

# **Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God**

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Chapter 435 – Breaking the Balance

“What did you say? A new Realm has appeared?”

“Are you sure this information is accurate?”

“Quickly contact all teams that are fighting in the Void Sea! Have them find a way to locate the Eternal Realm as soon as possible! We must find it before the other powers do!”

“Hurry up! Contact all members at the Elder rank and above! The Eternal Realm will be ours! We must not let the other upper-ranking hegemonic powers taint it with their hands!”

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When the various powers learned of the Eternal Realm’s birth, every one of them reacted maniacally. They had their Tier 6 teams, which were originally responsible for campaigning in the Void Sea, abandon their positions to search for the Eternal Realm’s whereabouts. Some powers had even abandoned their fortresses to have more Tier 6 experts hunt for the Eternal Realm.

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Greater World, Silver Frost City, Green God Corporation’s branch headquarters:

Inside the vice president’s office on the top floor, Xia Qingying, dressed in a suit and seated in an office chair, removed the electronic glasses she wore as hints of shock and joy appeared in her eyes.

“Has there been any good news from the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Xia?” Lu Wen, who was sorting through documents on her tablet, curiously asked as she looked at Xia Qingying.

Lu Wen had spent a long time by Xia Qingying's side as the latter's confidant. However, rarely would she ever see Xia Qingying make such a pronounced expression.

The last time Xia Qingying had revealed a look of joy on her face was when Black Flame entered the Luminous Glory List. However, compared to that time, Xia Qingying was clearly in even greater excitement and delight right now. There were even hints of shock on her face.

"It is indeed good news! No, great news!" Xia Qingying nodded and smiled. "A new Realm has emerged in the Greater God's Domain."

"A new Realm?" Lu Wen was momentarily taken aback. She even dropped her tablet on the floor. "This... How is this possible?"

Lu Wen felt as if Xia Qingying was joking with her.

"Shocking, right?" Xia Qingying smiled when she saw Lu Wen's reaction. "If this information didn't come directly from the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, I probably wouldn't have believed it, either."

After her initial shock, Lu Wen reacted in pleasant surprise to this piece of news. However, immediately afterward, the joy on her face turned gloomy as she said, "But even if this is true, it will be difficult for us to have any part in it."

Anyone could understand the potential profits to be harvested from a newly birthed Realm so long as they weren't a fool. Even apex powers would most likely be tempted into action, let alone conglomerates and upper-ranking hegemonic powers.

Once these major characters made a move, minor characters like the Green God Corporation would have no place in the new Realm. If corporations and ordinary hegemonic powers dared to intervene, they would be instantly eliminated like cannon fodder. After all, the quality and quantity of experts they had were vastly inferior.

Depending on the Eternal Realm's situation, the only powers qualified to intervene in the new Realm's affairs would be veteran upper-ranking hegemonic powers and above. Even newly promoted upper-ranking hegemonic powers wouldn't be qualified to participate in the upcoming struggle.

"It's not like we don't have a chance." The corners of her mouth raising, Xia Qingying said, "Nobody knows of the new Realm's exact whereabouts yet. If we can occupy some of the new Realm's Lands and territory ahead of time, even after the new Realm's location gets discovered, we can potentially hold our ground against the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers."

"Do you mean to say..." Lu Wen quickly figured out what Xia Qingying was trying to convey.

The Void Sea was boundless. For the various conglomerates and upper-ranking hegemonic powers that knew of the exact locations of the three thousand Realms, they could undoubtedly locate the new Realm much sooner than ordinary corporations and hegemonic powers.

However, there hadn't been any new Realms appearing since the ancient era. So, even though the various conglomerates and upper-ranking hegemonic powers had a significant advantage, it still wouldn't be a walk in the park for them to find the new Realm. After all, traversing the Void Sea was a dangerous task even for Tier 6 players, so the search for the new Realm couldn't progress all too quickly.

But it was a different story for players who were already in the new Realm from the very beginning.

So long as the Green God Corporation could recruit some of those players, it could secure a foothold in the new Realm much sooner than the various conglomerates and upper-ranking hegemonic powers.

"That's right!" Xia Qingying nodded. Then, in a serious tone, she said, "Lu Wen, I need you to try to secure as much of the corporation's working capital as possible. We can even give up on some of our Lands. Then, head to the God's Domain Association and put in a commission saying that the Green God Corporation is willing to purchase the new Realm's Lands and currency for a high price."

"Understood!" Lu Wen responded and quickly acted on Xia Qingying's commands.

Every Realm was composed of numerous kingdoms and empires, which would be composed of numerous towns and cities. The newly birthed Realm should also be using its own currency rather than the common currency adopted by the various other Realms.

So, what they should do now was try to secure as much Land and currency as possible in this new Realm. Although this was a somewhat silly method, it was the only reliable way for ordinary corporations like the Green God Corporation to get a head start in the new Realm.

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At the same time, when the Greater World's various corporations and hegemonic powers received news of the Eternal Realm's situation, some of them took a similar action as the Green God Corporation and started to offer astronomical prices to purchase the Eternal Realm's Land and currency.

For a time, life seemingly returned to the stagnant Greater God's Domain as everyone made noise over the newly emerged Realm.

Besides curiosity toward the new Realm, many players looked forward to making it big in the Eternal Realm. It was especially so for the players who were already in the Eternal Realm.

Normally, the various powers would seldom purchase a Realm's currency. They wouldn't even bother purchasing the Lands of towns. Instead, they would only spend their money on important Lands in cities.

Even then, most players would have nothing to do with these transactions as the various powers had long monopolized the Lands of the various cities. Individual players had no chance of getting their hands on these Lands, let alone reselling them to make a profit.

However, the various powers of the various Realms were now incredibly generous. Not only were they offering to purchase the Eternal Realm's currency at astronomical prices, but they were also looking to purchase the Lands of the Eternal Realm's towns. So long as one could get their hands on a plot of Land in the Eternal Realm, one wouldn't have to worry about not being able to resell it for a fortune.

Shi Feng was also very happy in regard to this situation. However, different from the Eternal Realm's players, he still felt that the various corporations and hegemonic powers' offers were too low.

The resources available in a newly birthed Realm were far superior to the Realms found during the ancient era. Many resources considered incredibly rare during the ancient era could even be found in the Eternal Realm.

An example would be the Eternal Realm's standard currency.

Unlike the rest of the Greater God's Domain, the Eternal Realm did not use Mana Coins as its standard currency. Instead, the standard currency here was the Eternal Coin!

Eternal Coins were made using a precious metal called Eternal Adamantite found during the ancient era. In the modern era, the existence of Eternal Adamantite was akin to a myth. Meanwhile, not only could it be used to raise the production success rate of Legendary Weapons and Equipment, but it could also be used to construct Saint-rank Fortresses, Dark-Gold Flying Ships and above, and Dark-Gold Combat Puppets and above.

It should be known that fortresses, flying ships, and combat puppets of these ranks were crucial for powers to reign supreme in a world. Even an existence as mighty as the Galaxy Conglomerate only had a small number of these constructs in its possession. Moreover, they were all items inherited from the ancient era. After all, even if a power managed to get their hands on the design for one of these constructs in the modern era, they couldn't get their hands on enough Eternal Adamantite to construct any.

However, so long as one could secure enough Eternal Adamantite, producing these war machines would no longer be a dream.

## **Chapter 3362: Alternate Ending 436 - The Beginning of Holy Power and Mana**

Chapter 436 – The Beginning of Holy Power and Mana

Eternal Realm, Pharos Town:

Since the Saint Camp had transformed into a lush forest, the players in the camp quickly gathered in the nearest town.

Because the Holy World seemed to have experienced countless years of transformation in the blink of an eye, the terrain of the land had undergone tremendous changes.

What were originally lakes could have turned into mountains, what were originally ruins could have turned into lakes, and what was originally wilderness could have turned into canyons. Moreover, even NPCs, who originally existed in small numbers in the Holy World, had become much more numerous than players.

The number of NPCs in Pharos Town alone had already exceeded 200,000. That was several times greater than the number of NPCs found in a town in the outside world. In addition, every one of these NPCs was astonishingly strong. Even the ordinary civilian NPCs here were above Level 150, Tier 3, while NPC adventurers were above Level 150, Tier 4, and the town's leaders were above Level 160, Tier 5.

The weapons and equipment found on these NPCs were even more staggering.

In the case of the NPC adventurers, every one was equipped with at least one Legendary Weapon or Equipment, with some having even two or three.

Even titled experts, individuals who occupied a dominant position in the outside world, felt great pressure while standing among these Tier 4 NPC adventurers, let alone the Tier 5 NPC leaders.

“Quick! Let's hurry to the mayor's place before all the quests are taken!”

“Teaming up to collect daily materials at the Calamity Canyon! Four waiting on two! Accepting only Level 140s fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary Equipment or better!”

“Absolute Technique clearance! Absolute Technique clearance! Only three Eternal Gold Coins for each! I have ten copies on hand! First come, first served!”

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Before Shi Feng could even reach Pharos Town's main street, he was greeted by the sight of many players peddling and forming teams next to the town gate. Seeing this, Shi Feng couldn't help but feel nostalgic.

Thinking back to when God's Domain first launched in his homeworld, the players back then behaved just as lively as the players outside Pharos Town did. The only difference was that the players outside Pharos Town weren't a bunch of weak and clueless newcomers. Instead, even the weakest among them was a titled expert.

Even so, the thing these experts needed to do was still the same.

Whether players were in a town or a city in God's Domain, if players wanted to purchase Shops and Lands, status was incredibly important.

Meanwhile, players could gain status in Pharos Town by completing quests issued by the town and earning reputation in the town. Then, once players became a noble of the town, they could start to purchase the town's Shops and Lands. And if players could quickly secure the Shops and Lands with strategic locations, they could sit back and watch as the value of their purchases appreciated in the future.

Of course, apart from requiring status, players would also need a significant amount of the Eternal Realm's currency to purchase Shops and Lands.

"That guy selling Absolute Techniques really knows how to run a scam. How dare he ask for three Eternal Gold for one Absolute Technique?"

"I know, right? The system only awarded us ten Eternal Copper each as a starting bonus. And looking at the town's material gathering quests, we'd be lucky if we could make thirty Eternal Copper after half a day's work. Going by the exchange rates of one hundred Eternal Copper to one Eternal Silver and one hundred Eternal Silver to one Eternal Gold, our party might not even make three Eternal Gold after doing quests for a whole month."

"It'd be great if I could have three Eternal Gold now. I heard the Shops by the town gate only cost two Eternal Gold to buy."

Some passing players looked at the conglomerate representative selling Absolute Techniques in contempt and started hushed discussions among themselves.

The Eternal Realm had just emerged, and they were the first batch of pioneers. The Eternal Realm's NPCs did not accept materials obtained from monsters for money. If players wished to make money, they could only do so through completing quests, raiding Dungeons, and killing Bosses.

As a result, even one Eternal Copper Coin was very precious.

After all, the various conglomerates had very few members in the Eternal Realm right now. They also didn't have a way to send more people into the Eternal Realm for the time being, so they couldn't rely on numbers to amass a significant sum of Eternal Coins. Because of this, the various conglomerates were in short supply of Eternal Coins, and they could only purchase them from players of other powers.

However, while the 99 Absolute Techniques were valuable, one Absolute Technique definitely wasn't worth as much as Pharos Town's real estate. If they were to sell the town's real estate to the powers outside the Eternal Realm, they could easily get an offer for multiple Absolute Techniques for one Shop or Land. They might even get a big bonus of Star Coins.

So, only a fool would use three Eternal Gold to purchase one Absolute Technique.

Moreover, the value of Eternal Coins had yet to reach its peak. The best time to sell Eternal Coins would be when the various powers started to pour into the Eternal Realm in large numbers. That would be when the various powers would feel the most urgent in acquiring Eternal Coins to purchase the Eternal Realm's real estate.

While the various experts were frantically doing quests, Shi Feng quietly arrived at a grocery store in Pharos Town. Although the grocery store was tiny, it was a massive advantage to Shi Feng since no other players were present nearby.

"Shopkeeper, how much for this Holy Power Potion?" Shi Feng asked as he held up a palm-sized bottle containing light-blue liquid.

"Three Eternal Copper per bottle," the shopkeeper said after briefly glancing at the bottle in Shi Feng's hand.

"I want three bottles," Shi Feng said as he took out nine of the Eternal Copper Coins he had received from the system, leaving only one Eternal Copper Coin in his pocket. Now, he couldn't even afford to stay in a hotel in the town.

Unlike the other Realms in the Greater God's Domain, the Eternal Realm didn't just have mana filling its environment. On top of mana, the Eternal Realm's environment also housed a special kind of energy.

Holy Power!

Not only did holy power fill the Eternal Realm, but it also caused significant transformations to the monsters living here.



Because the Eternal Realm's monsters had not only mana but also holy power to strengthen them, they were more difficult to deal with than monsters found outside the Eternal Realm.

Because of this, pure physical attacks and attacks that relied on mana could do very little damage to the monsters in the Eternal Realm. Even against monsters of the same level and tier, players would be fortunate if they could do one-tenth of the damage they could normally do.

Meanwhile, the players during Shi Feng's previous life referred to this phenomenon as Holy Power Protection!

Because of the presence of Holy Power Protection, even fighting against monsters that were one tier lower became a challenge for players, let alone fighting monsters of the same tier. Moreover, as Tier 4 players couldn't fly in the Eternal Realm, a basic action that should normally be easy to execute for Tier 4 players, traveling across long distances also became a problem. As a result, players would typically need to form teams to complete quests. If players choose to tackle quests alone, they might not even complete one quest in one day.

However, it didn't take long for the players back then to discover an item known as the Holy Power Potion. When consumed, the Holy Power Potion could strengthen players with Holy Power for one hour, thus allowing them to ignore a significant portion of a monster's Holy Power Protection.

Although the Holy Power Potion's cost of three Eternal Copper per bottle was a steep price to pay for early pioneers, it was a miracle tool that could greatly speed up the killing of monsters.

After securing the Holy Power Potions, Shi Feng quickly left the town and ran for three hours straight to reach the Gray Shadow Hills, a Level 145 map.

*Getting to this place truly is a challenge*, Shi Feng thought, breathing a deep sigh as he looked at the Gray Shadow Hills ahead of him. Because Shi Feng was only Level 135, monsters had chased him throughout nearly the entire journey here.

Currently, because of the presence of Holy Power Protection, the entirety of the Gray Shadow Hills was essentially off-limits to Level 140 players. After all, monsters would gain a significant amount of HP for each level after Level 100. If players were only looking to earn money and reputation, killing monsters with lower HP would be much more efficient.

However, Shi Feng didn't only come to the Gray Shadow Hills because there was less competition here. Instead, a larger part of the reason was to kill the Gray Shadow Hills' Regional Boss. This was also one of the quickest methods of earning currency and reputation during the early days of the Eternal Realm.



## Chapter 3363: Alternate Ending 437 - Pioneering

### Chapter 437 – Pioneering

The Gray Shadow Hills appeared to be covered in a huge shadow. However, this shadow didn't only affect players' visibility but also the rest of their five senses. Moreover, the woodland covered by the shadow seemed to be alive and constantly changing. Even with the help of the system map, players would easily lose their way if they weren't careful.

To make matters worse, upon entering the woodland, players would have a much more challenging time detecting monsters due to the presence of life everywhere. In this situation, players could only rely on their eyes to determine the location and actions of monsters. Even seasoned experts would attract many monsters if they weren't careful.

Fortunately, Shi Feng had already reached the fifth-floor standard. Players who had reached the Extrasensory Realm could predict and avoid all kinds of dangers even with their five senses inhibited. So long as Shi Feng didn't rush his advance, he'd have no trouble avoiding the Level 145-plus monsters that roamed the forest.

*Although there are fewer monsters here, the feeling of danger I get has increased. The Regional Boss's sphere of activity should be close,* Shi Feng judged as he looked at a bushy hilltop not far away. Although he couldn't see what was at the hilltop, his brain warned him of great danger. So, he began carefully trekking over to that area.

Meanwhile, the closer Shi Feng got to the hilltop, the clearer the sense of danger became. Yet, even when he got close enough to get a clear look at the entire hilltop, all he saw was an empty clearing with no monsters whatsoever.

When Shi Feng got within 100 yards of the hilltop clearing, though, the shadows from the surrounding forest converged in the middle of the clearing and transformed into a thirty-meter-tall nine-headed hound. As soon as the hound materialized, it let loose an angry howl as if to announce Shi Feng's death.

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[Nine-Headed Shadow Beast (Regional Boss)] (Ferocious Beast, Superior Mythic)

Level 147

HP 40,000,000,000

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*A Ferocious Beast?* Shi Feng was a little astonished when he saw the Shadow Beast's stats. *No wonder I felt such great danger. Sure enough, pioneering the Eternal Realm won't be an easy task.*

Ferocious Beasts had varying Bloodlines and Life Ratings. The weakest among Ferocious Beasts were comparable to Angels, while the strongest ones could stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Dragons.

Although the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast didn't have a noble bloodline, it was still at the standard of ordinary Valkyries. After factoring in the effects of Holy Power Protection, even a team composed of 20 Tier 4 experts would have to flee if they encountered it. This was because the Shadow Beast's 40 billion HP simply wasn't a hurdle players could overcome with technique alone. Even if a 20-man team of experts could overwhelm the Shadow Beast in terms of techniques, they'd die from exhaustion long before they would be anywhere close to killing the Shadow Beast.

Fortunately, the Gray Shadow Hills' Regional Boss being a Ferocious Beast was still within Shi Feng's expectations.

Immediately, Shi Feng took out the Ancient Oath and summoned the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon.

At this time, the Phantom Dragon had become much smaller than when Shi Feng summoned it in the World Passage, its body length only measuring about thirty meters. Its level had also fallen to Level 135, just like Shi Feng. However, the intensity of the aura it exuded was not at all inferior to the Shadow Beast.

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[Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon] (Legendary Flying Mount, Tier 4)

Level 135

HP 5,000,000,000

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As if stimulated by the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon's presence, the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast lunged at the Phantom Dragon without any forewarning. However, the Phantom Dragon was extremely quick in both reaction and speed. With a flap of its wings, the Phantom Dragon lifted itself off the ground and evaded the Shadow Beast's lunge. Then, the Phantom Dragon swiped its tail at the Shadow Beast, landing a strike squarely on one of the Shadow Beast's nine heads.

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A damage value of over 400,000 appeared above the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast. If other players were to see the pitiful amount of damage the Phantom Dragon just did, it wouldn't even be strange if their eyes fell out of their sockets.

Tier 4 Legendary Flying Mounts stood at the apex among Tier 4 existences of the same level. An attack from such a Mount could deal damage in the millions, even to a Tier 5 Legendary monster.

Yet, the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon's attack failed to even cause one million points of damage to the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast, a mere Superior Mythic monster. Going by the Shadow Beast's HP, the Phantom Dragon would need close to 100,000 attacks to kill the Shadow Beast.

Moreover, that was before factoring in the Shadow Beast's combat recovery. After taking into account the Shadow Beast's ability to recover 2% of its HP every five seconds, the Shadow Beast was no different than an immortal existence to the Phantom Dragon.

*Sure enough, even physical attacks nearing the Tier 5 standard can hardly damage a Superior Mythic here.*

Shi Feng wasn't all too surprised when he saw the negligible decrease in the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast's HP. Immediately, he took out a bottle of Holy Power Potion and drank it. Then, he brandished the Winter of Eternal Night and Shadow Incinerator against the Shadow Beast.

Going by his previous life's memories and many experiences of exploring the Eternal Realm, Shi Feng knew that players could only pose a threat to monsters of the same tier when they had the Holy Power Potion's assistance.

Of course, the Holy Power Potion wasn't a miracle drug that could solve all problems. So, while it could let players fight against the Eternal Realm's monsters on an even playing field, players still couldn't solo monsters of the same tier under normal circumstances.

However, Shi Feng's Basic Attributes were already at the Tier 5 standard. So, he should be able to solo monsters of the same tier.

-21,348,574 !

-113,246,465 !

*It's doable!* Shi Feng was delighted by the damage he caused.

Even without the assistance of any Skills, Spells, or Stamina-exhausting combat techniques, the Winter of Eternal Night managed to cause over 20 million damage with

a normal attack, while the Shadow Incinerator managed to cause over 100 million damage. Though, in the Shadow Incinerator's case, its damage was amplified by 500% because it landed a critical hit. Even so, with some luck, it shouldn't be difficult for Shi Feng to achieve a DPS of 160 million.

Shi Feng's only concern now was whether three bottles of Holy Power Potion would be enough for him to take down the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast.

However, Shi Feng didn't have time to ponder that question. With the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon distracting the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast, Shi Feng began landing a continuous stream of attacks on the Realm Lord. Occasionally, he would also use some Skills and combat techniques to amplify his damage output.

Even after the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast entered a berserk state, its situation did not change. Shi Feng continued relying on the Phantom Dragon's massive body to evade the Shadow Beast's attacks while sneaking in his own attacks in return.

Eventually, when less than five minutes were left on the third Holy Power Potion's duration, the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast reluctantly fell under Shi Feng's swords.

Meanwhile, the death of the Shadow Beast awarded Shi Feng with an astronomical amount of EXP. Even while under the effects of the God of Time's curse, he still managed to level up from 135 to 137. At the same time, the sound of a system notification entered his ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have slain the Regional Boss Nine-Headed Shadow Beast. Level difference of 10. EXP obtained increased by 1,000%.

System: Congratulations! You have secured the Regional Boss Nine-Headed Shadow Beast's First Kill. Pharos Town Reputation Points +20 (100 points to become a noble of the town) and level will be increased by one.

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When the notifications ended, the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast dropped a tattered recipe, a milky white crystal, and a small silver box full of coins.

## **Chapter 3364: Alternate Ending 438 - Holy Aura**

Chapter 438 – Holy Aura

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TL Notes:

Changing the “Holy Power Potion” in Chapters 436 and 437 to “Holy Power Bottle” because “Holy Power Potion” represents something else in this chapter.

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*The Eternal Realm's loot is as cheap as always...*

Shi Feng sighed, feeling exasperated when he saw that the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast had only dropped three items.

It was true that the Eternal Realm was rich in resources. However, this “wealth” mainly pointed to the resources under the possession of the Eternal Realm’s kingdoms and empires. When it came to the Eternal Realm’s monsters, they were even more impoverished than monsters found in other Realms.

The only salvation was that the little loot the Eternal Realm’s monsters dropped would typically be very high quality.

The Coin Chests dropped by monsters, for example, possessed incredible value. The contents of a Coin Chest changed depending on its color. The chest would be filled with Eternal Bronze Coins if it were bronze-colored, Eternal Bronze and Silver Coins if it were silver-colored, and Eternal Silver and Gold Coins if it were gold-colored. Typically, though, monsters would only drop Bronze and Silver Coin Chests.

After collecting the three items the Shadow Beast dropped, Shi Feng began inspecting them.

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[Basic Holy Power Potion Recipe]

Can be learned by Master Alchemists to produce the Basic Holy Power Potion. The Basic Holy Power Potion can strengthen users with Holy Power for up to 10 minutes.

Cooldown: 2 minutes

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[Holy Power Crystal] (Legendary Material)

Contains incredibly dense Holy Power.

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When Shi Feng opened the Silver Coin Chest, he found 73 Eternal Silver Coins and 25 Eternal Bronze Coins. This would be a significant harvest even for the average 20-man Tier 4 team operating in the Eternal Realm.

*How lucky am I? I only killed one Regional Boss, yet I already got the Basic Holy Power Potion Recipe?*

When Shi Feng looked at the tattered alchemy recipe in his hand, he instantly regained some energy.

Due to the abundance of Holy Power in the Eternal Realm, monsters had received a considerable improvement in their toughness. Yet, players could not receive the same help from Holy Power as monsters. On the contrary, Holy Power would cause players physical and mental discomfort.

Meanwhile, the Basic Holy Power Potion was an item that could help players mitigate the negative effects of Holy Power. It was similar to the Holy Power Bottle but stronger. During the Eternal Realm's early exploration stage, the Basic Holy Power Potion was one of the key potions needed for exploration, as it could let players exhibit their full combat power during crucial moments.

The problem was that players needed to craft the Basic Holy Power Potion themselves, and the recipe for the potion was only dropped by Regional Bosses at a very low chance. Depending on one's luck, one could kill a hundred Regional Bosses without even getting a copy of the recipe.

Due to this, recipes for the Basic Holy Power Potion could usually sell for more than ten Eternal Gold Coins during the early exploration stage. With that kind of money, one could already purchase two or three plots of prime real estate in a town.

If the conglomerates of Shi Feng's previous life were to learn that he had obtained the recipe after killing just one Regional Boss, they would definitely curse at him.

As for the Holy Power Crystal, it was also a highly valuable item as it could be used as a power source. When used to drive war weapons, players targeted by these weapons would be subjected to even stronger negative effects from Holy Power.

*I won't have to continue hunting after getting such a good harvest,* Shi Feng thought. He was very satisfied with the Nine-Headed Shadow Beast's loot. So, after putting the loot away, he promptly began making his way back to Pharos Town.

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Level 140 map, Flameheart Canyon

After Shi Feng exited the Gray Shadow Hills and entered the Flameheart Canyon, he could see many player parties killing the Flame Spiders in the magma-filled canyon for quests.

At first glance, these parties seemed to have no trouble tackling the Level 140 Grand Lord-ranked Flame Spiders. Even when the Flame Spiders outnumbered the player parties by three-to-one, the monsters could not land any solid hits on the players they fought.

However, upon closer inspection, one would find that these player parties were having great difficulty killing the Flame Spiders. This was because even their Tier 4 Skills and Spells could only cause around one million damage to the Flame Spiders, while the normal attacks of a Level 140 Berserker could only cause around 400,000 damage.

These attacks could barely dent the Flame Spiders' 300 million HP. Even when an entire player party focused all of its attacks on a single Flame Spider, it would still take the party a long time to kill one.

None of these player parties paid much attention to Shi Feng when they saw him running past them. They merely regarded him as another fool who thought he could complete quests solo and was now retreating after realizing his folly.

When Shi Feng was about 2,000 yards away from the Flameheart Canyon's exit, the cliffs on both sides of the canyon suddenly shook, causing gravel to fall off continuously. The ensuing booming sounds were so intense that they echoed thousands of yards away.

*A team battle?*

Shi Feng was a little surprised when he saw over a hundred figures engaged in battle in the distance.

The Eternal Realm had only emerged recently. Unless there was an unresolvable grudge involved, players logically wouldn't choose to engage in PvP out in the fields. After all, time during the early exploration stage was incredibly valuable. It would be foolish to risk one's life and time to fight other players during this period.

As Shi Feng got closer to the canyon's exit, he started to get a clear look at the clashing figures.

The players involved in the fight were split into two groups of different sizes.

The smaller group consisted of players with elf-like appearances. These elf-like players were dressed in shorts and tunics, and their bodies were covered in glowing rune-like markings.



The bigger group consisted of human players. They were clad in the equipment of their respective classes, and they desperately guarded a caravan against the elf-like players.

At first glance, one would think that the human players guarding the caravan would be the superior force of the two groups since they had a numerical advantage and were clad in proper equipment. Not to mention, the elf-like players didn't even wield any weapons when they fought.

Yet, despite having less than 50 combatants on their side, the elf-like players were overwhelming the 100-plus human players guarding the caravan.

It should be known that the players guarding the caravan were by no means weak. Even the weakest among them was a fourth-floor expert clad in multiple Fragmented Legendary items.

*Why are they here?*

Upon closer observation, Shi Feng noticed three familiar faces among the players guarding the caravan, and he couldn't help but be surprised by this discovery.

The three players in question were all women, and they were White Owl, Thousand Scars, and Death Omen. All three were members of the Paimon Conglomerate. White Owl, in particular, was one of the Paimon Conglomerate's Ten Great Paragons and someone Shi Feng had previously fought in the World Passage. Currently, White Owl had already reached Level 140, Tier 5, and she was holding back three elf-like players by herself.

Before Shi Feng could wrap his head around this situation, he saw a male elf sending White Owl flying over a dozen yards away with a punch, the elven man's fist looking like it was wrapped in some sort of energy.

Meanwhile, after stabilizing her body, White Owl couldn't help but look at the elven man, who was only at Level 142, Tier 4, in shock. It was especially so when she felt the vibrations still coming from her starlight greatsword.

*Holy Aura?*

A look of confusion appeared in Shi Feng's eyes as he looked at the Tier 4 elven man.

