

Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God

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Withered Sea City:

When the players in the city noticed a War Goddess suddenly appearing in the sky, the whole city erupted into commotion.

“There’s not just a War Goddess there! There’s also a dragon!”

“Isn’t that Black Flame riding on the back of that dragon?”

“What’s going on? Is the Asura Sword Emperor planning to attack Withered Sea City?”

Curiosity filled everyone in the city when they saw the War Goddess and dragon in the sky. Everyone got especially excited when they noticed the Asura Sword Emperor riding on the back of the dragon.

Too long!

It had been far too long since any individual dared to challenge an upper-ranking hegemonic power.

Previously, everyone thought yesterday’s attack on Withered Sea City was already the Asura Sword Emperor’s limit; that it was the best he could do. After all, Withered Sea City was a stronghold operated by three upper-ranking hegemonic powers. The defensive magic array alone could easily withstand a siege of over a hundred Tier 6 players. Not to mention, there was also the city’s magic barrier that could weaken the Basic Attributes of enemies.

Even if Black Flame was the strongest player in the Miniature Ancient World, if he tried to attack Withered Sea City all by himself, it was unlikely he could leave with his life.

Yet, now, Black Flame had taken the initiative to attack Withered Sea City by himself. This was simply unbelievable.

“Is Black Flame crazy? The Hades Society, Primal Empire, and Sacred Tribe now have four Tier 6 experts safeguarding Withered Sea City. Even if he can summon a Tier 5 War Goddess, what can he possibly do to the city?”

“Maybe Black Flame probably doesn’t know about this. After all, Hades, Primal, and Sacred had secretly shown us the additional forces they mobilized to assure us. There’s a chance news of the three powers’ strength has yet to reach Zero Wing and the Asura Mercenary Alliance.”

“Regardless, this is going to be interesting. Even at Tier 5, a War Goddess can still pose a significant threat in the Miniature Ancient World. We can use this opportunity to see how powerful this Tier 5 War Goddess can be and come up with the appropriate countermeasures.”

There were currently several dozen players originating from various upper-ranking hegemonic powers present in the Hades Society’s Residence, and they couldn’t help but be surprised to see a War Goddess and a dragon appearing above Withered Sea City.

The Lord of War Goddesses!

This was the new title the Seven Luminaries Alliance had given to Black Flame. Even if Black Flame was only a Tier 5 player, they still had no choice but to take him seriously. After all, there were many examples of powerful Guilds facing destruction at the hands of War Goddesses in the Greater God’s Domain.

Now that Black Flame had come to attack Withered Sea City with a Tier 5 War Goddess, this was an excellent opportunity for them to gather information.

If Black Flame’s War Goddess could not deal with the Hades Society, Primal Empire, and Sacred Tribe, they could band together without worry. And if the War Goddess caused significant losses to the three powers, they would remain neutral. That way, no matter who won or lost, they wouldn’t lose.

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“Are we really going to do this, Guild Leader?” Standing atop the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon, Su Qianliu couldn’t help but grow worried as she looked at the city beneath her.

An offensive siege was different from a defensive siege. Participants of an offensive siege would be subjected to the suppression of the besieged city’s magic barrier, and it was why Zero Wing and Asura could fend off an attack by three upper-ranking hegemonic powers.

They would have no such advantages if they were to attack Withered Sea City now. And on the chance they suffered defeat, the advantages Zero Wing had built up would be lost.

"It's just three upper-ranking hegemonic powers. They're still not worthy of my fear," Shi Feng calmly said as he looked at the prosperous city below.

Shi Feng had always planned to make the Miniature Ancient World into Zero Wing's backyard, having it become a continuous supply of talent and resources for Zero Wing. That way, Zero Wing would have an easier time establishing a foothold in the Eternal Realm.

Not to mention, now that the Miniature Ancient World had become a resting point for multiple Realms in the Void Sea, it could also provide Zero Wing with a stable source of Star Coins, which would, in turn, stabilize Zero Wing's economy in the real world.

