fragmented Legendary Equipment Set. At that time, it would be vastly stronger than a half-baked Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor.

"What a pity," Laura said as she looked at the metal piece in Shi Feng's hand. "There are no known methods of repairing Sacred Armor in the current Greater God's Domain."

Otherwise, even while damaged, this thing would be worth more than a six-piece Legendary Equipment Set.”

An intact suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor could ultimately transform into a six-piece Legendary Equipment Set that was perfectly compatible with its wearer. Unlike other six-piece Legendary Equipment Sets, it could let players unleash their potential to the greatest extent.

“Indeed...” Shi Feng nodded but chose not to say anything more.

There might not be any known methods to repair Sacred Armor in the current Greater God’s Domain, but Shi Feng knew of a place that might have a way to do so—the Greater God’s Domain’s Three Great Workshops.

The Three Great Workshops predated even the Greater God’s Domain’s recorded history. So, it wasn’t out of the question for them to hold a means to repair Sacred Armor. After all, if these Workshops could manufacture even Epic Combat Puppets, it shouldn’t be too difficult for them to repair Sacred Armor.

Subsequently, Shi Feng put away the damaged Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor and began searching for the Void Gods’ sealing grounds.

After following the flow of mana in the floating island’s magic barrier for half a day, Shi Feng finally discovered a cave that was sealed by a separate magic barrier. Moreover, apart from the barrier, the cave was also guarded by several Level 150, Tier 5 Legendary monsters.

“Is it here?”

Shi Feng couldn’t help but be flabbergasted when he looked at the five Soul Devourers resting in front of the cave entrance.

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[Soul Devourer] (Ancient Magic Creature, Legendary)

Level 150

HP 600,000,000,000

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Soul Devourers were incredibly troublesome monsters that could devour the Immortal Souls of players. If a Tier 4 player had their souls devoured by a Soul Devourer, they could basically say goodbye to God’s Domain forever.

As for Tier 5 players, if they got killed by a Soul Devourer, they'd have to be separated from God's Domain for at least 10 to 15 days.

Hence, the existence of Soul Devourers was considered taboo in God's Domain.

Meanwhile, if players wished to raid a Tier 5 Soul Devourer, they would need a team of 100 Tier 5 players of the same level at the very least. Moreover, that was if they were going up against only one Tier 5 Soul Devourer.

Currently, however, there were five Tier 5 Soul Devourers resting outside the cave. Moreover, the magic barrier protecting the cave was bound to these five Soul Devourers. In other words, unless these five Soul Devourers were eliminated, the magic barrier would remain standing...

Fortunately, the situation wasn't completely hopeless, not for Shi Feng, at least.

After analyzing the structure of the cave's magic barrier with his expertise as a Great Grandmaster Magician, Shi Feng easily snuck through the magic barrier without giving the five Soul Devourers any chance to attack him. Then, he quickly made his way into the cave.

Once inside the cave, Shi Feng found that the deeper he traveled into the cave, the denser the Eternal Energy around him became.

After walking for some time, Shi Feng eventually arrived at an altar the size of several football fields. Meanwhile, the Eternal Energy around this altar was as dense as the Eternal Energy found on the Hundred Refinement Building's second floor.

Before Shi Feng could get close to the altar, he was frozen in place by a Divine Might originating from the altar. More specifically, the Divine Might came from a carbonized black sword suspended above the altar.

With great struggle, Shi Feng raised his head to look at the carbonized sword suspended in the air. Then, when he got a clear look at the sword, goosebumps rose all over his body.

Why is the Shadow Incinerator here?

Chapter 3314: Alternate Ending 388 - Strongest Demigod

Chapter 388 – Strongest Demigod

Shadow Incinerator!

This was a name known by all throughout the Greater God's Domain during Shi Feng's previous life. Just hearing this name would give the various Realms a huge headache.

This was because the Shadow Incinerator had destroyed dozens of Realms in the Greater God's Domain!

Meanwhile, the Demigod who wielded the Shadow Incinerator to commit these atrocities was even labeled as the strongest Demigod in the Greater God's Domain.

Shouldn't the Shadow Incinerator be in the hands of the Crimson Wing?

Shi Feng was greatly confused as he looked at the carbonized sword hovering above the altar.

From what Shi Feng could remember, the Shadow Incinerator's wielder, Crimson Wing Ife, was never imprisoned by the Ancient Gods. There was no way the Ancient Gods could have imprisoned her, either.

One of the reasons Ife was labeled as the strongest Demigod was because she had slain a total of eight Ancient Gods with the help of the Shadow Incinerator. Out of these eight Ancient Gods, she had even slain two simultaneously.

Not to mention, in the current timeline, the Ancient Gods still did not have any reason to imprison Ife.

At this point in time, Ife should be nothing more than a newly-born Demigod in the Angel Sanctuary. She should have yet to become one of the Angel Sanctuary's Twelve Wings, a position awarded to the twelve strongest Demigods in the Angel Sanctuary. It would only be sometime later before Ife would win the title of Crimson Wing and become one of the Twelve Wings.

As for the Shadow Incinerator, Ife had always been its wielder as far as Shi Feng could remember. The weapon had never existed anywhere else before. He had even watched battle videos of Ife wielding it when competing for a spot among the Twelve Wings.

Could this be a fake?

Shi Feng carefully scrutinized the carbonized sword in the air. However, even after plenty of observation, he couldn't find any signs of the carbonized sword being a fake Shadow Incinerator.

Whether it was the carbonized sword's appearance or terrifying Divine Might, both were similar to what he saw and experienced in Ife's battle video. In fact, the carbonized sword before him felt stronger than the one in the battle video.

After Ife became the Strongest Demigod, the Shadow Incinerator instantly rose to fifth place in the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Divine Weapon List.

As for the top four Divine Weapons, they were only recorded in the Greater God's Domain's history and had never appeared in the modern era.

Meanwhile, according to the Seven Luminaries Alliance's description of the Shadow Incinerator, Ife could limit the mobility of Tier 6 players simply by unsheathing the weapon and releasing its Divine Might. The Shadow Incinerator's Divine Might was so powerful that even ordinary Tier 6 Gods would more or less be affected, and only existences at the caliber of Ancient Gods could ignore it.

However, even though the Shadow Incinerator before him was without a wielder, the Divine Might it naturally radiated was enough to immobilize him, someone who possessed Physique and Basic Attributes at the Tier 5 standard. It wouldn't be inaccurate to say that the carbonized sword hovering above the altar was stronger than the Shadow Incinerator described in records.

While Shi Feng was wondering how he could free himself from the effects of the Shadow Incinerator's Divine Might, the sound of several system notifications suddenly entered his ears.

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System: You have started the Greater God's Domain's Mythic Main Storyline Quest Incinerator's Shadow.

Quest Content: Undo the myriad Ancient Gods' seal. Rewards unknown. Penalties unknown.

System Warning: The Shadow Incinerator has bound your Immortal Soul. You are required to undo the Shadow Incinerator's Divine Might Seal within 24 hours. Otherwise, the Shadow Incinerator will devour your Immortal Soul, and you will never be able to log into God's Domain again.

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A Mythic Main Storyline Quest? Divine Might Seal? What the heck is this?!

Shi Feng felt as if an explosion had just gone off in his mind when he saw the system notifications.

Main Storyline Quests in the Greater God's Domain were extremely dangerous. Because of this, once a Main Storyline Quest reached the Legendary rank, the system would give players the option to accept or refuse it. Yet, he did not receive such an

option for the Mythic Main Storyline Quest he triggered. He was forced to accept the quest, regardless of his will.

To make matters worse, he had to complete the quest within 24 hours or face Soul Annihilation...

Rather than a quest, it'd be more appropriate to consider this a trap set for players who had accidentally stumbled upon the Shadow Incinerator.

Unfortunately, the system's timer did not stop counting down, irregardless of what Shi Feng thought of the situation.

I need to quickly remove the seal!

After seeing the countdown timer, Shi Feng no longer cared whether the Shadow Incinerator before him was real or fake. His number one priority was to undo the Divine Might Seal on him.

Different from undoing a magic barrier seal, the process of undoing a Divine Might Seal did not involve the player's mastery over mana. It only involved the player's Concentration, and it could be said to be the most troublesome type of seal in God's Domain.

Fortunately, I dabbled a little in Divine Might Seals in the past. Otherwise, I'd need at least several months to break this seal.

Shi Feng could feel several searing chains in the depths of his mind, and just spreading his senses over them caused him to experience excruciating pain.

Divine Might Seals were a kind of mental attack in God's Domain. It was also a method of attack players would gain after reaching Tier 6. Only, compared to Tier 6 Gods, the mental attacks of Tier 6 players were nothing but a joke. At best, it could be used as a deterrence against players of the same tiers. Hence, few players would bother researching mental attacks.

In the case of Tier 6 NPCs and Tier 6 monsters, though, they could often be seen using mental attacks.

Hence, to have an easier time dealing with certain Tier 6 NPCs, Shi Feng went out of his way to research mental attack methods, and among the attack methods he researched were Divine Might Seals.

The process of unraveling a Divine Might Seal was simple. All he needed to do was find the seal's mental nodes and transform his Concentration into a weapon to attack these nodes. So long as he could destroy these nodes, the Divine Might Seal would be finished.

After several hours passed, Shi Feng finally finished inspecting the seal in the depths of his mind. Although the process was excruciatingly painful, it was a necessary step to unravel the seal.

There are eight mental nodes. That's more than I expected. When Shi Feng saw that he only had 16 hours remaining, he couldn't help but grow a little anxious. *I need to work faster.*

Normally, breaking a mental node required two or three hours of continuous effort. Now that he had eight mental nodes to deal with and only had 16 hours remaining, he could only afford to spend, at most, two hours on each node.

However, after Shi Feng shaped his Concentration into a blade and smashed it into one of the searing chains in his mind, he couldn't help but be dumbfounded by the results.

No damage?

Chapter 3315: Alternate Ending 389 - Tier 6 Concentration

Chapter 389 – Tier 6 Concentration

When Shi Feng saw no damage done to the illusory chain, surprise and consternation filled him.

In God's Domain, items constructed by the mind would more or less wear each other out when struck together. After all, mental objects were merely bodies of energy, and collision between two mental objects would result in both sides expending parts of their energy to mitigate the impact.

It was just that most players in God's Domain did not know how to mold their Concentration into weapons. Hence, most players were unable to do anything about Divine Might Seals.

However, so long as players could mold their Concentration into an object, it was only a matter of time before they could break a Divine Might Seal. They wouldn't even need to find the seal's mental nodes to break it. Of course, the process would naturally be faster if they could target the mental nodes.

Hence, the current situation confounded Shi Feng a little.

A collision between mental objects would have definitely resulted in a loss of mental energy to a certain extent. Could these chains not be made up of mental energy? Shi

Feng wondered as he scrutinized the illusory metal spheres responsible for linking the illusory chains with one another.

Currently, there were over a thousand such metal spheres in his mental sea. Although all of these metal spheres looked to be mental nodes at first glance, only eight of them were actually responsible for holding up the foundation of the Divine Might Seal.

However, no matter how Shi Feng looked at these eight metal spheres, they were undoubtedly mental objects. In other words, so long as they were struck by a foreign mass of mental energy, they should lose some of their own mental energy. Yet, that did not seem to have happened...

Is it because my Concentration standard is lacking? Is that why these metal spheres can ignore my attack?

This was the only explanation Shi Feng could come up with after racking his mind. However, upon coming to this conclusion, he couldn't help but have a headache.

Currently, there was no doubt that he had already pushed the boundaries of a Tier 4 player, his Concentration reaching the Tier 5 Peak standard. Moreover, he had only reached this standard after becoming a Great Grandmaster Magician. Otherwise, he would only be at the Tier 5 Advanced standard.

It should be known that most Tier 5 players didn't even have Tier 5 Advanced Concentration. Instead, they would be stuck at the Tier 5 Basic standard. This was because, unlike levels, players could not develop their Concentration by simply killing monsters or completing quests.

Normally, if players wished to improve their Concentration standard, they would have to continuously sharpen their mental will and learn how to control it.

Apart from that, players could also improve their Concentration standard by raising their tiers. After players reached a higher tier and gained a stronger Physique, the stronger Physique would subtly influence the improvement of their Concentration. For players who got promoted to Tier 5, their Physique could help to develop their Concentration until the Tier 5 Basic standard.

However, this method of raising one's tier to develop one's Concentration could only be used up till Tier 5, which was why most Tier 5 players' Concentration would only be at the Tier 5 Basic standard.

As for why this method couldn't be used up to Tier 6, it was because of the requirements to get promoted to Tier 6.

In God's Domain, players seeking to reach Tier 6 would face three major problems.

The first and second problems were related to the Divine Body. Firstly, players needed to gather the 100,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal[1] required to construct a Divine Body. Secondly, players needed to know how to construct a Divine Body.

As for the third problem, it was the requirement of having Tier 6 Concentration!

If players couldn't raise their Concentration standard to Tier 6, they would be incapable of getting promoted to Tier 6. This was why many Tier 5 experts would get stuck at the cusp of Tier 6.

As for individuals like Shi Feng, who possessed Tier 5 Peak Concentration as a Tier 4 player, they were exceedingly rare in God's Domain. The only reason Shi Feng could achieve such a standard was that he had already sharpened his mental will to its limits and could not only materialize it but also materialize it into a metal object.

It was also because he had such control over his mental will that he could remain undeterred by Tier 6 Divine Might.

Currently, though, if Shi Feng wished to further develop his Concentration and push it to the Tier 6 standard, he would need to receive a qualitative improvement to the essence of his life, which would, in turn, allow his mental energy to achieve a qualitative leap. Otherwise, there was no way he could push his Concentration to the Tier 6 standard as a Tier 4 player. After all, reaching Tier 6 in Concentration meant going beyond the realm of mortals and entering the rank of Gods. If he had Tier 6 Concentration, he could make mortals kneel with nothing but a thought, which was also the so-called Divine Might.

Although Shi Feng could upgrade the Winter of Eternal Night to the Legendary rank to elevate his Physique to the Tier 5 standard, that would not change his Life Rating. He would still be incapable of pushing his Concentration to Tier 6.

No, there is a way! Shi Feng smiled as a sudden flash of inspiration hit him. Then, he took out the damaged Sacred Armor from his bag space. *I didn't think that Thunderstorm would come to my aid one day.*

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System: You are attempting to equip a suit of Sacred Armor. To wield its effects, you will need to fully grasp the Sacred Armor's foundational mana. Do you still wish to equip it?

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"Equip it!" Shi Feng answered without hesitation.

Although the current Mana Equipment Set he used was excellent, it was still vastly inferior to a damaged suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor. Not to mention, the Sacred Armor possessed a hidden ability that his Mana Equipment Set did not!

There was a fundamental difference between Mana Equipment and Sacred Armor in God's Domain. Mana Equipment was made of magic arrays and magic patterns that drew on mana from the surrounding environment to enable players to exhibit strength far beyond what they possessed. On the other hand, Sacred Mana was the exact opposite.

Sacred Armor on its own was a mana source, and players could gain greater strength by manipulating this mana source. Simply put, Sacred Armor offered players access to a second mana source. So, the more skilled players were at manipulating mana, the more benefits they could get from a suit of Sacred Armor. Eventually, players could even evolve a suit of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor into a Legendary Equipment Set that was fully compatible with them.

However, apart from having the basic properties of a mana source, Sacred Armor also came with a hidden ability—the ability to substitute the Mana Body of its wearer!