Holy Aura could be considered a method of using Holy Power to greatly strengthen one's offensive and defensive capabilities. Only, there shouldn't be any human players capable of using Holy Aura...

According to Shi Feng's knowledge, only one race could use Holy Aura.

The Holy Race!

“I commend you for forcing me to go all out. However, you heretics shouldn’t think of spreading any information you’ve seen here!” the Tier 4 elven man said as he looked at White Owl. Then, the Holy Aura wrapped around his fist increased in density as he sent another punch flying in White Owl’s way.

## **Chapter 3365: Alternate Ending 439 - Realm of God Expert**

### Chapter 439 – Realm of God Expert

White Owl did not panic when facing the elven man’s punch. On the contrary, she smiled.

Immediately afterward, White Owl gripped her starlight greatsword and executed an angled sweep, unleashing a sword light that overturned the land as it headed for the elven man’s fist.

Absolute Technique, Heaven’s Collapse!

*Boom!*

When sword light and fist collided, a storm that engulfed a radius of over a hundred yards instantly ensued. The players fighting within the affected area were sent flying, and everyone else couldn’t help but be stunned by this situation.

Space within the Eternal Realm was much stabler than the space of other Realms. Normally, even an all-out attack from a Tier 4 player would be utterly incapable of affecting the Eternal Realm’s space, and it would be as if the Tier 4 player had just executed a normal attack. And even for attacks that had reached the Tier 5 standard, they could only have limited influence over their surrounding space.

Yet, the energy storm White Owl and the elven man had created through their clash had affected a radius of over a hundred yards. The raw power of these two players’ attacks was simply terrifying.

“You were hiding your strength before?” the Tier 4 elven man exclaimed as he looked at the majestic warrior before him.

“Naturally. When going up against unknown opponents, the first thing one should do is collect information,” White Owl said as she patted the dust on her equipment. “If our side reacted too strongly, you probably wouldn’t feel assured to use all your strength.”

The expressions of the elven man and his companions darkened when they heard White Owl’s words.

“Do you think you have won already?” the elven man said. Then, he glanced at the two companions fighting alongside him and shouted, “We’ll bring her down together!”

As soon as the elven man finished speaking, a fog-like substance immediately appeared around his two companions’ bodies. Of the two companions, one concentrated his Holy Aura around his feet, enhancing his Movement Speed. At the same time, the other used his Holy Aura to transform himself into a ten-meter-tall beast, causing his every movement to become powerful and explosive.

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*Sure enough, they’re of the Holy Race.*

After observing the combat methods of the elf-like players for a little longer, Shi Feng started to remember his distant memories more clearly.

God’s Domain was a virtual reality game made by an advanced civilization of a higher dimension. Whether it was the Greater God’s Domain or the various God’s Domains that filled it, everyone simply assumed these were virtual creations made for humans and humans only. Nobody had ever thought that civilizations outside of human civilizations existed.

However, that all changed along with the Eternal Realm’s appearance. A considerable period after the Eternal Realm’s appearance, it was discovered that humans weren’t the only sentient species in existence, and neither were humans the only sentient species to have access to God’s Domain.

The other sentient species in question regarded themselves as the Holy Race. They possessed appearances similar to elves, but they had many sacred patterns covering their bodies. Meanwhile, not only did the Holy Race have different combat styles from humans, but even the power they used in God’s Domain was completely different.

Similar to how humans relied on Mana as their foundation for combat, the Holy Race relied on Holy Power.

However, unlike Mana, Holy Power couldn’t induce various phenomena. Instead, it was a power that strengthened the user’s essence.

Simply put, Holy Power enhanced a player’s Physique and Basic Attribute, which allowed the Holy Race to be vastly superior to human players in these regards. If speaking purely in terms of Physique and Basic Attributes, the Holy Race’s players were comparable to Angels of the same tier.

Moreover, the Holy Race’s sacred patterns were similar to the Angels’ wings in that the more sacred patterns a member of the Holy Race could etch onto their bodies, the more they could benefit from Holy Power, and the stronger they would become.

Due to these reasons, the average human player simply wasn't a match for the average member of the Holy Race. And because of this situation, when the Holy Race eventually invaded the Greater God's Domain, they took no time to spread the flames of war across half of the Greater God's Domain. At the time, countless hegemonic powers, corporations, and even conglomerates had perished.

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Subsequently, the three Tier 4 Holy Race experts could be seen attacking White Owl together. Even though White Owl was already at Tier 5, nothing she did could let her defeat her three opponents. The best she could do was maintain a stalemate.

Although the Holy Race expert who had turned into a giant beast wasn't particularly fast, he possessed great Strength and a large attack range. Every one of his attacks was comparable to White Owl's Heaven's Collapse. As for the Holy Race expert who had strengthened his legs, his speed was comparable to Tier 5 Assassins. Then, there was the Holy Race expert who had strengthened his fists to a point where his punches felt more like meteor strikes.

When fighting against these three Holy Race experts, White Owl felt she was going up against three Tier 5 players rather than three Tier 4 players. Moreover, all three were highly skilled experts.

Fortunately for White Owl and her team members, out of the several dozen Holy Race players attacking their caravan, only a few could use Holy Aura.

"This woman's too strong, Northlight," the middle-aged man, who had transformed into a giant beast, said to the young man, who had strengthened his fists, through the team chat. "We still haven't damaged her even after working together. If we keep wasting time here, these aliens' reinforcements might arrive."

"I know," the young man named Northlight said. Then, looking at White Owl, whose breathing was a little disordered, he smiled and said, "But these aliens are different from us. They have vastly inferior Physiques, and even their Stamina is terrible. Moreover, by the looks of it, those strange moves she is using seem to consume a lot of Stamina. If we keep pushing her, I'm sure a flaw will appear in her defenses in no time. So long as we get rid of her, we can quickly take care of the rest."

The middle-aged man pondered over the young man's words for a moment. Then, he answered, "Okay!"

In reality, White Owl wasn't the only one utilizing their battle to collect information. The members of the Holy Race were similarly using this battle to collect information on White Owl and her teammates. And although the two sides hadn't fought for long, the shortcomings of the humans quickly became evident to the Holy Race.

While White Owl's every move indeed exhibited incredible power, this explosive power came at the cost of increased Stamina and Concentration consumption. If White Owl were to continuously rely on these exhausting attacks, it wouldn't be long before she would start to tire.

However, before the three Holy Race experts could carry on with their battle of attrition, the aura of a Tier 5 Grand Wizard, who looked to be a man in his forties, suddenly skyrocketed in intensity. The man silently cast Frost World, a Tier 5 Curse, summoning over a hundred icicles to attack the two Holy Race experts he fought.

Every one of the icicles the Grand Wizard summoned behaved like seasoned fourth-floor experts and could accurately target the blind spots of the two Holy Race experts. Even though the two Holy Race experts could use Holy Aura, they rapidly lost their HP under the Grand Wizard's attacks.

90%... 70%... 50%...

The two Holy Race experts died before any of the nearby Holy Race players could come to help them. Upon seeing this development, everyone on the battlefield fell silent. Even Northlight's group of three was shocked by this situation.

*The Realm of God?*

The two Holy Race experts who had just gotten killed might not be as strong as the three of them, but their combat standards were on the same level. Yet, the Grand Wizard had killed the two like cannon fodder. Moreover, the Grand Wizard was seemingly able to predict the future as all of his attacks targeted his two opponents' blind spots.

Seeing this, Northlight and the others could only think of one explanation.

A Realm of God expert!

## **Chapter 3366: Alternate Ending 440 - Saint's Sword**

Chapter 440 – Saint's Sword

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TL Notes:

Made a change to Chapter 439:

Original:

“This woman’s too strong, Northlight,” the middle-aged man, who had transformed into a giant beast, said to the young man, who had strengthened his fists, through the team chat.

Changed to:

“This woman’s too strong, Northlight,” the young man who had transformed into a giant beast said to the young man with strengthened fists through the team chat.

The author switched to referring to the “beastified middle-aged man” as a “young man” in Chapter 440. I’m not sure what he wants, but I’ll go with “young man” since it’s in the latest chapter.

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“Sir Lionheart!”

When White Owl turned to look at the Tier 5 Grand Wizard, who had just killed two of the Holy Race’s experts, a hint of reverence appeared in her eyes.

Unrestrained Lionheart!

This was a name known by all in the Greater God’s Domain. It was the name of an expert who had entered the Luminous Glory List’s top 100 ten years ago and was now serving as a vice commander of the Red Dragon Nation’s main force.

As for the Red Dragon Nation, it was a pseudo-apex power whose existence eclipsed even the Paimon Conglomerate. Although the Paimon Conglomerate was one of the Starlight Realm’s overlords, its strength paled when compared to the Guild known as the Red Dragon Nation.

White Owl might seem like the leader of the caravan escort this time, but in reality, Unrestrained Lionheart was the escort’s leader.

However, truth be told, White Owl never thought Unrestrained Lionheart would reveal his strength so soon. She originally thought he would rather collect more information on the Holy Race than save the escort team from annihilation. After all, information on the Holy Race was much more valuable than a mere 100-man team.

Death Omen and Thousand Scars were also greatly excited when they saw the numerous icicles dancing in mid-air.

Fifth-floor experts were crucial in campaigning and safeguarding fortresses in the Void Sea. Rarely would such experts operate in the Greater God’s Domain’s various Realms. So, it was normally nigh impossible for the two of them to see a fifth-floor expert in action. It was especially so for a fifth-floor expert like Unrestrained Lionheart. After all,

most fifth-floor experts would be at Tier 6. Very few would remain at lower tiers, such as Tier 4 or Tier 5.

Meanwhile, being able to witness a fifth-floor expert in action was a valuable learning opportunity for non-fifth-floor experts. It was especially so when the fifth-floor expert in question had yet to reach Tier 6. This was because one could get a clear look and feel of the fifth-floor expert's godlike techniques.

"Everyone, retreat!"

When Northlight saw two of his team's top combatants getting killed, he froze for a moment before hurriedly calling for a retreat through the team chat.

Meanwhile, as soon as Northlight finished giving the command to retreat, he promptly turned around and fled. As for his two companions, they similarly fled without hesitation.

In the blink of an eye, Northlight and his two companions had already moved over a hundred yards away from the caravan. Although White Owl tried to chase after the three Holy Race experts, she simply couldn't keep up with their speed, and the distance between them continuously widened.

*Is there such a huge gap in our Physiques and Basic Attributes?* White Owl was astonished as she looked at the Holy Race trio, who were already more than 200 yards away from her. Even though she was one tier above the trio, her Movement Speed was inferior to the Holy Race trio when they gathered their Holy Aura around their legs.

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"How are we so unlucky? Of all the aliens we could have encountered, we just had to come across one who has reached the Realm of God already," the beastified young man complained when he saw that they had already shaken off White Owl.

"Don't complain. We might not have annihilated them, but we've gained a significant harvest this time," Northlight said, chuckling. "If we bring back the information we collected, His Highness will reward us handsomely for it!"

Hearing Northlight's words, the young man of the trio who was the fastest of the trio nodded excitedly and said, "With this information, His Highness will be able to conquer this new land and make it into the Holy Race's territory in no time!"

While the trio was conversing and advancing through the Flameheart Canyon, they suddenly spotted someone standing in the path ahead of them.

At this time, Shi Feng stood in the middle of the canyon with his eyes narrowed and the Winter of Eternal Night unsheathed. He had long expected the Holy Race's players to flee into the Flameheart Canyon, so he had chosen to wait for them here ahead of time.



"A mere Level 137 trash dares stand in our way?" When the beastified youth saw Shi Feng intending to stand in their way, he bellowed, "You must be tired of living!"

"Why waste words with him? Let's just get rid of him and be on our way. If we let that Realm of God expert catch up to us, none of us will be leaving here alive," the young man who had focused all of his Holy Aura into his legs said with disregard.

Nodding in agreement, Northlight said, "Indeed. There's no point wasting time on trash. We'll leave him to you, Forest Ape."

"Leave it to me," Forest Ape, the youth who had focused all of his Holy Aura into his legs, said with a nonchalant smile. Then, he further accelerated his advance.

In the blink of an eye, Forest Ape had moved several dozen yards away from Northlight and the beastified youth. Then, in only two seconds, he had shortened the distance between himself and Shi Feng from 500 yards to 100 yards.

When White Owl and the others saw this scene from a distance, they couldn't help but be astonished.

*His speed just now still wasn't his all?*

When White Owl saw the many afterimages Forest Ape left behind in his trail, it quickly became obvious to her that Forest Ape hadn't been going all out when fighting against her. At this time, Forest Ape's Movement Speed was at least 30% faster than when he fought her.

Different from White Owl, Thousand Scars' attention wasn't on Forest Ape but on the male Swordsman standing in the middle of the canyon. In a confused tone, she muttered, "Why does that Swordsman look somewhat familiar?"

"Black...Flame!"

Death Omen's eyes widened in shock as she looked at the Swordsman standing in the Holy Race trio's way. Although Shi Feng wore a cloak that covered parts of his face, Death Omen had a Master Identification Skill. So, she could see some of Shi Feng's personal information.

"Black Flame?"

When White Owl heard the name Death Omen called out, her initial reaction was to feel surprised, which was followed by joy.

Black Flame was an expert ranked among the Luminous Glory List. During the battle in the World Passage, even though he was only a Tier 4 player, he could already fight against Storm and Saint Arm, who were both Tier 5 players at the time. Although White

Owl didn't know how Black Flame managed to appear in the Eternal Realm after disappearing from the World Passage, it shouldn't be difficult for him to hold back the Holy Race trio.

Meanwhile, so long as Black Flame could keep the Holy Race trio pinned until Unrestrained Lionheart arrived, the Holy Race trio, who were the quickest to escape out of all the Holy Race players, would not be leaving with their lives.

According to the information they gathered, if Holy Race players were to kill human players, the latter would be prohibited from logging into God's Domain for two days on top of suffering the standard death penalty. And although there was no way to verify it, the reverse should also be true.

So, if they could eliminate all of the Holy Race players here, they could delay detailed information on the human race from falling into the Holy Race's hands for two more days. If they could accomplish this, it would significantly help their subsequent operations.

While White Owl was feeling delighted, Forest Ape arrived within 20 yards of Shi Feng.

"Die!"

Forest Ape did not hold back in the slightest this time. After condensing the Holy Aura in his legs to the extreme, he began circling Shi Feng at extreme speeds, leaving behind over a dozen afterimages in his wake, all the while thrusting his hand at Shi Feng as if it were a spear. Forest Ape moved so quickly that even the average Tier 5 Assassin would have difficulty pinpointing his location.

Holy Devour!

However, Shi Feng did not even look at Forest Ape and simply executed a horizontal slash in a particular direction. After reaching the Extrasensory Realm, this was also the best slash he could execute at Tier 4.

Immediately afterward, Forest Ape and his afterimages simultaneously revealed an expression of agony as an indescribable pain spread across his entire body. Then, his HP fell to zero.

*I died?*

Forest Ape fell into a daze when he saw the world around him losing its color. It was also at this time he finally got to see what had caused his brief but excruciating experience.

Flames!

A sea of flames!

With only one slash, Shi Feng had transformed a radius of 100 yards into a sea of crimson flames. These flames also carried destructive power so great that they managed to distort the space within the canyon.

Meanwhile, Forest Ape wasn't the only one incinerated by these destructive flames. Before Northlight and the beastified young man could react, they, too, were devoured by the flames...

## **Chapter 3367: Alternate Ending 441 - Goddess of Space**

Chapter 441 – Goddess of Space

“What an incredible expert!”

“He’s more than just incredible. Didn’t you see that even White Owl could do nothing against those three just now?”

“Is that guy really just a Tier 4 Sword Emperor?”

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After seeing the three Holy Race experts incinerated by the sea of flames, the other human players who had caught up to White Owl couldn't help but voice words of admiration as they looked at Shi Feng.

Everyone present had seen the strength the three Holy Race experts had exhibited. Although the trio had to work together just to gain a slight advantage over White Owl, it remained a fact that they could contend against a bona fide Tier 5 player. Moreover, with the Holy Power Protection effect the Holy Race enjoyed, the trio's Defense was superior to the average Tier 5 Legendary monster. Yet, despite having these things going for them, the trio failed to survive more than one attack from Shi Feng.

At this time, White Owl, Death Omen, and Thousand Scars were similarly dumbfounded by this situation. It was especially so for White Owl.

As someone who had personally fought the three Holy Race experts, White Owl knew just how absurdly high the trio's Defense was. Previously, when she landed a Heaven's Collapse on Forest Ape, she didn't even manage to take off 5% of the other party's HP. Yet, it should be known that Forest Ape's Defense was the weakest out of the trio.

While White Owl acknowledged that the attack Shi Feng just used was powerful, her senses told her that it was slightly weaker than the Heaven's Collapse she had used. Yet, this "slightly weaker" attack instantly killed the three Holy Race experts.

Of course, White Owl wasn't completely ignorant of what just happened. She was aware that Shi Feng could accomplish what he just did because his usage of mana had already reached a terrifying level. The fact that he instantly detonated the mana within a 100-yard radius was proof of this.

Meanwhile, rather than defeating the three Holy Race experts with just one attack, it'd be more accurate to say that Shi Feng had defeated them by creating countless mana explosions around them. Although each of these individual explosions wasn't exceptionally powerful, when countless such explosions simultaneously occurred in a small area, the combined force would naturally be impressive.

It was also because of these mana explosions that no mana remained in the area engulfed by the sea of flames.

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While everyone was feeling shocked, the sound of a system notification entered Shi Feng's ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have slain three Tier 4 Holy Race players. Adventurer's Association Merit Points +30.

System: You have accumulated 10 Adventurer's Association Merit Points. You have received an Adventurer Medallion.

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[Adventurer Medallion] (Ornament, Bronze Rank)

When wearing the Adventurer Medallion, you may ask to exchange for treasures at any Adventurer's Association.

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This thing will save me a lot of time, Shi Feng thought, smiling as he looked at the medallion in his hand.

Apart from trying to prevent the Holy Race from obtaining detailed information on the human race too soon, another reason Shi Feng came to intercept Northlight's group's retreat was so that he could acquire an Adventurer Medallion.

In God's Domain, so long as players killed alien players, they could earn Merit Points from the Adventurer's Association. Upon accumulating 10 Merit Points, players would receive an Adventurer Medallion and become qualified to exchange for items in the Adventurer's Association's treasury. Meanwhile, the more Merit Points players accumulated, the higher the rank their Adventurer Medallion would become, and the more functions the medallion would have. The quality of the items players could exchange from the Adventurer's Association's treasury would also become better.

However, leveling up the Adventurer Medallion wasn't an easy task. Players might only need ten Merit Points to receive the Bronze Adventurer Medallion, but they'd need to accumulate one thousand points to upgrade it to the Mysterious-Iron rank, 10,000 points to the Secret-Silver rank, one hundred thousand points to the Fine-Gold rank, one million points to the Dark-Gold rank, ten million points to the Epic rank, one hundred million points to the Fragmented Legendary rank, and one billion points to the Legendary rank.

According to rumors, once players successfully upgrade their Adventurer Medallion to the Legendary rank, they'd be qualified to exchange a Fragmented Divine Weapon from the Adventurer's Association's main branch. Because of this rumor, countless players were tempted to kill the Holy Race's players.

Shi Feng dared not have any thoughts on getting a Legendary Adventurer Medallion. He was already satisfied with having just a Bronze Medallion. During the Eternal Realm's exploration stage, a Bronze Medallion could let players avoid many detours.

After putting the Adventurer Medallion away, Shi Feng approached the three corpses before him and collected the items they dropped. Apart from equipment meant for the Holy Race, Shi Feng found a petrified tree branch.

*The equipment these three dropped is good. It's a pity they can't be used by humans,* Shi Feng thought as he put the three pieces of equipment he collected into his bag.

The three pieces of equipment Northlight's group dropped were all at the Fragmented Legendary rank. Normally, obtaining three pieces of Fragmented Legendary Equipment in less than a minute should be cause for celebration. However, as the Holy Race's weapons and equipment were filled with rich Holy Power, humans could not use them, so they did not have any value whatsoever to humans.

Just when Shi Feng was getting ready to leave the Flameheart Canyon, a young man from the caravan approached him. This young man was none other than Unrestrained Lionheart, the de facto leader of the caravan escort.

"Thank you for your assistance, Mr. Black Flame," Unrestrained Lionheart said, starting the conversation with words of gratitude. "We would have lost a lot of opportunities if these people managed to escape."

"It's nothing," Shi Feng said, responding to Unrestrained Lionheart's initiative with a smile. "Even if I didn't decide to help, you could have easily taken care of the situation, Mr. Lionheart."

Unrestrained Lionheart was very well-known during the war with the Holy Race in Shi Feng's previous life. The man had single-handedly defended an entire world from the Holy Race. Afterward, he even fought solo against three Ancient Saints, existences that rivaled the Greater God's Domain's Ancient Gods.

Unfortunately, although Unrestrained Lionheart managed to cause the permanent downfall of two of the Ancient Saints and scare off the third one, he also permanently lost the qualifications to log into God's Domain after that fight. Though, Unrestrained Lionheart wasn't the only Tier 6 expert to have met with a permanent fall during the war with the Holy Race. Tens of thousands of other Tier 6 experts had met with a similar fate.

"You jest, Mr. Black Flame. I don't have that kind of ability," Unrestrained Lionheart said, shaking his head. Then, after a slight pause, he asked in a hopeful tone, "I would like to make a request of you, Mr. Black Flame. The caravan I am escorting is headed to Pharos Town mainly to recruit qualified experts to explore an Ancient God's ruins that we and the Holy Race coincidentally found."

"An Ancient God's ruins? Would such a discovery necessitate such a large mobilization from you?" Shi Feng asked, a puzzled look appearing on his face.

Ruins left behind by an Ancient God might be incredibly rare in the Greater God's Domain, but for a pseudo-apex power like the Red Dragon Nation, the Guild had already explored over a dozen such ruins. No matter how Shi Feng looked at it, it didn't make sense for the Red Dragon Nation to react so desperately to an Ancient God's ruins, so much so that it would be willing to visit different towns to recruit the help of other experts.

In response to Shi Feng's question, Unrestrained Lionheart shook his head and said, "If these ruins belonged to the average Ancient God, we naturally wouldn't need to go to such lengths to compete over it. However, our investigation showed that these ruins might belong to someone special."

"Someone special? Who?" Shi Feng grew even more curious.

"According to our investigation..." Carefully, Unrestrained Lionheart said, "The ruins might have been left behind by the Goddess of Space."

"The Goddess of Space?!" Shi Feng was startled.

The Goddess of Space might not be a Primordial God, but she was an Ancient God who surpassed many Primordial Gods. Whether it was his homeworld's Seven Treasures or

the Greater God's Domain's Seven Luminaries Codex, these powerful items were all closely related to the Goddess of Space.

However, according to Shi Feng's memories, the Goddess of Space's ruins should have only been discovered in the Eternal Realm over a year after the Realm had emerged. It was also the only known relic left behind by the Goddess of Space.

The Courtyard of Space!

## **Chapter 3368: Alternate Ending 442 - Black Flame? A Saint?**

Chapter 442 – Black Flame? A Saint?

"That's right. It is very likely the Goddess of Space has left behind these ruins," Unrestrained Lionheart said, nodding. Then, he cautiously continued, "It is why we must secure the ruins' First Clear before the Holy Race does."

"If it really is a relic of the Goddess of Space, indeed, we cannot let the Holy Race secure its First Clear," Shi Feng said in agreement.

The Courtyard of Space left behind by the Goddess of Space was a place of incredible value as it housed two treasures made by the Goddess herself.

The first treasure was the Seven Luminaries Ring.

The second treasure was the Divine Spatial Potion.

The Seven Luminaries Ring was a ring that granted its wearer the best survival capabilities available in the Greater God's Domain. Moreover, its use was not restricted by race. As for the Divine Spatial Potion, consuming it would permanently increase the user's affinity to the power system(Mana or Holy Power) they were affiliated with by one level.

Meanwhile, both treasures could only be obtained from the Courtyard of Space's First Clear.

In addition, players who secured the Courtyard of Space's First Clear could obtain a large amount of Eternal Realm Reputation Points, which would greatly accelerate their development in the Eternal Realm.

"What do you think, Mr. Black Flame? Would you be willing to join our team?" Unrestrained Lionheart asked, taking the initiative to extend an invitation to Shi Feng. "So long as you agree to join us, I can pay you two Eternal Gold and one Fragmented



Legendary item obtained from the ruins. If we successfully secure the First Clear, I will pay you an additional two Eternal Gold.”

As soon as Unrestrained Lionheart finished speaking, Death Omen and Thousand Scars couldn't help but look at him in surprise and confusion.

The Eternal Realm had emerged only recently, so the various powers could only get their hands on a limited amount of Eternal Coins. For the most part, the various powers had to rely on their members to earn Eternal Coins.

Currently, the average Tier 4 titled expert in the Eternal Realm probably didn't even have one Eternal Silver Coin in their pockets. So, even one Eternal Gold Coin was an unimaginable fortune.

It should be known that Unrestrained Lionheart had only promised two Eternal Gold Coins to the Tier 5 experts he had recruited thus far. Moreover, this amount would only be paid if they successfully secured the First Clear. Yet, Unrestrained Lionheart had promised Shi Feng, a Tier 4 player, a total of four Eternal Gold Coins and one Fragmented Legendary item from the ruins.

This was an unbelievable offer, even if Shi Feng was a Luminous Glory expert.

“That's not a bad price,” Shi Feng said after pondering for a moment. “But if you want me to join, you'll have to promise me two conditions.”

Unrestrained Lionheart was not surprised by Shi Feng's words. Patiently, he said, “May I know what those conditions are?”

Nodding, Shi Feng said, “Firstly, I want command over the team. Secondly, I want the privilege of choosing any one item from the ruins' harvest.”

*...Is he crazy?* Thousand Scars nearly jumped when she heard Shi Feng's words.

The fact that Unrestrained Lionheart was taking the initiative to extend an invitation to Shi Feng was already plenty mind-blowing. After all, if given the opportunity, many Luminous Glory experts would probably offer to join their team for no remuneration.

Yet, even after receiving a sky-high offer from Unrestrained Lionheart, not only was Shi Feng not satisfied, but he was even asking to become the team's leader and the privilege to choose any one item obtained from the ruins.

Death Omen similarly looked at Shi Feng in confusion.

The current Zero Wing was entirely reliant on Black Flame for its fame. Although it was proven that Zero Wing had some connections with Cheng Xin, the Dragon Tongue

Conglomerate's Little Princess, such a connection was far from enough to put Zero Wing on equal footing with Unrestrained Lionheart.

So, the fact that Unrestrained Lionheart was taking the initiative to invite Shi Feng could be regarded as a good opportunity for Zero Wing to form a connection with Unrestrained Lionheart. Yet, by the looks of things, Shi Feng had decided to let go of this opportunity.

Meanwhile, after listening to Shi Feng's conditions, Unrestrained Lionheart silently pondered for a moment before saying, "I do not have the authority to agree to your two conditions, Mr. Black Flame. I will need to seek the commander's opinion before I can give you a response."

"No problem. You can contact me anytime after you have thought about it," Shi Feng said, sending a friend request to Unrestrained Lionheart. Then, he promptly made his way out of the Flameheart Canyon.

After Shi Feng left, White Owl walked up to Unrestrained Lionheart and said, "Mr. Lionheart, I don't think the commander will entertain Black Flame's conditions for even a second. We might even get reprimanded for bringing them up."

Shi Feng's combat standard might have reached the fifth-floor standard, but he was nothing more than a bottom-ranked Luminous Glory expert. Such strength was nowhere near enough to attract their commander's attention, let alone convince their commander to give him the command of the team.

"That might not be the case," Unrestrained Lionheart said, smiling.

"It might not?" White Owl looked at Unrestrained Lionheart in confusion.

Looking at White Owl, Unrestrained Lionheart suddenly remembered something and patiently explained, "You might not know this since you weren't in the Holy World previously, but some time ago, Black Flame defeated Hidden Wind, who is 42nd on the Luminous Glory List. Because of this, many people suspect that Black Flame might have already reached the realm of Saints. If we can have a Saint join our team, our chances of securing the First Clear will increase significantly."

*He defeated the 42nd-ranked Hidden Wind?*

*A Saint?*

Whether it was White Owl, Death Omen, or Thousand Scars, all of them were dumbfounded by Unrestrained Lionheart's words.

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Pharos Town, Adventurer's Association:

"I would like to purchase 300 Compounding Potions," Shi Feng said as he presented his Adventurer Medallion at a VIP counter on the second floor.