After saying so, Shi Feng took out the Feather of Oath and used Heroic Pledge to forcibly upgrade the War Goddess next to him, instantly elevating her into a Level 164, Tier 6 War Goddess. At the same time, the War Goddess began radiating a terrifying Divine Might that covered a radius of tens of thousands of yards.

"Go on; it's time to let them know despair!"

Without hesitation, Shi Feng commanded the War Goddess to execute her strongest move, the Tier 6 Unique Skill Void Blast, against Withered Sea City.

In response, the War Goddess clad in silver armor aimed her longbow at Withered Sea City and drew it into a full moon, a large fourfold magic array forming in front of the arrowhead. Then, divine patterns started to form around the magic array, the appearance of every divine pattern enhancing the magic array's power by a notch.

Thousands of divine patterns simultaneously strengthened the magic array, causing it to become so powerful that its mere presence shattered the surrounding space.

"T-Tier 6... T-That's a Tier 6 War Goddess!!"

Meanwhile, following the War Goddess's promotion to Tier 6, all players in Withered Sea City fell into bewilderment.

It was not unheard of for players and powers to summon War Goddesses in the Greater God's Domain. Aside from special items, they could also be summoned using summoning arrays.

However, the best these items and summoning arrays could do was summon a Tier 5 War Goddess. As for players summoning Tier 6 War Goddesses, that was unheard of. After all, Tier 6 War Goddesses were legends and apex combatants in the Greater God's Domain. They were existences that would only appear in Realm Wars or battles of that scale.

However, before anyone in Withered Sea City could return to their senses, the War Goddess let loose the silver arrow nocked in her longbow, and the arrow transformed into a dazzling star that descended onto the city.

Boom!

For a moment, it was as if the Sun had appeared in Withered Sea City. Players standing several kilometers away from the city could clearly see and feel the intensity of the light and heat coming from the miniature star.

After some time passed, the radiance that enveloped the city disappeared, revealing a sight that dumbfounded Su Qianliu.

Gone!

The entire Withered City was gone!

A Main City that was populated by over thirty million players was erased from existence, just like that!

“We can go back now.” While looking at the tattered remains of Withered Sea City’s walls, Shi Feng instructed, “Have Blackie and the others come to take over and rebuild the city. Then, proceed with the plans we previously discussed.”

Before this, Shi Feng didn’t wish to publicize that he could summon a Tier 6 War Goddess. This was because a Tier 6 War Goddess’s influence was so significant that it might lead to many pseudo-apex powers taking extreme measures. However, to let Zero Wing gain more benefits from the Miniature Ancient World, he decided it was no longer necessary to hide this information.

He couldn’t stay in the Miniature Ancient World long term. He would even take many capable individuals to the Eternal Realm with him. If Zero Wing lacked sufficient deterrence, it wouldn’t be able to retain its portion of benefits in the Miniature Ancient World.

“Okay...” Su Qianliu instinctively replied, her mind still having yet to return to its senses.

Subsequently, following Shi Feng returned to Abyssal Star City with Su Qianliu and had Blackie bring some members over to Withered Sea City by ship to capture and rebuild it.

It was impossible to destroy a city in God’s Domain fully. So long as the City Lord’s Token remained, a city could be rebuilt, even if it was thoroughly demolished. The possibility of the City Lord’s Token not being within Withered Sea City was also zero. If a City Lord’s Token was taken out of the city, or if the City Lord’s Mansion was destroyed, it would be teleported back to the City Lord’s Mansion automatically. This

was a setting put in place so that players wouldn't have to worry about being unable to take over a city after capturing it.

Meanwhile, shortly after Blackie and the other members of Zero Wing arrived at Withered Sea City, they couldn't help but be surprised by what they found. Or, more specifically, what they failed to find.

Many foreign players who came to Withered Sea City to rest were similarly shocked by the city's sudden disappearance. But less than half an hour after the city's disappearance, specific information about the city's destruction quickly appeared on the Miniature Ancient World's official forum.

For a time, the entire Miniature Ancient World fell into silence.

Chapter 3462: Alternate Ending 536 - Three Absolutes

Chapter 536 – Three Absolutes

"I went to Withered Sea City, but it was gone. Can someone tell me what happened?"