In short, Sacred Armor could be modified to become a new Mana Body for players.

Only, nobody would do such a thing under normal circumstances.

Firstly, it was unnecessary. If players wanted a strong Mana Body, they could create one when getting promoted to Tier 5. If they failed to create a Mana Body with satisfactory standards, there was always the option of starting a new account. After all, Saint Armor could only ever be a substitute. Unless players had no desire to ascend to Tier 6, they would still need to use their own Tier 5 Mana Body when constructing their Divine Body.

Secondly, the process of using Sacred Armor as a replacement for one's primary mana source was completely different from manipulating Sacred Armor as a secondary mana source. This was because the mana source of Sacred Armor had different operating principles than the Mana Body of players. Trying to use Sacred Armor as a replacement for the Mana Body was akin to manipulating a puppet to manipulate another puppet.

However, Shi Feng did not need to concern himself with these problems. This was because he only aimed to have the Sacred Armor replace his Mana Body so that it could change his Life Rating.

I must succeed!

After taking a deep breath, Shi Feng promptly started to merge the Tier 5 Mana Body he created in the Hundred Refinement Building into the Sacred Armor.

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TL Notes:

[1]100,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal:

In the main story, an ordinary Divine Body only costs 50,000 units for each construction attempt, whereas a Superior Divine Body costs 100,000 units for each attempt. However, I'm not sure if the author still remembers the ordinary version.

Chapter 3316: Alternate Ending 390 - Shadow Incinerator

Chapter 390 – Shadow Incinerator

So this is why nobody has managed to repair damaged Sacred Armor. This level of craftsmanship is far beyond modern players.

When Shi Feng saw the magic arrays and divine patterns engraved within the Sacred Armor, he had his knowledge of Sacred Armor renewed.

Although he had known about the existence of Sacred Armor during his previous life, he had never used one. Firstly, Epic Sacred Armor was of no use to him. Secondly, Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor was incredibly rare, their rarity surpassed only by Divine Equipment. Even apex powers wouldn't have more than a few suits of Fragmented Legendary Sacred Armor in their possession, so non-apex powers would naturally have an even more difficult time getting their hands on a suit.

Meanwhile, after getting a close look at the magic arrays in the Sacred Armor, he finally understood what made Sacred Armor amazing.

There was a mana source hidden inside the Sacred Armor, and this mana source was incredibly volatile. The volatility of the mana was comparable to that of Ancient Gods. It definitely wasn't a mana source players could use under normal circumstances. However, the magic arrays and divine patterns in the Sacred Armor acted to restrain this mana source, effectively weakening it.

Moreover, the Sacred Armor itself was akin to a player's body, and it allowed players to integrate their consciousness with it. Meanwhile, what players needed to do after donning a suit of Sacred Armor was to synchronize their mana with the Sacred Armor's mana. Then, they could manipulate the volatile mana source within the Sacred Armor using the Sacred Armor's mana.

There were three layers of seals inside the Sacred Armor, and they functioned specifically to restrain the volatile mana source.

The better players were at controlling the Sacred Armor's mana, the more seals they could lift, and the more volatile mana they could use. By the time players had fully acclimatized themselves with the volatile mana and could remove all three seals, they could wield mana much stronger than the average Tier 6 Divine Body could produce.

One could say that the Sacred Mana was a Legacy. It was a Legacy that allowed players to wield mana rivaling that of Ancient Gods.

Currently, the Saint Armor in Shi Feng's possession had its sealing magic arrays damaged, making it impossible to unravel them. Hence, it could not be upgraded into a Legendary Equipment Set. While fixing these magic arrays would fix this problem, these magic arrays were so complex that not even a Great Grandmaster Magician could hope to repair them. A Craftsman Magician would be needed for this task, at the very least.

A Craftsman Magician!

Even looking back throughout the Greater God's Domain's long history, very few Craftsman Magicians had ever existed.

During his previous life, Shi Feng had never even heard of a Craftsman Magician appearing in the modern era. He only knew that there were several Great Grandmaster Magicians who were close to reaching the Craftsman rank. However, unless these people came across a heaven-defying opportunity, they would never be able to cross the final threshold in their lifetimes.

Fortunately, Shi Feng's goal wasn't to repair the damaged magic arrays. He only needed to construct new magic arrays on top of them.

Subsequently, time passed by quickly, and twelve hours had gone by in the blink of an eye.

After Shi Feng constructed multiple Great Grandmaster Magic Arrays inside the Sacred Armor, the Sacred Armor gradually transformed into a new Mana Body for him.

When Shi Feng completed the final magic array, the divine patterns engraved on the Sacred Armor suddenly glowed.

What an incredible mana source!

Looking at the mana source inside the Sacred Armor, Shi Feng saw it seemingly coming back to life as it began devouring all mana in its surroundings with the help of the Great Grandmaster Mana Gathering Array he had constructed.

Subsequently, the mana inside the altar's cavern began gathering around Shi Feng, causing the density of the mana around him to skyrocket. In only a moment, the mana around Shi Feng had achieved a solid state. In addition, even the surrounding Eternal Energy had begun to flood the inside of the Sacred Armor before getting devoured by the mana source there.

Meanwhile, as the mana source started to devour mana and Eternal Energy, Shi Feng could also feel his Concentration standard gradually increasing. Or, more specifically, he could feel his Life Rating increasing.

In only a few minutes, an indescribable Divine Might began spreading from Shi Feng's body. Immediately afterward, Shi Feng regained the ability to move his body, albeit with difficulty.

Great! It's a success! When Shi Feng sensed his brimming mental energy and volatile mana, he couldn't help but be surprised. *Is this the strength of a Tier 5 Legendary Mana Body?*

Currently, the Tier 5 Mana Body he constructed using the Sacred Armor not only allowed his Concentration to reach the Tier 6 Basic standard, but it even generated mana much stronger than what the Legendary-ranked Winter of Eternal Night possessed.

At this time, Shi Feng even suspected the Tier 4 Skills and Spells he used could already match the power of Tier 5 Skills and Spells used by Tier 5 players.

However, Shi Feng did not continue inspecting his new Mana Body. Instead, he promptly began forming mental blades to attack the illusory metal spheres in his mental sea.

With the assistance of his Tier 6 Concentration, Shi Feng could not only form the mental blades a lot quicker, but the strength of these mental blades was also vastly superior to the ones he had previously created.

In no time, five realistic blades flew at a metal sphere.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

Five explosions rang out one after another. The five mental blades Shi Feng formed instantly burst apart upon coming into contact with the metal sphere. However, they also left behind five deep grooves on the metal sphere.

Were Tier 6 mental blades this powerful?

Shi Feng was a little stunned when he saw the damage he had caused to the metal sphere.

While it was true anyone capable of creating mental objects could break the mental nodes of a Divine Might Seal, the process was by no means a quick one. Normally, even with Tier 6 Concentration, five attacks were nowhere near enough to cause significant damage to a mental node. It was why most Tier 6 experts would get headaches when dealing with Divine Might Seals.

However, Shi Feng didn't dwell on the matter for long. He didn't have much time left to undo the Divine Might Seal, so he promptly resumed attacking the metal sphere.

One mental node... Two mental nodes... Three mental nodes...

Contrary to Shi Feng's initial expectations, he did not need 16 hours to destroy all eight mental nodes. Only an hour after he had started his offensive, the eighth mental node shattered under the attacks of his mental blades. At the same time, the many illusory chains that covered his mental sea gradually faded out of existence.

When Shi Feng sighed in relief and opened his eyes, he promptly noticed a change in the Shadow Incinerator hovering above the altar.

The chains that originally encircled the Shadow Incinerator had started to crumble. Immediately afterward, Shi Feng could hear the sound of a beating heart. It sounded like something was coming back to life.

Before Shi Feng could figure out what was happening, the Shadow Incinerator suddenly appeared before him. At this time, the terrifying Divine Might it originally radiated was completely gone, and the weapon looked like it was waiting for Shi Feng to wield it.

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System: You have passed the Shadow Incinerator's trial. Do you wish to become the Shadow Incinerator's wielder?

System: You have 10 seconds to decide.

System Warning: The Shadow Incinerator was sealed by the myriad Ancient Gods. So long as you become its wielder, you will become the myriad Ancient Gods' enemy. Favorability of all Ancient Gods will be reduced to Hostile.

Chapter 3317: Alternate Ending 391 - Great Sinner Black Flame

Chapter 391 – Great Sinner Black Flame

All Ancient Gods will become hostile to me?

Shi Feng gasped when he saw the system notification.

Ancient Gods were the pinnacle of power in the Greater God's Domain. They were also the current rulers of the Greater God's Domain's Twelve Sanctuaries. After reaching Tier 6, if players wished to develop themselves further, they were bound to have dealings with these Ancient Gods sooner or later.

Normally, Tier 6 experts would have to go to great lengths just to gain a few Favorability points from an Ancient God. Yet, wielding the Shadow Incinerator would instantly cause the Ancient Gods' Favorability of him to plummet to negative 3,000 points, which was also the requirement for the Hostile status threshold.

At this abysmal Favorability, any Ancient God he encountered would almost certainly attack him without question. In other words, wielding the Shadow Incinerator would mean severing his path as a Tier 6 player.

Do I become its wielder?

Shi Feng hesitated as he looked at the carbonized sword before him.

Honestly, it no longer mattered whether the Shadow Incinerator before him was the real deal or an imitation. From the powerful Divine Might it previously radiated, there was no doubt it was a Divine Artifact-ranked weapon.

There weren't many chances to obtain a Divine Weapon in the Greater God's Domain. If he missed this chance, he might never come across another for the rest of his life.

Yet, becoming the Shadow Incinerator's wielder would also mean becoming enemies with the entire Greater God's Domain.

Although the myriad Ancient Gods would almost never show themselves in the Greater God's Domain, players who have reached the apex of the Greater God's Domain would know that the myriad Ancient Gods had never disappeared. On the contrary, they were the de facto owners of many historical ruins and NPC forces. They even controlled the resources necessary for players to become three-star mental strength grandmasters.

Without the Ancient Gods' resources, the difficulty for players to become three-star mental strength grandmasters in the real world would increase tenfold.

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System: You have three seconds left to decide.

System: You have two seconds left to decide.

System: You have one second left to decide.

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To hell with it!

When the timer was about to reach zero, Shi Feng reached out and held onto the Shadow Incinerator's hilt.

Despite having many dealings with the Ancient Gods during his previous life, he had still failed to get his hands on a Divine Weapon. All he got in return was a bunch of apex powers coming after his head.

If he had a Divine Weapon in hand back then, those apex powers wouldn't have dared to hunt him so openly.

Now that he had a chance to get his hands on a Divine Weapon, so what if he had to become enemies with the myriad Ancient Gods?

It should be known that Ife, the Crimson Wing, had slain eight Ancient Gods with the Shadow Incinerator. If not for Ife suddenly going missing, her name would have definitely been among the Greater God's Domain's Sixteen Great Tier 6 NPCs.

After Shi Feng became the Shadow Incinerator's wielder, the weapon's full Attribute Panel appeared before him.

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[Shadow Incinerator (Dark Soul)] (One-handed Sword, Sealed Godly Relic)

Equipment Requirement: Soul-Bound

Attack Power (400% of Strength)

Attack Speed (2% of Strength and Agility)

All Attributes (Increases according to the user's level)

When equipped:

Attacks ignore 100% of all defensive effects;

Attacks have a 10% chance of triggering the Soul Devour effect;

Attacks have a 50% chance of dealing 500% damage;

Attacks cause an additional 100% damage to all creatures below Tier 6;

Ignore Levels +60;

All Attributes increased by 100%;

Physique increased by 50%;

Reaction speed increased by 40%;

Effects of all attacks increased by two ranks (up to Tier 6 Peak);

The strength of Mana increased by one rank;

Concentration increased by one rank.

Additional Passive Skill-

Incinerator's Body: Weakens all damage received by 40% and increases World Perception by one rank.

Additional Active Skill 1-

Incinerator's Phantasm: Sacrifice 20 Levels to summon the Phantasm of a player. The Phantasm can only be two tiers higher than the Shadow Incinerator's wielder.

Duration: 3 minutes

Cooldown: 10 natural days

Additional Active Skill 2-

The End: With death as the price, incite all of the Shadow Incinerator's power to deal a devastating blow to a 5,000-yard radius. The stronger the soul sacrificed, the stronger the attack will be (up to Tier 6 Peak).

The myriad Ancient Gods have placed four seals on the Shadow Incinerator. Wielding the Shadow Incinerator will cause continuous mental scorching. Deaths while wielding the Shadow Incinerator will result in a loss of 50 points in all Attributes.

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A Godly Relic? Shi Feng was dumbfounded when he saw the Shadow Incinerator's stats.

Godly Relics were different from other items. They were items that had existed since the birth of God's Domain and were not specifically categorized. As a result, Godly Relics

could vary drastically in strength, with stronger ones being superior to even Divine Artifacts and weaker ones being inferior to even Legendary items.

However, the Shadow Incinerator was clearly among the top end of Godly Relics in terms of strength. Despite having four seals placed on it, the Shadow Incinerator was still stronger than Fragmented Legendary Weapons. In terms of Basic Attributes, it was already close to matching Legendary Equipment.

If all of the Shadow Incinerator's seals were removed, he couldn't even begin to imagine how powerful it could become.

If Shi Feng had to point out a flaw with the Shadow Incinerator, it would have to be the weapon being overly extreme. The Active Skills that came with the weapon were double-edged weapons that should never be used unless absolutely necessary.

Honestly, even using it normally was a huge problem. Currently, Shi Feng was experiencing searing pain in his mind just by holding onto the Shadow Incinerator. If he had to fight while suffering through this pain, there was no way he could give the fight his all.

However, Shi Feng also had to admit that the Shadow Incinerator was truly powerful. In his current state, he could exhibit strength near the Tier 6 standard even through his normal attacks. If he executed a combat technique, he could most certainly exhibit Tier 6 power.

While Shi Feng was inspecting the carbonized sword in his hand, he suddenly received a series of system notifications.

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System: You have accepted the Greater God's Domain's Mythical Main Storyline Quest Incinerator's Shadow.

Quest Content: Undo all of the Shadow Incinerator's seals. Rewards unknown. Penalties unknown.

System: All Ancient Gods have become hostile to you.

System: You have received the Great Sinner title.

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As soon as the system notifications ended, the color of Shi Feng's ID instantly went from white to black. On top of that, his ID was now surrounded by dark fog, an indicator of his identity as a Great Sinner.

“Crap! Isn’t this too much?!” Shi Feng couldn’t help but curse as he looked at his ID.

Dark Players who murdered other players all day long could, at most, become a Sinner. Even the sin of murdering an ancient empire’s emperor would only turn one into a Sinner and cause one to be hunted by the NPCs of said empire.

In comparison, players who became Great Sinners would not only be hunted by all NPCs, but even players would be tempted to join in on the hunt. This was because anyone who managed to capture a Great Sinner could turn the latter in to the Adventurer’s Association for a piece of Legendary Equipment that had high compatibility with them.

To make matters worse, once players became a Great Sinner, they could never get rid of the title. It was a soul-bound title, and it would follow them even if they started a new account.

Before Shi Feng could swear a few more times, the space above the altar suddenly shattered, revealing a space-time passage. Then, a 20-meter-tall giant emerged from the passage, the giant wearing a white robe that fully hid their appearance.

When this giant appeared, Shi Feng felt as if a bomb had gone off in his head.