The biggest function the Adventurer Medallion had during the Eternal Realm's exploration stage was to let players purchase the Compounding Potion.

The Compounding Potion not only had the Holy Power Bottle's effects but could also strengthen players' mana. Moreover, it had a long duration of 12 hours and a low price of 10 Eternal Copper. It could be regarded as the best tool for players to survive in the Eternal Realm's wilderness.

However, every town's Adventurer's Association would only sell 300 Compounding Potions each day. Once the Holy Race started to make their existence known in the Eternal Realm, there wouldn't be enough Compounding Potions to go around, and players could make a fortune just by reselling these potions.

"Okay. That will be 30 Eternal Silver," the beautiful receptionist behind the counter replied.

Immediately, Shi Feng paid the 30 Eternal Silver, put the 300 Compounding Potions into his bag space, and ran for the Alchemy Association.

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Alchemy Association:

"How may I help you, Sir?" the female elf standing behind the commission counter asked as she looked at Shi Feng with a smile.

"Please help me start a material collection commission for Earthen Magic Flowers. I am paying one Eternal Copper for every ten Earthen Magic Flowers," Shi Feng stated.

Although the Holy World evolving into the Eternal Realm had caused him to lose the opportunity to earn God Crystal Fragments, the appearance of the Holy Race had given him another opportunity to make a fortune.

Apart from handling commissions from NPCs, the various Associations in the Greater God's Domain also handled commissions from players. Only, commissions made by players would not offer any EXP or Reputation Points on completion.

"How long would you like to keep your commission available?" the receptionist asked. "The handling fee the Alchemy Association charges is based on the commissions' duration. Each day will cost 50 Eternal Copper, and you may only keep a commission active for up to three days."

“Have it up for two days for the time being,” Shi Feng said as he took out the remaining 43 Eternal Silver Coins in his bag. “Use the rest to buy Earthen Magic Flowers.”

The Earthen Magic Flower was a material unique to the Eternal Realm, and it could be used to make all sorts of Mana Recovery Potions. However, as it was one of the more commonly available herbs that could be harvested out in the wilderness, it wasn’t worth much.

Currently, the market price for Earthen Magic Flowers was only one Eternal Copper Coin per 20.

However, this would change once the Holy Race made its existence known.

When players of the human race and the Holy Race fought, the penalty for death would be much more severe. For example, even after getting resurrected, human players killed by Holy Race players would continue to be tainted by Holy Power, and this Holy Power would cause their mana to grow incredibly unstable and prevent them from fighting normally.

Meanwhile, if players wished to recover the stability of their mana, they could either wait for a long time for their mana to recover naturally or use a Mana Stabilizer.

Consuming a Mana Stabilizer made from Earthen Magic Flowers could let players recover their mana’s stability immediately. Because of this effect, Mana Stabilizers would quickly be in high demand once the Holy Race began aggressively clashing with humans. This, in turn, would increase the demand for Earthen Magic Flowers. At that time, the price of Earthen Magic Flowers would quickly skyrocket.

Going by his memories, Shi Feng recalled that Earthen Magic Flowers had, at one point, sold for two Eternal Copper each. Even then, supply could never meet demand. As a result, Alchemists who had stockpiled Earthen Magic Flowers made a fortune during that period.

“Very well. Your commission has already been issued.”

After the elven receptionist received all the necessary information, she added Shi Feng’s commission to the Alchemy Association’s commission board. Shortly after this commission appeared, an uproar occurred among the players in the Alchemy Association.

## **Chapter 3369: Alternate Ending 443 - Abnormal Upgrade**

Chapter 443 – Abnormal Upgrade

Pharos Town, Alchemy Association:

A continuous stream of players could be seen entering the Alchemy Association. As soon as these players entered the building, they would either wait in line before a counter to turn in or pick up quests. Very few would bother to approach the commission board.

Among the few people loitering in front of the commission board, a slovenly man wearing a simple robe looked through the new commissions on the board. However, after looking through a few listings, the slovenly man couldn't help but sigh.

"Sure enough, all of these commissions are looking for Grandmaster Potions or above..."

Cigarette Life had long gotten used to seeing only commissions for Grandmaster Potions and above. Although Alchemy Associations did not exist during the Holy World era, players would often post alchemy commissions in Saint Camps. It was just that the commission system back then wasn't as formal. Everyone simply wrote an advert stating their requests and published it on the notice board of the various Saint Camps' central plazas. Back then, players would have to look for a commission that suited them to earn God Crystal Fragments.

Now that the Holy World had evolved into the Eternal Realm, what Cigarette Life needed to do to earn money remained the same. It wasn't by engaging in combat. Instead, it was by practicing the art of alchemy that he wasn't particularly proficient in.

Before entering the Holy World, Cigarette Life was one of the Greater God's Domain's rare titled experts. If put in the average hegemonic power, he could easily receive the position of commander of a trump card legion. However, after entering the Holy World, he became a mediocre existence. If it weren't for his not-so-good alchemy skills, he might not even be able to make a living in the Holy World.

Unfortunately, his alchemy skills weren't enough for him to thrive in the Holy World. This was because any decent expert in the Holy World could make enough money that they didn't have to care about their finances. To protect their lives and complete commissions, these experts would typically purchase potions at the Grandmaster rank or above. Hence, demand for potions at the Master rank was pitifully low. Meanwhile, as someone who could only make Master Potions, Cigarette Life could only make a living by selling niche Master Potions.

*Hm?! A commission for Earthen Magic Flowers?* When Cigarette life read an inconspicuous commission pasted at the corner of the commission board, he couldn't help but rub his eyes to check if he was hallucinating.

As an alchemist, Cigarette Life had long looked into the various alchemy materials available in the Eternal Realm, so he knew it was widely available out in the wilderness.

Players wouldn't even need to be an alchemist to be able to harvest Earthen Magic Flowers.

However, as it was an auxiliary material for many kinds of Mana Recovery Potions, demand for Earthen Magic Flowers had always been quite significant. So, even though the flowers were widely available, twenty Earthen Magic Flowers could be exchanged for one Eternal Copper. Many teams would typically harvest some to turn in for money while hunting or doing quests.

But now that someone was purchasing Earthen Magic Flowers for one Eternal Copper per ten flowers, simply harvesting Earthen Magic Flowers had become much more lucrative than killing monsters and doing quests.

It should be known that players could, at most, earn thirty to forty Eternal Copper when doing quests for an entire day. However, if players spent an entire day harvesting only Earthen Magic Flowers, it was possible to collect over a thousand flowers. In other words, it was possible to earn one Eternal Silver a day, which was more than double what players could typically earn from doing quests.

Immediately, Cigarette Life ran out of the Alchemy Association and began going around purchasing Earthen Magic Flowers for one Eternal Copper per twenty flowers.

"What's wrong with that guy? Why is he buying so many Earthen Magic Flowers? He's bought several hundred already. Even if he's buying it for his Guild, there shouldn't be a need for this many Earthen Magic Flowers."

"I know, right? Earthen Magic Flowers are merely a kind of auxiliary material. Not a lot is needed for potion-making. Something is fishy with this guy."

In less than an hour, some observant players started to notice the strangeness in Cigarette Life's behavior. Moreover, Cigarette Life wasn't the only player behaving this way. As time passed, more and more players also started to purchase Earthen Magic Flowers in bulk, with some even buying the flowers for one Eternal Copper per fifteen flowers.

Eventually, some players turned their attention to the town's inconspicuous Alchemy Association.

"What?! Someone's buying Earthen Magic Flowers for one Eternal Copper per ten flowers?! Those bulk buyers must have made a killing!"

"Ten Earthen Magic Flowers for one Eternal Copper?! I'm definitely draining all of the commissioner's capital!"

"Dammit! This is discrimination! Why was this commission posted only at the Alchemy Association?!"

Upon discovering the commission issued via the Alchemy Association, even players who weren't alchemists had started to group up to harvest Earthen Magic Flowers.

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While Pharos Town had fallen into a craze of harvesting Earthen Magic Flowers, Shi Feng rented a room in a hotel to recover his Stamina and Concentration.

"Who is this Northlight person?" Shi Feng muttered in shock as he looked at the petrified tree branch in his hand.

The Holy Tree's Main Branch!

The Holy Tree's existence to the Holy Race was akin to the Tree of Life's existence to the human race. It could only grow by gathering the power of a world.

Meanwhile, the main branch of the Holy Tree was a bona fide Inferior Divine Artifact-ranked material. For Holy Race players, its value was no less than that of a Legendary Weapon. Even if a Holy Race player simply carried the tree branch on them, they could greatly benefit from it as the tree branch would continuously gather Holy Power around them, which would, in turn, strengthen their Holy Power.

Previously, Shi Feng hadn't paid close attention to the petrified tree branch and only assumed it was some kind of rare material. He never thought he would get his hands on such valuable material.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng appraised the petrified tree branch, the Winter of Eternal Night hanging on his waist suddenly trembled.

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System: The Winter of Eternal Night has detected a World Source. Do you wish to let it devour this World Source to evolve?

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Shi Feng was stunned by the system notification.

Honestly, the part where the Winter of Eternal Night needed to devour World Sources to evolve had given him a considerable headache. After all, World Sources were the foundations of a world. They weren't things that could be obtained on a whim.

The fact that the Holy Tree's Main Branch could be treated and absorbed like a World Source was completely outside of his expectations.



However, despite his surprise, Shi Feng didn't hesitate to let the Winter of Eternal Night devour the Holy Tree's Main Branch.

Immediately, the Winter of Eternal Night spontaneously transformed into an illusory wolf and devoured the arm-sized tree branch in one bite. Then, space in the room seemingly froze. Whether it was Shi Feng or the dust falling in the room, everything stagnated. The only things that did not stop moving completely were Shi Feng's thoughts.

Once the space in the room came to a standstill, boundless mana began pouring out from the void and into the Winter of Eternal Night. After this phenomenon continued for over ten seconds, Shi Feng suddenly felt a resplendent energy coming out from the void, the mere presence of this energy causing his heart to palpitate. This energy was different from mana, and it had the power to strengthen all creatures.

Holy Power!

A type of energy that weapons originally shouldn't be able to absorb was now being devoured by the illusory wolf that the Winter of Eternal Night had transformed into. Moreover, as the illusory wolf devoured this resplendent energy, glowing white sacred patterns started to appear all over its body.

After this situation continued for around ten minutes, the illusory wolf reverted into the shape of a sword and hovered in front of Shi Feng. At the same time, the space in the room started to unfreeze.

I will be changing all instances of "Ancient Gods" up to the Shadow Incinerator/World Passage arc into "Primordial Gods". One example would be as follows: Ancient God's Blood -> Primordial God's Blood Ancient Abyssal God -> Primordial Abyssal God It would seem that I have misinterpreted the raws. There are three categories of Gods instead of just two: 1) Gods 2) Ancient Gods (presumably Gods that have existed since Era of Myriad Gods) 3) Primordial Gods (presumably Gods that have existed since the Era of Primordial Gods) I will try to fix these errors in the side stories, but I might not catch everything. However, basically everything Ancient God-related you've seen up until the Shadow Incinerator/World Passage Arc should be Primordial God-related instead. Fyi, the Ancient God that fought against Shi Feng in the World Passage is an Ancient God, not a Primordial God.

## **Chapter 3370: Alternate Ending 444 - New Eternal Night**

Chapter 444 – New Eternal Night

Pharos Town, Collet Hotel:

As space in the room started to become unfrozen, Shi Feng's mind also started to become active again. Then, it took a few more minutes before he regained the ability to move his body normally.

Is this the evolved Eternal Night?

When Shi Feng saw the dark-blue longsword with silver engravings floating in front of him, he couldn't help but be amazed.

Weapons and equipment that could evolve weren't particularly rare in God's Domain. A typical example would be Magic Weapons, which could be continuously improved by absorbing other weapons. It was even possible to nurture a Magic Weapon up to the Legendary rank.

However, Magic Weapons came with massive disadvantages. Not only would each subsequent upgrade cost more and more resources, but each upgrade would also increase the strength of the backlash users would suffer. Meanwhile, once players failed to cope with the backlash of a Magic Weapon, the Magic Weapon would devour them, and they would have to start a new account.

Meanwhile, Magic Weapons would usually cause a huge commotion when getting upgraded. However, those commotions were nothing compared to the commotion the Winter of Eternal Night's evolution caused.

It should be known that even when a Magic Weapon was being upgraded to the Legendary rank, it could, at most, cause Tier 4 players to shudder or become incapable of movement. However, the Winter of Eternal Night's evolution froze the surrounding space. Moreover, even with his Concentration at the Tier 6 Basic standard, Shi Feng's thoughts had become sluggish under this freezing effect.

After seeing the brand new Winter of Eternal Night, Shi Feng quickly clicked on the longsword to check its stats.

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[Winter of Eternal Night] (One-handed Sword, Fragmented Legendary Rank)

Equipment Requirement: Strength 5,000, Tier 3

Attack Power (370% of Strength)

Attack Speed (4% of Agility)

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

When equipped:

Attacks gain the Extreme Frost effect, inflicting the Freezing effect within a 10\*50 yard area of the attack;

Attacks have a 40% chance to deal 500% damage and weaken the effectiveness of all Mana and Holy defenses by 40%;

Strength increased by 100%, Agility increased by 90%, Intelligence increased by 60%, Endurance increased by 90%, Attack Speed increased by 60%;

Ignore Levels +60;

Effect of all Sword-type Skills improved by 100%;

All Sword-type Skills will be strengthened by Holy Power;

Effect of Mana increased by 100%.

Additional Passive Skill 1: Winter's Body. Winter of Eternal Night will absorb its user's Mana to strengthen its user's physique. The higher the Mana's quality, the greater the improvements. Improvement limited at 150%.

Additional Passive Skill 2: Holy Power Destruction. Achieve a destructive effect against all forms of Holy Power.

Additional Active Skill 1: Radiant Night (Tier 5). Adds the power of erosion to all of the user's attacks and forcibly increases the user's attack by one tier (up to Tier 6 Peak).

Duration: 30 seconds

Cooldown: 20 minutes

Additional Active Skill 2: World of Frost (Tier 5). Casts the shadow of a world around the user, enveloping an area of a 1,000-yard radius. The user may summon up to 21 frost swords within the enveloped area. Each frost sword will carry 150% of the user's Strength.

Duration: 5 minutes

Cooldown: 1 hour

Additional Active Skill 3: Holy Mana's Shadow. Use a combination of Holy Power and Mana to reconstruct the user's body.

Duration: 10 minutes

Cooldown: 1 natural day

Additional Profound Inheritance 1: Formless Sword. Converts any object into a temporary sword. The quality of the sword created depends on the object used and the magic array constructed by the user.

Duration: 1 hour

Cooldown: 1 natural day

Additional Profound Inheritance 2: World Sword. Devour World Sources to evolve.

The Primordial God of Thunder's final creation that has absorbed a main branch from the Holy Tree. The Winter of Eternal Night holds the power source of a Primordial God, and it is capable of freezing all things.

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*What astonishing stats.*

Shi Feng was stunned. The evolved Winter of Eternal Night might not provide as many Basic Attributes as the average Legendary Weapon, but the abilities that came with the weapon were simply incredible.

The ability to use Holy Power had always been unique to the Holy Race. During his previous life, no matter how excellent humans were at crafting weapons, even the Legendary Weapons they crafted could not add Holy Power to their attacks. It was similar to how weapons crafted by the Holy Race could not add mana to their attacks.

Yet, now, not only could the Winter of Eternal Night add Holy Power to the user's attacks, but it could also weaken Holy Power defenses. Moreover, it could even destroy the Holy Power it came into contact with. With these effects, the Winter of Eternal Night could cause frightening damage to both monsters with Holy Power protection and Holy Race players. Not even Legendary Weapons could compete with the Winter of Eternal Night in these regards.

When Shi Feng gripped the Winter of Eternal Night, he could feel an indescribable power slowly spread across the surface of his body, forming an invisible layer of clothing around him.

When Shi Feng tried to swing the Winter of Eternal Night, the defensive magic array protecting the room instantly turned freezing cold, the cold air the magic array radiated causing the space in the room to turn a little sluggish. A second later, a crack formed on the defensive magic array.

*This destructive power! It's as if I am already wielding a Legendary Weapon!* Shi Feng's eyes glowed when he saw the cracked barrier in the room.

The hotel's defensive magic arrays could stop even Tier 5 attacks with ease. If a Tier 5 expert wielding a Fragmented Legendary Weapon did not use an Absolute Technique or a Tier 5 Curse or Taboo Skill, they wouldn't be able to cause any visible damage to the hotel's defensive magic arrays.

Yet, now, with just a simple swing of the Winter of Eternal Night, he had managed to cause visible damage to the room's defensive magic array. The standard of his destructive power was probably close to reaching the Tier 6 threshold already.

While Shi Feng was immersed in the joy of the Winter of Eternal Night's evolution, he suddenly received a call request. When he answered the call, Desolate Fury's face immediately appeared before him.

"How are you doing, Brother Black Flame?" Desolate Fury excitedly asked. "How about joining the three of us in exploring the Great Beast Forest?"

"Have all three of you proceeded to Tier 5 already?" Shi Feng asked, feeling a little surprised to see that Desolate Fury had risen to Tier 5 already.

As for the Great Beast Forest mentioned by Desolate Fury, it was a Level 145-plus map. With monsters having the protection of Holy Power, it simply wasn't a place where Tier 4 parties could roam. If players wished to explore the map, they'd need to go in with a party of Tier 5 players.

"Mhm. Now that the Holy World has evolved into the Eternal Realm, we decided to stop staying at Tier 4," Desolate Fury said, nodding. "We were also confident in creating a Tier 5 Epic Mana Body thanks to our harvests in the Holy World, so there was no point delaying our promotion any longer."

Shi Feng agreed with the decision of Desolate Fury and the others.

The current Eternal Realm had already become the focus of the entire Greater God's Domain. It would even become an existence akin to the Twelve Sanctuaries in the future. So, unless Desolate Fury and the others didn't wish to benefit from the Eternal Realm, it wouldn't be a wise decision for them to continue staying at Tier 4. It was especially so when they could already create a Tier 5 Epic Mana Body.

"How about it? Do you want to go with us?" Desolate Fury eagerly asked.

"I still have many things to do here, so I can't go exploring with you right now," Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

Once the Holy Race made their existence known, Earthen Magic Flowers weren't the only items that would see their value skyrocket. Magic barriers that could block Holy Power would also become very popular as they could achieve miraculous effects against Holy Race players.

Meanwhile, the scrolls for this magic barrier didn't require any exotic materials to create. Instead, their production mainly needed Mana Stones, and even Grandmaster Magicians could easily produce them. The only troublesome part was securing the design.

The design for the magic barrier in question wasn't obtained from killing monsters or clearing Dungeons. During Shi Feng's previous life, the magic barrier was created through the joint effort of multiple Great Grandmaster Magicians.

Fortunately, Shi Feng had learned the design for this magic barrier during his previous life. Now that he was a Great Grandmaster Magician, it shouldn't be too difficult to reproduce the magic barrier without the design.

If Shi Feng wanted a place in the future Eternal Realm, he would need a lot of funds. Meanwhile, the best opportunity to make money would be immediately after the Holy Race's invasion began. If he missed this opportunity, it was unlikely he would get another one.

"By the way, if you are going to the Great Beast Forest, it's best if you buy some Holy Power Bottles from a grocery store. They'll be of great help to you," Shi Feng reminded.

"Okay. Make sure to contact us if you change your mind," Desolate Fury said, sighing in mild disappointment.

Afterward, Shi Feng began trying to replicate the magic barrier from his previous life in the Collet Hotel. Time also quickly passed while he was trying to do so, and it was already bright outside before he realized it.

*Beep! Beep! Beep!*

"This is..."

Looking at the call request before him, Shi Feng saw a somewhat unfamiliar name.

Unrestrained Lionheart!

## **Chapter 3371: Alternate Ending 445 - Another Way to Use Mana**

### **Chapter 445 – Another Way to Use Mana**

When Shi Feng saw Unrestrained Lionheart contacting him, he set aside the Mana Stone in his hand and somewhat helplessly answered the call.

After researching the Holy Power Negation Barrier Magic Array for an entire night, he couldn't help but have a newfound respect for the Great Grandmaster Magicians behind the barrier's development. Even though it was only a Grandmaster Magic Array, it wasn't something a Great Grandmaster Magician could replicate easily.

The Holy Power Negation Barrier was unlike any magic array Shi Feng had seen.

Traditional magic arrays didn't place much emphasis on mana volume. Or, more specifically, they didn't need fixed amounts of mana to activate. However, the Holy Power Negation Barrier did. Moreover, it had different volume requirements for gaseous, liquid, and solid mana.

When the players during Shi Feng's previous life constructed the Holy Power Negation Barrier, they wouldn't need to make precise mana adjustments because they had its design. The system would automatically make all the necessary adjustments based on the design. So, even Grandmaster Magicians could easily construct the Holy Power Negation Barrier.

However, Shi Feng currently did not have the design to guide him. He only had memories of the design. As a result, finding the right amount of mana to inject into the Holy Power Negation Barrier's mana nodes became a huge challenge. The magic array would stop functioning normally and possibly even crumble if the volume of mana it received was off by even a small margin.

Meanwhile, after numerous attempts at replicating the Holy Power Negation Barrier, Shi Feng realized just how astounding of an understanding the barrier's creators had toward mana.

Just by relying on Mana, they managed to find a way to block out Holy Power completely.

It should be known that Mana and Holy Power were two different types of energy capable of permeating one another. Meanwhile, it was normally impossible for these two types of energy to isolate each other.

Yet, the Great Grandmaster Magicians in his previous life had found a way to manipulate Mana so that it would reject Holy Power. This was simply unbelievable.

"It looks like your side has reached a conclusion, Mr. Lionheart," Shi Feng calmly said as he looked at Unrestrained Lionheart.

"Yes, we have," Unrestrained Lionheart said, nodding. "The commander has agreed to your two conditions. However, the commander also has one condition for you."



“What is it?” “Shi Feng asked, a little surprised by Unrestrained Lionheart’s answer. He didn’t think Unrestrained Lionheart’s commander would actually agree to both of his conditions.

It should be known that Unrestrained Lionheart was a veteran fifth-floor expert belonging to the Red Dragon Nation, so whoever could serve as his commander would naturally have extraordinary strength and influence. Logically, there should be no way such an individual would tolerate handing over command of their team to an outsider, much less the privilege of choosing any one item from the team’s harvest.

After all, Shi Feng was only one individual. It wouldn’t make a significant difference for a 100-man team to have an extra one or two experts or be missing one or two experts. At the end of the day, the raid’s success would still depend on the team’s overall strength.

Of course, if Unrestrained Lionheart’s commander was willing to accept his conditions, there was no reason for Shi Feng to be against their decision.

The Courtyard of Space was the only known ruin left behind by the Goddess of Space. Whether it was the Seven Luminaries Ring or the Divine Spatial Potion obtainable from the ruin, both were of extraordinary value. The Divine Spatial Potion was especially important for Shi Feng.

Tier 4 players could be regarded as the weakest existences in the current Eternal Realm. Hence, Shi Feng needed to advance to Tier 5 as soon as possible. However, because of his quest, he needed to create a Tier 5 Legendary Mana Body before he could do so.

Meanwhile, apart from improving his Concentration standard, the only other method that could allow him to create a Tier 5 Legendary Mana Body would be through improving his mana affinity. If he could improve his affinity with mana, it would increase his control over mana by a significant margin.

“Simple.” Smiling, Unrestrained Lionheart said, “Once the team’s casualty exceeds 20%, you will have to forfeit your command over the team and the privilege of choosing an item of your choice.”

“Okay, no problem,” Shi Feng answered without hesitation.

Ensuring the team’s casualty stayed below 20% was a big ask. For teams challenging the Courtyard of Space without prior knowledge, achieving such a low casualty rate would be impossible. However, Shi Feng knew plenty about the Courtyard of Space.

The various powers during his previous life had placed a lot of attention on the Courtyard of Space. Even after someone had secured the Courtyard of Space’s First Clear, the various powers did not stop exploring the ruin for clues pertaining to the

Goddess of Space. Hence, plenty of information and strategies concerning the Courtyard of Space became publicly available.

“You sure are a straightforward person, Mr. Black Flame,” Unrestrained Lionheart said, feeling a little surprised by Shi Feng’s quick and decisive response. “The ruin will activate in the Corrosion Mountain Range in 25 hours. Please be there on time, Mr. Black Flame.”

“I will.” Shi Feng nodded.

After saying so, Shi Feng disconnected the call and resumed his research of the Holy Power Negation Barrier Magic Array.

Even though Shi Feng had already become a Great Grandmaster Magician, the more he studied the Holy Power Negation Barrier, the more he learned about magic arrays.

Magic arrays were a phenomenon formed through using mana to manipulate the various magic elements. Meanwhile, each magic element could produce varying effects depending on the volume of mana used to manipulate it.

Players might achieve powerful effects by manipulating the various magic elements using an excessive amount of mana, but if they could use the perfect amount of mana for each element, they could have the various magic elements achieve 100% of their effects.

In other words, if done right, players could use the same amount of mana to manipulate a greater amount of magic elements.

However, finding the right amount of mana to manipulate each element wasn’t a simple task. If players did not have a sufficiently high affinity with mana, they couldn’t even begin to explore this topic.

Fortunately, Shi Feng’s mana affinity had already reached Level 5 thanks to the Great Grandmaster Emblem. If it was still at Level 4, he would have been met with a dead end.

Subsequently, time went by quickly as Shi Feng experimented using varying volumes of mana to manipulate the various magic elements. Every experiment he did put him closer to grasping the perfect amount of mana to use to manipulate the various elements.

First, he mastered the element of fire in the first hour.

Afterward, he mastered the element of water in the third hour.

In the sixth hour, he mastered the element of wind.

In the ninth hour, he mastered the element of earth.

In the thirteenth hour, he mastered the element of illusion.

In the sixteenth hour, he mastered the element of time.

In the twentieth hour, he mastered the element of space.

Once Shi Feng found the appropriate amount of mana to use to manipulate the seven magic elements, he felt as if he had reached a new level in the manipulation of magic arrays.

*I should be able to complete the Holy Power Negation Barrier now.* After taking a deep breath, Shi Feng looked at the tattered magic scrolls on the ground and wryly smiled. *Sure enough, learning anything in this game costs a significant amount of money and resources.*

Magic scrolls that could be used to create Grandmaster Magic Arrays were typically sold for five Magic Crystals each. In addition, each attempt at creating the Holy Power Negation Barrier cost 30 Mana Stones. Now that he had made over 500 failed attempts, he had spent over 2,500 Magic Crystals at 15,000 Mana Stones. There was no way the average expert could afford such an expenditure.

Fortunately, Shi Feng had brought 30,000 Mana Stones with him when he left the Miniature Ancient World. Even after all those failed attempts, he still had enough Mana Stones to explore the various magic elements and continue producing magic scrolls for the Holy Power Negation Barrier.

Following this, Shi Feng started trying to produce the Holy Power Negation Barrier Magic Scrolls for real.

Unfold the magic scroll... Structure the mana nodes... Shape the mana circuits... Form the magic arrays...

Finally, inject the mana!

As soon as Shi Feng injected mana into the scroll covered with complex magic arrays, powerful ripples of mana began spreading from the scroll, these ripples causing the surrounding mana to become denser.

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System: Congratulations! You have developed a new Grandmaster Magic Array. Rewarding two levels.

System: Please name your magic array.

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TL Notes:

It would seem that I have misunderstood the concept of mana the author was trying to convey all this time...

Apparently, mana(魔力) and the various magic elements(魔法元素) are separate things, and mana is used to manipulate the various magic elements. I was always under the assumption that mana was a general term used to refer to different types of mana, but it seems that's not the case.

But in Chapter 375, the author mentioned "elemental affinity(魔法元素亲和度)," yet mentioned "mana affinity(魔力亲和度)" in this chapter. So, I guess they are somewhat the same thing to a certain extent? I haven't a clue.

Anyway, I will be using the correct interpretation going forward, but I don't think I will ever go back to correct my misinterpretation. There are just too many chapters to go through. x.x

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Fyi:

Three Supreme Elements = Space, Time, Illusion

Four Major Elements = Fire, Water, Earth, Wind

## **Chapter 3372: Alternate Ending 446 - Difference Between Energy Systems**

Chapter 446 – Difference Between Energy Systems

Following the system notification, two layers of purple-gold brilliance emerged from Shi Feng's body. At the same time, Shi Feng's level rose from 137 to 139.