"Are you sleeptalking? Or are you trying to pull a trick on us? That's Withered Sea City we are talking about, a city operated by three upper-ranking hegemonic powers. You must have gone to the wrong place."

"I have a picture of my map and my current location. I even visited Withered Sea City once before. There's no way I could have gone to the wrong place."

As more and more players tried to visit Withered Sea City to rest, more evidence of Withered Sea City's disappearance appeared on the official forum, stunning many players who were still doubtful of the situation.

Withered Sea City occupied an island that spanned dozens of kilometers. However, in the images shared on the official forum, where Withered Sea City used to occupy was now a huge crater. It was also possible to see tattered remains of the city's walls. It looked as if the entire city had been erased off the island, and this devastation sent shivers down the spines of all who saw it.

While everyone was wondering how Withered Sea City had fallen to ruin in such a short time, videos showing the process of the city's destruction suddenly started to appear on the forum, one after another.

These videos were taken from varying distances, but they all had a common point.

The videos showed Black Flame, the Asura Sword Emperor, suddenly appearing above Withered Sea City with a War Goddess. Afterward, the War Goddess could be seen firing an arrow at the city, causing the city to become engulfed in a dazzling radiance upon impact. Then, when the radiance disappeared, so did Withered Sea City...

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Boundary Sea, Abyssal Star City:

When the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon landed in the courtyard of Zero Wing's Residence, before Shi Feng could even get down, he heard deafening cheers and shouts coming from outside the Residence.

"Look! It's Guild Leader Black Flame!"

"Oh my god! It's the real deal! He's too cool!"

"Hooray for the Tier 6 War Goddess! Hooray for Guild Leader Black Flame! Let's see if those foreigners dare to continue looking down on us native players!"

The number of players queuing up outside Zero Wing's Residence was several times greater than yesterday. Moreover, many of them were Tier 5 experts. And when these players saw Shi Feng appearing in the courtyard, they couldn't help but get the urge to charge into the Residence. Fortunately, the Zero Wing members on duty were prepared for this situation as they had long erected a magic barrier at the entrance, prohibiting those without permission from entering.

Meanwhile, in the courtyard of Zero Wing's Residence, the many executives of the Asura Mercenary Alliance who had long been waiting for Shi Feng's return promptly surrounded him as soon as he got off the Frostflame Dragon.

"You've really given us a scare this time, Guild Leader Black Flame," Liu Wusheng said with a wry smile. "Also, everyone's already talking about how you destroyed Withered Sea City with just one blow, and many hegemonic powers have come to us hoping to join Asura. Hidden Soul is swamped with work right now."

The individual strength Shi Feng had shown before was already astonishing, but the means he just showed was even more astonishing.

Originally, Liu Wusheng thought that whether it was Zero Wing or the Asura Mercenary Alliance, the best they could do was survive in the Miniature Ancient World. This situation wouldn't change unless they could find a way to produce a large number of Tier 6 experts.

However, following the Tier 6 War Goddess's appearance, the Miniature Ancient World's status quo thoroughly changed. Now, many ordinary hegemonic powers have

expressed their desire to join the Asura Mercenary Alliance, which put Liu Wusheng in a huge dilemma.

It was undoubtedly great news for the Asura Mercenary Alliance to have more foreign hegemonic powers join. After all, unlike individual players joining Asura, powers that chose to join the mercenary alliance would be required to enter an offensive and defensive pact. In other words, they would be standing in the same boat as Asura. This, in turn, would increase Asura's strength and influence in the Miniature Ancient World.

However, the addition of a large number of foreign hegemonic powers would also weaken the position of native powers in the mercenary alliance. After all, the various foreign hegemonic powers were much stronger than the various native powers. This was true in both the Miniature Ancient World and the Greater God's Domain. Every hegemonic power occupied a vast territory, with some even monopolizing an entire empire.

Depending on how the situation was handled, even Asura's founding powers, such as Witch's Sin, might have to worry about getting pushed out of the mercenary alliance's inner circle of power.

For this reason, Mysterious Moon hurriedly sent Lin Yaoyue and Zhuo Yalin, who were relatively close to Shi Feng, to inquire about Shi Feng's plans for the future. The Hundred Flower Palace had also sent Crimson Heart and Cleansing Rue for the same reason.