Immediately afterward, a tsunami-like Divine Might, far stronger than even the Shadow Incinerator’s, spread from the giant.

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[? ? ?] (Ancient God)

Level ? ? ?

HP ? ? ? ? ? ?

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“Great Sinner Black Flame! Receive the judgment of the Gods!”

Before the giant’s furious shout could reverberate across the cavern, the giant summoned an axe of light in their hand and swung it at Shi Feng.

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TL Notes:

For the Shadow Incinerator’s description, note that I have changed “Additional Profound Inheritance 1/2” -> “Additional Active Skill 1/2”.

The raws translate to “Additional Profound Skill,” which leads me to believe that the author made a typo.

Chapter 3318: Alternate Ending 392 - Ancient God's Might

Chapter 392 – Ancient God’s Might

Outside the floating island atop the void sea...

Numerous fleets braved the attacks of countless Void Sea Serpents and Void Sea Dragons as they tried to cross the void sea. There would be ships sinking and Void Creatures falling at every moment. The grandeur of the battle was unprecedented in the Miniature Ancient World.

However, rather than the ongoing battle on the sea, the various players fighting on the sea paid more attention to the player army gathered around the floating island. Compared to the player army floating in mid-air around the island, the “player army” on the sea was nothing but a joke.

“Is this the Paimon Conglomerate’s strength?”

Franz, commander of the Tower Alliance’s sixth trump card legion and the Desolate Star Corporation’s Second Successor, was in awe and shock as he looked at the hundreds of thousands of figures hovering next to the floating island.

Although the Desolate Star Corporation was considered first-rate among the many corporations in the Greater World, its strength in God’s Domain was nowhere close to matching the Paimon Conglomerate. Comparing the Desolate Star Corporation with the Paimon Conglomerate would be akin to comparing a candle flame to a forest fire.

Despite being second in the Desolate Star Corporation’s line of succession, Franz had to go to great lengths to organize a 100-man team of Tier 4 experts. Although many of his team’s Tier 4 experts were fourth-floor experts, which made it significantly stronger than the average 100-man Tier 4 team, it was still nothing compared to the forces Dira managed to summon.

An army of several hundred thousand Tier 4 experts. Although most of these experts were only at the third-floor standard, even if only one-tenth of them were fourth-floor experts, that would still be several tens of thousands of fourth-floor experts.

Not to mention, apart from Tier 4 experts, there were also over a thousand Tier 5 experts in Dira’s army.

It should be known that these Tier 5 experts weren't "instant" Tier 5 players. Instead, they were all veteran experts who had previously chosen to stay at Tier 4 because they couldn't create a Tier 5 Epic Mana Body. After closely examining these Tier 5 experts, Franz found over 100 titled experts he recognized.

Over 100 Tier 5 titled experts!

Although the Desolate Star Corporation had the strength to mobilize such a force, it had to be extremely cautious when doing so. After all, the corporation only had several hundred Tier 5 titled experts under its command. Moreover, these titled experts came from several different hegemonic powers. The corporation couldn't simply mobilize them whenever it wanted.

However, it took only Dira, or, more specifically, the Divine Seal Saint, only one word to mobilize all these Tier 5 titled experts.

At this time, Favra, standing next to Franz, sighed and said, "We should hurry up and break through these monsters. If we spend too much time here, we might end up getting implicated."

Favra wasn't surprised by the sight of the Paimon Conglomerate's Tier 4 army since she had seen much grander sights. However, the Divine Seal Saint getting over 1,000 Tier 5 experts into the World Passage was beyond her expectations.

The Divine Seal Saint could already launch an invasion into a God's Domain with so many Tier 5 experts, let alone the Miniature Ancient World.

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"It seems Zero Wing is doomed this time," Death Omen said, sighing ruefully as she looked at the army of Tier 4 and Tier 5 experts in the sky. "It's a pity we won't get to enter the island to look around since Dira doesn't think anything of us."

Death Omen couldn't help but grow melancholic when she thought of her current situation. She used to be a Tier 6 expert standing at the pinnacle on the main continent. Yet, after entering the Miniature Ancient World, she wasn't even qualified to be a part of Dira's army, let alone stand at the Miniature Ancient World's apex.

"Don't worry, Big Sis Omen! It won't be long before I become a core member of Paimon! At that time, we won't even need to care about Dira's opinion!" Thousand Scars said, fighting spirit burning in her eyes as she looked at White Owl, who was currently commanding Dira's army.

In the past, Thousand Scars thought that becoming an internal member of the Paimon Conglomerate was already high enough of a goal. After all, if she became an internal member, even hegemonic powers would take the initiative to curry favor with her.

However, after seeing White Owl, Thousand Scars learned that becoming an internal member was far from enough. Only by becoming a core paragon such as White Owl could she truly be considered to have reached the apex of God's Domain. Even a young master like Dira would have to keep his arrogance in check when asking White Owl for help.

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Outside the floating island, over a thousand Level 140, Tier 5 experts orderly gathered in front of White Owl, none daring to step out of line.

At this time, a middle-aged male Oracle approached White Owl and confidently said, "We've finished sealing the entire island, Commander Owl. Not even a Tier 6 expert should think of escaping easily."

Even after hearing the middle-aged Oracle's bold claim, none of the Tier 5 experts opened their mouths to refute him. On the contrary, all of them had full faith in his words.

Besides being a titled expert, the middle-aged Oracle was also a top-tier Grandmaster Magician. A magic barrier he personally created could easily keep the average Tier 6 expert trapped for half an hour. Moreover, that was only when 500 Tier 4 magical-class experts operated the magic barrier.

Currently, several dozen Tier 5 experts were responsible for operating the magic barrier the middle-aged Oracle had erected around the island. On top of that, they also had the support of over a thousand Tier 4 magical-class experts. In its current state, the magic barrier could easily trap a Tier 6 expert for two or three hours.

"Good." White Owl nodded. "Once we are inside, all you Tier 5s follow me to kill the two experts I mentioned as quickly as possible. As for everyone else, cordon off the town and do not let any of the trial challengers escape."

"Understood!"

Upon hearing White Owl's command, everyone drew their weapons and got ready to charge into the floating island with White Owl.

Just as White Owl was about to inform Dira about the start of their attack, a white beam suddenly came from the island's depths.

Boom!

Following the beam, the barrier surrounding the island shattered like glass and vanished. As a result, all the magical-class players maintaining it suffered a backlash and died on the spot, their bodies falling into the void sea below...

“An ambush?”

“Did we get attacked?”

The experts gathered outside the floating island were stunned by this unexpected development.

However, before anyone could make sense of what had happened, a mighty aura spread from the island and exerted overpowering pressure on the players caught within its range. Immediately, the hundreds of thousands of Tier 4 experts hovering next to the island lost their lives and fell into the void sea. As for the Tier 5 experts, although they managed to cling onto their lives, that was all they could do. The pressure exerted by the mighty aura thoroughly paralyzed them.

Subsequently, a cloaked Swordsman could be seen suddenly flying out of the island.

Meanwhile, whether it was White Owl and Dira or Death Omen and Thousand Scars, they instantly recognized the cloaked Swordsman when they saw his face.

“Black Flame?”

Chapter 3319: Alternate Ending 393 - Black Flame's Strength?

Chapter 393 – Black Flame’s Strength?

“What happened?”

“All those Tier 4 experts are gone, just like that?”

When the players fighting against the innumerable Void Creatures on the void sea saw the army of several hundred thousand Tier 4 experts plunging into the sea, they couldn’t help but be dumbfounded.

“Tell me I’m dreaming, Aunt...” Franz mumbled to Favra when he saw the Paimon Conglomerate’s Tier 4 experts dropping like flies. Even with his status, this was the first time he had seen several hundred thousand Tier 4 experts getting killed in the blink of an eye.

The shock Franz experienced was further intensified when he saw Shi Feng suddenly emerging from the floating island and quietly watching the army of Tier 4 experts plunging into the ocean like a heavenly god.

Normally, a Tier 4 army of such size could take on even Tier 6 experts with the help of a magic barrier. Yet, now, the entire army had gotten obliterated. Everything had happened so quickly that Franz didn't even know what had happened.

Fear!

Unprecedented fear sprouted in the depths of Franz's heart.

It should be known that the Tier 4 experts in the Paimon Conglomerate's army weren't a bunch of random nobodies. They would be regarded as mid-level mainstays if put in an ordinary hegemonic power. Many among them were even experts superior to him. If even these experts were erased in the blink of an eye, it went without saying he would do no better than them if put in their shoes.

"Divine Might!" With her wealth of experience, Favra quickly understood the cause of the Tier 4 experts' fall, and this realization caused her expression to grow serious. "That's...a Divine Might surpassing Tier 6 Gods!"

"A Divine Might that has surpassed Tier 6 Gods?" The fear in Franz's eyes intensified when he heard his aunt's words. "Doesn't that mean..."

"Yes! That's an Ancient God's Divine Might!" Favra said in a grave tone. "Although I don't know what Black Flame has done, he has indeed managed to borrow the strength of an Ancient God!"

Ancient Gods were existences beyond Tier 6 Gods. In the minds of the average player, Ancient Gods had long vanished from the Greater God's Domain, and their existences were akin to myths that only existed in books. However, the various hegemonic powers knew that wasn't the case at all. Not only were Ancient Gods still present in the Greater God's Domain, but they were also unavoidable existences for those seeking to ascend to the Greater God's Domain's apex.

Meanwhile, the various hegemonic powers and conglomerates had one simple instruction for their members to do should they come across an Ancient God.

—Run!

In the eyes of Ancient Gods, all existences beneath Tier 6 were no different than ants they could effortlessly crush if they were in a bad mood.

Moreover, it wouldn't be a simple death. Players beneath Tier 5 would be at an incredibly high risk of suffering Soul Annihilation, while even Tier 5 players would have a real chance of suffering Soul Annihilation.

Hence, Ancient Gods were existences even more terrifying than natural disasters.

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Is this an Ancient God's strength?

Outside the floating island, Saint Arm's face turned pale as he looked at the hundreds of thousands of corpses floating on the void sea beneath him.

Ancient Gods were rarely seen in the Greater God's Domain, and there was very little information about them, even in the Paimon Conglomerate's database. The only thing the Paimon Conglomerate was certain of was that Ancient Gods were existences to be feared.

However, after witnessing the instant annihilation of several hundred thousand Tier 4 experts and the petrification of over a thousand Tier 5 experts, Saint Arm felt that Ancient Gods were even more terrifying than rumored.

"Lunatic! That Black Flame must be a lunatic! He's trying to drag all of us down with him!" Dira cursed and gnashed his teeth when he saw Shi Feng emerging from the floating island. He didn't think Shi Feng would be so crazy as to deliberately provoke an Ancient God to have them accompany him in death. "Quick! Everyone, get rid of him! Only if he dies can we appease the Ancient God's wrath!"

An Ancient God's wrath was devastating, and all non-Tier 6 players would have a chance of suffering Soul Annihilation.

At this time, Dira wasn't the only person to have figured out the situation. White Owl and the others also realized Shi Feng's plan. Immediately, they activated their respective Berserk Skills without hesitation, increasing their Basic Attributes to resist the powerful Divine Might.

However, even White Owl, one of the Paimon Conglomerate's Ten Great Paragons, could only exhibit one-third of her usual mobility under the effects of the Ancient God's Divine Might. She couldn't use any powerful combat techniques in this state, so she could only rely on Tier 5 Skills to kill Shi Feng.

Only, before White Owl could use a Tier 5 Skill, a 20-meter-tall giant clad in a white robe suddenly appeared before Shi Feng. Then, the axe of light the giant wielded transformed into thousands of blinding beams that attacked Shi Feng from all directions.

The beams vaporized everything in their path. Even the Superior Mythic-ranked Void Sea Dragons that got struck were instantly reduced to ashes.

By the time White Owl had reacted to the situation, over a hundred Tier 5 experts caught within the Ancient God's attack radius had already gotten killed, their existences getting erased so thoroughly that they didn't even drop any of their equipment on death.

At the end of the Ancient God's attack, Shi Feng was the only person still alive within the giant's attack radius.

He blocked it?

White Owl's eyes widened in shock.

Not even she had managed to react to the Ancient God's attack. Yet, Shi Feng had not only reacted to it, but he had even blocked it in time. Although Shi Feng had lost over half of his HP from blocking the attack and the two swords he wielded were trembling violently, he could practically be considered unharmed compared to the Tier 5 experts who were instantly killed.

White Owl wasn't the only person feeling dazed at this moment. Spectating from a distance, Death Omen and Thousand Scars were also stunned when they saw Shi Feng successfully blocking the Ancient God's attack.

However, before everyone could come back to their senses, the white-robed Ancient God reformed their axe of light and swung it, executing an attack that exuded power several times greater than before.

"It's over... All of us are doomed..." Death Omen fell into despair when she sensed the mana gathering around the axe of light. By her estimates, the Ancient God's following attack could most likely annihilate everything within a 10,000-yard radius at the very least. And if Tier 4 players like them were to die from this attack, they would most definitely suffer Soul Annihilation...

It seems this is my current limit, Shi Feng thought as he looked at the trembling Winter of Eternal Night. Then, after taking a deep breath, he looked to the white-robed Ancient God and said, "But don't go thinking you can get rid of me so easily."

After saying so, Shi Feng raised the Shadow Incinerator he wielded in his left hand at the Ancient God.

Incinerator's Phantasm!

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Chapter 394 – God Versus God

"Dammit! How did things turn out like this?!"

When Saint Arm sensed the terrifying amount of mana gathered in the Ancient God's axe of light, a bitter look appeared on his face.

At this point, even a fool could tell that the Ancient God's attack was strong enough to erase all existences caught within its radius. If players were struck by the attack, losing a few levels and items would be the least of their worries. They might never be able to log back into God's Domain.

When White Owl saw the white-robed Ancient God's axe of light, she let out a resigned sigh and said, "It seems it's over."

If she was going up against a Tier 6 God's attack, she was confident she could keep herself from suffering Soul Annihilation at the very least. However, Ancient Gods were unlike the average Tier 6 God. Every Ancient God had reached the extremes of a certain field.

Even among Tier 6 players, few could even survive against an Ancient God's all-out attack. So, it was even more impossible for a Tier 5 player like herself to survive it.

However, when the Ancient God's axe of light began its descent, and everyone could feel death approaching them, a 20-meter-tall man suddenly appeared out of thin air in front of Shi Feng. The man carried two exquisite longswords around his waist, and he wore a silver cloak with a hood that covered his head. Although the cloak made the man's face indistinct, it was still vaguely possible to see the man's sharp and seasoned eyes.

As soon as this mysterious man appeared, everyone's hearts inexplicably shuddered.

"NPC?"

"An NPC?"

"Is it another God?"

"No, he's not a God! He's a player!"

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When everyone saw the giant Swordsman, particularly the player symbol displayed above the Swordsman's head, they couldn't help but be confused.

Firstly, they were confused as to how a player could have such a huge body.

Secondly, they were confused by the frightening Divine Might the mysterious Swordsman radiated. The Swordsman's Divine Might not only felt as powerful as the Ancient God's Divine Might, but it even felt vaguely superior.

Why would such a Tier 6 player appear in this place? White Owl was similarly surprised to see the mysterious Swordsman. Could he be related to Zero Wing?

Others might not know how a player managed to gain such a gigantic body, but White Owl did.

In reality, it wasn't anything strange for a Tier 6 player to have a 20-meter-tall body. After all, players were responsible for constructing their own Tier 6 Divine Body. Most Tier 6 players might still have a standard human body when they initially got promoted to Tier 6, but so long as they managed to come into contact with the core secrets surrounding Tier 6, they could even create a 200-meter-tall body, let alone a 20-meter-tall body.