However, Shi Feng did not pay any attention to the increase in his level. Instead, his focus was on the magic scroll in his hands. It was as if the Grandmaster Magic Barrier Scroll in his hand wasn't just a Grandmaster Magic Barrier Scroll but a peerless treasure instead.

*Success!* An indescribable sense of excitement filled Shi Feng as he looked at the magic array drawn on the scroll. *How unexpected. I didn't think such frightening results*

*would be possible just by finding the right volume of mana to manipulate the seven magic elements.*

At this point, Shi Feng had already restored the Holy Power Negation Barrier from his memories. So long as he activated the magic scroll in his hands, he could create a barrier that would expel all Holy Power. Meanwhile, this barrier would have an effective radius of 1,000 yards and a duration of one hour.

However, these weren't the important points.

What truly excited Shi Feng was the amount of mana he had used to create the Holy Power Negation Barrier. After optimizing his mana usage, he managed to reduce the mana he used by roughly 40%.

A 40% reduction in mana expenditure would be of significant help to players.

In God's Domain, players could only store a limited amount of mana in their bodies. When Tier 4 players and above battled, they would typically attach mana to their attacks, whether the attack was a normal attack, a combat technique, a Mana Technique, a Skill, or a Spell. Although the mana mentioned here wasn't limited to just the mana in players' bodies and also included the ambient mana manipulated by players, that was beside the point.

Meanwhile, the purpose of this mana was to manipulate the various magic elements to produce various phenomena. This also meant that the more excess mana players had, the more magic elements they could control and the stronger the phenomenon they could create. Similar to how players could exhibit greater strength with their combat techniques after eliminating their excess movements, players could also achieve a similar result by eliminating excess mana usage.

If players could use 40% less mana to achieve the same results, the results they could achieve by optimally using 100% of their mana would reach a whole new level.

When Shi Feng saw the results he had achieved, realization suddenly dawned on him.

It was no wonder the human players in his previous life couldn't compete against Holy Race players. The disparity between the two races was so great that there was a massive difference in strength, even between the Tier 6 players of the two races. In the end, human players could only fight against Holy Race players if they had an advantage in weapons and equipment.

Originally, Shi Feng had found it very strange that God's Domain would give preferential treatment to one particular race of players. However, it turned out that wasn't the case at all.

The disparity between human players and Holy Race players wasn't a result of the game giving preferential treatment to Holy Race players. Instead, it resulted from human players failing to truly grasp how to use mana. Or more specifically, human players were not on the same level as Holy Race players when it came to the standard of utilizing their respective race's energy systems.

If human players could optimize the way they used mana, assuming that all other factors were equal, it should be possible for human players to achieve the same combat power as Holy Race players.

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System: Please name the magic array you have developed. If you fail to do so in three minutes, the system will automatically generate a name for it.

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Shi Feng quickly returned from his thoughts when he heard the system notification. Then, he said, "Name it as the 'Holy Power Negation Barrier.'"

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System: New Grandmaster Magic Array successfully named. From now on, other players will be unable to construct the Holy Power Negation Barrier without learning its design beforehand.

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Shi Feng sighed in relief when he saw the latest notification.

Now that he had become the Holy Power Negation Barrier's developer, he had finally grasped his first money-printing machine. If other Magicians wished to construct the Holy Power Negation Barrier in the future, they could only do so after learning the magic array design he produced. Otherwise, they would never be able to construct the barrier.

After this, all he needed to do was wait until the great war between human and Holy Race players began. Once the war between the two races began, the Holy Power Negation Barrier would become a necessity for the various human powers to go against the Holy Race. At that time, he'd have a constant stream of money flowing into his pockets.

*Twenty-one hours have already gone by in the blink of an eye. I should hurry to the Corrosion Mountain Range.*

After looking at the time, Shi Feng quickly put away the Holy Power Negation Barrier Scroll and left the Collet Hotel.

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The Corrosion Mountain Range was five large maps away from Pharos Town. Since the Eternal Realm's environment prevented Tier 4 and Tier 5 players from flying, even Tier 5 players would need a significant amount of time to cross such a great distance. As for Tier 4 players, they'd have to run for at least 15 hours straight to cross this distance.

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While walking Pharos Town's main street, Shi Feng could hear many people shouting to purchase Earthen Magic Flowers at a high price of one Eternal Copper per twelve flowers. Yet, even at this price, nobody was willing to part with their Earthen Magic Flowers. They even looked at the shouting players as if they were looking at a bunch of fools.

Shi Feng was quite astonished to see this. He didn't expect the news of the Earthen Magic Flowers to spread so quickly.

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After leaving Pharos Town, Shi Feng went to a deserted location and summoned the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon.

Ordinary Mounts couldn't survive in the Eternal Realm due to the environment here. As for Flying Mounts, although they could be summoned, they could only roam the Eternal Realm for a short time.

Even as a Legendary Flying Mount, the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon could only be summoned for eight hours a day. As for Extraordinary Flying Mounts, they could only stay summoned for four hours a day. Moreover, they'd have to reach Tier 4 first to even be summoned, as a Tier 3 Extraordinary Flying Mount could not resist the corrosion of Holy Power.

Although there were many experts in the Eternal Realm, the players who owned a Tier 4 Extraordinary Flying Mount were probably few and far between.

If a Legendary Flying Mount were to suddenly appear in the Eternal Realm's skies, it would definitely become a target for the various powers. At that time, even as someone who had defeated the Luminous Glory List's 42nd-ranked expert, Shi Feng would have difficulty surviving in the Eternal Realm. After all, the help a Legendary Flying Mount could provide to players during the Eternal Realm's exploration stage was probably no less than that of a Divine Artifact.

So, before Shi Feng reached Tier 5 and caught up to the various powers' experts in tiers, it'd be best to keep the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon's existence a secret as long as possible.



Immediately, Shi Feng hopped onto the Phantom Dragon and activated a Tier 3 Isolation Scroll to enter Stealth. Then, he had the Phantom Dragon soar into the sky and beyond the clouds. At this altitude, even Tier 6 players would have difficulty noticing him. And even if some players did spot the Phantom Dragon's silhouette, they would only assume it to be a flying monster rather than a Flying Mount.

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After flying for over three hours, Shi Feng arrived at the edge of the Corrosion Mountain Range.

*Thank goodness I made it in time.*

Shi Feng sighed in relief when he saw the mountain range ahead of him.

The Eternal Realm's ambient Holy Power had a much greater impact on the Phantom Dragon than he expected. The journey that should have normally taken only an hour ended up taking over three hours instead.

Anyway, since the Corrosion Mountain Range was already within sight, Shi Feng decided to recall the Phantom Dragon and trek the rest of the way.

The Corrosion Mountain Range had a level range of Level 145 to Level 160. So, as soon as Shi Feng entered the map, he had to deal with large groups of Level 145-plus High Lords. Under normal circumstances, only Tier 5 teams could grind in this map. If a Tier 4 team tried to do so, their chances of annihilation were practically 100%.

However, Shi Feng's goal wasn't to grind here. His Basic Attributes had also reached the Tier 5 standard already. So, he had no trouble maneuvering through the Corrosion Mountain Range.

In less than an hour, Shi Feng quietly arrived at the meeting point inside the Corrosion Mountain Range.

The meeting point was set in a small basin in the gigantic mountain range. Although trees densely covered the entire basin, Shi Feng could vaguely spot a large number of human and Holy Race players gathered in the basin. At a glance, the number of players in the basin exceeded 10,000, and over a thousand of these players were at Tier 5. Meanwhile, human players made up nearly 70% of these numbers.

At this time, the players from the two races were gathered around a huge gate of light that protruded from the ground. Each race stood on one side of the gate. Seeing how the players from the two races were deadlocked, it was obvious that both sides were wary of the other's strength and did not dare to try to monopolize the Courtyard of Space.

“You are finally here, Mr. Black Flame.” Unrestrained Lionheart stood among the crowd in his light-blue robe. When he saw Shi Feng appearing at the basin’s edge, he took the initiative to approach Shi Feng. “The commander has already started to grow anxious from waiting, so let’s hurry over there.”

## **Chapter 3373: Alternate Ending 447 - Marriage**

Chapter 447 – Marriage

Corrosion Mountain Range:

In front of the Courtyard of Space’s teleportation gate...

Following Unrestrained Lionheart, Shi Feng quickly passed through the security network formed by over a hundred Level 140-plus, Tier 5 experts. These Tier 5 experts came from the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers and conglomerates, and they worked together to prevent independent teams and the expert teams of other powers from approaching the teleportation gate.

After passing the security network, Shi Feng saw over ten teams gathered before the teleportation gate. Among these teams, two stood out the most. Each of these two teams had over 70 Tier 5 experts, and they were positioned the closest to the teleportation gate. In addition, Shi Feng could feel his sixth sense warning him of certain individuals among these two teams.

Subsequently, Unrestrained Lionheart led Shi Feng to one of these two teams. Then, he respectfully greeted a beautiful woman wearing a silver-gray robe and wielding a wooden staff.

“Frey?” Shi Feng was taken aback for a moment when he saw the beautiful woman.

Frey!

The Galaxy Conglomerate’s Fourth Princess. She was also the peerless genius whom Shi Feng had met once in the Miniature Ancient World.

However, unlike in the Miniature Ancient World, Frey was currently at Level 141, Tier 5 already. The aura she exuded was vastly stronger than before.

When Frey saw Shi Feng looking at her, she smiled and teasingly said, “We meet again, Guild Leader Black Flame.”

Unrestrained Lionheart was surprised when he heard Frey's words. Unable to help his curiosity, he looked at Shi Feng and asked, "Are you acquainted with the commander, Mr. Black Flame?"

"Mhm. I had the fortune of being on the same team as Miss Frey in the past," Shi Feng said somewhat awkwardly.

Previously in the Miniature Ancient World, Shi Feng had exploited Frey's situation to make a fortune because he thought he would never meet the woman again after the Nether King raid. After all, Frey was one of the Galaxy Conglomerate's Four Princesses. The Starlight Realm was also such a huge place. So, the possibility of them meeting again should be incredibly small.

However, Shi Feng never thought he would meet Frey in the Eternal Realm. Even more astonishing was that someone of Unstrained Lionheart's stature would behave so respectfully in front of Frey. This situation was both astonishing and confusing.

While Frey might be the Galaxy Conglomerate's Fourth Princess, Unrestrained Lionheart was the vice commander of the Red Dragon Nation's main force.

In front of the Red Dragon Nation, the Galaxy Conglomerate was nothing. Any one of Red Dragon Nation's second-level affiliated powers could easily match the Galaxy Conglomerate, let alone the Red Dragon Nation's stronger first-level affiliated powers. Meanwhile, the Red Dragon Nation had dozens of second-level affiliated powers and over a dozen first-level affiliated powers...

"I see." When Unrestrained Lionheart heard Shi Feng's answer, realization dawned upon him as he said, "No wonder Vice Guild Leader Frey agreed to your conditions without hesitation."

"Vice Guild Leader? You're saying Miss Frey is a Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation?" Shi Feng asked, finding Unrestrained Lionheart's words a little hard to believe. After all, according to his memories, the Red Dragon Nation didn't have a Vice Guild Leader named Frey, much less a Vice Guild Leader who was so young.

It should be known that only the strong were respected in a pseudo-apex power. However, even peerless paragons would have difficulty becoming a Vice Guild Leader in a pseudo-apex power before the age of forty. After all, anyone capable of becoming a Vice Guild Leader in a pseudo-apex power would be a peerless paragon at the very minimum, so competition for these limited positions was intense.

Meanwhile, Frey probably wasn't even 25 years old this year. So, how could she possibly become a Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation?

"That's correct." Unrestrained Lionheart nodded. Then, in a tone of admiration, he said, "Vice Guild Leader Frey has recently been promoted into the Red Dragon Nation's Ninth

Vice Guild Leader. Excluding the Red Dragon Nation's Founding Elders, she is the first person in the Guild to have met the requirements to become a Vice Guild Leader at such a young age."

Death Omen and Thousand Scars, who were also on the team, similarly looked at Frey in admiration.

The fact that Nameless Blade could become the Paimon Conglomerate's Third Paragon at such a young age was already an incredible feat. He was even only half a step away from reaching the fifth-floor standard. However, compared to Frey, Nameless Blade's achievements were nothing. Frey stood on a completely different level from Nameless Blade.

Honestly, the only reason Death Omen and Thousand Scars could be a part of the Red Dragon Nation's team was that they had provided the Red Dragon Nation with some information relating to the ruin this time and because they had an incomplete map for half of the ruin. If not for these reasons, they would never have qualified to join Frey's team.

While Shi Feng was talking with Unrestrained Lionheart, a man looking like he was in his fifties approached Frey. The man was one of the Tier 5 players on Frey's team, and he exuded a terrifying aura. After walking up to Frey, the man quietly reminded, "The ruin will soon activate, Vice Guild Leader Frey."

"I know, Elder Parker." Frey nodded. Then, she looked at Shi Feng and earnestly stated, "Guild Leader Black Flame, as per our agreement, you will have full command over the team. However, if the team's casualty rate exceeds 20%, I will be taking back the team's command and your item selection right. I hope you don't forget."

After saying so, Frey made Shi Feng the team's leader, her actions shocking the experts on the team. Only Death Omen, Thousand Scars, and Unrestrained Lionheart remained unfazed.

"Please rest assured, Vice Guild Leader Frey. So long as the team's casualty rate exceeds 20%, I will immediately surrender the team's command. I won't even ask for any payment for my services this time," Shi Feng said confidently.

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, a low laugh suddenly came from a distance.

"It's been a while since I last saw you, Frey, but it seems your judgment is getting worse with time." The person who spoke was a handsome and muscular man who had already reached Level 142, Tier 5. While walking up to Frey, the man smiled and said, "You might as well marry me now. Once you do, both you and your family will have better futures ahead of you."

“You think too highly of yourself, Moro.” Frey did not get angry at the approaching man’s words. Instead, she calmly said, “I am now the Ninth Vice Guild Leader, while you are still the Seven Vice Guild Leader. With the opportunities in the Eternal Realm, do you think I will need long to surpass you?”

The man named Moro suddenly laughed.

“If you can secure this ruin’s First Clear, you might indeed have a chance to surpass me,” Moro said as he looked at Frey with an admiring gaze. Then, he slowly continued, “It’s a pity you won’t get such a chance.”

As soon as Moro finished speaking, Elder Parker, who originally stood behind Frey, suddenly walked over to Moro and stood behind him. At the same time, over a dozen other Tier 5 experts on Frey’s side joined Elder Parker on Moro’s side. Moreover, six of these Tier 5 experts were fifth-floor experts.

All of a sudden, silence fell over the area.

“What is the meaning of this, Elder Parker?” Frey asked as she looked at Elder Parker, her calm expression wavering for the first time. “The Galaxy Conglomerate has treated you well all these years, hasn’t it?”

Parker was an Elder of the Galaxy Conglomerate, and he had risen to this position by climbing up from the conglomerate’s bottom ranks. Because of his history and strength, the status he enjoyed in the Galaxy Conglomerate was second to only the conglomerate’s successors.

“You are right. Galaxy has indeed treated me well,” Parker said, nodding. “However, I have also fought for over a century for Galaxy and allowed the conglomerate to secure a foothold in the Holy World, so I have long paid back my debt. Now that Lord Moro is willing to recommend me for an Elder position in the Red Dragon Nation, I simply cannot bring myself to turn down such an offer.”

Just when Frey was about to say something, Moro interjected and said, “Which is why I say your judgment has grown worse, Frey. Anyway, once you’ve made up your mind, you can come and marry me anytime. But if you stay obstinate, you might not get to keep your place as the Ninth Vice Guild Leader for long.”

## **Chapter 3374: Alternate Ending 448 - World Mode**

Chapter 448 – World Mode

In front of the Courtyard of Space’s teleportation gate:

When Moro left with Parker and over a dozen Tier 5 experts from Frey's team, the other teams present couldn't help but gasp.

"What's going on?"

"Have those two teams decided to join forces?"

When the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers' teams saw over a dozen Tier 5 experts joining Moro's teams, they immediately felt great pressure.

Moro's team originally had over 70 Tier 5 experts already. Among them, twenty-five were fifth-floor experts, and one was even a Saint—Desert Web, the Windworld Saint from the Sacred Quake Realm. Out of all the human teams present, Frey's team was the only one that could match Moro's team.

Now, though, Moro's team had suddenly gained an extra 15 Tier 5 experts. Moreover, six of these Tier 5 experts were fifth-floor experts, and one of them was Parker, the Rockspear Saint who was formerly the manager of a Saint Camp in the Holy World.

With the addition of these experts, Moro's team now had over 90 Tier 5 experts, of which two were Saints and thirty-one were fifth-floor experts. Just the sight of such a line-up was enough to instill fear into the various teams present, let alone the thought of competing with such a team for the ruin's First Clear.

"That Parker is a bastard! How dare he do such a thing!?" Thousand Scars cursed. When she saw the Rockspear Saint defecting to Moro's team, anger and despair filled her eyes.

Frey had gone to great lengths to gather over 70 Tier 5 experts to secure the ruin's First Clear. She had paid a particularly heavy price to recruit the 22 fifth-floor experts among these Tier 5 experts.

Originally, Frey's team should have gained an advantage over Moro's team after the addition of Black Flame, who was rumored to have reached the realm of Saints. However, with the loss of the Rockspear Saint and six fifth-floor experts, even with Black Flame's addition, there was no way for Frey to compete with Moro for the ruin's First Clear.

"The old fellow's betrayal is unsurprising," Death Omen said, shaking her head. "If he stays with the Galaxy Conglomerate, he will forever remain an Elder of the conglomerate. At most, he will be revered in the Starlight Realm. However, it's a different story if he becomes an Elder of the Red Dragon Nation. At that time, even the Galaxy Conglomerate's helmsman will have to treat him with respect..."

For experts who had already reached the realm of Saints, money could no longer move them. Only status and authority could. Meanwhile, Moro's offer could tempt even young

and budding Saints, let alone an old Saint with hardly any growth potential left like Parker.

*As expected of someone who has sat in the Vice Guild Leader seat for two decades.* After letting the situation sink into her mind, Frey did not react in anger. Instead, she merely looked at Moro's departing figure with narrowed eyes.

There were limited Elder positions in the Red Dragon Nation, so competition over these positions was extremely intense. Even the top three ranking Vice Guild Leaders would have difficulty getting their hands on a slot, so it was incredible that Moro managed to secure a slot.

Meanwhile, when Unrestrained Lionheart saw what Moro had just done, he only felt contempt for the other party. In Unrestrained Lionheart's opinion, the struggle for the position of Guild Leader should be a fair and honest competition. However, Moro's use of underhanded tactics was despicable and lacked charisma. Even if Moro managed to become the Red Dragon Nation's Guild Leader in the future, he would have difficulty convincing the Red Dragon Nation's members to obey him wholeheartedly.

God's Domain had always been a place where the strong were respected.

Powerful experts would not submit themselves to a weak Guild Leader. This, in turn, made it impossible for a weak Guild Leader to lead a Guild to greatness.

The reason Unrestrained Lionheart admired Frey was that the latter had relied on her individual achievements to become the Red Dragon Nation's Ninth Vice Guild Leader.

"We have less than ten minutes before the ruin activates, Vice Guild Leader. I'm afraid we can only recruit experts from the other powers present to make up for our missing numbers," Unrestrained Lionheart said after looking at the time.

Moro had deliberately chosen to reveal Parker's betrayal at the last moment. With ten minutes left until the ruin's activation, there was no way they would have enough time to find and gather powerful experts from other places. Their only option would be to recruit from the experts present.

However, recruiting experts belonging to other powers evidently wasn't a wise decision. After all, nobody could guarantee whether these experts were qualified or whether they would sabotage the raid. And even if these experts were qualified and didn't sabotage the raid, they would most likely ask ridiculous amounts of compensation for their aid.

After pondering for a moment, Frey said, "Let's just recruit some people for now."

As the First Clear of this ruin concerned the Red Dragon Nation's future development in the Eternal Realm, the Guild's executives placed great importance on it. Frey had even used a lot of the Guild's resources to recruit experts to fight for her. If she failed to



secure the ruin's First Clear, she would risk losing her position as the Ninth Vice Guild Leader.

However, just as Unrestrained Lionheart was about to recruit experts from the other teams, Shi Feng suddenly stopped him.

"Wait," Shi Feng said as he extended a hand to stop Unrestrained Lionheart. Then, he turned to Frey and continued, "Miss Frey, since you think we are short of manpower, I can recommend some trustworthy combatants to you if you are interested."

"Can you find enough experts to make up for our missing numbers, Mr. Black Flame?" Unrestrained Lionheart eagerly asked. If given a choice, he'd rather recruit a group of trustworthy experts than the experts of other powers.

"What are your conditions?" Frey rolled her eyes at Shi Feng when she heard his offer. She was very familiar with this situation. Honestly, if her Vice Guild Leader status wasn't in danger, she would have definitely turned around and left as soon as Shi Feng finished speaking.

When Shi Feng saw the contemptuous look Frey was giving him, he awkwardly smiled and said, "Now that the team's circumstances have changed, it'd be a huge loss for me to follow the original condition of maintaining the team's casualty rate below 20%. Moreover, since my side will be contributing more manpower, it is only reasonable for me to ask for more compensation."

"What you say makes sense." Frey nodded in agreement with Shi Feng's words. "I can loosen the casualty condition and increase the maximum to 40%. I can also give you priority in choosing two items from the ruin. Are these conditions acceptable?"

"Very much so." Shi Feng agreed to the new conditions without hesitation. Immediately afterward, he contacted Desolate Fury and asked, "Brother Fury, are you three interested in making a fortune?"

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Subsequently, time passed by quickly. Roughly ten minutes after Shi Feng contacted Desolate Fury's group of three, the seal on the Courtyard of Space's teleportation gate suddenly lifted, and a pillar of light rose from the gate and several thousand meters into the sky.

"Move out!"

"The First Clear belongs to the Holy Race!"

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As soon as the seal was lifted, the teams on both the human side and the Holy Race side charged at the expanding teleportation gate.

However, even though many teams had already made their way into the Courtyard of Space, Moro did not have his team follow suit. Instead, he quietly observed Frey from a distance.

“You’ve already given Frey a chance, Vice Guild Leader Moro. It’s her fault for blindly trusting Black Flame and not cherishing your offer, so you cannot be blamed for this,” Parker said when he saw that Frey’s team seemed to be waiting for someone. “Many teams have already entered the ruin, so we don’t have much time left to waste.”

“Alright, let’s head inside as well, then,” Moro said, giving out the command to enter the Courtyard of Space.

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Sometime after Moro’s team entered the Courtyard of Space, Unrestrained Lionheart could no longer maintain his composure as he anxiously looked at Shi Feng and asked, “Brother Black Flame, when will your friends be arriving?”

Nearly an hour had already passed since the ruin’s activation. After such a long time, even the other teams had probably explored a significant portion of the ruin already, not to mention Moro’s team.

As soon as Unrestrained Lionheart finished speaking, though, three figures swiftly appeared in front of the team.

“Sorry for the long wait, Brother Black Flame,” Desolate Fury said, hurriedly apologizing when he saw the anxious faces of the experts standing around Shi Feng.

“Don’t worry about it. You guys have arrived very quickly already,” Shi Feng said, waving his hand. The Great Beast Forest might be located next to the Corrosion Mountain Range, but it still wasn’t an easy task for a Tier 5 player to travel from the Great Beast Forest to this place. “Since everyone’s here, let’s begin the raid!”

“Everyone’s here?” When Unrestrained Lionheart heard Shi Feng’s words, he couldn’t help but recount Desolate Fury’s group. However, no matter how many times he looked at the group, he only counted three players. That was only one-fifth of the players they were missing.

“Big Sis Omen, do you think Black Flame is messing with Vice Guild Leader Frey?” Thousand Scars couldn’t help but ask when she saw Shi Feng making his way to the teleportation gate.

Death Omen was similarly puzzled by Shi Feng's actions, and she felt that Shi Feng was going too far with his joke.

While everyone was feeling perplexed over Shi Feng's actions, Shi Feng suddenly drew a Master Mana Gathering Array in front of the teleportation gate. Immediately afterward, the golden light pillar that enveloped the teleportation gate turned pitch-black. At the same time, everyone outside the teleportation gate received a series of system notifications.

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System: The difficulty for the Courtyard of Space has been adjusted from God Mode to World Mode.

System Warning: World Mode Team Dungeon discovered. Please think carefully before choosing to enter the Team Dungeon.

## **Chapter 3375: Alternate Ending 449 - New Upper Limit?**

Chapter 449 – New Upper Limit?

The teleportation gate that was originally enveloped by golden light was now enveloped in pitch-black light, the sight making everyone think as if night had descended.

*World Mode?*

Thousand Scars and Death Omen fell into a daze when they heard the system notification, shock and confusion appearing in their eyes.

*What did he do?*

Unrestrained Lionheart turned to look at Shi Feng, an additional layer of mystery shrouding the individual who was already mysterious, to begin with.

It was universally accepted in the Greater God's Domain that God Mode was the highest difficulty that Team Dungeons could have. Never had a greater difficulty been discovered.

Yet, now, Shi Feng had revealed a difficulty setting above God Mode simply by drawing a magic array. This was simply unbelievable.

At this time, even Frey looked at Shi Feng in surprise.

After witnessing him successfully leading a Tier 3 team to take down a Tier 5 Nether King, Frey had long known that Shi Feng was an extraordinary individual. She could have never completed her Legendary Quest if it wasn't for Shi Feng. It was for this reason she had agreed to let Shi Feng take command of her team this time a second time.

However, Frey and her team members weren't the only ones informed about the change in the Courtyard of Space's difficulty. The many other human and Holy Race players present in the basin had received a similar notification from the system.

"What? World Mode?"

"Is this for real? Shouldn't the highest difficulty for Team Dungeons be God Mode?"

"Quick! Notify the commander that a change has occurred to the ruin!"

Everyone's initial reaction to the Courtyard of Space's change was to be confused. Then, they quickly snapped out of their dazes and contacted their respective teams and superiors. After all, the increased upper limit of the Courtyard of Space's difficulty was absolutely an earth-shattering piece of news.

Every God Mode Team Dungeon was a massive treasure trove in the Greater God's Domain.

However, Team Dungeons with a God Mode difficulty setting was unlike other Dungeons. Not only did they appear randomly and infrequently, but they would also disappear forever so long as someone secured its First Clear.

Meanwhile, the Courtyard of Space was a ruin left behind by the Goddess of Space. So, it went without saying it would house astonishing loot. This was also why the various powers were desperate to secure the First Clear for the Courtyard of Space's God Mode.

Now that the Courtyard of Space had gained an even higher difficulty setting, the loot available in this higher difficulty setting might be elevated to a whole new standard. After all, this was the first time a World Mode difficulty setting had appeared in the Greater God's Domain.

"Let's head inside," Shi Feng said through the team chat after seeing that he had successfully activated the Courtyard of Space's World Mode.

It was common knowledge that God Mode Team Dungeons would disappear once someone had secured their First Clear.

However, the Courtyard of Space's entrance did not disappear. Instead, the teleportation gate simply entered a sealed state and forbade players from entering the

Dungeon. It wasn't until a month later, when the various powers had stopped paying attention to the Dungeon, that a change occurred.

More specifically, the team that had secured the Courtyard of Space's First Clear had returned and drawn a Master Mana Gathering Array on the sealed teleportation gate.

Then, what happened next shocked the entire Greater God's Domain.

God Mode, the difficulty setting publicly acknowledged as the upper limit for Team Dungeons, stopped being the upper limit.

After Shi Feng finished speaking, he stepped into the teleportation gate and vanished before everyone's eyes.

"Should we go in, Vice Guild Leader?" Unrestrained Lionheart asked as he looked toward Frey, hesitation in his eyes.

Before today, the Greater God's Domain's Team Dungeons had five difficulty settings: Normal, Hard, Hell, Asura, and God. The first three difficulty settings could be found in most of the randomly occurring Team Dungeons in the Greater God's Domain. The last two difficulty settings could only be found in a very small number of one-off Dungeons, and they offered players the opportunity to obtain extraordinary loot. However, in return, Asura and God Mode Team Dungeons had a ridiculously high raid difficulty.

In the case of God Mode Team Dungeons, their difficulty was so great that even a team fully composed of titled experts would have trouble securing the First Clear in a short time. So, a team that wasn't at full occupancy would have even greater trouble.

Currently, while it was true that the Courtyard of Space's World Mode would offer greater rewards than its God Mode, its raid difficulty would also be much greater. With their team of fewer than 90 players, just how were they supposed to raid it successfully?

"We don't have a choice," Frey said as she looked at the teleportation gate enveloped in dark light. "If we don't enter now, we shouldn't even consider entering later."