Originally, after experiencing the Miniature Ancient World's four months of accelerated development, the various founding powers of Asura believed that they had already caught up to Zero Wing's pace. They even thought they could already stand at the same height as Shi Feng.

Yet, in reality, not only did the gap between them and Shi Feng not shrink in the slightest, but it had even widened by a lot.

"Foreign hegemonic powers have asked to join?" Shi Feng wasn't particularly surprised to hear Liu Wusheng's words. Nodding, he said, "Tell Soul that she can let them join, but in addition to requiring them to dispatch personnel to safeguard Asura's cities long-term, they will also only receive one-third of the contribution points that early alliance members receive when contributing talents to the alliance. And if they want to access the Primordial Tower's second floor that's still off-limits to the public, they will have to pay double what early members are paying."

"Okay. I'll notify Hidden Soul right away," Liu Wusheng said, feeling a little relieved when he heard Shi Feng's arrangement.

The Asura Mercenary Alliance was established with the primary goal of serving Zero Wing. When Witch's Sin and the other native powers initially chose to join Asura, they

had done so because of the potential they saw in Shi Feng and Zero Wing. And as they had predicted, they did achieve rapid growth after joining the Asura Mercenary Alliance.

But this growth came at the cost of a large amount of Asura Contribution Points.

On an even playing field, there was no way native powers like Witch's Sin could outcompete the various foreign hegemonic powers when it came to earning contribution points. But if the acquisition rates were tweaked in favor of old members, it would be more or less possible for them to compete against the newly joined hegemonic powers.

However, what Liu Wusheng didn't know was that Shi Feng had always planned to prioritize nurturing the Miniature Ancient World's native players. After all, all of them came from the same world. If the Miniature Ancient World's native players grew strong, it would become less likely for their civilization to get eliminated in the Greater World.

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Meanwhile, after Shi Feng finished arranging the Asura Mercenary Alliance's future development and management issues, Gentle Snow suddenly entered his office in a hurry.

"Guild Leader, an elven Sword Saint from the pseudo-apex power Azure Fang says she wants to meet you," Gentle Snow said. Then, she hesitantly continued, "The other party claims that she is Azure Fang's Third Vice Guild Leader Aurebeth, but apart from Azure Fang's Guild Emblem, she has nothing else to prove her identity."

Since adventuring with Ink Qilin, Gentle Snow had come to learn a lot about the Greater God's Domain. So, she was very much aware of how terrifying a pseudo-apex power could be.

Take the Scarlet Merchant Alliance, for example. Even in a place such as the Crystal City of Secrets, where titled experts occupied the lowest level of the city's social hierarchy, the players operating in the city would still actively make way when encountering the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's members.

Now that someone claiming to be a Vice Guild Leader of Azure Fang had come knocking on Zero Wing's doors, if the situation wasn't handled correctly, Zero Wing might find itself with another powerful foe.

"An elven Sword Saint named Aurebeth?" When Shi Feng heard the name Gentle Snow mentioned, he couldn't help but feel as if he had heard it from somewhere before. Yet, he couldn't remember where he had heard it from. "Do you have her picture?"

"Here is a video clip I recorded," Gentle Snow said as she shared a short clip with Shi Feng.

In the recording, a two-meter-tall elven woman with gray hair could be seen standing in the lobby of Zero Wing's Guild Hall. The woman looked young, no more than twenty-one or twenty-two years old. Even though the video had clearly captured the woman, one would fail to notice her presence if one wasn't paying attention. It was as if the woman did not exist in this world.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng couldn't help but be stunned when he saw this gray-haired elven woman.

"Why is one of the Three Absolutes here?"

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"One of the Three Absolutes?" Gentle Snow ran Shi Feng's words through her mind when she saw the look of surprise on his face. However, she couldn't recall ever hearing about the title Shi Feng mentioned. "Is this person famous?"

"She will be in the future," Shi Feng explained when he saw Gentle Snow's curious gaze. "But I doubt many people know of her right now."