Only, such Tier 6 players would normally only appear in the Twelve Sanctuaries. It wasn't often one would come across such a Tier 6 player in Realms outside the Twelve Sanctuaries.

So, rather than the mysterious Swordsman's size, White Owl was more surprised by how the mysterious Swordsman would appear in a Miniature Ancient World's World Passage.

Before White Owl could make sense of the situation, the mysterious Swordsman could be seen unsheathing one of his longswords.

The longsword had a crimson body covered in black patterns, and black electric arcs constantly circulated the weapon's blade. As soon as the crimson longsword was unsheathed, the surrounding void started to repeatedly self-destruct and self-repair. It was evident that even the void was incapable of withstanding the longsword's power.

"Vanish!"

After unsheathing the crimson sword, the mysterious Swordsman indifferently said only one word before swinging his longsword at the white-robed Ancient God's terrifying axe of light.

Immediately, a dark tide made up of black lightning arcs swarmed the descending brilliance.

Boom!

Suddenly, a blinding light filled the sky above the void sea, followed by a powerful shockwave that sent all players within vision range of the battlefield flying thousands of yards backward. At the same time, space-time cracks also formed across the void sea, annihilating any Void Sea Serpents and Void Sea Dragons next to them.

After the explosion, the players present on the void sea couldn't help but gape in shock as they looked in the direction of the floating island.

"It's gone?"

“That terrifying attack got erased?”

It should be known that the white-robed Ancient God’s attack had roused all mana within a 10,000-yard radius. Yet, the mysterious Swordsman had erased all of this mana.

He actually blocked an Ancient God’s all-out attack? Is he really just a player?

Saint Arm, who was struggling to keep himself from falling out of the sky, was greatly shocked as he watched the white-robed Ancient God trading blows with the mysterious Swordsman in the distance. He doubted that even the Paimon Conglomerate’s Three Overlords could defend against the white-robed Ancient God’s all-out attack. Yet, the mysterious Tier 6 Swordsman had accomplished it with seemingly little effort.

In addition, what was even more unbelievable was that the mysterious Swordsman was currently trading blows with the white-robed Ancient God without losing any ground. It was also evident that the Ancient God wasn’t holding back against the mysterious Swordsman as every collision between the axe of light and crimson longsword would generate a shockwave that could be clearly felt from thousands of yards away.

As for the other players, their jaws dropped when they saw the exchange between the mysterious Swordsman and the white-robed Ancient God. It was especially so for newcomer players who had only recently come into contact with God’s Domain.

“Is this what battles between Tier 6 God-ranked players and Tier 6 Gods look like?”

This was the first time they had witnessed such a devastating confrontation since they entered God’s Domain until now. The area within a 3,000-yard radius of the mysterious Swordsman and white-robed Ancient God had become off-limits to all life as space-time rifts could be seen forming everywhere.

Moreover, a beam of light or a dark thunderbolt would also emerge from this forbidden zone and strike a random location within a 10,000-yard radius from time to time, the impact of these attacks instantly vaporizing numerous Void Creatures and players. Even Bronze Warships, which should be capable of withstanding one Tier 6 attack, were instantly reduced to ashes when struck...

If these two mighty beings were to continue fighting, their battle could even devastate an entire continent.

Compared to the newcomer players, though, the various hegemonic powers’ experts and the Paimon Conglomerate’s experts were in greater shock.

He can hold his ground against an Ancient God? Who is this person? White Owl was greatly confused as she watched the mysterious Tier 6 Swordsman fight.

Very few Tier 6 players could fight an Ancient God to a standstill in the Greater God's Domain, and every one of these players was an apex existence in the Twelve Sanctuaries. However, as far as White Owl could tell, the mysterious Swordsman wasn't one of these apex existences.

While White Owl was wondering about the mysterious Swordsman's identity, the person in question and the white-robed Ancient God used their respective ultimate moves.

On the Ancient God's side, the white-robed Ancient God summoned a star of light that illuminated the entire void sea, the star dozens of times larger than the floating island. If it struck the void sea, the resulting impact would obliterate all existences within a radius of several hundred thousand yards.

On the other side, the mysterious Swordsman raised his longsword and released a world-ending thunderbolt that pierced the descending star.

Boom!

Following an explosion that echoed throughout the entire World Passage, everyone's vision went dark. Immediately afterward, the sound of a system notification entered everyone's ears.

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System Announcement: A regional system update has begun. All players within the affected region will be forcibly logged off. The update will last approximately two natural days.

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Chapter 3321: Alternate Ending 395 - Ripple

Chapter 395 – Ripple

Greater God's Domain, Starlight Realm, Sea of Giants:

The Sea of Giants was one of the few seas in the Starlight Realm. Not only did it connect over a dozen kingdoms and empires, but it was also linked to the Endless Void. For ordinary and upper-ranking hegemonic powers looking to conduct cross-realm trade, they would typically send their flying ships to the Sea of Giants.

But during the past few days, the various hegemonic powers were forced to abide by many restrictions in the Sea of Giants. As an example, one flying ship was currently stopped in front of a gigantic door and put under inspection by multiple Tier 4 players.

Meanwhile, aboard this flying ship, a Level 195, Tier 6 Berserker who looked like a middle-aged man in his fifties wore a disgruntled expression as he looked at the Level 140, Tier 4 players inspecting the ship. "Damn the Paimon Conglomerate! If it wants to cordon off the World Gate, just do it! Why does it have to involve us players looking to enter the Endless Void?!"

"Keep your voice down! The Divine Seal Legion's people are going to hear you!" a Level 192, Tier 6 male Cleric said in a hushed voice. "If they decide to attack us, none of us will be leaving this place alive."

"Tsk, I'm just venting my frustrations a little," the Tier 6 Berserker said. When he heard the mention of the Divine Seal Legion, though, he promptly chose to speak softly. "We're only passing by. Is there a need to put us through such a strict inspection? There are so many ships trying to cross this place, yet they're taking their sweet time with the inspections. We're going to lose a lot of money if we're late for our delivery."

"What can we do?" the Tier 6 Cleric said, similarly displeased by the Tier 4 players inspecting their ship. Under normal circumstances, he could have annihilated these Tier 4 players with a wave of his hand. Now, though, he dared not do so. "The Divine Seal Legion has already issued a statement that all players moving within 100,000 yards of the World Gate must undergo a strict inspection by Paimon's members or get treated as a hostile force."

There were several routes in the Sea of Giants that led to the Endless Void, but the safest route required them to pass by the newly-appeared World Gate. As for the other routes, they would be at risk of either becoming lost in the fog of the Sea of Giant's depths or getting annihilated by a swarm of sea monsters.

"But that person called Black Flame sure is courageous. I can't believe there'd be someone who would dare to kill Dira," the Tier 6 Berserker said as he looked at the gigantic door in the distance. Then, with a sympathetic look, he continued, "But with the Divine Seal Legion's Vice Commander Wind Seal guarding this place, neither Black Flame nor the members of the power behind him will be able to get past this place alive. They'll probably be trapped in that miniature world for the rest of their lives."

Wind Seal was a vice commander of the Divine Seal Legion, and few among Tier 6 could match him. Even though the Berserker and Cleric were similarly Tier 6 players, they wouldn't last more than a few moves against Wind Seal. Needless to say, a bunch of Tier 4 and Tier 5 players would have an even lower chance of surviving.

The World Passage was the only reliable method to travel between worlds. In a situation where the World Passage was blocked, it would be utterly impossible for players to escape from the Miniature Ancient World. Meanwhile, once the Paimon Conglomerate's army entered the Miniature Ancient World, it was only a matter of time before the conglomerate eliminated Black Flame and Zero Wing.

While the Tier 6 Berserker and Tier 6 Cleric were chatting, a loud explosion suddenly came from the distant door. Immediately afterward, the area within a 500-kilometer radius of the World Gate transformed into a space-time rift, and all creatures caught within the rift were annihilated.

“An ambush?”

The Berserker and Cleric fell into a daze as they looked at the space-time rift in the distance.

Space-time rifts were incredibly dangerous in God’s Domain. Even Tier 6 players would suffer heavy damage if they accidentally came into contact with one. Meanwhile, a massive space-time rift 1,000 kilometers wide had just opened up in front of them.

Fortunately, the space-time rift did not exist for long as the Greater God’s Domain quickly mended it. When the rift disappeared, though, the players who were undergoing the Paimon Conglomerate’s inspection couldn’t help but gasp.

Gone!

All 100 Tier 6 experts guarding the World Gate had disappeared! Even the Divine Seal Legion’s Vice Commander Wind Seal had vanished!

“What’s going on?!”

Everyone was shocked as they looked at the empty region the space-time rift had left behind.

At this moment, even the World Gate had disappeared, let alone the Divine Seal Legion. The area was so empty that it didn’t look like a World Gate had ever existed in this place.

Meanwhile, after a short silence, the various players present promptly relayed this situation to their respective powers.

The disappearance of a World Gate was no big deal. At most, everyone would feel a little surprised. However, the death of the Divine Seal Legion’s 100 Tier 6 experts and Vice Commander Wind Seal was an unbelievably shocking piece of news.

The Divine Seal Legion might not have many members, but every one of them was a Tier 6 expert. Moreover, they were all equipped with weapons and equipment that could make even executives of hegemonic powers envious. At the same time, they were also an important force for the Paimon Conglomerate to maintain stability within its territory.

Now that the Divine Seal Legion had lost not only 100 of such Tier 6 experts but also Vice Commander Wind Seal, it would definitely have a huge impact on the Paimon Conglomerate's capabilities.

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In no time, news of the Paimon Conglomerate's loss spread across the entire Starlight Realm, shocking both players and powers. Even the Starlight Realm's several conglomerates were taken aback by the news, and they promptly dispatched people to find out what had happened at the Sea of Giants. At the same time, they also wanted to know if this incident was related to Black Flame.

Of course, even though the various powers were investigating whether this incident was related to Black Flame, everyone in the Starlight Realm more or less knew the answer.

The news of the Divine Seal Saint sending his subordinates to annihilate a miniature world had long spread across the entire Starlight Realm. Now that the army he dispatched to kill Black Flame was suddenly annihilated, anybody who said Black Flame was unrelated to this matter would be lying.

However, once the various powers started their investigations, they quickly learned of shocking news.

Of the players the Paimon Conglomerate had sent into the Miniature Ancient World, over 99% of them had their qualifications to log into God's Domain permanently deprived. As for the rest, although they still had the qualifications to log into God's Domain, the system forced them to stay offline for two days.

Although the various powers had tried to get more information out of these players, they failed to come up with much information since the Paimon Conglomerate had issued a gag order. They only managed to find out two pieces of information.

Firstly, Zero Wing, the Guild behind Black Flame, possessed an extraordinary background as it was revealed that the Guild possessed an expert capable of suppressing White Owl, one of the Paimon Conglomerate's Ten Great Paragons. The expert in question had even fended off the first wave of attack launched by the Paimon Conglomerate's army.

Secondly, an Ancient God had appeared in the World Passage!

For a time, the various powers theorized that Zero Wing should have something to do with the Ancient God's appearance. It was also through this method that Zero Wing managed to cause the Paimon Conglomerate to suffer heavy losses. Meanwhile, the Paimon Conglomerate's silence on the matter only served to cause everyone to suspect that Zero Wing shared close ties with the Ancient God in question.

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While the Starlight Realm's players and powers were in an uproar, a short-haired girl wearing a white shirt anxiously entered the top-floor conference room of a 3,000-tall skyscraper, the magnificent structure sitting in the middle of a floating steel city in the Greater World.

If Shi Feng was in this conference room, he would find that this valiant- and extraordinary-looking girl looked somewhat similar to White Owl. Only, compared to the White Owl in God's Domain, the girl in the white shirt looked more mature and graceful. She was also close to reaching the three-star mental strength grandmaster standard already.

Currently, there were around a dozen people seated in the conference room. After the girl in the white shirt entered the room, cold sweat rolled down her forehead as she was subjected to the mental pressure exerted by these people.

"White Owl, you should know why we called you here, right? Are you certain that man was evenly matched with an Ancient God?"

Chapter 3322: Alternate Ending 396 - Zero Wing's Members?

Chapter 396 – Zero Wing's Members?

Star Lake City, God's Domain Association:

Inside a room on the 490th floor, following the sound of a mechanical airlock opening, the door of the virtual gaming cabin in the room slowly opened. Immediately afterward, the cabin's alarms sounded, reminding the user that the cabin's supply of Life Potion had already reached critically low levels and was in need of replenishment.

When Shi Feng stepped out of the gaming cabin, a feeling of overwhelming exhaustion promptly enveloped him, and he wanted nothing more than to crash into his bed and fall asleep.

How close. That Ancient God nearly got me, Shi Feng thought, inwardly celebrating as he grabbed a bottle of Life Potion from the fridge and drank it. *If not for the Shadow Incinerator letting me perfectly recreate my past self. Otherwise, even escaping wouldn't have been possible.*

Shi Feng was honestly surprised that his fight with the white-robed Ancient God had triggered a space-time tide in the World Passage, which, in turn, led to everyone being forcibly logged out of the game by the system.

Personally, though, Shi Feng welcomed this forced logout as this meant that his character would disappear from God's Domain, and the Ancient God would have left after realizing that he was nowhere to be found. He also wouldn't have to fight for his life again once he logged back into the game.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng felt much better about his situation. Although the event this time was perilous, the Shadow Incinerator's performance far exceeded his expectations.

The Incinerator's Phantasm Skill was especially incredible. Not only did it allow him to create an existence that was two tiers above him, but it also allowed him to perfectly recreate the weapons and equipment. If he hadn't been able to recreate the weapons and equipment he used during his previous life, even if he had managed to recreate his Tier 6 character, the Ancient God could have still beaten him black and blue.

Of course, the incredible Skill also came with an incredible price, its activation causing his level to fall from 155 to 135. With the God of Time's curse plaguing him, it would take him a considerable amount of time to recover these twenty levels.

No wonder the Crimson Wing could slaughter Ancient Gods left and right. If the Shadow Incinerator can already exhibit such strength with four seals placed on it, it wouldn't be completely impossible for a Tier 6 player wielding the unsealed version to slay Ancient Gods.

When Shi Feng thought about the four seals placed on the Shadow Incinerator, he couldn't help but grow a little excited.

Undoing the seals did not require him to collect precious materials. The four seals were merely Divine Might Seals, so all he needed to do was attack these seals with mental objects. The only problem was that these four Divine Might Seals were much stronger than the one the Shadow Incinerator had placed on him previously. Not only did these four Divine Might Seals place incredibly complex barriers on the Shadow Incinerator, but they also had significantly tougher mental nodes. In his current state, he would have no hope of breaking these four Divine Might Seals.

However, if he made use of the Ancient Dragon's Power, he could try to break the first complicated Divine Might Seal after he officially reached Tier 5. The first seal wasn't particularly hard to analyze. With his abilities as a Great Grandmaster Magician, he could locate the mental nodes given enough time.

So long as he could lift the first seal, the Shadow Incinerator should become strong enough to let him stand his ground even against Tier 6 players.

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Subsequently, several hours passed in the blink of an eye. While Shi Feng was still recuperating from his mentally weakened state, he received a message through his quantum watch, the message stating that the Star Lake Legion's selection had officially concluded. At the same time, the names of the top 1,000 participants were also announced.