As soon as Frey finished speaking, Unrestrained Lionheart and everyone else on Frey's team felt frightening killing intent directed toward them.

The owners of this killing intent had no intentions of hiding their thoughts, so Unrestrained Lionheart and the others could tell that it came from all the players around them. Moreover, it wasn't limited to just human players but also the distant Holy Race players.

"Kill them! Do not let any of them inside!"

"The World Mode Courtyard of Space is ours!"

Almost simultaneously, the human and Holy Race players in the basin maniacally charged at Frey's team.

"Let's head inside as well," Frey said, giving the oncoming human and Holy Race players a glance before stepping into the teleportation gate after Shi Feng.

Unrestrained Lionheart wryly smiled when he saw this situation. Then, he hurriedly had everyone on the team enter the teleportation gate, not daring to stay in this place even a moment longer.

There was no doubt that the World Mode Courtyard of Space was a treasure trove beyond anyone's imagination. The various powers naturally wouldn't let this opportunity get away. Even if the Red Dragon Nation was a pseudo-apex power, the various powers were unlikely to show them any courtesy.

Upon seeing Unrestrained Lionheart and the others disappearing into the teleportation gate, the human and Holy Race players quickly switched their target to each other and began a slaughter outside the Courtyard of Space. Everyone was desperately trying to monopolize and enter the Courtyard of Space.

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At the same time, the various teams inside the God Mode Courtyard of Space also received news about the Dungeon's change.

"What did you say?" Moro was stunned by his subordinate's report. "The Courtyard of Space now has a World Mode option?"

He had never heard of Team Dungeons having a World Mode difficulty setting before.

"What should we do now, Lord Moro?" Desert Web, the Windworld Saint, asked anxiously. "The higher-ups have told us to secure the World Mode Courtyard of Space's First Clear at all costs, but we've already entered the God Mode Courtyard of Space, so we cannot change difficulty settings for an entire week. Meanwhile, Vice Guild Leader Frey's team is already inside..."

As soon as Desert Web finished speaking, Parker, the Rockspire Saint resting at the side, revealed an ashen complexion.

What was going on here?

## **Chapter 3376: Alternate Ending 450 - World Mode Courtyard of Space**

## Chapter 450 – World Mode Courtyard of Space

“Elder Parker, what is the meaning of this World Mode?” Moro questioned as he coldly looked at Parker. “Why have I never heard you mentioning it before?”

The Red Dragon Nation was a pseudo-apex power and a titanic existence in the Greater God’s Domain. It was vastly more powerful than the likes of the Galaxy Conglomerate. Because of this, every Elder position in the Guild was highly sought after by the Red Dragon Nation’s many executives.

Parker might be one of the rare individuals who had reached the realm of Saints, but the Red Dragon Nation had quite a few of such existences under its command. So, even as a Saint, Parker wouldn’t be guaranteed an Elder position if he joined the Guild.

Meanwhile, for the sake of ruining Frey’s plans, Moro and the conglomerate behind him had paid a heavy price to secure Parker an Elder position in the Red Dragon Nation. Yet, now...

“I have never heard Frey talk about this before when I was by her side, Lord Moro,” Parker hurriedly explained when he saw Moro’s cold expression. “The two women who provided the Courtyard of Space’s information never mentioned this, either.”

Honestly, Parker was even more astonished than Moro to learn that Frey had activated the Courtyard of Space’s World Mode.

“Enough. I do not want to hear your excuses,” Moro said.

Everyone present shuddered when they heard Moro’s cold tone. Even Saints like Parker and Desert Web shuddered a little.

As someone who had served as one of the Red Dragon Nation’s Vice Guild Leaders for over two decades, Moro possessed not only astonishing individual strength but also an extraordinarily powerful background. So, it wasn’t difficult for him to deal with a Saint or two.

“What should we do now, Lord Moro?” Desert Web asked. “Even if we try to form a new team now, I do not think we can gather strong enough players to raid the World Mode Courtyard of Space.”

“We continue with our raid.” After taking a deep breath, Moro took a deep breath and smiled. “I have underestimated Frey before. I hate to admit it, but it would seem that she didn’t get into the position through luck. It is too late for us to contest World Mode now. But Frey probably didn’t expect Parker’s group to defect, so she shouldn’t think of securing the First Clear, either!”



“That is true.” Desert Web nodded. “Her team can’t even clear God Mode without Parker’s group, let alone World Mode. Meanwhile, if we can obtain the God Mode Courtyard of Space’s loot, it should make things a lot easier for us to raid World Mode.”

“Indeed! Frey might think she has secured an advantage, but if she can’t even clear God Mode, what can she do in World Mode? This is the first time the Greater God’s Domain has ever seen a World Mode Team Dungeon, so its raid difficulty should be beyond imagination. It might look like we have taken a longer way, but who will emerge victorious remains to be seen!” Moro nodded. Immediately, he stood up and said, “We’ve rested enough! Continue advancing!”

Parker vehemently nodded in agreement with Moro and Desert Web. He also couldn’t help but sigh in relief.

Apart from Moro’s team, the other teams stuck in the God Mode Courtyard of Space also had the same idea and started to accelerate their raid progress. They were all aiming to pave a path for themselves toward the World Mode Courtyard of Space.

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Meanwhile, inside the World Mode Courtyard of Space...

The Courtyard of Space’s interior was as vast as a city. Countless divine patterns covered the sky, the glow they radiated illuminating the entire courtyard. Meanwhile, along with the descent of numerous streaks of light in the courtyard’s front garden, the garden quickly became lively.

This is the World Mode Courtyard of Space?

Death Omen and Thousand Scars immediately gasped when they arrived in the front garden’s plaza.

Although there were no monsters in the plaza, they could see spatial blades flying all over the courtyard. These spatial blades came in various lengths, with the smaller ones measuring several centimeters while the larger ones measuring several dozen meters. The smaller spatial blades were incredibly hard to follow with the naked eye, while the larger spatial blades looked like they could easily cleave a skyscraper in half.

Not only did these spatial blades cover almost every open space in the courtyard, but they also moved in irregular patterns. Moreover, every spatial blade carried enough destructive power to give Tier 6 experts a lot of trouble. Tier 5 players simply had no chance at blocking these spatial blades and living to tell the tale. Even Tier 5 MTs were not an exception.

When Frey, Unrestrained Lionheart, and the other fifth-floor experts of the team saw the spatial blades flying around them, they couldn’t help but feel cornered.

As if these spatial blades weren't hard enough to deal with, on top of having great numbers, speed, and irregular movement patterns, these spatial blades would also bounce off any object which innately belonged to the courtyard, altering their course and speed in the process. It was also challenging to predict whether a spatial blade would accelerate or decelerate after bouncing off an object.

If they had to fight against monsters in such an environment, even fifth-floor experts going all out would have difficulty performing effectively, let alone fourth-floor experts.

*So, this is the rumored Blade Field.*

Shi Feng was similarly astonished by the sight before him.

To make matters worse, because the Blade Field covered

One of the aspects that made the World Mode Courtyard of Space challenging was the Blade Field.

Every spatial blade in the Blade Field had power at the Tier 6 standard and speed rivaling the arrows fired by Tier 5 Rangers. Because of the Blade Field's presence, even traversing the courtyard became a challenge, let alone fighting against the courtyard's monsters. Moreover, as the Blade Field covered the entire courtyard, players had to be in constant motion and couldn't stop to rest for even a moment. Yet, as luck would have it, raiding the World Mode Courtyard of Space required a significant amount of time.

Simply put, the challenges players faced in the World Mode Courtyard of Space were on an entirely different level than what players needed to face in the God Mode Courtyard of Space.

While everyone was feeling shocked by the scene before them, bursts of roars suddenly came from outside the garden plaza. The roars echoed throughout the entire plaza, causing everyone to shudder involuntarily.

Before anyone could react, several thirty-meter-tall scaled behemoths appeared in their view.

"Tier 5 Earth Dragons?!"

"Heavens! Tier 5 Earth Dragons!"

"Madness! This is madness! These are the highest-ranked Dragonkins we are talking about, yet there are three of them here?! This is totally different from the information we received!"

When everyone saw the three scaled behemoths wandering the garden before them, their faces paled as if they had just seen a ghost. Even Unrestrained Lionheart started to sweat out of anxiety.

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[Devouring Earth Dragon] (Dragonkin, Legendary)

Level 147

HP 500,000,000,000

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Earth Dragons were at the top of the Dragonkin hierarchy, and they possessed Life Ratings nearing actual Dragons. Normally, any Tier 5 Legendary Earth Dragon could be regarded as a World Boss. After factoring in the effects of Holy Power Protection, even a 100-man Tier 5 team would have great difficulty raiding one.

Yet, now, three Tier 5 Earth Dragons had appeared before their teams. Moreover, these Earth Dragons were merely the fodder of the Courtyard of Space...

Most importantly, their team had to fight against these Earth Dragons in an environment covered with spatial blades.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, are you certain we can raid this place?" When Frey saw the three Devouring Earth Dragons roaming the garden before her, she couldn't help but turn to Shi Feng.

## **Chapter 3377: Alternate Ending 451 - Explosive Damage**

Chapter 451 – Explosive Damage

"Don't worry." Seeing Frey's confusion, Shi Feng calmly smiled and said, "If nothing unexpected occurs, raiding the World Mode Courtyard of Space should be easy."

*Easy?* Unrestrained Lionheart was left speechless.

The Devouring Earth Dragons had 500 billion HP each. After factoring in their innately extraordinary Defense and the Holy Power Protection effect, the average Tier 5 expert team would probably need half a day just to kill one.

Yet, now, their team had to go up against three Devouring Earth Dragons simultaneously. They even had to do so in the Courtyard of Space's deadly environment. If nothing unexpected occurred, they'd be long dead before they could see any of the Devouring Earth Dragons' HP fall to a critical level.

Not to mention, their team currently only had 88 members. They were missing 12 players' worth of DPS. Twelve players might not seem like much to a 100-man team, but under normal circumstances, after deducting the team's 10 tanks and 20 healers, a 100-man team would only have 70 players doing damage.

So, a reduction of 12 players was equivalent to a reduction of one-sixth of the team's damage output. This was by no means a negligible difference.

Thousand Scars also felt that Shi Feng was spouting nonsense, and she couldn't help but roll her eyes at him.

The Tier 5 Devouring Earth Dragons could regenerate 100 million HP every five seconds. That was already close to the full HP of a Mythic monster of the same level. Meanwhile, Tier 5 players could only average around 10 million DPS when fighting against Tier 5 Legendary monsters in the Eternal Realm.

Even if 100 Tier 5 players attacked together, they could only do around five billion damage every five seconds. Moreover, this was only the case for the average Legendary monster. Against the likes of a Devouring Earth Dragon, the damage Tier 5 players could do would be much lower.

Simply put, even the damage output of a 100-man team of Tier 5 players wouldn't be enough to overcome the battle recovery of the Courtyard of Space's Devouring Earth Dragons.

While everyone was expressing their confusion, Shi Feng took out a bunch of Compounding Potions from his bag and distributed them among the team.

"Drink this potion before we start fighting. Afterward, Desolate Fury will distract an Earth Dragon, while the other tanks lure the remaining two to the side. As for everyone else, focus your attacks on Desolate Fury's Earth Dragon," Shi Feng instructed through the team chat.

*Is this potion all we need?* When Frey looked at the Compounding Potion in her hand, a hint of confusion appeared in her eyes.

The Compounding Potion's effect was simple. Upon consumption, the potion would enhance the user with Mana and Holy Power for twelve hours. No matter how Frey looked at it, she found it hard to believe that such an effect would be enough to help them deal with the three Devouring Earth Dragons.

Honestly, even with a Fragmented Divine Weapon in hand, Frey doubted the damage she could do could be much greater than experts wielding Fragmented Legendary Weapons. So, how much improvement could a potion possibly provide?

However, since Shi Feng was now in charge of the team, Frey and the others quickly consumed the Compounding Potion and moved accordingly.

Desolate Fury was the first to step out of the safety of the plaza. Wielding his ancient and heavy shield, he swiftly evaded the spatial blades flying about and quickly attracted the attention of the three Devouring Earth Dragons. Meanwhile, following behind Desolate Fury were the other tanks of the team, and they patiently waited for the right time to lure two of the Earth Dragons away.

Unlike the average monster found out in the fields, the Legendary-ranked Devouring Earth Dragons were highly intelligent. After letting loose an angry roar, they moved as one and charged at Desolate Fury from three different directions. Their actions were swift and precise. Even with a shield, there was no way Desolate Fury could defend himself against all three attacks simultaneously.

“Come!”

When Desolate Fury saw the claws of the three Earth Dragons coming at him, he began to rotate his bulky shield, his heart pounding with excitement.

Previously, when Desolate Fur first received Shi Feng’s invitation, he hadn’t thought much of it. However, he was given a huge fright after seeing the individuals on the team.

Unrestrained Lionheart, one of the vice commanders of the Red Dragon Nation’s main force!

Frey, a Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation and one of the Galaxy Conglomerate’s Four Princesses!

In front of these individuals, even Cheng Xin, the Dragon Tongue Conglomerate’s Little Princess, was nothing, let alone a measly titled expert like Desolate Fury. For him to be on the same team as these individuals felt no different than a dream. Hence, he naturally had to perform his best to not shame Shi Feng.

Subsequently, three loud metallic clangs echoed across the garden, the resulting shockwave so powerful that everyone present could feel it with their bodies.

Meanwhile, to everyone’s surprise, even after blocking the attacks of the three Devouring Earth Dragons, Desolate Fury still had over 90% of his HP remaining. Not only did he possess Basic Attributes close to matching the three Earth Dragons, but his reaction speed was also extraordinary.

*What a quick reaction speed.* When Unrestrained Lionheart saw Desolate Fury successfully blocking the three Earth Dragons' claw attacks, a flash of surprise appeared in his eyes.

The three Devouring Earth Dragons had perfectly timed their attacks to land at the same time. In such a situation, even a Tier 5 expert at the fifth-floor standard could, at best, block two out of the three attacks.

In the Greater God's Domain, Legendary monsters possessed incredible reaction speeds, and even fifth-floor experts would barely have an advantage over Legendary monsters in this regard. This was because reaction speed had little to do with an individual's Basic Attributes and combat standards. Instead, it was affected more by an individual's Physique and innate talent.

For Desolate Fury to block all three attacks, he'd need to have reaction speed superior to most of the team's fifth-floor experts.

Previously, Unrestrained Lionheart was still confused as to why Shi Feng would have a titled expert serve as the main tank while keeping the team's two fifth-floor tanks on support. After all, they were all Tier 5 tanks. However, after seeing Desolate Fury's performance, Unrestrained Lionheart quickly understood that Shi Feng had chosen the right person to be the main tank.

Tanks were responsible for aggroing monsters. If a tank did nothing but evade a monster's attacks, they'd have difficulty building aggro. If a tank wanted to build aggro, it would be best to block attacks with their shield. Under God's Domain's aggro system, blocking attacks with a shield generated much more aggro than dealing damage. As a result, tanks that could perfectly block attacks were much more popular than tanks that could perfectly dodge attacks.

Meanwhile, unlike Unrestrained Lionheart, Shi Feng wasn't surprised by Desolate Fury's performance at all.

In Shi Feng's previous life, Desolate Fury was known as the Divine Shield Bearer. Apart from having a Divine Shield, another major factor contributing to Desolate Fury receiving such a title was his extraordinary reaction speed. Thanks to his reaction speed, even fifth-floor experts could never land any direct hits on Desolate Fury, who was nothing more than a titled expert at the time. They could only rely on brute force to overwhelm him.

"All other tanks move forward!" Shi Feng commanded when he saw that the three Devouring Earth Dragons were getting ready to launch a breath attack.

Immediately, the two tank parties led by the two fifth-floor tanks charged forward. Then, the two fifth-floor tanks preemptively attacked two of the three Earth Dragons, the one-

handed axe and one-handed saber they wielded giving off a resplendent glow as they struck the occupied Earth Dragons' eyes.

-86,316,544 !

-91,647,481!

Two damage values nearing one hundred million appeared above the two Devouring Earth Dragons' heads, the sight of these values instantly silencing the battlefield as everyone widened their eyes in shock. This situation dumbfounded even the two fifth-floor tanks responsible for causing these damages.

What was going on?

## **Chapter 3378: Alternate Ending 452 - Combat-Ranked Secret Treasure**

Chapter 452 – Combat-Ranked Secret Treasure

*Since when did Gravel and Executioner get so powerful?!*

Unrestrained Lionheart was greatly shocked and confused when he saw the two tanks causing nearly 100 million damage each to the two Devouring Earth Dragons.

Despite being defense-focused classes, the two Tier 5 tanks named Gravel and Executioner had caused close to 100 million damage to the Devouring Earth Dragons. This situation made Unrestrained Lionheart, a Tier 5 Grand Wizard, start to question life.

After all, the Legendary-ranked Devouring Earth Dragons were probably close to rivaling Tier 5 Dragons in Defense. Based on his experience fighting the Eternal Realm's monsters, Unrestrained Lionheart doubted he could cause over 30 million damage to the Earth Dragons, even if he blasted them with a twofold Tier 5 Spell. Yet, the two Tier 5 tanks managed to triple that amount.

*How did those two do it?*

White Owl, who was observing the situation from nearby, also found this development mind-blowing.

She had fought against Tier 5 Legendary monsters in the Eternal Realm before. However, even as a Tier 5 Divine Rune Warrior, her attacks could only cause a little over 20 million damage. Moreover, this was only because she was fully equipped with a Fragmented Legendary Set and wielded the Legendary-ranked Starlight Greatsword. If



she didn't have these two things, she'd be fortunate if she could even cause 10 million damage to a Legendary monster.

While everyone on the team was feeling confused and excited, the other tanks also started to land their respective attacks on the Devouring Earth Dragons.

-61,465,411!

-64,641,542!

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A series of damage values exceeding 60 million appeared above the two Devouring Earth Dragons' heads. Although the other tanks' attacks were not as powerful as the two fifth-floor experts, the damage they caused was still enough to make it look as if the two Devouring Earth Dragons were fake. For a moment, everyone on the team couldn't help but be frightened by this situation.

"Could this be the effect of that Compounding Potion?"

When Frey saw the damage caused by the Tier 5 tanks' attacks, she quickly recalled the confidence Shi Feng previously showed.

Before, what worried her the most was the team's lack of damage. Even if they could withstand the Earth Dragons' attacks, they would ultimately die from exhaustion if they couldn't kill the Earth Dragons fast enough.

Yet, Shi Feng reacted calmly to this concern. It meant that he was never concerned that the team might not have enough damage.

"Yes, this is the Compounding Potion's effect," Shi Feng said, nodding and smiling. "With this, you can rest assured now, right?"

The reason Shi Feng wasn't worried whether they could successfully raid the World Mode Courtyard of Space was mainly the Compounding Potion. Under the potion's effects, players could ignore a portion of their opponents' Holy Power Protection and strengthen their Mana. These effects allowed players to cause as much damage as they normally would against monsters outside the Eternal Realm.

Tanking the monsters in the Dungeon also shouldn't be a problem. After all, the team was composed of experts at the titled standard and above. And with his knowledge of the Dungeon, completing the Dungeon shouldn't be a huge challenge.

"Do you have more of this potion?" When Frey heard Shi Feng's words, she couldn't help but look at him with glowing eyes. "I want to buy them in bulk. No, I'll take everything you have."

The most troublesome aspect of fighting the Eternal Realm's monsters was the Holy Power Protection. This buff prevented players from doing damage normally.

However, the Compounding Potion perfectly negated this buff. If players had the Compounding Potion's assistance, it would be of significant help to them in grinding, exploring, and raiding.

When Shi Feng saw Frey's expectant gaze, he couldn't help but chuckle and said, "Miss Frey, these Compounding Potions aren't cabbages. Not only are they expensive, but they are also limited in quantity. I don't have many left after deducting the ones I distributed to the team."

The Compounding Potion was a precious treasure during the Eternal Realm's exploration stage. This was because the various towns' Adventurer's Associations only sold 300 bottles a day.

If he wanted to have an easier time exploring the Eternal Realm's various maps in the future, it was a must for him to stockpile Compounding Potions while he still could. Otherwise, once other players in the Eternal Realm took notice of the potion, it would become incredibly difficult to get his hands on it.

When Frey saw that Shi Feng was reluctant to sell her the Compounding Potion, she smiled and said, "I'll buy 100 bottles at one Eternal Silver per bottle."

*One Eternal Silver per bottle?* Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished by Frey's generosity.

Even one Eternal Silver was a fortune to most experts in the current Eternal Realm.

As far as he could remember, even though the Compounding Potion had a high resale value due to its high demand, the highest the potion had ever gone for was 50 Eternal Copper. Beyond that price, most players would rather buy Holy Power Bottle instead. The Holy Power Bottle might not be as effective as the Compounding Potion, but it could still let players ignore a significant portion of the Holy Power Protection's effects. It was also much cheaper and available in unlimited supply.

"This is already a very generous offer. I doubt you will find anyone offering you a better price in the two nearby towns," Frey said, growing a little anxious when she saw Shi Feng's expression remaining indifferent. "Other powers might be able to offer a higher price per bottle, but they don't have the capital to buy 100 bottles."

"Okay. We'll make the trade once we are out of the Dungeon," Shi Feng said after pretending to think over the offer for a moment. Although he wanted to stock up on Compounding Potions, opportunities to earn nine Eternal Gold were few and far between during the Eternal Realm's early exploration stages. If he could get his hands on such significant capital, he'd be able to accomplish many more things.

By the time Shi Feng and Frey reached an agreement, Gravel and Executioner had also successfully lured the two Devouring Earth Dragons far away from the rest of the team. Following this, the team began bombarding the Earth Dragon tanked by Desolate Fury.

Subsequently, the Devouring Earth Dragon began losing HP in the dozens of millions. Occasionally, it would even take a hit that plundered over 100 million of its HP. All of a sudden, the Earth Dragon that everyone previously thought was undefeatable, no longer looked as invincible as before.

In less than ten minutes, the first Devouring Earth Dragon fell.

Then, in less than half an hour, all three Devouring Earth Dragons were handily defeated, their deaths contributing a huge amount of EXP to Shi Feng and the others. Although Shi Feng's experience bar didn't even budge due to the God of Time's curse, many people on the team saw their levels increase from 140 to 141.

Meanwhile, along with the third Devouring Earth Dragon's fall, everyone in the team couldn't help but fall into a momentary daze.

"Are these really Legendary-ranked Earth Dragons? Why does it feel like I just killed some small fries?"

"This Compounding Potion is just too good. Using it makes me feel like I'm cheating. It'd be great if I could also use this potion for grinding."

"Dream on. A potion with such a powerful effect must be very valuable. Who would let you use it to grind?"

"I wonder how Vice Guild Leader Moro will react if he learns about the Compounding Potion? Do you guys think he'll get a stroke?"

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Apart from feeling delighted, everyone felt a strong desire for the Compounding Potion after defeating three Legendary-ranked Devouring Earth Dragons so easily.

However, after everyone was done marveling at the Compounding Potion's effects, a strong sense of disappointment filled them when they saw the Devouring Earth Dragons' loot.

For the first two Devouring Earth Dragons they killed, the monsters only dropped two silver chests filled with coins and nothing else. The stinginess of the Earth Dragons was unprecedented in the Greater God's Domain.

Fortunately, the third Devouring Earth Dragon had dropped a bronze sphere in addition to a silver coin chest.

*A Combat-ranked Secret Treasure?*

A flash of surprise appeared in Shi Feng's eyes when he saw the bronze marble.

## **Chapter 3379: Alternate Ending 453 - Power to Change the World**

Chapter 453 – Power to Change the World

“Do you recognize this item, Guild Leader Black Flame?”

When Frey saw the look of surprise on Shi Feng, curiosity filled her as she picked up the bronze marble.

The bronze marble dropped by the third Devouring Earth Dragon looked and felt inconspicuous. It didn't give off any mana fluctuations and couldn't be identified. If it wasn't an item dropped by a Legendary-ranked Earth Dragon, she would have probably ignored it thinking it was an ordinary marble someone dropped.

“Mhm, I do recognize it.” Shi Feng nodded. “This is something good that's hard to come by.”

Secret Treasures were items unique to World Mode Dungeons, and they carried the power to change the world. Meanwhile, Secret Treasures could be categorized into several ranks, namely Common, Combat, Extraordinary, and Fantasy.

Meanwhile, even Common-ranked Secret Treasures were comparable to Fragmented Legendary Equipment in value, while Combat-ranked Secret Treasures were more valuable than even Fragmented Legendary Weapons.

“Is it really something good?” Frey asked as she fiddled with the bronze marble. Even when she used a Master Identification Skill, she failed to appraise it.

“This thing cannot be appraised,” Shi Feng said when he saw magic arrays appearing in Frey's eyes. Faintly smiling, he continued, “You need to use a sufficient amount of Seven Luminaries Crystals to activate it.”

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, everyone present couldn't help but look at the bronze marble with great curiosity.

“This thing needs Seven Luminaries Crystals to activate?” Frey was surprised.

The preciousness of Seven Luminaries Crystals need not be said. The rich mana within the crystals gave them incredible value, and many player powers often used these

crystals as the main form of currency in auctions. The crystals were also essential for players to get promoted to Tier 6.

However, Seven Luminaries Crystals were scarcely available in the Greater God's Domain. They were so rare that a large part of why there were so few Tier 6 players in the Greater God's Domain was that of the Seven Luminaries Crystals' limited supply. In reality, many experts were more than capable of creating a Divine Body but couldn't because they didn't have access to enough Seven Luminaries Crystals.

So, Frey found it hard to imagine that an ordinary-looking marble would actually require precious Seven Luminaries Crystals to activate.

But when Frey changed her perspective, she quickly felt it was only right for the marble to have such a setting.

The entire World Mode Courtyard of Space was shrouded in mystery. The Dungeon was so strange that its Legendary-ranked Devouring Earth Dragons would only drop coin chests.

When it came to stinginess, the World Mode Courtyard of Space's Devouring Earth Dragons definitely ranked number one out of all Legendary monsters in the Greater God's Domain.

Outside the Eternal Realm, Tier 5 Legendary monsters would drop a minimum of one or two Fragmented Legendary items, several Epic items, and a bunch of precious raw materials when killed.

Even inside the Eternal Realm, Tier 4 Mythic monsters wouldn't drop only coin chests when killed, let alone Tier 5 Legendary monsters.

Logically, as the difficulty setting above Heaven Mode, World Mode should offer better loot. It was very strange for World Mode to have such pitiful loot.

So, it could be considered normal for one of the items dropped in the Dungeon to require Seven Luminaries Crystal to activate.

Thinking up to this point, Frey took out a bunch of Seven Luminaries Crystals and began feeding them to the bronze marble.

The bronze marble felt like it was gaining more and more life with every Seven Luminaries Crystal it merged with. The marble started with no mana fluctuations, but after only a moment, it started giving off powerful mana fluctuations rivaling that of Fragmented Legendary items.

"What a hungry beast this thing is. It still isn't satisfied even after eating 500 units?" Unrestrained Lionheart exclaimed.

The average hegemonic power would only have a daily income of several thousand units. So, 500 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal was by no means a small amount.

After Frey fed the bronze marble a few more Seven Luminaries Crystals, glowing divine runes appeared on the marble's surface.

"Six hundred units. Let's hope it was worth the price," Frey muttered as she tapped a finger on the glowing marble.

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[Orichalcum Secret Treasure] (Tier 1 Secret Treasure, Combat)

Attaches to gauntlets. Once attached, it can increase the wearer's Mana Protection by 15% and the attached equipment's Basic Attributes by 10%.

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"Incredible!" Frey's eyes widened, pleasantly surprised by the information displayed before her.

"What kind of item is it, Vice Guild Leader?" Unrestrained Lionheart asked, his curiosity growing even greater when he saw Frey's excited reaction. "Is it some kind of Legacy?"

"Take a look at it for yourself," Frey said as she shared the Orichalcum Secret Treasure's stats in the team chat, not bothering to hide the information.

Meanwhile, as soon as the information appeared in the team chat, everyone but Shi Feng gasped.

"This thing increases the wearer's Mana Protection? Is this for real?"

"Wasn't Mana Protection supposed to be fixed?"

"It is, for the most part. Thus far, it is publicly acknowledged that every player's Mana Protection is set at a fixed value, and it will only change with the player's tier. If news of this item gets out, it'll probably shake up the entire Greater God's Domain."

Unrestrained Lionheart and the others were greatly shocked by the Orichalcum Secret Treasure's Attributes.