When the selection list was announced, many people in Star Lake City couldn't help but grow confused.

Contrary to everyone's expectations, Shi Feng remained in first place. On the other hand, Gentle Snow, who was previously ranked 10th in the selection, had fallen to 17th.

However, Shi Feng wasn't surprised by this outcome.

Shi Feng had long told Gentle Snow and Hidden Soul that so long as they could get into the selection's top 100, they could become official participants in the Star Lake Legion. Scoring any higher in the selection would only let him attract more attention from the Star Lake Legion's higher-ups. The benefits they received from the legion wouldn't see any changes.

Evidently, Gentle Snow and Hidden Soul no longer bothered to test themselves after their first test. Instead, they had chosen to focus all their attention on improving themselves.

Not to mention, Gentle Snow and Hidden Soul were currently undertaking the Void Saint trial, so that was even more reason for them not to let themselves get distracted.

The Void Saint class was special. Even at his peak during his previous life, Shi Feng would have no choice but to flee if he came across a hostile Void Saint in the void. Otherwise, it would only be a matter of time before he got worn out and killed.

Without a Divine Weapon, it was simply impossible for non-Void Saints to kill a Void Saint of the same tier in the void.

But isn't the Star Lake Legion a little too hasty? The selection has just ended, yet it is already looking to test all qualified participants without giving anyone time to rest.

Shi Feng didn't know whether to laugh or cry when he saw the Star Lake Legion's invitation notice.

Being able to join the Star Lake Legion so soon was naturally good news for him. After all, he would only be provided free accommodation in the God's Domain Association for one month, and he doubted he could secure himself a room in the Association after this one month passed.

He also needed to pay contribution points if he wanted to continue living in the city. Aside from the first month after he entered the Greater World, he would be banished from the city if he failed to pay enough contribution points to Star Lake City in subsequent months. This was a rule that even the Star Lake Legion's commander would have to follow.

However, for people who weren't mental strength grandmasters, earning contribution points in a city was incredibly challenging. Many people would fail to meet their monthly quota even if they worked 24 hours a day every day.

This was because every city could only accommodate a limited population. Yet, countless people were arriving at the Greater World from various parallel worlds every day. As a result, every city could only supply a limited number of contribution points every day, and those seeking to stay in a city would have to fight for these points.

To make matters worse, most of a city's contribution points would be in the hands of the city's powerful families and corporations. If a person did not join one of these powerful families or corporations, they would have much greater difficulty earning contribution points.

However, it was a different story once a person became an official member of the Star Lake Legion. Official participants of the legion would have plenty of ways to earn contribution points. The legion would even award its official participants a fixed amount of contribution points every month, and participants only needed to earn a small amount of contribution points to pay their monthly residence contribution.

After Shi Feng finished reading the Star Lake Legion's message, he washed up himself and dragged his tired body to the Star Lake Training Center.

Chapter 3323: Alternate Ending 397 - Newcomers and Veterans

Chapter 397 – Newcomers and Veterans

Star Lake City, Star Lake Training Center:

When Shi Feng arrived outside the training center by car, the entrance was already crowded with people. Among these people, some were friends and families of those who had passed the selection, while some were the Star Lake Legion's reserve participants and members of the Star Lake City's various powerful families.

Shi Feng didn't think much of this scene and simply squeezed through the crowd.

Every city legion would only recruit members once a year, and the day of the recruitment would be the liveliest day of the year for a city. It would also be a day when many people's fates would change.

Apart from people who had passed a city legion's selection, the city legion's reserve participants and members of the city's various powerful families would also be paying close attention to this annual recruitment. One could even say that the latter group was much more concerned over the city legion's annual recruitment.

It was true that those who managed to get into a city legion selection's top 1,000 would be guaranteed a place in the city legion. However, not all members in the city legion would be of equal position.

Upon joining a city legion, a person would, first and foremost, be put into one of two main groups: official participants and reserve participants.

Of the 1,000 people who passed the selection, the top 100 would be made into official participants, while the remaining 900 would be made into reserve participants.

Subsequently, the city legion was split into three tiers of official participants, and each tier would have numerous battle groups. Every battle group would receive different treatment from the city legion based on their importance.

Ace battle groups received the best treatment in the legion, which showed in the contribution points they received each month. Even without doing anything, an ace battle group member could pay their monthly residence contribution and have excess points that they could use to exchange for the city's limited resources.

The city's limited resources were items highly coveted by the various corporations.

An example of these limited resources would be the Stardew. Just one drop of Stardew could drastically improve the user's nervous response system and let the user recover up to 50 years of their youth. If a person consumed one drop of Stardew every year, their mental strength would naturally rise from the one-star mental strength master standard to the one-star mental strength grandmaster standard within three to five years.

Even after a person became a mental strength grandmaster, consuming Stardew could still speed up the improvement of their mental strength, letting them reach the three-star mental strength grandmaster standard much more quickly. This would, in turn, give them a better chance at going beyond the grandmaster realm.

In addition, Stardew could let mental strength grandmasters better preserve their youthfulness. Typically, a mental strength grandmaster would have little to no chance of going beyond the grandmaster realm past the age of 100. However, if a mental strength

grandmaster regularly consumed Stardew, they could extend this time limit to 150 years old.

Unfortunately, because the various conglomerates monopolized the technology to manufacture Stardew, the various cities needed to go to great lengths just to exchange for a small amount. So, most cities could only afford to allocate their supply of Stardew to the members of their city legion. Moreover, it would be at the price of one million contribution points per drop of Stardew.

It should be known that the average civilian living in Star Lake City's suburbs only needed to pay a monthly residence contribution of 1,000 points. Even those living in the city center only needed to pay 3,000 points a month.

Meanwhile, the average official participant in the Star Lake Legion would only receive 2,000 contribution points a month if they didn't participate in any city battles. If they completed commissions for the city legion, they would receive about 100 contribution points per commission. So, it was nigh impossible for the average official participant to exchange a drop of Stardew.

Only by joining an ace battle group and participating in every city battle available could a person have any hopes of exchanging a drop of Stardew when they reached the retirement age of 50.

Therefore, it was of great importance that one joined an ace battle group when joining the Star Lake Legion.

In the Star Lake Legion, each battle group could only have up to 50 members. Specifically, each battle group could have up to 20 regulars and 30 replacements. The regulars of each battle group would usually be the ones participating in city battles, and the replacements would take the place of the regulars if the regulars happened to be out of commission.

As only those under the age of 50 could be in a city legion, there would be people retiring from the Star Lake Legion every year. This meant empty slots would be available in the various battle groups every year.

While the minimum requirement to join a battle group was to be an official participant, reserve participants could try for one of these vacant slots. After all, the Star Lake Legion's selection would only bring in 100 new official participants each year. Yet, the Star Lake Legion had nearly 200 battle groups spread across the three tiers. Thus, so long as a reserve participant could pass the basic test for official participants, they would be promoted into an official participant and qualify to join a battle group.

However, things were a little different for ace battle groups. Unlike normal battle groups led by two-star mental strength grandmasters, the Star Lake Legion's ace battle groups

were led by the legion's vice commanders. In addition, ace battle groups only accepted 30 members instead of 50 to consolidate their resources.

Meanwhile, the way newcomers could join an ace battle group was by defeating one of the three worst-performing replacement members of an ace battle group.

Of course, the veterans of an ace battle group would be required to limit their strength so newcomers would more or less have a chance at winning.

However, this "chance" would still have to depend on the strength of the three worst-performing participants. If a certain ace battle group's three worst-performing members were too strong, newcomers would have to choose another ace battle group or a normal battle group. After all, every participant only had three challenge attempts each year. If they failed all three of their attempts, they could no longer join a battle group for the rest of the year, and they would lose out on the opportunity to earn a large amount of contribution points from city battles.

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When Shi Feng arrived at the training center's top floor, he came upon a spacious arena that could easily accommodate 100,000 people.

Currently, there were a little over 20,000 people crowded in the middle of the arena, and every one of them was a member of the Star Lake Legion. Aside from the 1,000 people who had passed the selection this year, the rest of these Star Lake Legion members were either reserve participants from previous years or former official participants who had been eliminated from their old battle group.

Unlike the newcomer participants, these veteran participants carried a hostile gaze that instilled fear into the various newcomers. Moreover, many of these veterans had already reached the one-star mental strength grandmaster standard, and their mere presence caused the newcomers around them to feel uncomfortable.

Shortly after arriving in the arena, Shi Feng successfully grouped up with Gentle Snow and Hidden Soul.

At this time, Gentle Snow was dressed in white, while Hidden Soul was dressed in black. However, while Gentle Snow wore a sports outfit that revealed very little skin, Hidden Soul's outfit consisted of a short-sleeved shirt and a pair of short pants. When the two of them stood together, they were like the sun in the darkness. Many participants in the arena couldn't help but be drawn by their beauty and temperament.

"Are you alright, Guild Leader?" Gentle Snow worriedly asked when she saw Shi Feng's haggard face. "I heard that you and Commander Laura have caused a huge commotion while we were in the trial. Not only did an Ancient God appear, but the system has even forced those of us inside the trial space to go offline."

Hidden Soul also looked at Shi Feng with eyes full of curiosity. Just what kind of battle had taken place on the floating island for the system to forcibly log players out of the game? It should be known that even those challenging the Void Saint Legacy's trial were not spared.

"Don't worry; I'm just a little overspent mentally. I'll be fine after a few days of rest," Shi Feng waved his hand. "The situation outside has already been dealt with, so just focus on the trial and come out when you're done."

While Shi Feng and Gentle Snow were talking, several veteran participants nearby could be seen laughing and talking to each other.

"This year's number one doesn't look like much. Not only is he nearly the same age as me, but he's also only a two-star mental strength master," a muscular man in his early thirties said as he looked at Shi Feng, his voice full of contempt. Despite his age, the muscular man was already a one-star mental strength grandmaster. "How lucky of him to become an official participant with such low standards. If I had known this year's selection would be so easy, I would have waited two more years before trying for the city legion."

Standing next to the muscular man, a young man, who was similarly a one-star mental strength grandmaster, nodded and laughed, saying, "I know, right? The standard of this year's newcomers is terrible. They get to become official participants without facing any competition. But this is where their luck comes to an end. They'll get to learn how cruel reality is in a moment."

The two veteran participants' banter irritated many of the newcomer participants nearby. However, there was nothing these newcomers could say to refute these veterans.

The gap between mental strength grandmasters and mental strength masters was far too wide. The mental oppression of a one-star mental strength grandmaster alone was enough to interfere with a three-star mental strength master's ability to control their body.

Fortunately, they would only be competing with each other through virtual battles. The difference in their mental strength would also only reflect in their weapons and equipment.

While a one-star mental strength grandmaster could manifest up to six Fragmented Legendary items and one Legendary item, which was a lot more than the four Fragmented Legendary items that a three-star mental strength master could manifest, the difference in equipment standard wasn't overwhelming. It was still possible to make up for this difference using combat standards.

Not to mention, not all one-star mental strength grandmasters could necessarily manifest six Fragmented Legendary items, let alone a Legendary item.

While the participants in the arena were talking among themselves, a group of people arrived on the arena's second floor. The group was led by a woman with a wild but stunning appearance, and following this woman were about a dozen or so other people. Of the people following the woman, every one of them was a vice commander of the Star Lake Legion and an existence known by all in Star Lake City.

"I don't like to spout nonsense. Since everyone is here, let's begin the enrollment test!" the woman in the lead nonchalantly said after stepping onto the podium on the second floor. "Whoever scored first place in the selection, step forward! We'll start with you!"

Chapter 3324: Alternate Ending 398 - Starlight's Ten Greats

Chapter 398 – Starlight's Ten Greats

"Who is this person? Why is she letting a newcomer from the selection start first?"

"Shh! Keep your voice down! She's Red Frost, the Star Lake Legion's new commander!"

"What? She's *that* Madwoman?"

"Didn't they say that the Madwoman has the body of a bear and a voice that can cause people to go deaf?"

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Initially, many of the participants in the arena were dissatisfied with the words of the woman standing on the second-floor podium. After all, the woman looked roughly the same age as they were, possibly even younger. So, it was only natural they would get upset when the woman talked down to them in such a nonchalant manner.

However, after learning from others that the woman was the rumored new commander of the Star Lake Legion, they were promptly stunned.

Red Frost was a legend who had emerged from Star Lake City. In the past, even mighty conglomerates had extended invitations to her, offering her the position of Elder should she agree to join them.

This was because Red Frost used to be one of the Starlight Realm's Ten Greats.

Although Red Frost had inexplicably fallen from grace while visiting a Sanctuary in God's Domain and lost a significant portion of her strength even after getting resurrected, she remained a three-star mental strength grandmaster in the real world.

Or, more specifically, she was someone who had already stepped out of the realm of three-star mental strength grandmasters. She was still an existence that ordinary corporations feared.

“What? Do you people have an opinion?” Red Frost asked as she swept her gaze across the people who had spoken up. “Come up here if you have an opinion. I’ll find you a nice, quiet place to chat.”

“N-No... We don’t have an opinion...”

The people who had previously spoken up hurriedly shut their mouths.

Red Frost’s vengeful personality was known throughout the Starlight Realm. Anyone who dared to offend Red Frost would not have good days ahead of them. Even the Guild Leaders of upper-ranking hegemonic powers wouldn’t dare to offend Red Frost for fear of the trouble she could cause them.

Red Frost?

Shi Feng grew confused as he looked at the woman on the podium. Although he instantly recognized Red Frost as the staff member responsible for conducting his first selection test in the God’s Domain Association, he had never heard of the name Red Frost during his previous life.

Yet, going by everyone’s expressions and private discussions, it was evident that Red Frost was famous in the Greater God’s Domain. Moreover, she was someone whose mental strength was already very close to reaching the great grandmaster standard.

“Cowards!” Red Frost said as she rolled her eyes at the several people. Then, she returned her focus to the crowd and continued, “I also have one more thing to announce. I will be modifying the enrollment rules for this year. I’m thinking of taking your concern off of the limited number of official participant slots, so for this year, all of you can become official participants so long as you pass the basic test I’ve set.”

The crowd in the arena grew restless again when they heard Red Frost’s announcement.

The biggest hurdle for reserve participants to become official participants was the limited number of available official participant slots. So, having this limitation taken care of was naturally good news for them.

“Commander Frost! May we know what your test is?”

Once the crowd in the arena was finished processing Red Frost’s words, many reserve participants eagerly asked Red Frost for the content of her so-called basic test.

“Don’t be in such a hurry,” Red Frost said, smirking when she saw everyone’s eager looks. Then, she pointed at the vice commanders lined up next to her and continued, “So long as you can survive ten moves from one of them, you will have passed the basic test. If you can survive twenty moves, you’ll get to join an ace battle group. However, if you can’t survive even three moves from one of my vice commanders, come back and try again next year.”

As soon as Red Frost finished speaking, whether it was the participants gathered in the middle of the arena or the vice commanders standing next to Red Frost, all of them were dumbfounded.

“Isn’t this too high of a requirement, Commander?” Markless Blade anxiously asked. “Some people here are newcomers who’ve never even participated in simulation warfare. Moreover, anyone capable of surviving ten moves against us would already be at the captain level in the legion. These newcomers can’t even survive three moves against us, let alone ten.”

Simulation warfare might be similar to duels occurring in God’s Domain, but players needed to materialize their own weapons and equipment in simulation warfare, and doing so put a huge strain on one’s mind. Even a fourth-floor expert experienced in simulation warfare would have difficulty executing basic combat techniques after materializing their weapons and equipment, let alone a bunch of newcomers.

“No, I think Commander Frost’s idea is good, Brother Markless,” a young man with an imposing presence interjected. “The previous commander was too lenient on newcomers. If Star Lake City wishes to grow stronger, it will need stronger fighters to represent it in city battles!”

“If that’s the case, the number of people who will pass won’t even be enough to form a full battle group, Vice Commander Qilin,” Markless Blade said as he rolled his eyes at Chen Qilin. He was fully aware that Chen Qilin was looking to target Shi Feng, and he did not doubt Chen Qilin would let this perfect opportunity get away. If Shi Feng was prevented from passing even the basic test, Chen Qilin would then have a good excuse to sideline Shi Feng in the legion.

“Alright, let’s just begin!” Red Frost said, annoyed by Markless Blade’s and Chen Qilin’s bickering. Then, she swept her gaze across her vice commanders and asked, “Which one of you will go first?”

“Since I support the commander’s decision, let me be the first examiner,” Chen Qilin said, volunteering himself.

“Commander?” Markless Blade couldn’t help but turn to Red Frost. He refused to believe that Red Frost was unaware of Chen Qilin’s aim.

However, Red Frost did not respond to Markless Blade's gaze. Instead, she narrowed her eyes on Chen Qilin and faintly smiled, saying, "Good! You'll be the first examiner, then!"

"Many thanks, Commander! I won't disappoint you! I'll be sure to let these newcomers know your good intentions," Chen Qilin said, grinning. After saying so, Chen Qilin jumped down from the arena's second floor. Even though it was a seven-meter jump, not only did he land steadily on his feet, but he also didn't make any sound when landing. In addition, he started walking as soon as he landed, not needing to stop to stabilize himself at all. The control he had over his physical body had already reached inhuman levels.

Chapter 3325: Alternate Ending 399 - Soul-Stirring Slash

Chapter 399 – Soul-Stirring Slash

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Changing "newcomer" -> "rookie" for Chapters 397 and 398

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The reserve participants in the arena were startled when they saw Chen Qilin jumping down from the second floor.

"What?! We're starting with Vice Commander Qilin?!"

"If Vice Commander Qilin is going to be the first examiner, who would dare to take the test? I heard that the City Lord had granted Vice Commander Qilin the Legendary-ranked Demon God's Armor for the upcoming city battle. If he has this Demon God's Armor equipped, surviving even one move from him would be impossible, let alone ten..."

"The rookies' top-ranker sure is unlucky. With this, he will be a benchwarmer for an entire year."

When everyone saw Chen Qilin stepping onto the simulation ring and putting on the simulation device, they couldn't help but sympathize with Shi Feng.

Chen Qilin was a well-known genius in Star Lake City. In terms of combat standards, he was a strong contender for the number one spot among the Star Lake Legion's many vice commanders. After combining the piece of Legendary Equipment Chen Qilin had received from the City Lord, even the legion's former commander might not be a match for him in simulation warfare.

In reality, if not for Red Frost's sudden appearance, Chen Qilin would have been the most likely candidate to succeed the Star Lake Legion's former commander.

So, to have someone like Chen Qilin play the examiner role was absurd. Compared to challenging the other vice commanders, anyone who took their basic test from Chen Qilin would have to face significantly greater difficulty.

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Hahaha! The heavens are on my side! Let's see how my big brother will take care of you!

Chen Qitian's mood brightened significantly when he saw Shi Feng walking into the same simulation ring as his elder brother. Although his elder brother had previously promised him that he would take care of Shi Feng, he had more or less given up on this idea after Shi Feng secured first place in the selection. While his elder brother might be a vice commander of the Star Lake Legion, he still could not afford to create too much trouble for such a talented rookie, especially not when Commander Red Frost and the City Lord were paying attention to Shi Feng. At most, his elder brother could create some trouble for Shi Feng during city battles or put Shi Feng in the position of a replacement member in an ace battle group.

However, all that changed with Red Frost's arrangement. Now, Shi Feng shouldn't even consider joining an ordinary battle group, let alone an ace battle group.

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"What a pity." Thousand Scars sighed as she looked into the simulation ring. "My plan to surpass him during city battles won't be feasible anymore."

Thousand Scars was aware of the conflict surrounding Chen Qilin and Shi Feng. There was no way Chen Qilin would let go of this opportunity to take revenge for his younger brother. So, he was most definitely going to use 100% of his strength to deal with Shi Feng.

Players might be limited to the same tier and level in simulation warfare, but they had to use their mental strength to materialize their own weapons and equipment. In other words, the stronger a player's mental strength, the more advantageous of a position they would be in.

Not to mention, Chen Qilin was already at the Beyond Domain Realm in terms of combat standards. He was very close to matching pseudo-fifth-floor experts. In a situation where he had an advantage in equipment standards, there were zero chances of a titled expert surviving against him.

“There’s nothing to feel pity about,” Death Omen disdainfully said. “He wouldn’t be in this situation if he hadn’t provoked Chen Qitian that day. He is foolish to think he can go against a long-standing corporation simply because he has Black Flame backing him. The various corporations have countless geniuses under them. Even if Chen Qilin doesn’t deal with him today, there will be other geniuses from other corporations who will make him suffer.”

Thousand Scars nodded in agreement. At the same time, she celebrated the fact that she had joined the Paimon Conglomerate. Otherwise, she would’ve never been able to turn down the advances of young masters like Chen Qitian lest she wished to offend them.

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At this time, Chen Qitian and Thousand Scars weren’t the only ones paying close attention to Shi Feng. The several experts who had entered the Greater World with Shi Feng similarly scrutinized Chen Qilin and Shi Feng.

On one side of the simulation ring was Chen Qilin wearing heavy armor and carrying a silver-gray greatsword on his back. Chen Qilin even had a five-meter-tall body, a clear indicator that he possessed an extraordinary race in God’s Domain.

On the other side was Shi Feng wearing jet-black light armor and wielding a charcoal-like longsword. At first glance, Shi Feng looked like an impoverished traveler. Although he had a body that was nearly two meters tall, he looked no different than an infant compared to Chen Qilin’s five-meter-tall frame.

“Purple Jade, I heard that you’ve talked to Vice Commander Fused Blood about inviting Guild Leader Shi to do city missions together, but I don’t think he’s going to qualify for those missions now,” Alice, the Witch of the West, said as she looked at the woman in sportswear standing next to her.

Tier 6 players were rare, even in the Greater God’s Domain. Thus, different from Tier 4 and Tier 5 participants, Tier 6 participants were much more valued by the various city legions. As evidence, shortly after they arrived in Star Lake City, the Star Lake Legion’s Tier 6 vice commanders had already tried to recruit them into their respective ace battle groups. It was why they never cared about Shi Feng securing first place in the selection.

Looking at the blonde, doll-like girl standing next to her, Purple Jade anxiously said, “Vice Commander Qilin might have extraordinary strength, but Shi Feng is no pushover, either. He should have no trouble surviving ten moves.”

“Ten moves?” After looking at Chen Qilin’s five-meter-tall body, Alice shook her head and said, “Look at Chen Qilin. He’s not even bothering to hide his Legendary Equipment. A Tier 3 instructor like Shi Feng would be fortunate if he could survive even one move.”

While Chen Qilin might have had his tier suppressed to Tier 4 to match Shi Feng, his equipment standard was vastly superior to Shi Feng’s. Not only was Chen Qilin fully clad in Fragmented Legendary Equipment, but he even had the Legendary-ranked Demon God’s Armor. With such equipment standards, he could even fight against Tier 5 experts, let alone a Tier 4 rookie.

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In the simulation ring...

“Shi Feng, you might have won first place in the selection, but I’m going to show everyone here today that a genius is nothing more than a genius. Don’t get too conceited before you become a true powerhouse!” Chen Qilin said as he looked at the inconspicuous Swordsman before him. “Don’t worry. I won’t make things difficult for you. I’ll knock you out in one move!”

After saying so, Chen Qilin grabbed the greatsword on his back and charged at Shi Feng. Then, once he was within striking distance, he executed the Hurricane Slash combat technique, sending over 50 sword lights flying at Shi Feng. Chen Qilin’s Attack Speed was so overwhelming that it was impossible for the average Tier 4 player to even react to his attacks.

“One move?”

After looking at the incoming sword lights, Shi Feng casually swung the carbonized longsword in his hand.

The next moment, a black light flickered in the ring, which was followed by the sound of metal ringing. Then, a figure could be seen stumbling to the edge of the ring and stopping just in time to avoid instant disqualification.

Meanwhile, this figure belonged to none other than the five-meter-tall Chen Qilin. At this time, though, Chen Qilin’s confident expression was nowhere to be seen. Instead, replacing it was a look of confusion.

“My dear vice commander, don’t you think you are thinking too highly of yourself?”

Chapter 3326: Alternate Ending 400 - All Are Ants Beneath Tier 6

Chapter 400 – All Are Ants Beneath Tier 6

The arena fell silent when everyone saw Chen Qilin stumbling to the edge of the ring.

“Vice Commander Qilin lost the exchange?”

“What did that Shi Feng guy do?”

Everyone’s eyes bulged as they looked at Shi Feng quietly standing in the middle of the ring.

Everyone had gotten a clear look at the exchange that had taken place in the ring.

One slash!

Although they didn’t know how many strikes Chen Qilin launched, they were certain that Shi Feng had executed only one slash. Moreover, it was a simple slash that did not have any techniques applied to it. It was a common attack that ordinary players would use most often.

Is Big Brother deliberately making it easy for him? Chen Qitian wondered to himself as he looked at Chen Qilin in the ring. The only reason he could use to explain what just happened was that Chen Qilin had been holding back his strength. Otherwise, there was no way Shi Feng, who wasn’t even a mental strength grandmaster, could repulse Chen Qilin, who was equipped with the Demon God’s Armor and a bunch of Fragmented Legendary items. Not to mention, Shi Feng had accomplished this feat using nothing but a normal attack.

It should be known that Chen Qilin’s equipment allowed his Basic Attributes to match a well-equipped Tier 5 Berserker in Basic Attributes.

It might have been possible for Shi Feng to repulse Chen Qilin if he had used an astounding combat technique or heaven-defying Skill, but a normal attack? Under normal circumstances, Shi Feng would have been sent flying out of the ring the instant their weapons touched.

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In the simulation ring...

After taking a deep breath, Chen Qilin put on a serious expression as he looked at Shi Feng and raised his greatsword.

Unlike the spectators outside the simulation ring, Chen Qilin was aware of what Shi Feng had done. Shi Feng had accurately read the movement of his arms and took

advantage of this knowledge by striking him during one of the brief instances where his arms were relaxed after they had just finished executing a swinging motion.

“It seems I’ve underestimated you, Shi Feng. I didn’t think you could catch such a small detail. However, I won’t let you replicate this miracle a second time!”

After saying so, Chen Qilin suddenly transformed the greatsword in his hands into a pillar of light and sent it smashing into Shi Feng.

Mana Technique, Dawn Sword!

This was an attack without any fancy movements. The only thing this attack had was absolute destructive power. It was an attack that could turn the entire simulation ring into a desolate wasteland.

“As expected of Vice Commander Qilin. It seems he was indeed trying to let the rookie preserve some of his dignity.”

“I see! I get it now! I was nearly fooled by Vice Commander Qilin’s acting skills for a second there!”

“It seems even Vice Commander Qilin doesn’t dare to go overboard in his actions. But I guess that makes sense. We are talking about the top ranker of this year’s rookies, after all. The commander even appointed him to be the first to take the test. Vice Commander Qilin would make the commander look bad if he eliminated the rookie on the first move.”

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When the peanut gallery saw Chen Qilin using his trademark move, aside from being stunned by Chen Qilin’s prowess, they also quickly concluded that Chen Qilin was merely acting when he got sent stumbling to the edge of the ring.

After all, Red Frost had taken the initiative to appoint Shi Feng as the first examinee for her test. Had Chen Qilin eliminated Shi Feng on the first move, it would be no different than slapping Red Frost across the face.

However, it’d be a different story if Chen Qilin deliberately lost the first move to Shi Feng, offered Shi Feng some words of praise, and then eliminated Shi Feng on the second move.

If that were the case, Shi Feng’s defeat could be announced to the public as “This year’s top rookie remains standing even after receiving one move from the Star Lake Legion’s Vice Commander Chen Qilin.” Such an achievement could allow Shi Feng’s fame in Star Lake City to skyrocket.

At this time, Thousand Scars and Death Omen also bought into the peanut gallery's reasoning, looks of realization appearing on them.

It was clear to them that Chen Qilin possessed astonishing strength. He even used to be a strong contender for the position of the Star Lake Legion's commander. So, Thousand Scars and Death Omen were greatly shocked when they saw Shi Feng repulsing Chen Qilin.

However, after hearing that Chen Qilin was most likely acting, Thousand Scars and Death Omen couldn't help but sigh in relief.

The fact that Zero Wing had an expert like Black Flame was already plenty astonishing.

If, on top of that, Zero Wing had an Acting Guild Leader who could win against someone of Chen Qilin's caliber, Zero Wing would have no trouble rising in the Greater World.

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When everyone thought the simulation warfare was about to end, Shi Feng suddenly split into two copies of himself: one stood in the middle of the ring, while the other stood behind Chen Qilin.

"If the first time is a miracle, what about the second time?" the Shi Feng standing behind Chen Qilin asked, revealing a faint smile as he pierced Chen Qilin's heart with his carbonized longsword.

An afterimage?!

Chen Qilin's eyes widened in shock when he saw the Shi Feng in the middle of the stage gradually fading away.

Formless Steps!

It was one of the most basic footwork in God's Domain.

Normally, expert players would use this footwork to toy with beginners, and anyone who had reached the Domain Realm could easily see through it. Yet, he had failed to realize that the person standing in front of him all this time was actually nothing more than an afterimage?

"Your reaction speed surpasses mine? Are you a monster?"

Whilst his body was collapsing onto the ring, Chen Qilin turned around to look at Shi Feng in confusion. As a Beyond Domain Realm expert, the only way Shi Feng could fool him using Formless Steps was if Shi Feng's reaction speed surpassed his.

But how could a Tier 4 player possibly have such reaction speed?

“It seems you’re not entirely ignorant,” Shi Feng said as he sheathed the Shadow Incinerator.

Chen Qilin was indeed strong. Not just in equipment standards but also in combat standards. Shi Feng would have been in for a tough fight if it was before obtaining the Shadow Incinerator.

Unfortunately for Chen Qilin, after obtaining the Shadow Incinerator, Shi Feng could push his Concentration standard to Tier 6, even without upgrading the Winter of Eternal Night to the Legendary rank. Hence, even though his Basic Attributes in the simulation warfare remained at the Tier 4 standard, his reaction speed had already reached the Tier 5 standard.

In addition, Shi Feng’s powerful Concentration allowed him to perceive everything around him perfectly, which naturally included Chen Qilin’s movements. So, he took advantage of the instant Chen Qilin had relaxed his mind to quietly appear behind the other party.

Of course, while all this seemed miraculous to Chen Qilin, it was a different story for the spectators outside the ring. From the spectators’ perspective, they only saw Shi Feng executing Formless Steps to quickly arrive behind Chen Qilin and land a strike. Meanwhile, Chen Qilin stood still like a wooden block throughout this time.

This was the might of Tier 6 existences!