In the Greater God's Domain, all attacks made by players and monsters would carry some mana, and this attached mana would greatly increase the destructiveness of one's attacks. However, every player also possessed Mana Protection that served to weaken the effects of mana. Meanwhile, the stronger a player's Mana Protection, the better they could defend against mana attacks.

However, thus far, the only known way players could raise their Mana Protection was by raising their Life Rating. In other words, as players' tiers increased, so would their Mana Protection.

This was one of the main reasons lower-tiered players couldn't deal a lot of damage to higher-tiered players.

Now, though, the Orichalcum Secret Treasure revealed a new method for players to raise their Mana Protection.

Moreover, going by the first part of the Orichalcum Secret Treasure's introduction, it was evident that players weren't limited to equipping just one Secret Treasure. Instead, players could attach a Secret Treasure to every piece of equipment they wore, and the result of doing so would probably be extraordinary. At that time, players could easily transcend tiers even without any Legendary Weapons or Equipment.

Once the information on Secret Treasures got out, it could alter Greater God's Domain's existing power structure!

*So, this is the World Mode difficulty?* Unrestrained Lionheart couldn't help but shudder in excitement.

Previously, he had assumed that the World Mode difficulty was merely a greater difficulty setting than God Mode and nothing more. However, by the look of things, World Mode didn't just represent the difficulty of a Dungeon. At the same time, it represented a power that could change the Greater God's Domain!

## **Chapter 3380: Alternate Ending 454 - Courtyard of Space's Benefit**

Chapter 454 – Courtyard of Space's Benefit

The Orichalcum Secret Treasure stirred the desires of many on the team.

Everyone present was an expert, so everyone knew the importance of Mana Protection. It was especially important for high-tiered players like them.

The fact that the Orichalcum Secret Treasure the wearer's Mana Protection by 15% meant that equipping it would allow the wearer to ignore 15% of the damage they received from most, if not all, attacks launched by players and monsters. And while 15% might not seem like a lot, it was enough to propel a player's defensive capabilities to a whole new level.



If a player could originally only withstand a pummeling from six monsters of the same level and tier, upon equipping the Orichalcum Secret Treasure, they could increase that number to seven.

In the Eternal Realm, where monsters were present in large numbers and possessed great strength, the Orichalcum Secret Treasure could be of great help to players in their exploration of the Realm.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, as per our agreement, if you do not want this Orichalcum Secret Treasure...” Holding the Orichalcum Secret Treasure, Frey looked toward Shi Feng and smiled, saying, “It’ll belong to me.”

Frey looked calm and composed when she spoke to Shi Feng, behaving as if she didn’t care whether Shi Feng used his privilege of selecting two items from the Courtyard of Space on the Orichalcum Secret Treasure. Unfortunately, try as she might, the hint of worry in her voice still betrayed her true thoughts.

In reality, Frey was incredibly worried Shi Feng might choose the Orichalcum Secret Treasure as one of the two items he would be taking.

Although their team had already obtained a Secret Treasure after killing the first three monsters they encountered in the Courtyard of Space, she’d be a fool to assume that Secret Treasures had a high drop rate in this Dungeon. As items capable of rewriting the Greater God’s Domain’s existing power structure, there was no way Secret Treasures would have a high drop rate.

The more likely explanation for the Orichalcum Secret Treasure dropping so early into the raid was that their team had lucked out and obtained an ultra-rare drop that would normally take many raids to acquire. For all she knew, the Orichalcum Secret Treasure’s value might even surpass the combined value of the Dungeon Boss’s loot.

When Shi Feng saw the worry in Frey’s eyes, he shook his head and chuckled, saying, “Don’t worry, Miss Frey. I am not interested in the Orichalcum Secret Treasure.”

Secret Treasures were indeed a rare drop in World Mode Dungeons. This was also why he was surprised to see one drop so soon.

Normally, even if players killed all of a World Mode Dungeon’s monsters, they’d be lucky if they could get three or four Secret Treasures. If unlucky, they might end up with only one Secret Treasure to show for their efforts. Moreover, the majority of the Secret Treasures dropped would only be Common-ranked Secret Treasures that could only provide a small boost to Mana Protection. They wouldn’t even increase the Basic Attributes of the attached piece of equipment.

However, while Secret Treasures might be rare, they were nothing compared to the Divine Spatial Potion and Seven Luminaries Ring.

“Thank you, Guild Leader Black Flame.”

Frey sighed in relief when she heard Shi Feng’s answer. If she could give the Orichalcum Secret Treasure to one of her team’s tanks, it would increase the team’s survivability significantly. This, in turn, would greatly help the team in exploring the Eternal Realm and raiding Team Dungeons in the future. The Secret Treasure’s value easily surpassed that of most Fragmented Legendary items.

With the Orichalcum Secret Treasure, she would also have a greater chance of coming out on top in her struggle with Moro.

After saying so, Frey handed the Orichalcum Secret Treasure to a Tier 5 Demidragon Shield Warrior. When the tall and large Shield Warrior received the Secret Treasure, he excitedly attached it to his Fragmented Legendary Gauntlets without hesitation.

As soon as the Demidragon Shield Warrior equipped the Orichalcum Secret Treasure, his mana underwent a significant transformation. Anyone sensitive to mana would be able to tell that the mana surrounding the Shield Warrior had become much more condensed.

“It truly is incredible. It’s a pity we’ll only get to look at it,” White Owl said as she enviously looked at the Demidragon Shield Warrior.

There were many powerful experts in the current Eternal Realm, and those who could match her existed in significant numbers. Competition out in the fields was originally very intense already, and it was made worse with the addition of the Holy Race players. If she could have a Secret Treasure in this situation, it would increase her survivability by a lot.

Standing next to White Owl, Death Omen and Thousand Scars nodded in agreement, and they couldn’t help but look at Shi Feng in confusion.

Their agreement with Frey was different from Shi Feng’s agreement with her. According to their agreement, they would provide information on the Courtyard of Space’s monsters on the condition that Frey let them join her raid team. However, there was an added condition stating that they would have nothing to do with the Dungeon’s loot, and all they could get from the raid were the Reputation Points awarded by the Dungeon’s First Clear reward.

Shi Feng, on the other hand, could choose any two items obtained from the Dungeon. Yet, he had chosen not to take the Orichalcum Secret Treasure.

“Are you certain you don’t want the Orichalcum Secret Treasure, Brother Black Flame?” Desolate Fury asked as he looked at Shi Feng strangely. “If you have this item, it’ll greatly help you compete for an entry token in the Blood Hell Mountain Range once the map opens in five days.”

Every Realm in the Greater God's Domain was massive. Although nobody knew how large the Eternal Realm was currently, players in the current Eternal Realm could only operate in the vicinity of the various towns.

The Eternal Realm's various towns were situated in maps below Level 150. If players wished to level up quickly after reaching Level 145, it was a must for them to enter Level 150-plus maps.

Meanwhile, the Blood Hell Mountain Range was the closest thing to a Level 150-plus map in this region. However, because of the Holy Race players' appearance, once players entered the Blood Hell Mountain Range, a slaughter fest was bound to occur between human and Holy Race players once the map activated in five days. At that time, if players entered the map without sufficient survival capabilities, it was unlikely they would survive for long.

Moreover, the Blood Hell Mountain Range held the only NPC City discovered thus far. Meanwhile, if players wished to enter the city, they would need to obtain an entry token by killing the monsters inside the Blood Hell Mountain Range. Without the entry token, players would be unable to enter the city and obtain more information on the Eternal Realm.

"It might be of some help, but obtaining an entry token in the Blood Hell Mountain Range isn't a difficult matter, to begin with," Shi Feng said with a faint smile.

It was true that there would be an intense struggle in the Blood Hell Mountain Range once the new map was activated, and having the Orichalcum Secret Treasure would greatly increase his survivability during the struggle. However, so long as he could get his hands on the Divine Spatial Potion and Seven Luminaries Ring, securing an entry token for the city in the Blood Hell Mountain Range would be a piece of cake.

"It's not a difficult matter?"

When Desolate Fury, Cross, and Leroja heard Shi Feng's words, they couldn't help but wryly smile.

Unlike Shi Feng, the three of them were not at all confident in obtaining an entry token in the Blood Hell Mountain Range. They'd be glad if they could even grind for levels in there. After all, even if they ignored the many human experts in the Eternal Realm, they were nowhere near strong enough to win against the Holy Race players in a fight.

When Shi Feng saw the wry smiles on the trio's faces, he chuckled and said, "It's not a tough thing for you three to accomplish, either."

"You think too highly of us, Guild Leader Black Flame," Leroja said, shaking her head. "We might not have any problems dealing with the Holy Race's Tier 4 players, but we stand no chance against their Tier 5 players. And by the time the map opens in five

days, many of the Holy Race's players would have most likely reached Tier 5 already. At that time, we will have no advantages going into the Blood Hell Mountain Range."

"If we are talking about your current selves, it will indeed be impossible for you to obtain an entry token," Shi Feng said, nodding in agreement. Then, he continued in a whisper, "But haven't you noticed something peculiar with the spatial blades flying around the Dungeon after fighting in here for so long?"

"Something peculiar?"

Hearing Shi Feng's words, the trio promptly began observing the spatial blades flying about the garden. However, even after observing the spatial blades for over ten minutes, they failed to find anything special about them.

Eventually, Shi Feng decided to give the trio another hint, whispering, "Observe the spatial blades through mental perception and mana fluctuations. Doesn't it look like these spatial blades' attack patterns are forcing you to move in a way resembling a body technique?"

Realization immediately dawned on the trio, and they hurriedly began mentally simulating themselves dodging the spatial blades.

"It's true!" Leroja quietly exclaimed. "Not just that, but this body technique resembles a Gold Body Technique I've seen before!"

Desolate Fury and Cross were greatly shocked when they heard Leroja's words.

A Gold Body Technique?

## **Chapter 3381: Alternate Ending 455 - Goddess's Legacy**

Chapter 455 – Goddess's Legacy

"Are you certain, Leroja?!" Cross asked as he looked at Leroja with fervent eyes. At the same time, though, he couldn't help but feel a little skeptical of Leroja's evaluation.

Leroja might hold a significant position in Heavenly Boa, a pseudo-upper-ranking hegemonic power, but to say that she had access to information pertaining to Gold Combat Techniques was still hard to believe.

Even if one considered the entire Greater God's Domain, there were only a very limited number of Gold Combat Techniques in existence. Meanwhile, every Gold Combat Technique's Legacy was more than enough to cause upper-ranking hegemonic powers

to lose their minds and tempt even apex powers into action. Gold Combat Techniques simply weren't things that ordinary hegemonic powers could think of having access to.

Usually, the best combat techniques ordinary hegemonic powers had access to were the 99 Absolute Techniques, Advanced Silver Combat Techniques that were close to rivaling Gold Combat Techniques.

Even then, few players among ordinary hegemonic powers would have the opportunity to learn the 99 Absolute Techniques. Typically, players belonging to ordinary hegemonic powers would need to be extremely lucky to receive an opportunity to learn an Absolute Technique. Either that or they needed to be valuable enough for their respective powers to pay an exorbitant price for them to learn an Absolute Technique from an upper-ranking hegemonic power.

So, Cross found it hard to believe that the Courtyard of Space's hostile environment was actually the Legacy for a Gold Body Technique. Moreover, this Legacy was even of the simulation training type.

There were three different types of Combat Technique Legacies. Or, more specifically, there were three different levels.

Level 1 Combat Technique Legacies conveyed information to players via a demonstration. Level 2 Combat Technique Legacies conveyed information via simulation training, where players would be put in a special space to comprehend the combat technique. Level 3 Combat Technique Legacies conveyed information via experience, where players would get to experience executing the complete combat technique once.

From Level 1 to Level 3, each subsequent level made it easier for players to learn a combat technique. Meanwhile, it was simply unthinkable that the Courtyard of Space would offer players the opportunity to learn a Gold Combat Technique via a Level 2 Combat Technique Legacy.

"Of course!" Leroja said definitely.

Hearing Leroja's words, even Shi Feng couldn't help but look at her in surprise. He didn't think she would be so knowledgeable.

The Courtyard of Space's Blade Field was indeed a Legacy for a Gold Combat Technique. Moreover, it wasn't just any ordinary Gold Combat Technique.

Flowing Space!

It was a top-tier Gold Body Technique created by the Goddess of Space. The technique was split into four levels: Stepping Space, Phantom Body, Flowing Light, and Instant Space.

Flowing Space as a whole was vastly superior to the average Gold Combat Technique. Even the technique's first level, Stepping Space, was already close to matching the potency of Basic Gold Body Techniques, while the second level, Phantom Body, could rank number one out of all Basic Gold Body Techniques.

If players could master Flowing Space to the fourth level, Instant Space, they'd have themselves one of the top three Gold Body Techniques in existence.

Meanwhile, Gold Combat Techniques were rarer than even Legendary Weapons. Even Frey, who was now a Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation, probably hadn't seen more than a handful of Gold Combat Techniques. She might never have even seen a Gold Body Technique before, considering that body techniques were much rarer than offensive and defensive combat techniques.

The reason Shi Feng knew the Courtyard of Space's Blade Field was a Legacy for Flowing Space was that the team that secured the Courtyard of Space's First Clear in Shi Feng's previous life had been fortunate enough to obtain Flowing Space's Legacy Tablet, which allowed them to watch the complete demonstration of Flowing Space.

It was also after obtaining the Legacy Tablet for Flowing Space did the team realize that the Courtyard of Space's hostile environment was actually a simulation training left behind by the Goddess of Space. Unfortunately, as the team had already conquered the Courtyard of Space at the time, they couldn't return to make use of the simulation training even if they wanted to. They had no choice but to learn the Gold Body Technique via the Legacy Tablet, which significantly increased the learning difficulty.

"If that's the case, doesn't this mean we've struck gold?" Desolate Fury said, excitement coloring his face as he turned to look at the countless spatial blades flying around the garden. "It might be challenging to learn a Gold Combat Technique, but if we have a simulation training legacy, even we can have a chance at learning it."

Shi Feng nodded.

Gold Combat Techniques, even Basic ones, were incredibly hard to learn. It was especially so if players were learning a Gold Combat Technique via watching demonstrations. Even for geniuses like Desolate Fury, Leroja, and Cross, their chances of successfully learning a Gold Combat Technique through this method were less than 5%.

Even a peerless paragon like Frey wouldn't have more than a 20% chance of successfully learning a Basic Gold Combat Technique.

Meanwhile, the complexity of Gold Combat Techniques was also why any player who had successfully mastered one could stand at the Greater God's Domain's apex.



However, if the learning process was done via simulation training, Desolate Fury, Cross, and Leroja's chances of success would reach 20%. Although it was still a very low success rate, it was still better than nothing.

Moreover, Flowing Space was a special Gold Combat Technique in that its four segments were completely independent of each other. It was different from other Gold Combat Techniques that required players to fully master them to properly use. And as luck would have it, Stepping Space, the first level of Flowing Space, was much easier to learn than Basic Gold Combat Techniques. So, the chances of the trio successfully learning it were very high.

Once the trio learned Stepping Space, their combat power would skyrocket. At that time, they might even be able to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with pseudo-fifth-floor experts. Meanwhile, if they had the strength to rival pseudo-fifth-floor experts, they should have no trouble holding their ground against the Holy Race's Tier 5 players and securing an entry token in the Blood Hell Mountain Range.

Seeing the excited looks on the trio, Shi Feng chuckled and quietly said to them, "We can train using the spatial blades when we are fighting monsters later, but be sure not to make it too obvious to the others."

"Rest assured, Brother Black Flame. We won't let the others discover what we are doing," Desolate Fury said, nodding.

Cross and Leroja also nodded their heads. They were very grateful to Shi Feng for sharing the Courtyard of Space's hidden benefit with them. After all, if he didn't do so, they would probably never notice it. So, now that Shi Feng was asking them not to spread this information, they naturally wouldn't act recklessly and arouse suspicion from the others.

After everyone rested in the starting plaza for half an hour, the team resumed its advance and exploration of the Courtyard of Space.

The entire Courtyard of Space was split into three areas: the outer garden, inner courtyard, and core castle.

The garden area was occupied by numerous Devouring Earth Dragons, while Combat Puppets with incredibly high combat standards occupied the courtyard area. Every Combat Puppet was at the Tier 5 Legendary rank and possessed combat standards rivaling third-floor experts. In addition, these Combat Puppets usually appeared in groups of 30 or more. As for the castle area, it was occupied by Great Wind Spirits, Level 147 Higher Legendary monsters that were known for being incredibly swift.

Even with the Compounding Potion's effects and Shi Feng's leadership, the team could only progress at a snail's pace due to the presence of these powerful monsters and the constant harassment of countless spatial blades.



However, while everyone else was having a headache dealing with the Courtyard of Space's monsters and environment, Shi Feng, Desolate Fury, Cross, and Leroja enjoyed the entire process as they used the monsters to experiment with and learn the Flowing Space technique.

Initially, the four focused 99% of their attention on dodging spatial blades because they tried to learn the evasive body technique imparted by the spatial blades. As a result, they did hardly any damage to the monsters they faced.

After the team defeated a couple of dozen Devouring Earth Dragons, another Secret Treasure dropped. This time, it was a Common-ranked Secret Treasure meant for cloth armor headgear.

While Frey and the others were feeling overjoyed by this harvest, Shi Feng's group of four had secretly memorized the movements for all four of Flowing Space's levels and officially began trying to use the Gold Body Technique.

Meanwhile, the courtyard area's Combat Puppets seemed specifically designed to help players learn how to use Flowing Space.

The Combat Puppets were eight-arm machines that were capable of launching rapid attacks. This made it difficult for players to get close to them, even for fourth-floor experts. Among those in the team, only Tier 5 MTs and fifth-floor experts capable of predicting danger could hold their ground against these Combat Puppets in a one-on-one situation.

When Desolate Fury, Cross, and Leroja fought against the Combat Puppets using Flowing Space, they still needed to defend themselves using their weapons from time to time.

As for Shi Feng, because he was already at the Extrasensory Realm, he was able to properly use Flowing Space in his battle. Although his execution was a little stiff, he achieved astonishing results with the technique.

From an outsider's perspective, it looked as if Shi Feng was dancing amidst a storm of fists. He would even soar into the air from time to time, his evasive capabilities vastly superior to players stuck fighting on the ground.

This scene greatly shocked Frey and the others.

"He can fly?"

## **Chapter 3382: Alternate Ending 456 - First Step, Stepping Space**

## Chapter 456 – First Step, Stepping Space

*Aren't we in the Eternal Realm?*

Unrestrained Lionheart couldn't help but rub his eyes when he saw Shi Feng dancing and evading a Combat Puppet's attacks in mid-air.

In the Eternal Realm, even Tier 5 experts were incapable of flight. Yet, Shi Feng, a Tier 4 Sword Emperor, had accomplished this feat.

At this time, Unrestrained Lionheart wasn't the only one finding this situation unbelievable. Death Omen, Thousand Scars, and White Owl, who were more familiar with Shi Feng, couldn't help but be astonished by what they were seeing.

*How is he doing it?*

Death Omen was greatly confused as she watched Shi Feng rapidly move across the air.

As a former Tier 6 Assassin, Death Omen was more knowledgeable regarding speed and body techniques than anyone present.

The reason Tier 4 players could fly was mainly due to the transformation of their mana. Because of their stronger mana, Tier 4 players could manipulate a much larger amount of ambient mana in their surrounding environment, which, in turn, allowed them to create an invisible pair of mana wings to achieve flight.

However, the Eternal Realm's environment contained not just Mana but also Holy Power. Meanwhile, the influence Holy Power had over Mana made it incredibly difficult for players to manipulate the ambient Mana around them reliably. Hence, even Tier 5 players were incapable of flight in the Eternal Realm.

If players wished to fly in the Eternal Realm, they would have to create a Divine Body and reach Tier 6. At that time, they would have a frightening amount of mana in their bodies, and they could create a pair of mana wings for themselves even without manipulating ambient mana.

However, no matter how much Death Omen focused her senses, she couldn't sense any fluctuations coming from Shi Feng or the ambient mana around him. Yet, Shi Feng had clearly changed directions three times in mid-air, his feet never touching the ground throughout the process. Moreover, he had accomplished this feat so quickly that he was already close to catching up to the Tier 4 players outside the Eternal Realm.

*Did he learn how to use it already?*

Unlike everyone else, Desolate Fury, Cross, and Leroja had an idea of how Shi Feng was flying, and they couldn't help but gape at this realization.

A monster!

They couldn't think of a more fitting description to describe Shi Feng. The man's learning capabilities were simply monstrous.

The three of them had already memorized the movements involved in the Goddess of Space's Gold Body Technique. Hence, they knew how challenging it was to execute the technique.

Even though the three of them were only half a step away from reaching the Beyond Domain Realm, it was still incredibly challenging for them to execute the technique at a crude level, let alone execute it smoothly.

The series of movements involved in Flowing Space made use of every aspect available in space. In a certain sense, the combat technique was a way of utilizing the Domain Realm's principles to the extremes.

Upon reaching the Domain Realm, players could perceive everything around them up to a certain range. Meanwhile, every improvement they achieved in the Domain Realm would raise the clarity of their perception. When players reached the Domain Realm's third step, their perception was already clear enough for them to stand in the middle of a rain and count the raindrops present within their vicinity. They could even pinpoint the location of specific raindrops if they wanted.

Meanwhile, Flowing Space made full use of this extraordinary perception to determine the flow of wind and the various particles present in the user's vicinity. Then, through subtle movements across the entire body, the user of Flowing Space would move through the path of least resistance while simultaneously compressing small patches of air around them to create spatial tension, which, in turn, allowed the user to achieve "flight."

Of course, Flowing Space didn't just allow users to add an extra dimension to their combat. The technique's explosive movements also allowed users to double their speed or more.

Incredible! Truly incredible! No wonder Flowing Space can rank among the top three of all Gold Body Techniques! Shi Feng was in awe as he evaded the Combat Puppet's attacks. Even though my movements are still clumsy, I can still move in mid-air, and the speed I can achieve is already on par with Advanced Silver Body Techniques!

Meanwhile, with each subsequent use of Flowing Space, Shi Feng became increasingly familiar with the technique, and the amount of time he could stay in the air also became increasingly longer.

Currently, the team was fighting against a group of more than 30 Combat Puppets, and every one of these Combat Puppets was a Legendary monster with 150 billion HP.

In addition to the team's tanks, every other melee player of the team was also assigned to tank a Combat Puppet. Even fifth-floor magical class experts like Unrestrained Lionheart and Frey had to take on one by themselves. This was so that the team's ranged damage dealers could focus on killing the Combat Puppets one at a time.

*That should be enough practice against one Combat Puppet.*

When Shi Feng stopped feeling pressure from facing just one Combat Puppet, he swiftly aggroed the Combat Puppets that Unrestrained Lionheart and Frey were facing. He intended to test his limits with three Combat Puppets.

*Is he crazy?* Frey was rendered speechless when he saw Shi Feng trying to take on three Combat Puppets by himself.

The Combat Puppets in the Courtyard of Space were Legendary monsters with extraordinary combat capabilities. Even as a Tier 5 player, Frey could, at most, take on two by herself.

Shi Feng was currently only a Tier 4 Sword Emperor. He might have Tier 5 Basic Attributes, but tanking one Combat Puppet should already be his limit. In fact, it was already amazing he could keep up with the Combat Puppet's attacks. After all, it took White Owl, a Tier 5 Divine Rune Warrior, her all just to defend against the attacks of one Combat Puppet. She couldn't even launch any attacks of her own against the Combat Puppet.

Meanwhile, things played out exactly as Frey anticipated. As soon as Shi Feng had to go up against three Combat Puppets simultaneously, he immediately fell into a passive state, unable to find any opportunities to attack. He even had to resort to blocking attacks using both his swords, something he had never done previously. After all, blocking any attack from the Combat Puppet would result in him getting sent flying over a dozen yards and losing over one-fifth of his HP.

One minute... Ten minutes... Thirty minutes...

After butting heads with the Combat Puppets and getting sent flying numerous times, Shi Feng gradually reduced the frequency in which he got sent flying. Initially, he would be forced to block an attack every two or three seconds. However, as his execution of Flowing Space smoothened, he was able to gradually increase the interval to twenty seconds and more.

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When the battle crossed the one-hour mark, the team had already slain over 20 Combat Puppets. However, just as everyone thought the battle would soon end, another group of 32 Combat Puppets suddenly emerged from the distance and charged at the team.

“Not good! All tanks activate your Lifesaving Skills and intercept those monsters!” Frey hurriedly commanded through the team chat.

Immediately, the team’s Tier 5 tanks stopped conserving their strength and activated their respective Tier 5 Lifesaving Skills. The Lifesaving Skills came in all shapes and forms. Some increased HP and Defense, some increased Strength, Defense, and speed, and some reduced the damage the user received. Because of these Lifesaving Skills, the ten Tier 5 tanks managed to pin down 30 out of the 32 new Combat Puppets in no time.

“Brother Black Flame, be careful!” Desolate Fury shouted when he saw the remaining two Combat Puppets getting attracted by Shi Feng’s fight. Shi Feng was already busy fighting against three Combat Puppets. If two more joined the fray, he would definitely be killed.

Unfortunately, Desolate Fury’s reminder was useless as the two new Combat Puppets reached Shi Feng in no time and promptly sent a flurry of punches at Shi Feng, their rapid attacks making it look like a wall of fists was closing in on Shi Feng.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng saw the numerous punches coming at him, a sense of powerlessness filled him.

*This is...*

While looking at the two Combat Puppets’ joint attack, Shi Feng suddenly gained inspiration and changed his footwork.

Then, to everyone’s astonishment...Shi Feng started stepping on the oncoming punches, his actions accelerating his already incredible speed even further. Moreover, even when the wall of punches looked like it had collided with Shi Feng’s body, Shi Feng did not receive even a single point of damage.

At the same time, the sound of a system notification rang in Shi Feng’s ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have learned the Gold Combat Technique Flowing Space. Rewarding one level and a permanent 10% increase in reaction speed.

## Chapter 3383: Alternate Ending 457 - Goddess's First Appearance

### Chapter 457 – Goddess's First Appearance

"How can such an out-of-this-world body technique exist?"

"This is insane! A Tier 4 Sword Emperor is tanking five Legendary monsters solo?! Even Saints shouldn't be able to pull off such a stunt!"

"No wonder the Vice Guild Leader is willing to pay such a high price to hire him. If Elder Parker finds out about this, he'll probably die of regret."

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Everyone was greatly shocked as they watched Shi Feng taking on five Combat Puppets while staying in the air.

Although their team had less than 100 members because of Parker and Co's betrayal, Shi Feng had single-handedly made up for the twelve missing players. This situation was both unbelievable and frightening.

It should be known that a Tier 5 MT with a Tier 5 Lifesaving Skill active could, at best, take on five Combat Puppets simultaneously. Moreover, it would only be for a very limited time. Yet, Shi Feng, a Tier 4 Sword Emperor, had accomplished this feat without the use of any Lifesaving Skills.

Meanwhile, Desolate Fury, Cross, and Leroja were greatly excited by this situation.

*This body technique is simply incredible! Cross wore a fervent look as he watched Shi Feng's fight. If I can successfully learn it as well, I can fight against even Extrasensory Realm experts!*

Leroja also shared similar thoughts, her eyes full of surprise and hope.

Previously, she only knew that the Courtyard of Space's hostile environment was actually a Gold Combat Technique's Legacy in disguise. However, she had no idea exactly how powerful this Gold Combat Technique was.

However, after seeing Shi Feng transforming the sky into his battlefield, something which should be impossible to accomplish in the Eternal Realm, she quickly understood the value of the Flowing Space technique.

The boost in combat power this combat technique could provide to players in the Eternal Realm was utterly immense. It was especially so for Rangers like herself. If she could monopolize the skies while her opponents were stuck on the ground, she was confident she could fight against even fifth-floor experts.

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*So, this is a Gold Combat Technique?*

Compared to Leroja and the others, Shi Feng was even more excited by Flowing Space's effectiveness.

In addition to letting him sprint in mid-air, the technique also drastically boosted his speed on the ground. If he wanted to, every step he took on the ground could propel him across great distances instantaneously and leave over a dozen afterimages in his wake. This situation thoroughly renewed his opinion of Flowing Space and Gold Combat Techniques altogether.

In his previous life, Shi Feng never got to learn a Gold Combat Technique. The strongest technique he managed to learn was the Holy Annihilation Mana Technique. Now that he had successfully learned one, he finally understood how frightening Gold Combat Techniques could be. He also understood exactly how powerful the Goddess of Space's Gold Body Technique was.

Even though his mastery of Flowing Space only reached the Stepping Space standard, not only did he gain a permanent 10% boost in reaction speed, but he also gained a huge boost in his Movement Speed and nimbleness while executing the technique. He was at least twice as fast and nimble than when he was outside the Eternal Realm. As icing on the cake, he also gained the ability to fly in the Eternal Realm. So long as he didn't run out of Stamina and Concentration, he could remain in flight for as long as he wanted.

With all these benefits, even if he didn't wield a Legendary Weapon, he was confident he could hold his ground against a Dragon of the same tier!

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Meanwhile, outside the Courtyard of Space, nine hours after the World Mode Courtyard of Space's activation...

Streams of light appeared outside the teleportation gate, the light revealing the silhouette of human players as they faded.

"Dammit! Damn it all!" Moro cursed as he glared at the dark pillar of light rising from the teleportation gate.



Parker, who was teleported out of the Courtyard of Space with Moro, also wore an ugly look, his face looking like it had aged by more than a decade.

“Hahaha! That’s one more team annihilated! And it’s even a team from the Red Dragon Nation this time!”

“The Red Dragon Nation’s team might be strong, but it’s a pity that the God Mode Courtyard of Space is unlike any of the other God Mode Team Dungeons we’ve seen before.”

“Indeed! I heard that even a team of 100 Tier 5 experts from the Holy Race’s side has gotten annihilated.”

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Originally, the Courtyard of Space’s outside was supposed to be embroiled in a battle involving only a couple of thousand players. Currently, though, no fights were taking place around the teleportation gate. Players from both the human race and the Holy Race were merely resting, and neither side intended to fight.

Moreover, the number of players outside the Courtyard of Space had increased to several tens of thousands. And if one looked carefully, one would find that some of these players belonged to the teams that had previously entered the God Mode Courtyard of Space.

“Now that we’ve failed to raid the God Mode Courtyard of Space, what should we do next, Lord Moro?” Desert Web tentatively asked as he looked at Moro, who was clearly in a terrible mood.

After scanning the area and pondering for a moment, Moro said, “We wait!”

The God Mode Courtyard of Space’s difficulty was beyond his imagination. The Dungeon’s Final Boss was absurdly tough, gradually exhausting and eradicating his team. Meanwhile, teams that had suffered annihilation in a God Mode Team Dungeon could only reenter the Dungeon after the weekly cooldown period.

“We’re waiting?” Anxiously, Desert Web said, “But the Blood Hell Mountain Range would have already activated by the time the cooldown finishes...”

“Of course, we won’t wait for that long,” Moro said as he looked at the World Mode Courtyard of Space’s teleportation gate. Then, he sneered and continued, “I just checked, and not only is Frey’s team not here, but my friends’ list shows that she is still online. This proves that her team is still inside. Otherwise, the various powers’ experts here would have long since eliminated her team!”

“Do you mean to wait for Vice Guild Leader Frey’s team to come out?” Desert Web’s eyes lit up when he heard Moro’s words.

Currently, there were very few teams with the strength necessary to challenge the World Mode Courtyard of Space. This was because 99% of the raid teams that had previously gathered to raid the Courtyard of Space had entered the Dungeon’s God Mode difficulty. Out of the human teams gathered, the only one that managed to enter World Mode was Frey’s team.

The Courtyard of Space’s God Mode difficulty was already challenging beyond belief. So, one could easily imagine how challenging World Mode would be. If the teams present wished to successfully raid the World Mode Courtyard of Space once their respective cooldown periods were over, they would need plenty of information regarding the World Mode Dungeon.

Meanwhile, Frey’s team was undoubtedly the best source of information. It was also why so many people were gathered here.

Everyone was waiting for the players that had entered the World Mode Courtyard of Space to obtain information relating to the World Mode Dungeon.

Of course, these players had the option to not share any information, but if that was the case, there would only be one outcome awaiting them.

Death!

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Inside the World Mode Courtyard of Space’s castle area...

A team of 88 players arrived at a double door leading into the central hall on the castle’s top floor. The doors were made of unknown material, and divine patterns giving off a primordial presence engraved on them. The doors emanated a frightening mental oppression that could easily cause ordinary Tier 4 experts to shudder.

When the players walked up to the double door, the doors slowly parted to reveal the central hall and two figures standing inside the hall. Upon seeing these two figures, the players couldn’t help but be shocked.

“An Ancient God’s aura! How is this possible?!”

“The Goddess of Space?”

Inside the central hall that was as wide as four sports stadiums, two figures measuring over ten meters in height stood in the middle. Of these two figures, one was male, while

the other was female. Both figures radiated Divine Might so powerful that even Tier 6 players would subconsciously back away.

The woman in the hall was especially imposing. Even though the woman was just standing still, it felt like she was the master of the Courtyard of Space. Even the mana in everyone's body was seemingly compelled to flow toward the woman.

At the same time as Shi Feng and the others discovered this woman, the woman in question also noticed their presence. Suddenly, she vanished from where she stood and reappeared in front of Shi Feng's group, her spontaneous appearance making it seem as if she had always been standing in front of the group.

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TL Notes:

Just a reminder that Extrasensory Realm = Beyond Domain Realm. When players reach this realm, they become able to utilize their 6th sense more effectively, allowing them to predict dangers and take appropriate countermeasures.

Realms of Refinement:

- 1)Refinement Realm – better control of subtle movements
- 2)Flowing Water Realm – better at piecing moves together to smoothen maneuvers
- 3)Void Realm – can't remember what this is. I think it has something to do with having better perception.
- 4)Domain Realm (3 steps)\* – vastly improved perception.
- 5)Beyond Domain Realm/Extrasensory Realm – improved 6th sense effectiveness

\*Domain Realm is different from Mana Domain. Mana Domain is something gained through having superior control over mana. Thus far, Mana Domain has two stages, Mana Domain and World Creation.

## **Chapter 3384: Alternate Ending 458 - Holy Ancestor?**

Chapter 458 – Holy Ancestor?

Unrestrained Lionheart's expression paled as he looked at the giant of a woman standing before him. Then, he looked to Shi Feng and wryly smiled, saying, "Mr. Black Flame, I think we received a little more than what we bargained for..."

The inside of the hall was shrouded in mist, so they couldn't determine the woman's appearance and strength just now. However, that was no longer the case now that the woman was standing right in front of them.

Although the woman's blue-rimmed white hood prevented them from seeing her face, the sight of the woman's stats bewildered everyone.

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[Goddess's Shadow] (Ancient God's Doppelganger, Tier 6)

Level 240

HP ? ? ? ? ?

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*Level 240?*

*Is this really just a doppelganger?*

At this time, White Owl, Death Omen, and Thousand Scars similarly experienced despair. The three of them previously had the fortune of seeing an Ancient God in person in the Miniature Ancient World's World Passage. So, they could tell that in terms of presence, the Goddess's Shadow before them was much stronger than even the Ancient God they met in the World Passage.

Under normal circumstances, even a team of Tier 6 experts would have to flee if they encountered this Goddess's Shadow, let alone a bunch of Tier 5 players like themselves. After all, the Goddess's Shadow's level of 240 was a height most Tier 6 players in the Greater God's Domain struggled to reach. Not to mention, as an Ancient God, the Goddess's Shadow possessed a Life Rating vastly superior to Dragons of the same tier.

*The Goddess of Space truly is an existence that has surpassed Primordial Gods.*

Standing before the Goddess's Shadow, Shi Feng also experienced unprecedented pressure. Right now, it felt like he was standing in front of a real Ancient God rather than a mere doppelganger.

It should be known that doppelgangers in God's Domain would always be much weaker than the main body. Normally, a Tier 6 God's doppelganger would only be at the Tier 5 standard. The doppelganger's Life Rating would also be inferior to an actual God. At most, a God's doppelganger would have Life Rating rivaling four-winged Valkyries.

Yet, the Goddess's Shadow's Life Rating reached the standard of Ancient Gods. With this doppelganger's level and Life Rating, even if it was only at Tier 5, it would still be impossible for their team to defeat it.

Just as everyone thought their raid had come to an end, the Goddess's Shadow suddenly spoke up.

"After all this time, someone has finally come." Indifferently looking at Shi Feng's group, the Goddess's Shadow asked, "Can I ask you all to lend me a helping hand?"

"A helping hand? May I know what you require us to do, Esteemed Goddess?" Shi Feng curiously asked.

In terms of combat power, the Goddess's Shadow definitely stood among the very apex of the Greater God's Domain. Even apex powers would have difficulty slaying it. So, Shi Feng found it hard to believe the Goddess's Shadow would need their help.

"Simple. I need you to extinguish the Ancient God over there. Otherwise, it won't be long before he breaks out of his seal and terrorize the Greater God's Domain," the Goddess's Shadow said.

"Kill him?" Shi Feng couldn't help but turn to the figure standing in the middle of the hall.

At this time, the mist in the hall gradually dissipated, revealing a figure restrained by dozens of translucent chains. There were faint purple-gold divine runes flashing on the chains, the runes giving every chain a tyrannical Divine Might. Rather than inanimate objects, it felt as if every one of these chains was a Tier 6 God.

Shi Feng couldn't help but grow confused as he looked at the gigantic man in the middle of the hall.

From what Shi Feng recalled, the World Mode Courtyard of Space's Final Boss should be a four-winged Tier 6 Archangel, an existence with a Life Rating superior to Valkyries and close to matching ordinary Dragons of the same tier.

Basically, teams needed to defeat a monster that was about as strong as a Tier 6 Dragon. The only difference was that, unlike Dragons that relied on having a powerful Physique and access to Draconic Magic for their strength, Archangels relied on combat techniques and weapons for their strength. This made Archangels much more difficult to deal with for ordinary teams.

As for the Goddess's Shadow's existence and request, Shi Feng had never heard about these things existing in his previous life.

What surprised Shi Feng even more was the man restrained in the hall. Silver runes covered the man's entire body, and Shi Feng was incredibly familiar with these runes.

A member of the Holy Race!

Indeed! The man restrained in the hall was a Tier 6 Holy God!

Moreover, the man wasn't any ordinary Tier 6 God. Seeing how the man was covered in holy runes, the man was most likely a Holy Ancestor...

A Holy Ancestor!

Out of the many Holy Gods that existed among the Holy Race, those who could be regarded as Holy Ancestors were few and far between. Meanwhile, their existence was akin to the Greater God's Domain's Primordial Gods.

So, when Shi Feng heard that the Goddess's Shadow's request was for them to kill a Holy Ancestor, he couldn't help but feel as if the other party was joking with them.

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[Manoset] (Holy Ancestor, Tier ? ? ?)

Level ? ? ?

HP ? ? ? ? ?

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Seemingly noticing everyone's concerns, the Goddess's Shadow said, "Do not worry. I will use my power to weaken him. He won't be able to exert more than 10% of his strength. With your strength, you should be strong enough to fight him."

As soon as the Goddess's Shadow finished speaking, a series of system notifications rang in everyone's ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have triggered the World-ranked Event Goddess of Space's Seal. Assist the Goddess's Shadow in killing the Holy Ancestor.

System: You are advised to challenge the Goddess of Space's Seal event with everything you have. Failure to complete the event will lead to massive changes throughout the Greater God's Domain. You will also be dealt with using the most severe punishment.

...

"A World-ranked Event?"

“Kill the Holy Ancestor?”

“What’s going on here?”

Unrestrained Lionheart and the others froze when they heard the content of the system notifications.

Whether it was the World-ranked Event or the Holy Ancestor, neither were things they had heard of before. Even so, they could still determine the severity of the situation based on the information they understood.

Everyone present had seen how powerful the Holy Race’s players were, so they couldn’t even begin to imagine how powerful a God from the Holy Race could be.

Subsequently, before Shi Feng, the leader of the team, could make a response to the Goddess’s Shadow’s request for help, the other party suddenly vanished. Then, the Goddess’s Shadow reappeared in the air in the middle of the hall and chanted a series of obscure divine incantations. Immediately afterward, over a thousand magic arrays appeared all over the hall, every magic array being a threefold magic array exceeding the Great Grandmaster rank.

Suddenly, the divine runes on the chains binding the Holy Ancestor glowed as they rapidly sapped his strength. However, even as the Holy Ancestor was growing weaker, not only did he not feel upset, but he even started to smile. At the same time, terrifying bursts of Holy Power spread across the entire Courtyard of Space.

“Hahaha! Space! Did you honestly think I’ve made no preparations throughout all these years?” Manoset said, laughing. Then, he coldly swept his gaze across Shi Feng’s group and continued, “Pitiful adventurers, today will mark the end of your lives!”

As soon as Manoset finished speaking, the chains binding him started to break one after another. Meanwhile, with every chain that broke, Manoset’s aura also grew in intensity. At one point, his mere presence had caused the entire castle to tremble. Shi Feng and the others also found themselves unable to move their bodies...

“Die!”

After breaking out of the chains restraining his arms, Manoset swung his fist in the direction of Shi Feng’s group.

## **Chapter 3385: Alternate Ending 459 - Surpassing Dragons**

Chapter 459 – Surpassing Dragons



When Manoset threw his punch, even the hall's sturdy space instantly turned into a dark void. Not only did this void devour all mana caught within its vicinity, but it also caused time to slow down to a standstill. As a result, Shi Feng and every other player present could not move.

Moreover, apart from Shi Feng, Frey, Unrestrained Lionheart, and a few other experts on the team, everyone else experienced a lag in their thoughts.

*It's over...*

*So, this is the strength of a Holy Ancestor?*

Frey and Unrestrained Lionheart were greatly shocked when they saw the destruction happening before their very eyes.

Tier 6 Gods were very rarely seen in the Greater God's Domain, but as a pseudo-apex power, the Red Dragon Nation had plenty of video information on Tier 6 Gods. The Guild even had quite a few video recordings of Ancient Gods in battle.

However, out of all the Gods and Ancient Gods recorded in the Red Dragon Nation's archives, not even the strongest Ancient God could throw out a punch as powerful as Manoset's.

*Incredible! This punch is already as strong as a Primordial God's attack!* Shi Feng was also greatly surprised by Manoset's devastating punch.

Shi Feng had fought against many Holy Gods during his previous life, but never had he come across a Holy Ancestor before. So, this was his first encounter with a Holy Ancestor.

Even in the Holy Race's world, few records were available on Holy Ancestors. As far as Shi Feng was aware, no human player had come across a Holy Ancestor during his previous life, and all everyone knew was that Holy Ancestors were existences rivaling Primordial Gods.

Meanwhile, it should be known that Manoset was currently in a sealed state. Even though he had already broken free of the chains binding him, his strength remained sealed, and he'd be fortunate if he could even unleash 30% of his actual strength.

Yet, even with just 30% of his strength, Manoset could already throw a punch rivaling that of Primordial Gods.

While Shi Feng was marveling at Manoset's punch, the shock that Frey and Unrestrained Lionheart experienced gradually turned into despair.

A Primordial God's attack simply wasn't something Tier 5 players could withstand. Even Fragmented Legendary items would be reduced to dust if struck by a Primordial God's attack. So long as they were killed by it, they would most certainly see their Immortal Souls extinguished.

However, when Manoset's fist was just ten yards away from reaching Shi Feng's group, the Goddess's Shadow, who was in the middle of chanting an incantation, suddenly waved her hand.

*Boom!*

An explosion shook the entire Courtyard of Space, the shockwaves of the explosion causing the courtyard's environment to crack like glass. If another such explosion occurred, the courtyard's environment would most certainly shatter, and everything within the courtyard would perish.

Back inside the castle's top-floor hall...

We're alive?

*We're not dead?*

The players in the hall couldn't help but be surprised as they inspected their bodies.

Although most of the players present had failed to see what had just happened, they weren't fools. Time in the hall had yet to freeze the instant Manoset swung his fist, so everyone understood that there was no way any of them could have survived an attack from the Holy Ancestor.

While everyone was wrapped in confusion, several thoroughly translucent barriers before them shattered and disappeared one after another. When the fifth barrier disappeared, and cracks started to appear on the sixth one, Manoset's fist came to a complete stop.

*Am I dreaming? A sixfold World Wall?* Unrestrained Lionheart nearly dropped his staff when he saw the barriers that had just shattered, and he couldn't help but look toward the Goddess's Shadow. *Is she really just a doppelganger?*

World Wall was a Tier 6 Defensive Spell. It was also the strongest Defensive Spell available at Tier 6.

Normally, even a Tier 6 expert at the fifth-floor standard could, at best, silent-cast a onefold World Wall. And if they chanted the Spell's incantation, they could cast a twofold World Wall.

Yet, the Goddess's Shadow had constructed a sixfold World Wall with just a wave of her hand. Normally, this was a feat an Ancient God would find extremely difficult to accomplish even with their true bodies...

"Die!"

Manoset was unfazed even after seeing his first attack failing to connect. Without hesitation, he began throwing out a barrage of devastating punches, the punches so numerous that it looked like a wall of fists was approaching Shi Feng's group.

The players present were dumbfounded when they saw this scene.

*A Gold Combat Technique?!*

*Impossible! How can an NPC use a Gold Combat Technique? How are we supposed to even fight against such an NPC?*

Of those present, Frey and Unrestrained Lionheart were especially shocked when they saw the barrage of punches. With their vast knowledge of God's Domain, they immediately understood that Manoset had just executed a Gold Combat Technique.

It should be known that NPCs typically possessed much greater Basic Attributes than players. They also had higher combat standards than monsters, with many Tier 6 NPCs having combat standards at the fourth-floor standard. Because of these factors, very few Tier 6 players could rival Tier 6 Gods, and a large number of Tier 6 experts were necessary to take down a Tier 6 God under normal circumstances.

However, if a Tier 6 God knew how to use Gold Combat Techniques on top of having greater Basic Attributes than players and greater combat standards than monsters, defeating them would be nigh impossible for players.

"Seal!"

Just as the barrage of punches was about to reach Shi Feng's group, a divine voice suddenly echoed in everyone's mind. Immediately afterward, the wall of fists gradually disappeared.

"Dammit, Space! You cannot stop me!" Manoset yelled out in pain and fury.

Subsequently, countless divine runes appeared around Manoset, locking down the space within a 100-yard radius of the Holy Ancestor. Then, these divine runes started to resonate with the remaining chains on Manoset's body and sap away at his strength.

Primordial God... Tier 6 Ancient God... Tier 6 God...

The instant Manoset's Life Rating fell to the Tier 5 standard, the brightness of the divine runes around him peaked, and Manoset's strength stopped falling.

"Hahaha! Is this the limit of your doppelganger?" Manoset laughed when he saw the Goddess's Shadow's body destabilizing. "Or do you think these ants can defeat me just because I've been weakened to Tier 5?"

Manoset's mockery did not earn any reaction from the Goddess's Shadow. Instead, the Goddess Shadow merely turned to the hall's entrance and said to Shi Feng's group, "The rest is up to you now. I have already suppressed Manoset to the best of my abilities, but I can only maintain this suppression for a limited time."

After saying so, the Goddess's Shadow closed her eyes and focused all her attention on maintaining Manoset's seal.

"She wants us to fight that?"

When everyone looked at the weakened Holy Ancestor, they couldn't help but reveal a wry smile.

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[Manoset] (Holy Ancestor, Tier 5)

Level 148

HP 1,500,000,000,000

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It was true that Manoset had been weakened to the Tier 5 standard, but simply looking at Manoset's HP was enough to tell them how frighteningly powerful Manoset was still. Even a Dragon of the same tier would be put to shame when compared to the Holy Ancestor.

Before everyone could come to terms with the situation, Manoset swung his fist at the team once again. Compared to before, Manoset's punch this time was much less frightening. Even so, it still carried power at the Tier 6 standard, and it was strong enough to distort the surrounding space.

Before Manoset's punch could reach the team, a Tier 5 Demidragon Shield Warrior intercepted it.

The Demidragon Shield Warrior was the tank that had previously received the Orichalcum Secret Treasure from Frey. After he let out a roar, his shield transformed

into multiple barriers of light that continuously redirected and weakened Manoset's punch.

One of the 99 Absolute Techniques, Skylight Guardian!

*Boom!*

Subsequently, the Demidragon Shield Warrior was sent flying and crashing into a wall, his shield falling out of his hands and his HP decreasing by over 80%...

"Crest!"

Unrestrained Lionheart was greatly shocked by this development.

Crest was their team's ace tank. Not only did he wield a top-tier Fragmented Legendary Shield close to rivaling Legendary Shields, but he also had the Orichalcum Secret Treasure equipped. Combined with the Absolute Technique Skylight Shield, even if he blocked an attack from a Tier 6 Divine monster, he shouldn't lose more than 30% of his HP.

Yet, now, not only did Manoset's attack put Crest into a heavily injured state, but the Shield Warrior had also lost over 80% of his HP.

How were they supposed to fight against such a powerful foe?

## **Chapter 3386: Alternate Ending 460 - Tier 6 Super Spell**

Chapter 460 – Tier 6 Super Spell

*How is this possible?!*

When everyone saw Crest collapse, the shock they experienced was many times greater than when they first saw the Holy Ancestor.

Previously, everyone still lacked a clear concept of Manoset's strength since they didn't have any knowledge regarding the existence of Holy Ancestors. It was similar to how they lacked a clear understanding of the strength of Primordial Gods since they had only ever read about them in historical records.

However, after seeing Manoset getting weakened to the Tier 5 standard and still nearly killing Crest in one hit, everyone finally understood just how powerful the Holy Ancestor was.

It should be known that Crest was a fifth-floor expert, an existence standing at the Greater God's Domain's apex. With his combat techniques and Fragmented Legendary items, he could tank Tier 6 monsters even as a Tier 5 player.

With a tank like Crest, a team of several dozen Tier 5 experts could even slay Tier 6 monsters of the same level. This was also why Frey dared to challenge the God Mode Courtyard of Space in the first place.

*It really is a Gold Combat Technique! Is the Main God System playing a joke on us?*

When Desolate Fury saw that Crest could no longer move his arms, he couldn't help but despair a little.

Previously, Desolate Fury still wasn't certain if Manoset had used a Gold Combat Technique. But now, he was certain.

As a Tier 5 tank himself, Desolate Fury knew better than anyone how difficult it was to damage a tank like Crest to such an extent.

Not only could Fragmented Legendary Shields neutralize a significant amount of damage their wielders received, but they could also dampen the force of attacks blocked to a significant extent. After taking into account that Crest had used a combat technique to redirect Manoset's attack, the actual force that was transferred from Manoset's fist to Crest's shield shouldn't exceed 10%.

Manoset might have astonishing Basic Attributes, but they were only at the standard of ordinary Tier 6 Divine monsters. With Crest's Basic Attributes that were close to reaching the Tier 6 standard, there was no way a Tier 6 Divine monster could heavily injure him.

The only explanation Desolate Fury could come up with for this situation was that Manoset had used a Gold Combat Technique.

It should be known that players who mastered a Gold Combat Technique could transcend tiers and rank among the apex of the Greater God's Domain. So, just how were they supposed to fight against a Tier 6 monster that had mastered a Gold Combat Technique?

"Mr. Black Flame, I'm afraid we can't beat this monster. No matter how I look at it, I just can't see us overcoming his Gold Combat Technique..." Unrestrained Lionheart said, wryly smiling when he saw Manoset ignoring them to target the Goddess's Shadow instead.

"Gold Combat Technique?" Shi Feng chuckled when he heard Unrestrained Lionheart's words. "What he's using isn't a Gold Combat Technique."

It might look like Manoset had just used a Gold Combat Technique, but the move didn't have anything to do with combat techniques. Instead, what the Holy Ancestor used was a Holy Art unique to the Holy Race.

Holy Aura was a method for players to enhance their raw offensive and defensive capabilities using Holy Power, whereas Holy Arts were essentially the evolution of Holy Aura. Or, more specifically, they were special methods of using Holy Aura. Meanwhile, similar to combat techniques, Holy Arts could be categorized into Bronze, Silver, and Gold ranks.

Hearing Shi Feng's response, Unrestrained Lionheart shook his head and smiled, saying, "Even if what he used isn't a Gold Combat Technique, it still doesn't change our situation. It will take at least a few Tier 6 players to take him down."

The many fifth-floor experts standing nearby nodded in agreement. It simply wasn't feasible for Tier 5 players like them to fight against an existence like Manoset.

"Not really. We don't need multiple Tier 6 players." After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng said, "If we can have one Tier 6 combatant to distract him, defeating him isn't out of the question."

Holy Arts were different from combat techniques. In terms of improvements, Holy Arts provided a more well-rounded improvement, whereas combat techniques provided more extreme improvements. For example, some combat techniques might increase only the user's offensive capabilities, some might only increase defensive capabilities, etc.

Only through such extreme improvements could Gold Combat Techniques let users transcend tiers. This also meant that Gold Holy Arts couldn't let users transcend tiers.

"Is what you said true?" Frey asked as she looked at Shi Feng with a serious gaze. "Can we truly raid this Boss if we have a Tier 6 combatant?"

"Vice Guild Leader, could it be that you..." Unrestrained Lionheart panicked when he heard Frey's words. Even though Frey hadn't revealed her intentions, he could already guess where she was going with her words. "But that's your last trump card for competing against the other Vice Guild Leaders..."

"It doesn't matter. If we get annihilated here, I will be doomed regardless," Frey said to Unrestrained Lionheart, shaking her head. Then, she returned her focus to Shi Feng and asked, "How confident are you, Guild Leader Black Flame?"

"If no accidents occur, we have a 50% chance of succeeding," Shi Feng answered. Although the World Mode Courtyard of Space's Final Boss turned out different from what he heard, in a situation where Manoset could not move from where he stood, defeating him wasn't exactly impossible. After all, he had slain plenty of Tier 6 Holy



Gods during his previous life. Slaying a Tier 5 Holy Ancestor who was partially immobilized shouldn't be too difficult.

"50%?" Frey was surprised by Shi Feng's answer. Then, she smiled and said, "Okay! I'll place my bet on you!"

After saying so, Frey raised the staff she wielded and chanted an incantation.

Immediately, a silver, fivefold magic array appeared under Frey's feet, the magic array taking up over half of the hall. Subsequently, Frey's aura rapidly weakened, her soul falling into a weakened state in no time.

At the same time, the fivefold magic array began to release a frightening aura.

"A dragon?"

"Amazing! Vice Guild Leader Frey is simply amazing! This is a Tier 5 Dragon we are talking about!"

Everyone was shocked when they saw the gigantic figure emerging from the fivefold magic array.

*Is this Dragon Soul Summoning, one of Nethersoul's three rumored abilities?* Shi Feng was similarly astonished by the sight of the dragon emerging from the magic array.

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[Ghost Dragon] (Dragon, Legendary)

Level 141

210,000,000,000

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The Divine Weapon Nethersoul came attached with three Tier 6 Super Spells that surpassed even Tier 6 Curses.

Although Dragon Soul Summoning could only summon the soul of a dragon and not a living dragon, it was still plenty frightening.

At the very least, the Ghost Dragon before him definitely possessed combat power at the Tier 6 standard.

"Go!"

After summoning the Ghost Dragon, Frey promptly commanded it to attack Manoset.

“Annoying pest!”

When Manoset saw the Ghost Dragon swiping its claw at him, he removed his focus from the Goddess’s Shadow and threw a wall of punches at the immediate threat.

## **Chapter 3387: Alternate Ending 461 - Matching a Holy Ancestor?**

Chapter 461 – Matching a Holy Ancestor?

When Frey looked at the countless oncoming fists, she promptly switched her actions with the Ghost Dragon, transforming its claw into a black hole.

Space Annihilation, the 13th-ranked Absolute Technique!

*Boom! Boom! Boom!*

Countless explosions shook the hall, making it feel like doomsday had arrived. The space in the hall also cracked and destabilized more and more with each subsequent explosion. For a moment, it felt like two Tier 6 experts were battling here.

This exchange greatly stunned Desolate Fury, Thousand Scars, and the others. Had this battle taken place outside the Eternal Realm, the explosions taking place in the hall would have been strong enough to erase an entire map.

“Is this the power of a dragon?”

“No, this isn’t a result of just the dragon’s power. It’s also because of Vice Guild Leader Frey’s impressive control.”

“Indeed. Space Annihilation is an incredibly complex technique. Even fifth-floor experts have difficulty executing it under normal circumstances, let alone executing it through a non-human body. Yet, Vice Guild Leader Frey is executing the technique consecutively. If we’re comparing purely in terms of control, Vice Guild Leader Frey can already rank among the Red Dragon Nation’s top ten.”