Unless players reached Tier 6 in their Concentration, they couldn’t keep anything,, not even their mental states, a secret from a Tier 6 existence. Depending on the Tier 6 existence’s strength, they might not even need to execute any physical or magical attacks to kill existences beneath Tier 6. Instead, they could simply launch mental attacks, such as Divine Might, to give players below Tier 6 a mental death.

Meanwhile, after Chen Qilin collapsed under Shi Feng’s sword, the whole arena suddenly fell deathly silent as everyone stared at Chen Qilin’s corpse in disbelief. Particularly, Chen Qitian, who was about to celebrate his elder brother’s victory, had his jaw fall wide open.

Chen Qilin lost!

The Star Lake Legion’s unofficial First Vice Commander lost!

Chapter 3327: Alternate Ending 401 - Asura

Chapter 401 – Asura

“Can someone tell me what just happened?”

“Why did Vice Commander Qilin let Shi Feng get behind him?”

“Did Vice Commander Qilin just lose on purpose?”

When the surrounding crowd saw Chen Qilin’s five-meter-tall body collapse, confusion filled them after a brief silence.

Chen Qilin was not just any vice commander in the Star Lake Legion. In the current Star Lake Legion, his strength was second to only Red Frost.

Yet, such an expert had lost to a rookie?

No matter how everyone thought about it, they felt Chen Qilin must have lost on purpose. Otherwise, why would Chen Qilin stand still like a wooden block?

“Did Chen Qilin lose his mind?” Thousand Scars was flabbergasted when she saw how the battle had ended. “He is a vice commander of the Star Lake Legion. He is the face of the entire legion. Does he even understand what it means for him to lose to a rookie?”

The Star Lake Legion’s vice commanders were right below the commander in strength. If one of these vice commanders were to lose to a rookie, they wouldn’t just be ruining their own reputation but the entire legion’s reputation instead.

“His loss...was inevitable,” Death Omen said with a grim look, her reaction to Chen Qilin’s loss completely different from Thousand Scars’s reaction. “That guy... Shi Feng can no longer be considered human.”

“Chen Qilin’s loss was inevitable? Shi Feng’s not human?” Thousand Scars turned to look at Death Omen in surprise and confusion, her mind failing to comprehend the meaning behind Death Omen’s words.

Thousand Scars admitted that Shi Feng was powerful. From his first exchange with Chen Qilin, she could tell that he had most definitely reached the standard of titled experts.

However, there were plenty of titled experts in the Star Lake Legion. Or, more specifically, which member of the various ace battle groups wasn’t a titled expert?

However, to say that a titled expert could overwhelm Chen Qilin to a point where the latter couldn’t even react was beyond exaggeration.

“If we are comparing combat standards, those two are indeed evenly matched,” Death Omen said before pausing to take a deep breath. Then, with hints of fear in her eyes, she looked at Shi Feng’s figure and continued, “But Shi Feng’s Concentration...has already reached the Tier 6 standard.”

Players who had never reached Tier 6 would not have noticed why Chen Qilin had lost to Shi Feng. However, it was a different story for Death Omen, someone who was formerly a Tier 6 expert and knew the capabilities of a Tier 6 player.

His Concentration has reached Tier 6?

Thousand Scars gasped when she heard Death Omen’s words, an expression of disbelief appearing on her face as she turned to look at Shi Feng. Although she had never reached Tier 6, she had fought against many of the Flower of Seven Sins’ Tier 6 experts, so she knew how scary a player could be when their Concentration reached the Tier 6 standard.

Any player without Tier 6 Concentration would be highly susceptible to the mental influence of a player with Tier 6 Concentration. With Tier 6 Concentration, one could perceive even the subtle details of another person’s mental state that the person in question wasn’t even aware of.

In a one-on-one situation, so long as there wasn’t too significant of a gap in Basic Attributes or combat standards, a player with Tier 6 Concentration could trample over a player without Tier 6 Concentration.

But how could a Tier 4 player have Tier 6 Concentration?

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At this time, Death Omen wasn’t the only person who had noticed Shi Feng’s Concentration standard. Every expert who was either at Tier 6 or had reached Tier 6 before was currently staring at Shi Feng with widened eyes. Some were puzzled, some were intimidated, and some were pleasantly surprised.

Meanwhile, after Markless Blade learned about the situation from his fellow vice commanders, he tentatively looked to the woman leisurely sitting behind him and asked, “Did you find out his Concentration has reached Tier 6 beforehand, Commander? Is that why you were confident in letting him fight Chen Qilin?”

Markless Blade was aware that Red Frost held a high opinion of Shi Feng. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have bothered to remember Shi Feng’s name.

However, no matter how high of an opinion Red Frost had of Shi Feng, it was still insane to let a rookie fight against Chen Qilin. Unless, of course, Red Frost didn’t want Shi Feng in the legion, which definitely wasn’t the case. In that case, it could only mean

that Red Frost knew for certain Shi Feng would do fine even if he went up against Chen Qilin.

“No, I didn’t know that,” Red Frost said, shaking her head. Then, looking at Shi Feng with a hint of joy, she licked her lips and continued, “My initial thought was that he would suffer a major setback in Chen Qilin’s hands. I wouldn’t even be surprised if he failed to last ten moves. However, I didn’t expect him to give me such a huge surprise. Tier 6 Concentration! With this, I can give those old bastards over at Jade Light City a piece of my mind!”

“You didn’t know?” Red Frost’s words rendered Markless Blade speechless. “Yet, you still let Chen Qilin fight him? What if Shi Feng gets eliminated?”

“Eliminated?” Red Frost nonchalantly chuckled. “I won’t let him get eliminated. If he fails the test, I’ll use my commander’s privilege to let him join an ace battle group.”

“Your privilege?” When Markless Blade heard Red Frost’s statement, he couldn’t help but ask, “You only get one slot every decade. Wouldn’t it be a waste to use it on Shi Feng?”

Being the Star Lake Legion’s commander came with many privileges, and key among them was the privilege to unconditionally let one person under the age of 50 join an ace battle group.

Normally, this privilege would be used as a bargaining chip to poach peerless paragons from other cities. And as this privilege was incredibly unfair to the city’s countless geniuses and paragons, the Star Lake Legion’s commander was limited to only one such slot every decade.

“No, he is worth this slot!” Red Frost said definitively.

“He’s worth it?” Markless Blade turned to look at Shi Feng in confusion when he heard Red Frost’s answer.

Red Frost’s decision might have made sense if she had made it after learning that Shi Feng possessed Tier 6 Concentration, but before? No matter how Markless Blade thought about it, such a decision would be illogical. After all, their previous impression of Shi Feng was that he was only a titled expert, and there were plenty of titled experts in the Star Lake Legion.

When Red Frost saw Markless Blade’s confusion, she chuckled and asked, “Do you know about the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s Seven Luminaries Lists?”

“Who *doesn’t* know about the Seven Luminaries Lists?” Markless Blade responded in a strange tone. “All players in the Greater God’s Domain pay attention to them. But what do they have to do with Shi Feng?”

The Seven Luminaries Alliance's Seven Luminaries Lists were known throughout the Greater God's Domain. There were three of these lists: the Luminous Glory List, the Sacred Glory List, and the Divine Glory List. The three lists catered to Tier 4, Tier 5, and Tier 6 players respectively, and each recorded 1,000 experts from Greater God's Domain.

Any player who could get on one of the three lists, whether it was the Luminous Glory List for Tier 4s or the Divine Glory List for Tier 6s, would be an individual standing at the apex of the Greater God's Domain.

The reason why even conglomerates respected Red Frost was that she used to be on the Divine Glory List in the past. During her prime, her fame in the Starlight Realm was second to none.

After all, throughout the Starlight Realm's history, fewer than ten players from the Starlight Realm had managed to get into the Seven Luminaries Lists.

Indeed. They wouldn't have ten players even if they counted all three lists.

"Of course he has something to do with it!" Red Frost said, grinning. "A change has occurred to the latest Luminous Glory List the Seven Luminaries Alliance has published internally. The 963rd ranker has fallen to 964th place, and the current 963rd ranker is Zero Wing's Guild Leader, the Asura Sword Emperor Black Flame!"

Chapter 3328: Alternate Ending 402 - Seven Luminaries Lists

Chapter 402 – Seven Luminaries Lists

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TL Notes:

Fixed an error in Chapter 400-

Formless Steps -> Mirage Steps

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"Black Flame? 963rd on the Luminous Glory List?" Markless Blade gasped when he heard Red Frost's words. "Are you serious, Commander?"

The Seven Luminaries Lists held incredible prestige in the Greater God's Domain. Even if Black Flame was only at the bottom of the Luminous Glory List, getting onto the list in and of itself was already a remarkable feat.

The Ten Great Paragons of a kingdom?

The Ten Great Geniuses of an empire?

These people were nothing compared to the people on the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Luminous Glory List.

According to rough statistics, there were easily over a thousand Realms in the Greater God's Domain. On the other hand, the Luminous Glory List only recorded 1,000 players. In other words, an entire Realm might not even see one of its players being entered into the Luminous Glory List. However, so long as a player managed to get into the Luminous Glory List, it would mean that they already stood at the apex of Tier 4 players in their Realm.

"Of course. This is insider information that I received," Red Frost said definitively. "It shouldn't take more than a week before the Seven Luminaries Alliance announces the change to the Luminous Glory List."

"Hahaha!" Markless Blade couldn't help but laugh out loud when he heard Red Frost's affirmation. "963rd on the Luminous Glory List! With this, I can tell others that I once engaged an expert on the Luminous Glory List in an intense battle!"

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that none of the Starlight Realm's Tier 4 players had ever considered entering the Luminous Glory List one day. Even the various conglomerates' core paragons would, at most, set the top 10 of the Starlight Realm's Hundred Nations Paragon Battle as their ultimate goal at Tier 4.

Originally, Markless Blade still bore some hatred for Black Flame. Now, though, he only felt joy from being defeated by Black Flame.

It should be known even the opportunity to spectate an expert on the Luminous Glory List fight was incredibly rare and valuable. The opportunity was so precious that not even the executives of ordinary corporations could get their hands on a ticket. Only conglomerates could get their hands on a few tickets.

Yet, now, it was revealed that he had fought an expert on the Luminous Glory List. This was an opportunity even conglomerates would have great difficulty acquiring.

"Can you show some dignity?" Red Frost couldn't help but roll her eyes at Markless Blade.

Contrasting Red Frost's reaction, the other vice commanders present couldn't help but look at Markless Blade enviously.

"How lucky can you get, Brother Markless? You actually got to fight such an expert in his early days."

"Damn! Why didn't I take part in the Ancient River Kingdom's Rookie Competition?"

"Brother Markless, tell us about Black Flame! How are his combat standards?"

For a time, the various vice commanders eagerly asked Markless Blade questions, none caring about their dignity or the look of contempt Red Frost was giving them.

From their perspectives, experts on the Luminous Glory List were akin to characters from fairy tales. If they could learn even a little bit of information about these characters, they might receive some inspiration for their own development.

While the various vice commanders were busy asking for Black Flame's information, Red Frost walked up to the podium, her reappearance instantly silencing the noisy crowd in the arena.

"As you've seen, Vice Commander Qilin has been defeated," Red Frost said as she glanced at Chen Qilin, who was in the middle of removing his simulation device. Then, she continued, "As I've previously stated, whoever can last ten moves will pass. But now that Shi Feng has defeated Vice Commander Qilin, Shi Feng will take Chen Qilin's place as a vice commander in the Star Lake Legion from now on. Of course, if any of you can similarly defeat a vice commander, you will enjoy the same treatment!"

As soon as Red Frost finished speaking, the entire arena went into an uproar.

"What?! Is Commander Red Frost for real?!"

"Does this mean Vice Commander Qilin didn't get defeated on purpose?"

"This is wonderful! Hurry up and continue with the test! I'm going to challenge those other vice commanders!"

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For a time, the people in the arena were filled with surprise and worry. Though, the majority of them couldn't help but be excited by Red Frost's announcement.

If it were in the past, they'd have to meet incredibly stringent requirements if they wanted to become a vice commander in the Star Lake Legion. Firstly, they needed to reach the two-star mental strength grandmaster standard. Secondly, they needed to make sufficient contributions to the legion.

Now, though, all they needed to do was defeat a vice commander. The difficulty of becoming a vice commander had undoubtedly been reduced significantly, and this gave everyone hope that they, too, could become a vice commander. Only...

After nearly a day of continuous simulation warfare, those who aspired to become vice commanders had fallen into despair.

Out of the 10,000-plus people in the arena, nobody other than Shi Feng managed to defeat a vice commander. In fact, no more than 100 people managed to last ten moves against the legion's vice commanders.

This situation taught everyone that Shi Feng's victory wasn't due to luck. It also wasn't because Chen Qilin was weak. Instead, it was because Shi Feng was too strong.

Aside from Shi Feng, the women going by the names of Gentle Snow and Hidden Soul were also ridiculously strong. Both women had lasted over 30 moves against a vice commander, their achievements instantly granting them the qualifications to join an ace battle group.

Upon seeing the achievements of Shi Feng, Gentle Snow, and Hidden Soul, everyone couldn't help but wonder what kind of Guild Zero Wing was exactly.

Zero Wing only had three people partaking in the enrollment test. Yet, out of these three people, two had become ace battle group members and one had become a vice commander. The achievements of Zero Wing's members had shattered everyone's understanding of the enrollment test.

In addition, one other shocking matter occurred after the enrollment test. More specifically, this matter was related to the various foreign powers which had come to Star Lake City to poach Gentle Snow.

Once the enrollment test ended, these powers had seemingly forgotten their original intentions of recruiting Gentle Snow as none of them attempted to approach her. Instead, the representatives of these powers all approached Shi Feng to congratulate him. They also openly expressed that so long as Shi Feng was willing to become a vice commander in their respective city's legion, they could ensure him the position of commander within three to five years.

Since the founding of Star Lake City, this was definitely the first time a rookie from Star Lake City was made such a lucrative offer.

However, when these recruiters met with Red Frost's smiling expression, they promptly dispersed and stopped pestering Shi Feng.

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Nighttime, God's Domain Association:

Thousand Scars and Death Omen carefully entered a conference room on the 600th floor. When they entered, two people were already seated in the room that was the size of a basketball court. Of these two people, one was a man, while the other was a woman. Both these people looked young, so young that even Thousand Scars could not help but envy their youth.

In reality, these two people were already around the age of 26. They were much older than Thousand Scars, who was only 19 this year. However, both of them were two-star mental strength grandmasters. Moreover, they were already at the limits of the two-star grandmaster standard and were only half a step away from becoming three-star mental strength grandmasters!

Despite being incredibly talented, even Thousand Scars couldn't help but envy these two people.

In the Greater World, one would be publicly acknowledged as a genius if they became a one-star mental strength grandmaster before 30. If they could reach this standard before 25, their names could be entered into the history books of Star Lake City, as only a few such people had ever emerged from the city.

As for reaching the limits of the two-star mental strength grandmaster standard around the age of 26, no such existence had ever emerged from Star Lake City.

Even if the scope was expanded to cover the several dozen third-tier cities neighboring Star Lake City and the second-tier city governing these third-tier cities, such geniuses were few and far between.

An ordinary two-star grandmaster might look to be on the same level as someone who was at the limits of the two-star grandmaster standard, but the two were no longer existences on the same level.

Most people were under the impression that there was only a simple one-level gap between two-star and three-star mental strength grandmasters. However, for conglomerates and upper-ranking hegemonic powers, they knew that the two were two entirely different creatures. Hence, it was incredibly difficult to cross the threshold of three-star mental strength grandmasters, and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the chances of a two-star grandmaster succeeding were less than one in ten thousand.