Red Dragon Nation’s members grew excited when they saw the Ghost Dragon manipulated by Frey holding its ground against Manoset. They also grew more confident in defeating the Holy Ancestor.

The biggest concern a team faced when raiding a Boss monster was whether it had the ability to withstand the Boss's attacks. So long as a team had someone or some way to resist a Boss's attacks, it would become possible to raid the Boss.

Previously, the power Manoset displayed was simply terrifying, and their team's ace tank nearly got killed in one hit. If any of the team's other tanks tried to block the Holy Ancestor's attacks, they would most likely be killed on the spot. So, their team essentially had no way of resisting Manoset's attacks.

However, now that the Ghost Dragon under Frey's control had proven itself capable of resisting Manoset's attacks, all they needed to do next was attack the Holy Ancestor with their all.

Subsequently, the team's ranged players began bombarding Manoset with attacks from over a hundred yards away.

Tier 5 Skill, Space Breaker!

Tier 5 Spell, Ice Devourer!

Tier 5 Taboo Skill, Demon King's Rose!

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Because the Holy Ancestor could not move and was busy defending himself from the Ghost Dragon's attacks, he could only let the numerous Tier 5 Skills and Spells batter his body.

-3,465,424!

-5,541,746!

-7,465,471!

...

Everyone froze when they saw the damage they did to the Holy Ancestor.

"Impossible!"

"My Tier 5 Taboo Skill only caused seven million damage?"

"Did the Compounding Potion's effects expire?"

Everyone couldn't believe their eyes when they saw how little damage they had caused to Manoset.

Previously, even when they fought against the Legendary-ranked Devouring Earth Dragons, their attacks still managed to cause damage nearing 100 million. Meanwhile, the Devouring Earth Dragons were only slightly inferior to Dragons of the same tier regarding Defense.

Yet, when they used the same attacks against Manoset, none managed to cause more than ten million damage to the Holy Ancestor. The damage they caused wasn't even a fraction of Manoset's battle recovery, let alone Manoset's 1.5 trillion HP pool.

At this rate, even if Manoset simply stood there and took their attacks, he would still be perfectly fine after a hundred years.

*As expected of a Holy Ancestor. Not even Tier 6 Dragons have such a high Defense.* Shi Feng was also a little astonished when he saw Manoset's Defense.

Although members of the Holy Race typically had very high Defense due to the improvements provided by Holy Power, this was the first time Shi Feng had seen a member of the Holy Race having such an absurdly high Defense.

"This won't do, Vice Guild Leader. The Boss's Defense is simply ridiculous. There's no way we can deal enough damage to kill him," Unrestrained Lionheart said, the corner of his eyes twitching as he silent-cast Tier 5 Spells one after another.

Frey also fell into thought as she manipulated the Ghost Dragon. Although she had long known that Manoset wouldn't be an easy foe to defeat, she didn't think the Holy Ancestor would be this frightening.

Not only did Manoset have HP greater than Tier 5 Dragons, but he even had Defense greater than Tier 6 Dragons.

"The rest is up to you now, Guild Leader Black Flame," Frey anxiously said as she looked at Shi Feng.

Now that they had a way to block Manoset's attacks, the next biggest problem they needed to resolve was how to deplete the Holy Ancestor's HP. If they couldn't even overcome the Holy Ancestor's battle recovery, defeating him would be a pipe dream.

However, Shi Feng was only a Tier 4 Sword Emperor. Frey found it truly hard to imagine what methods Shi Feng could possibly come up with to deplete Manoset's HP.

In response to Frey's words, Shi Feng nodded and walked up to Manoset.

"What is Brother Black Flame trying to do?" Desolate Fury couldn't help but grow worried when he saw Shi Feng moving within 100 yards of Manoset. "There's no way to dodge the Boss's punches at such close range, and even one of those punches is enough to K.O. a Tier 5 tank."

“I can’t see any other options. Ranged attacks are already proven useless,” Leroja said while firing arrows at the Holy Ancestor. “Guild Leader Black Flame should have a way to block the Boss’s punches, so he’s probably thinking of testing the effectiveness of melee attacks.”

### *Melee attacks?*

When White Owl overheard Leroja’s assessment, her curiosity was piqued, and she began observing Shi Feng’s every action closely. Not to mention, as a melee player, she didn’t have anything better to do right now.

Manoset’s punches were simply overwhelming. Not only did the Holy Ancestor’s punches carry immense power, but they also possessed frightening speed. Outside 100 yards, it was still possible for Tier 5 players like herself to react to the punches in time and take appropriate countermeasures. However, within 100 yards, they would be struck without fail.

Subsequently, as Shi Feng moved closer and closer to Manoset, the Holy Ancestor finally shifted his attention to him and threw out numerous punches. Seeing this, Shi Feng promptly raised the Winter of Eternal Night.

### *Holy Mana’s Shadow!*

Suddenly, a cloud of crimson mist appeared around Shi Feng, enveloping him completely. Then, in the blink of an eye, a ten-meter-tall Swordsman covered in holy runes emerged from the cloud of crimson mist.

The instant this giant of a Swordsman appeared, everyone present involuntarily shuddered as an indescribable sense of pressure enveloped them. For a moment, it felt as if a God had appeared in the hall.

Immediately afterward, one of Manoset’s punches could be seen connecting with the giant Swordsman. However, the punch simply passed through the Swordsman without accomplishing anything.

Subsequently, the giant Swordsman began moving across the air at unbelievable speeds, rapidly evading Manoset’s punches one after another.

### *Flowing Space’s First Step, Stepping Space!*

### *How fast!*

Death Omen’s eyes widened her eyes in shock when she saw that the giant Swordsman had already arrived in front of the Holy Ancestor.

The Swordsman had crossed a distance of several dozen yards in the blink of an eye. This speed was already enough to rival a Tier 6 Assassin using an Advanced Silver Combat Technique. However, Death Omen could clearly feel that the Swordsman's Life Rating was nowhere near the Tier 6 standard.

"Disappear, ant!"

When Manoset saw Shi Feng appearing before him, he sneered and abandoned all defense against the Ghost Dragon, opting to send a rain of punches at Shi Feng.

Holy Annihilation!

Without hesitation, Shi Feng executed his strongest move against Manoset's barrage of punches.

*Boom!*

Space within the hall became devastated, and the barrage of punches disappeared as Manoset was sent stumbling backward and nearly falling to the ground. At the same time, an unbelievable damage value appeared above his head.

-84,654,841!

## **Chapter 3388: Alternate Ending 462 - Final Strike**

Chapter 462 – Final Strike

"Is he human?"

"Am I hallucinating? What kind of damage is that? Could he be a Tier 6 Sword God?"

"Is this his trump card?"

Everyone couldn't help but wonder if they were hallucinating when they saw the damage value of more than 80 million. Even Frey had momentarily forgotten to control the Ghost Dragon.

Previously, no matter what kind of attacks they used against Manoset, none of them managed to deal over ten million damage. Even when Unrestrained Lionheart landed a Tier 5 Curse directly on Manoset's body, he only managed to cause around seven million damage.

It should be known that a Tier 5 Curse was comparable to Tier 6 Spells in power. Yet, the Curse only dealt about 10% of the damage Shi Feng's attack did. Moreover, that was only because Shi Feng had used his attack to block Manoset's attack.

If Shi Feng managed to land a direct hit on the Holy Ancestor, the damage he could cause would be devastating.

While everyone was still in shock, Shi Feng, in his reconstructed body composed of Mana and Holy Power, swung his sword again.

Holy Annihilation!

Because of Frey's Ghost Dragon pinning Manoset this time, Shi Feng was able to connect his attack with Manoset's body, the Holy Ancestor wincing a little when Shi Feng's sword cut through his body.

-1,218,654,651!

Shi Feng's attack caused Manoset's HP bar to experience a visible drop this time. Upon seeing this, everyone present gasped.

"Crap! What is this damage?! That's already more than our entire team did to the Boss!"

"Is this the strength of a Saint?"

"No way. I doubt even Saints can have such frightening damage."

"No wonder the Vice Guild Leader is willing to hire him at such a costly price. Had we entered God Mode with him, we would have definitely secured the First Clear."

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When everyone saw Shi Feng's second attack dealing 1.2 billion damage, they felt shocked and joyful. At the same time, they became more confident in bringing down Manoset.

*Is that all he has for his trump card?* Different from everyone else, Frey frowned when she saw the decrease in the Holy Ancestor's HP.

Shi Feng's attack might seem impressive for causing 1.2 billion damage, but it was still nothing compared to Manoset's 1.5 trillion HP. With his battle recovery, Manoset could recover 30 billion HP every five seconds. That was equivalent to regenerating six billion HP every second.

But just when Frey was feeling uneasy, Shi Feng suddenly appeared behind Manoset and stabbed the Holy Ancestor with the Shadow Incinerator.



The End!

With death as the price, incite all of the Shadow Incinerator's power to deal a devastating blow.

This was Shi Feng's strongest trump card, and it was also the only method he had to raid Manoset successfully.

The Shadow Incinerator was a Godly Relic. During his previous life, the weapon had allowed the strongest Demigod to slay an Ancient God. Although Manoset was a Holy Ancestor, an existence comparable to Primordial Gods, he was currently weakened by the Goddess of Space's seal, and his Life Rating was only at the level of a Tier 5 Holy God.

So long as Shi Feng could heavily injure Manoset, defeating the Holy Ancestor wouldn't be a dream. Otherwise, with their current team, even if they increased the team's size by tenfold, it'd still be impossible to kill Manoset.

Initially, during the early phases of the war between the Holy Race and the human race in his previous life, human players were utterly powerless against the Holy Race's Holy Gods. It didn't matter even if numerous Tier 6 human experts worked together. They simply couldn't overcome the frightening Defense and HP of the Holy Gods.

However, later on, human players found an effective way to take down Holy Gods, and that was by heavily injuring them.

So long as a Holy God became heavily injured, they would lose the ability to strengthen their body with Holy Aura. Without Holy Aura, a Tier 6 Holy God's Defense would become weaker than even that of Tier 6 Divine monsters, and their Basic Attributes would also plummet.

The only problem with this strategy was that human players first needed to overcome the frightening Defense of a Holy God to injure them heavily. Meanwhile, the requirement to do so was much greater than the requirement to heavily injure a Divine monster.

*Please let this succeed!* Shi Feng prayed when he ran the Shadow Incinerator through Manoset's heart.

*Boom!*

Suddenly, the space surrounding Manoset transformed into purgatory, and even the Ghost Dragon, which was swinging its claw to attack Manoset, had lost its claw.

*Roar!*

Immediately afterward, everyone heard an agonizing cry coming from Manoset, the powerful sound waves the Holy Ancestor produced causing Unrestrained Lionheart and the others to stumble over a dozen yards backward.

A short moment later, the flames surrounding Manoset disappeared and revealed a dark void. The result of Shi Feng's attack was even more devastating than Manoset's punch before the Holy Ancestor was weakened to Tier 5.

"What did he do?"

"Mutual destruction?"

"Is he crazy?"

Everyone's eyes widened in shock when they saw only one figure standing amidst the void.

At this time, Manoset was in a miserable state as he stood in the middle of the void. The Holy Ancestor's body was covered in severe burns, and the gaping hole in his chest. His Life Rating had also plummeted even further, a sign that he had been heavily injured. Even his HP had undergone a shocking change.

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[Manoset (Heavily Injured)] (Holy Ancestor, Tier 5)

Level 148

HP 750,000,000,000

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However, while Manoset might have entered a heavily injured state, Shi Feng had also disappeared, leaving behind only a ring in his place.

"He must be insane! He chose Soul Annihilation just to injure a Boss?" Unrestrained Lionheart was flabbergasted when he failed to sense Shi Feng's presence.

Unlike the average player, Unrestrained Lionheart had a powerful perception toward souls. This allowed him to easily distinguish the state of a player's soul when they died. Hence, he could tell that Shi Feng's Immortal Soul had disappeared after detonating himself to heavily injure the Holy Ancestor.

When players died a normal death, their Immortal Souls would not suffer any damage whatsoever. Only when players were killed by a Tier 5 attack or above would their

Immortal Souls suffer some permanent damage. Even so, their Immortal Souls would remain in existence after death.

However, should a player suffer Soul Annihilation, nothing would be left of their Immortal Soul once they died.

Meanwhile, Soul Annihilation to a player was equivalent to a permanent farewell from God's Domain. This was an outcome worse than any penalty players could receive for failing a quest in God's Domain. After all, the worst penalty a quest could give was to have players start over with a new account. However, if a player suffered Soul Annihilation, they wouldn't even get the chance to start over again.

"No, he's still alive!" Frey said as she lifted her head and looked at the space above the ring Shi Feng had dropped after his death. There, the figure of a person was slowly materializing.

"What?! He had such an item on him?!" Unrestrained Lionheart was given another huge surprise when he saw Shi Feng resurrecting.

Although many items in the Greater God's Domain could let players resurrect on the spot, items that could let players avoid a true death were extremely rare and valued as much as Legendary Equipment. Even Frey had only received one such item from the Red Dragon Nation after rising to the position of Vice Guild Leader.

Meanwhile, when White Owl saw Shi Feng resurrecting above the ring he dropped, she couldn't help but reveal a wry smile. Others might not know where Shi Feng had gotten that death prevention tool from, but as one of the Paimon Conglomerate's Ten Great Paragons, White Owl couldn't be any more familiar with it.

The Sacred Phantom Ring!

It was a priceless treasure that could allow its wearer to avoid true death once a day. It was a top-tier treasure, even among the many lifesaving treasures in the Greater God's Domain. Even though it was only a Fragmented Legendary item, its lifesaving capabilities were no weaker than a Legendary-ranked lifesaving item.

Originally, the Sacred Phantom Ring was a treasure the Paimon Conglomerate had prepared for the Divine Seal Saint. However, the Divine Seal Saint had given it to his youngest son Dira, who had ended up losing it to Shi Feng...

*Good! It worked!* After resurrecting, when Shi Feng saw Manoset's chilling state, a look of joy appeared in his eyes. Immediately, he commanded, "Quick! Everyone attack the Boss now!"

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Upon seeing Shi Feng pick up the Sacred Phantom Ring and hearing his command, everyone promptly snapped out of their dazes and went into action. Nobody present was a fool, so everyone understood that this was a crucial opportunity.

But will this really work? Unrestrained Lionheart wondered skeptically. Even though Manoset was currently looking pale and breathing heavily, Unrestrained Lionheart still couldn't help but have his doubts about defeating the Holy Ancestor.

It was indeed astonishing that Shi Feng could heavily injure Manoset. If he had used that same attack against a Tier 6 tank, the latter would most likely have been killed on the spot, even with a Lifesaving Skill activated.

Only, while Manoset might be heavily injured, nothing had really changed for the team.

Firstly, while it was true that Boss monsters couldn't actively recover from a heavily injured state, the negative state would only last for a very limited time. It was why teams would typically only heavily injure a Boss monster when the Boss in question had gone berserk.

Secondly, Manoset was ridiculously durable. Even in a heavily injured state, the Holy Ancestor still had 750 billion HP. That was more than what a Level 148, Tier 5 Dragon possessed. While Manoset could no longer benefit from the battle recovery effect, it would still take the team a long time to deal 750 billion damage, and time was a privilege they couldn't afford.

However, despite his concerns, Unrestrained Lionheart did not dawdle in his actions. Immediately, he activated a Berserk Skill and began casting a threefold Tier 5 Spell.

At the same time as Unrestrained Lionheart was preparing his attack, the Tier 5 Rangers of the team also activated their Berserk Skills and bombarded Manoset with arrows. The Ghost Dragon that had lost a claw also opened its maw.

Tier 5 Skill, Heaven's Rain!

Tier 5 Skill, Soul Chaser!

Tier 5 Skill, Nine-in-One!

Dragon Breath!

The Ghost Dragon's breath attack carried power rivaling Tier 5 Curses. So, Manoset had no choice but to defend against the attack with his fists. This led to more than 200 arrows landing directly on his body.

-116,134,523!

-214,764,212!

-124,891,591!

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Upon seeing the series of damage values appearing above Manoset's head, everyone present couldn't help but be stunned.

"Am I hallucinating?"

"Every arrow's dealing over 100 million damage? Is the system bugged?"

Previously, when the team's Tier 5 Rangers attacked Manoset, each of their arrows could only deal several million damage. Yet, now, each arrow was dealing over 100 million damage, and the entire volley of arrows had caused the Holy Ancestor to lose nearly 20 billion HP. All of a sudden, the goal of dealing 750 billion damage no longer looked as out of reach as it did previously.

"It's doable! The raid's doable!"

The melee players standing at the forefront grew ecstatic. Immediately, they sped up their charge toward Manoset so that they could quickly get in on the action as well.

"It seems we should also stop withholding our strength."

When Death Omen saw the damage dealt by the Rangers, she promptly activated Shadow's Power, a Berserk Skill that doubled her Strength and Agility and improved her reaction speed by 30%.

Thousand Scars also followed suit and activated her Berserk Skill Divine Flame. Immediately, the two daggers she wielded transformed into scorching flames that behaved like serpents, the flame serpents attacking Manoset and causing damage in the tens of millions. Although each of Thousand Scars' attacks didn't deal as much damage as the Tier 5 Rangers' arrows, her high Attack Speed allowed her to match the Rangers' damage output.

Meanwhile, once the team's melee players started landing attacks on Manoset, the team's overall damage output more than doubled.

Even though Manoset was wildly flinging punches, as the power of his punches couldn't even reach the Tier 6 standard right now, they were of no threat to the Tier 5 players present. At most, the punches only let him block a portion of the incoming attacks.

76%... 52%... 33%...

Manoset lost dozens of billions of HP with every round of attacks he suffered, which resulted in his HP bar decreasing by visible chunks. However, the lower the Holy Ancestor's HP fell, the slower the decrease became.

"Faster! Faster! We need to be faster!"

When Shi Feng saw Manoset's punches becoming faster and stronger, he knew that the Holy Ancestor would soon recover from his heavily injured state. Meanwhile, once Manoset recovered, it would be a pipe dream for their team to defeat him.

When Manoset's HP fell to 25%, the gaping hole in his chest had already recovered by 90%, and a silver heart had started to take shape in the hole.

"Hahaha!"

When Manoset saw that he was close to fully recovering, he laughed and stopped defending against the incoming attacks. Instead, he scanned the players before him with a contemptuous gaze, causing everyone to experience unprecedented intimidation.

Holy Art, Splitting Star!

After Manoset let out a loud roar, a gigantic illusory fist smashed down on the hall like a falling star. Partway through its descent, the star split into countless meteorites that carried as much power as the Holy Ancestor's punches.

Seeing this, Shi Feng promptly stopped holding back, the Winter of Eternal Night in his hand unleashed a dark aura that enveloped its surroundings.

Radiant Night!

Sword's Orbit!

Under Radiant Night's effect, every one of Shi Feng's attacks carried power at the Tier 6 standard and dealt damage in the hundreds of millions to Manoset. While executing Sword's Orbit, Shi Feng could land over thirty attacks on the Holy Ancestor every second, which translated to more than ten billion damage every second.

25%... 23%... 21%...

As Manoset's HP fell, the number of players killed by the descending meteorites also increased.

80... 62... 45...

In only a few seconds, the team lost over 40 players. Of the team's surviving members, only those at the fifth-floor standard could dodge the rain of meteorites perfectly. As for titled experts, they could only pray that they weren't targeted by more than two meteorites at a time. Otherwise, unless they were a tank, they would be killed on the spot.

*Is it still not enough?*

Shi Feng couldn't help but feel disappointed when he saw that the team had less than 30 members remaining and that Manoset had recovered from his heavily injured state.

Currently, Manoset still had 20% of his HP remaining. With fewer than 30 players on the team, they wouldn't be able to defeat the Holy Ancestor even if he was still heavily injured. So, it'd be even more impossible to defeat Manoset now that he was no longer heavily injured.

"This is the end of the line for you ants!" Manoset said, his body seemingly growing a little larger after he had recovered from his injuries. Then, he sent a flurry of punches at Shi Feng and the others.

*Sure enough, it's a failure...* Frey sighed deeply when she saw the wall of punches coming at her.

However, just as everyone thought the wall of punches would devour them, the Goddess's Shadow, who had been maintaining the seal on Manoset all this time, suddenly moved.

"You've done well to weaken Manoset to such an extent, Heaven's Blessed," the Goddess's Shadow said as she raised her hands.

Immediately, Eternal Energy flooded the hall, and the space around Manoset began to twist and shrink rapidly, forcing the Holy Ancestor to shrink with it. In the blink of an eye, Manoset's ten-meter-tall body was reduced to just one meter, then to the size of a rice grain, and ultimately to an indiscernible speck.

This scene dumbfounded everyone in the hall.

*He's dead?* Shi Feng was similarly stunned by Manoset's abrupt disappearance.

A Holy Ancestor!



An existence comparable to Primordial Gods was eliminated, just like that...

Before Shi Feng could come back to his senses, a series of system notifications sounded in everyone's ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have cleared the World Mode Courtyard of Space and completed the Goddess of Space's Seal Event.

Regional System Announcement: Congratulations to Red Dragon Team for obtaining the First Clear on the World Mode Courtyard of Space. Rewarding +100 Regional City Reputation Points and +200 Regional Town Reputation Points.

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For a time, unprecedented silence enveloped the entire Corrosion Mountain Range.

## **Chapter 3390: Alternate Ending 464 - Astonishing Rewards**

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Outside the Courtyard of Space...

"World Mode got cleared?"

"Nobody has even seen God Mode's Final Boss yet, so how is it possible that someone has already cleared World Mode? Could World Mode actually be easier than God Mode?"

"No way. I heard from some people who had entered World Mode, and they say that even the fodder monsters there are Legendary-ranked Earth Dragons. There are also countless spatial blades randomly flying about the courtyard, and every spatial blade can easily kill Tier 5 players. The difficulty of fighting Legendary monsters in such an environment is simply ridiculous. That's vastly more challenging than what players have to face in God Mode."

"Easier than God Mode? What nonsense are you talking about? I've entered World Mode, and I can tell you that titled experts can't even survive ten seconds without working together in groups of ten or more."

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When everyone outside the Courtyard of Space received the system announcement, they couldn't help but look at the now-sealed teleportation gate in a daze.

Many of the players present had entered the God Mode Courtyard of Space, so they knew how challenging the Team Dungeon was. It was unlike any God Mode Team Dungeons found outside the Eternal Realm. Hence, they couldn't help but find it unbelievable that someone had conquered the Courtyard of Space's World Mode, which was supposedly a greater difficulty setting than God Mode.

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How can the Dungeon's World Mode get conquered? The Rockspire Saint Parker was in utter disbelief as he stared at the system announcement displayed before him.

"This is bad, Lord Moro. We don't even know which team has conquered the Dungeon right now..." the Wind Saint Desert Web said to Moro.

In order to secure the World Mode Courtyard of Space's First Clear, Moro had recruited the help of the experts working under the Guild's Grand Elders. However, as these experts were operating in different regions in the Eternal Realm, Moro had to make many promises to the Grand Elders to get these experts to abandon their ongoing tasks to come and help him.

Yet, now, someone else had conquered the World Mode Courtyard of Space before these experts could even enter the Dungeon. Once the Grand Elders learned of this, they would definitely reprimand him for this failure.

The Red Dragon Nation's current Guild Leader was about to conclude his term. As the Red Dragon Nation was a pseudo-apex power, the position of Guild Leader came with a lot of precious resources and influence in the Greater God's Domain. Hence, every Vice Guild Leader was eyeing the position, resulting in intense competition.

Now that Moro had wasted the precious development time of many of the Guild's experts in the Eternal Realm, the Guild's other Vice Guild Leaders would definitely use this opportunity to make trouble for him. They might even snatch his authority in the Eternal Realm.

However, contrary to Desert Web's assumption, Moro did not explode into a flying rage. Instead, he remained very calm, behaving as if this matter had nothing to do with him.

"What are you panicking for?" Moro nonchalantly said. Then, he turned to look at the teleportation gate, his expression darkening a little as he smiled and said, "Even until now, Frey's team has yet to come out of the Dungeon. Don't you find this situation very interesting?"

“Do you mean to say that...” Desert Web’s mouth gradually widened in disbelief as he processed Moro’s words. “Vice Guild Leader Frey’s team secured World Mode’s First Clear?”

“Otherwise, how do you explain this situation?” Pointing at the teleportation gate, Moro said, “According to the general rules of Dungeons, so long as a team gets annihilated in a Dungeon, the whole team will get resurrected outside the Dungeon. Seeing as Frey’s team has yet to come out even until now, it goes without saying that they are the ones who have secured World Mode’s First Clear.”

Frey’s team secured World Mode’s First Clear? When Parker overheard Moro’s words, he held his head with both hands and instinctively denied Moro’s claim. Impossible! This is absolutely impossible!

Parker knew better than anyone what kind of standard Frey’s team members possessed. The number of fifth-floor experts on Frey’s team didn’t even amount to half of the fifth-floor experts on Moro’s team.

If Moro’s team couldn’t even conquer the God Mode Courtyard of Space, how could Frey’s team possibly secure the World Mode Courtyard of Space’s First Clear?

This was the First Clear of a World Mode Team Dungeon they were talking about!

Currently, the World Mode Courtyard of Space was receiving a lot of attention from the Red Dragon Nation’s Grand Elders. Whoever secured the World Mode Dungeon’s First Clear was bound to receive more support from those Grand Elders, which would, in turn, increase their chances of winning in the competition for the position of Guild Leader.

Meanwhile, so long as Frey became the Red Dragon Nation’s next Guild Leader, the experts under her would have a very bright future ahead of them. At that time, even the Guild’s Elders would have to behave respectfully around them...

“If that really is the case, what should we do next, Lord Moro?” Desert Web asked anxiously.

If Frey did secure the World Mode Courtyard of Space’s First Clear, it went without saying the Guild’s Grand Elders would give their support to her. At that time, how was Moro supposed to compete against her for the position of Guild Leader?

“Don’t worry. Frey securing the First Clear is good news for us,” Moro said, suddenly smiling.

“Good news?” Desert Web revealed a confused expression.

“Look at the other players here, including the Holy Race’s players.” Smiling, Moro asked, “Do you think they’ll spare Frey’s team? This is the Greater God’s Domain’s first World Mode Team Dungeon we are talking about. The rewards for the Dungeon’s First Clear are bound to be incredible. If Frey wants her team to leave this place alive, she’ll have no choice but to rely on us.”

Desert Web scanned their surroundings when he heard Moro’s words. Then, realization quickly dawned on him.

When the system announcement first appeared, everyone was indeed shocked by the news. Now, though, only greed existed on everyone’s faces.

Items obtained from a Dungeon would drop on death in the first two hours. Meanwhile, once a Dungeon’s Final Boss was killed, players could only stay in the Dungeon for an additional 30 minutes. Afterward, they would be forcibly teleported out of the Dungeon.

Hence, so long as they sealed off the Dungeon’s entrance and killed the players who came out of the Dungeon, they would be able to obtain the Dungeon Boss’s loot.

“All we need to do is stand aside and watch the show,” Moro said as he walked to a corner to rest.

At the same time, the members of the various powers gathered outside the teleportation gate started to act. Even the Holy Race’s players had taken the initiative to establish cooperation with the various human powers.

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Meanwhile, inside the Courtyard of Space...

Less than thirty figures sat slumped on the floor of an ancient hall, their eyes lighting up in surprise and joy as they looked at the system notifications before them.

“We did it!”

“We got the First Clear!”

“This is the First Clear reward for World Mode?!”

Thousand Scars, Desolate Fury, and the others couldn’t help but shout out in excitement when they saw the Holy Ancestor disappearing completely.

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System: Congratulations! You have received a Goddess Treasure Chest for completing the Goddess of Space’s Seal Event.

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The reward is so generous?

Unrestrained Lionheart was greatly shocked as he looked at the treasure chest in his hand. Although he didn't know what rank of treasure chest the Goddess Treasure Chest belonged to, seeing as it was made entirely of Seven Luminaries Crystals, its value must rival Legendary Treasure Chests.

It should be known that Legendary Treasure Chests were extremely rare in the Greater God's Domain. Even God Mode Team Dungeons would only occasionally drop one.

Yet, now, the World Mode Courtyard of Space had awarded every team member with one Goddess Treasure Chest. Moreover, this was in addition to the items gradually descending from the ceiling. The rewards were so lucrative that it felt as if they had just raided 100 God Mode Team Dungeons.

However, unlike everyone else, Shi Feng's attention wasn't on the Goddess Treasure Chest. Instead, his gaze was focused on items descending from the ceiling, a flash of surprise appearing in his eyes when he saw what the Holy Ancestor had dropped.