Meanwhile, a person who had reached the limits of the two-star mental strength grandmaster had already taken half a step into the realm of three-star mental strength grandmasters, and it was only a matter of time before they crossed the threshold completely.

Moreover, out of these two people, Thousand Scars was incredibly familiar with the woman. This was because she had met this woman in the World Passage, and the woman's name was none other than White Owl!

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Chapter 403 – A Swordsman Nearing Ancient Gods

“Have a seat.”

When the young man in the suit and tie saw Thousand Scars and Death Omen entering the conference room, he pointed at the sofa before him and signaled for the two to be at ease.

However, be that as it may, neither Thousand Scars nor Death Omen dared to act casually. It was especially so for Thousand Scars. Even as a three-star mental strength master, she failed to keep her emotions in check and revealed an anxious expression.

It had already been over a month since Thousand Scars joined the Paimon Conglomerate. She had also joined the conglomerate much sooner than Death Omen, so she knew much more about the conglomerate than Death Omen did.

As an outer member who was in the middle of striving to become an internal member in the Paimon Conglomerate, the chances of Thousand Scars coming across White Owl, one of the conglomerate's Ten Great Paragons, were close to zero under normal circumstances. This was because their paths in life existed in parallel to each other.

Take the battle in the World Passage, for example. Despite being an internal reserve member, Thousand Scars didn't even qualify to be part of the army White Owl led. Only internal paragons such as Meteor could qualify.

Apart from her status, White Owl's strength was also something Thousand Scars greatly feared.

In Thousand Scars's opinion, Meteor was already an incredible expert, and it would take her quite some time before she could hope to match him. However, in front of White Owl, the so-called “incredible expert” Meteor would probably last no more than one move. After all, White Owl was an expert who was only half a step from crossing the threshold of the World Tower's fifth floor, reaching the legendary fifth-floor standard.

However, compared to White Owl, the smartly dressed young man was even more terrifying of an existence!

The Paimon Conglomerate's Third Paragon!

Nameless Blade!

Moreover, the Nameless Blade wasn't just the Paimon Conglomerate's Third Paragon. At the same time, he was also the conglomerate's Second Successor.

Indeed! Nameless Blade was one of the Paimon Conglomerate's successors!

The likes of Dira weren't even worthy of carrying Nameless Blade's shoes, and even the Paimon Conglomerate's Three Overlords needed to treat Nameless Blade with respect.

Even if Nameless Blade failed to become the Paimon Conglomerate's helmsman in the future, he could still become a senior vice president of the Paimon Conglomerate and govern the many upper-ranking hegemonic powers subordinated to the conglomerate. Compared to the Three Overlords, who only got to manage one Tier 6 trump card legion each, his status would be much higher in the conglomerate at that time.

So, it was only natural for Thousand Scars to grow anxious after suddenly coming face-to-face with such a big shot. If she accidentally offended Nameless Blade, she could very well be banished from the various moving cities and forced to live in hardship for the rest of her life.

"No need to be nervous. Just think of me as your colleague," Nameless Blade said with a helpless smile when he saw neither Thousand Scars nor Death Omen daring to sit down. "If you two don't take a seat, our conversation can't go anywhere."

"Just sit. Mr. Blade is different from Dira," White Owl said. "In fact, you'll only make Mr. Blade uncomfortable if you think of him the same as Dira."

Hearing this, Thousand Scars and Death Omen nodded and stopped being polite.

"I heard that both of you are acquainted with Black Flame." While pouring the two tea, Nameless Blade smiled and curiously asked, "May I know if you have any detailed information on him?"

Thousand Scars and Death Omen exchanged looks with each other.

"I know more about Black Flame, so I'll speak," Death Omen said. Although she was curious as to why Nameless Blade would be interested in Black Flame, she chose to say everything she knew, starting from how she learned of Black Flame to how he subsequently stirred up a storm in the Miniature Ancient World...

"I see." Nameless Blade fell into a long silence once he finished hearing Death Omen's story. "It seems our conjecture was correct. You don't know about Black Flame's true identity, either."

"We are not Zero Wing's members, after all. We can't probe deeper into his identity even if we wanted to," Death Omen explained. "If anyone would know about Black Flame's true identity, it would most likely have to be my cousin and Zero Wing's core executives."

"Your cousin?" Curiously, Nameless Blade asked, "May I know who your cousin is?"

"Hidden Soul!" Death Omen said venomously. "She used to be the one who took away my position as a commander in the Flower of Seven Sins, but now she is very close to Zero Wing. She also has a close relationship with Black Flame as Black Flame did not hesitate to start a war with the Flower of Seven Sins for her sake."

"This is good news." Nameless Blade suddenly smiled.

"Good news?" Death Omen looked at Nameless Blade in puzzlement, her mind failing to understand how this was supposed to be good news.

"I hope you two can join Zero Wing!" Nameless Blade said, getting straight to the point. "With your blood relationship with your cousin, it should be relatively easy for you to join the ranks of Zero Wing's core executives."

"This..." Death Omen couldn't help but doubt her hearing when she heard Nameless Blade's request.

It should be known that Black Flame was the villain who had not only annihilated an army of several hundred thousand strong belonging to the Paimon Conglomerate, but had also caused Dira to nearly suffer Soul Annihilation.

At this point, the Paimon Conglomerate should want nothing more than to erase Black Flame's existence. Yet, now, Nameless Blade wanted her to let go of her past grievances to join Zero Wing, the Guild led by Black Flame? This was utterly insane!

"This is an order!" Nameless Blade strictly said, instantly changing his "request" into an order when he saw Death Omen's reaction. "Also, you two won't be the only ones joining Zero Wing. Once you're in, I'll also need you to introduce us to Zero Wing!"

"You are also joining Zero Wing, Mr. Blade?"

Thousand Scars felt that she had experienced an auditory hallucination. She could understand Nameless Blade having them join Zero Wing. After all, it was common for the various powers to use their base-level members to conduct espionage on other powers.

However, it was a different story for Nameless Blade.

The Paimon Conglomerate's Second Successor enjoyed status few people could match or overtake in the Starlight Realm.

Yet, now, this Second Successor was humbling himself to join Zero Wing for the sake of a player named Black Flame. If these words didn't come directly from Nameless Blade's mouth, Thousand Scars would have never believed them.

It should be known that the current Zero Wing wasn't even a hegemonic power in the Starlight Realm. What qualifications did Zero Wing have to get a peerless paragon from the Paimon Conglomerate to join it?

"Definitely. This is also my goal in coming to Star Lake City," Nameless Blade said. Then, revealing a wry smile, he continued, "You have no idea how big of a price I had to pay to snatch this opportunity."

"You had to *pay* a price to come here?" Death Omen was astonished.

Logically, there should be nothing outside the reach of a successor of the Paimon Conglomerate. Yet, Nameless Blade was saying that he had to make significant sacrifices to come to a backwater city like Star Lake City? For a moment, Death Omen couldn't help but doubt her worldview.

White Owl remained quiet when she saw Death Omen's response. The matter regarding Black Flame currently remained top secret even within the Paimon Conglomerate, so she didn't have the authority to reveal information on the matter. That was something up to Nameless Blade to decide.

"...I guess it'll be alright to tell you two now since this matter won't be a secret in the future," Nameless Blade said, sighing. Then, he retrieved a document from his briefcase and put it on the table, saying, "Take a look at it yourselves. However, remember never to share what you see with anyone else. Otherwise, the consequences will be beyond your ability to bear!"

Hearing Nameless Blade's words, Death Omen and Thousand Scars couldn't help but hesitate as they looked at the document on the table.

If they looked at the document, they would most definitely be burdened with a heavy responsibility that came with severe consequences. Yet, they would be plagued by curiosity if they chose not to read the document. They also felt they would be letting something important pass by them.

Let's take a risk!

Ultimately, Death Omen and Thousand Scars decided to see what secrets Zero Wing held that would necessitate a big shot like Nameless Blade to make a personal visit to Star Lake City.

Around a dozen minutes later, Death Omen and Thousand Scars became completely silent.

That person is actually a Swordsman nearing Ancient Gods?

Chapter 3330: Alternate Ending 404 - New List

Chapter 404 – New List

Silver Frost City, Green God Corporation's branch headquarters:

Next to the bustling street, a group of young male and female teenagers were gathered outside the Green God Corporation's entrance.

"Amazing! So, this is the Greater World?"

"Isn't this a little too insane? Mental strength masters that are incredibly rare in our world are everywhere here!"

"I know, right? Even in the Upper Zone I stayed in, mental strength masters were regarded as extraordinary individuals. But here, any random 16-year-old could be a mental strength master. This is simply absurd."

The group of teenagers looked at their surroundings in curiosity. Their gazes were filled with awe even when they looked at the pedestrians walking on the sidewalk.

These teenagers were geniuses selected by the Green God Corporation from their homeworld to enter the Greater World. They were brimming with confidence when they were initially chosen. However, after arriving in the Greater World, their confidence instantly plummeted as they realized that their talent in mental strength was nothing compared to the Greater World's inhabitants.

Meanwhile, in response to the teenagers' awe-struck behavior, the pedestrians only glanced at them before going on their way. The teenagers' behavior had long become a common sight to them.

It was common for corporations in the Greater World to select a group of talented young people from their respective homeworlds and bring these talents to the Greater World for training. It was so that these corporations could get more people into city legions.

Now that the selection for Silver Frost City's city legion this year had already ended, the various corporations and powerful families would naturally start preparing for next year's selection.

While the teenagers outside the Green God Corporation were waiting to enter the building, a woman in office wear walked past them and into the building. Upon seeing the beautiful woman in her mid-twenties, whether the security guards by the entrance or the middle-aged man leading the group of talented teenagers, all of them wore respectful looks as they watched her walk by.

"Who is this person, Instructor? She doesn't look much older than us," a young man whose mental strength had reached the one-star master standard asked the middle-aged man leading their group, unable to contain his surprise when he saw the middle-aged man's reaction.

It should be known that the Chief Instructor leading them was a big shot in the Upper Zones. At the same time, he was a bona fide one-star mental strength grandmaster. So, the young man found it unbelievable that the Chief Instructor was behaving respectfully to someone who was not only younger but also wasn't even a mental strength grandmaster.

"Shh! Keep your voice down! She is Lu Wen, Vice President Xia's secretary! She is also your senior," the middle-aged man said as he glared at the youth. "Two years ago, she was similarly selected by the corporation to enter the Greater World like you all. Currently, she is already a group leader in the Silver Frost Legion. If any of you can get into the Silver Frost Legion next year, you might even be able to join her battle group."

The youths' mouths widened when they heard their Chief Instructor's words, their eyes filled with yearning and anticipation as they watched Lu Wen disappear into the building.

"A group leader in the Silver Frost Legion, is it?"

"I'm definitely getting into the Silver Frost Legion next year!"

The Greater World's wonders had already let them realize how small and frail their homeworld was. Whether it was the average lifespan or technological standards in the Greater World, both were vastly superior to what was available in their homeworld. Moreover, it was only a matter of time before everyone from their homeworld would need to migrate to the Greater World. At that time, the vast majority of people could only live in the Greater World's towns, and only a very small minority would get to live in the Greater World's cities to enjoy a long life and youth.

If they wanted to be able to remain in the Greater World's cities, their only options were to either become a mental strength grandmaster or a participant of a city legion. At that time, not only could they continue staying in a city, but they could also receive the

Green God Corporation's focus, becoming an existence even superpowers feared and respected.

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Green God Corporation's top-floor office...

When Lu Wen entered the office, she saw Xia Qingying in the middle of processing various documents and a woman quietly seated next to Xia Qingying.

The woman seated next to Xia Qingying had her face hidden by an electronic barrier. Even though Lu Wen couldn't see the woman's face, she felt an instinctive fear when she stood in the other party's presence, even more so than when she stood facing a three-star mental strength grandmaster.

However, Lu Wen didn't place too much attention to the woman. Instead, she walked up to Xia Qingying's desk and dejectedly reported, "Vice President Xia, the selection in Silver Frost City went just as we expected. Only Jun Luosha was successful, while the others were eliminated..."

After a slight pause, Lu Wen indignantly continued, "The Board of Directors is simply abominable. Even though Silver Frost City is also a second-tier city, the resources they allocated to us for this year are only half of what they allocated to Wu Yao's side. With this, we're going to have an even more difficult time nurturing our newcomers."

Hearing her trusted aide's complaint, Xia Qingying put down the document in her hand and chuckled, saying, "It can't be helped. Now that the Zero Wing I've supported has offended the Paimon Conglomerate, those old fellows will naturally support Wu Yao's side."

"How are you still in the mood to joke around, Vice President Xia?! If we can't earn enough contributions for the corporation in Silver Frost City this year, our branch will be disqualified from the city!" Lu Wen anxiously said.

It wasn't easy for a corporation to establish itself in the Greater World's cities. It was especially so for cities in the second tier and above. A corporation would have to outcompete many other corporations before being qualified to establish a branch headquarters in a second-tier city and be given the right to send newcomers into the city for training over the long term. Moreover, even after securing a slot in a second-tier city, a corporation still had to fight to retain this slot every year.

If a corporation were to lose its slot, it would face significantly greater difficulty in recovering this slot in the future.

Although the number of third-tier cities in the Greater World was dozens of times greater than that of second-tier cities, the resources available in second-tier cities were vastly

superior. Take the precious Stardew, for example. While it was an incomparably precious commodity that was only made available to city legion members in third-tier cities, it could occasionally be seen appearing in auctions hosted in second-tier cities.

Not to mention, second-tier cities had a far bigger and superior talent pool than third-tier cities, and having access to such a talent pool was incredibly beneficial to corporations.

If the branch headed by Xia Qingying were to lose its place in Silver Frost City this year, the difficulty of acquiring city contribution points for the branch would double in the coming year.

“I know that,” Xia Qingying said, chuckling. Then, she handed an electronic document to Lu Wen and continued, “Those old fellows might think I have lost big this time, but whether I will actually lose to Wu Yao remains to be seen.”

“This is...the Seven Luminaries Lists?” Lu Wen was a little puzzled by the electronic document.

The Seven Luminaries Lists were known throughout the Greater World, and they were a topic that people loved to talk about every day. However, the Seven Luminaries Lists had nothing to do with the various corporations. After all, the existences on those lists were akin to myths, and they stood far out of the reach of measly corporations.

“This is the latest edition published this morning,” Xia Qingying explained with a smile. “You’ll know what I’m talking about once you look through the Luminous Glory List.”

After Xia Qingying finished speaking, Lu Wen quickly browsed through the Luminous Glory List.

The Luminous Glory List recorded 1,000 players. It was by no means many, but if one carefully read through every bit of information provided by the list, it would take over a day of reading to look through everything. After all, the list contained detailed records of the 1,000 recorded players. Some entries even had battle videos attached. So, to avoid wasting time, Lu Wen only looked at the names on the list.

“This is...Asura Sword Emperor, Black Flame?”

When Lu Wen saw the new name that had taken the 963rd rank on the Luminous GLory List, she couldn’t help but rub her eyes, thinking she was hallucinating.

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TL Notes:

[1]Changing “Jiang Yao(江耀)” in Chapter 276 to “Wu Yao(武耀)”:

I think the author misremembered Jiang Yao's name and started to assume it as Wu Yao, so I'm just going to switch to Wu Yao.

Fyi, Jiang Yao/Wu Yao is another vice president of the Green God Corporation.