The Eternal Realm's Three Absolutes were known by all in the Greater God's Domain during his previous life, and they were publicly known to be able to stand against an entire Realm by themselves.

This was by no means a form of praise. Instead, the Three Absolutes truly did accomplish the feat of going up against an entire Realm. As for when the Three Absolutes had risen to fame, it was during the war between human players and Holy Race players.

Meanwhile, Blood Elf Aurebeth, the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa, was one of the three Absolutes, and she was someone who had perfectly inherited a Goddess Law.

However, as far as Shi Feng could remember, he had never heard of the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa joining any powers. In fact, most people didn't even know how she came to possess the strength that allowed her to become an Absolute.

When Aurebeth first debuted on the public stage, she had already accomplished a feat that shook the entire Eternal Realm. At the time, she had single-handedly fought 37 Tier 6 experts from the Holy Race and defeated them. It should be known that these 37 Tier 6 experts possessed combat power rivaling Tier 6 Gods. Yet, the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa had not only killed all of them, but she even survived the fight with only her soul severely injured.

Meanwhile, the next time Aurebeth made a move was several months later, when the Holy Race had declared a Holy War on the Greater God's Domain and mobilized an army composed of the members of thousands of major powers.

During that war, Aurebeth had slain thousands of Tier 6 experts from the Holy Race. And unlike her debut battle, she only sustained light injuries from the war. It was also after that war that she became known as the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa.

As for her becoming one of the Three Absolutes, it was during another war with the Holy Race that took place at the Twelve Sanctuaries. At the time, Aurebeth had single-handedly defended an entire fortress from one of the Holy Race's apex powers. Even after continuously trying for two months, the enemy apex power failed to bring down the fortress.

Yet, now, the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa had suddenly become a member of the pseudo-apex power Azure Fang. Moreover, she wasn't even in the Eternal Realm. This situation was wildly different from the information Shi Feng knew.

"Do you want to meet her?" Gentle Snow asked.

"Yes, of course," Shi Feng nodded.

The Three Absolutes were legendary individuals in the Greater God's Domain. Even the various apex powers would do everything they could to recruit them, let alone him.

Aurebeth was someone who had fully mastered a Goddess Law. Once she progressed to Tier 6, the Law Projection she could form would be vastly superior to the average Advanced Law Projection.

Even though Shi Feng had multiple Advanced Laws during his previous life, his Law Projection would still be suppressed if it went up against Aurebeth's Law Projection.

Now that there was an opportunity to meet with one of the Three Absolutes, Shi Feng naturally wouldn't let go of it.

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Zero Wing's Guild Leader's Office:

Gentle Snow walked into the office with Aurebeth. The instant Aurebeth stepped through the door, Shi Feng could feel an indescribable pressure weighing down on him.

Her Mana Affinity is at an even higher level than mine? Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished as he looked at Orebes.

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that his Tier 5 Advanced Legendary Mana Body was unprecedented in the Greater God's Domain. Yet, his mana had lost to Aurebeth's despite this.

Meanwhile, Aurebeth also noticed something when she stepped into the room, but she didn't seem to mind it much as she sat down on the sofa Gentle Snow had led her to.

"Hello, Guild Leader Black Flame. Thank you for taking the time to meet me," Aurebeth greeted. Despite looking rather young, she had a mature and intellectual voice.

"You jest, Vice Guild Leader Aurebeth. It is Zero Wing's honor to have a Vice Guild Leader of Azure Fang visit," Shi Feng responded politely. "May I know why you have asked to meet me, Vice Guild Leader Aurebeth?"

"It brings me shame to say this, but..." Looking a little embarrassed, Aurebeth said, "I am very keen to enter the Eternal Realm, but I lack the means. Even Azure Fang doesn't have any way to help me. However, while resting in a fortress in the Void Sea, I was fortunate enough to learn that you have previously appeared in the Eternal Realm, Guild Leader Black Flame. But now, here you are in the Miniature Ancient World."

"Are you asking me to take you to the Eternal Realm, Vice Guild Leader Aurebeth?" Shi Feng asked, not feeling particularly surprised by Aurebeth's revelation. The moment he returned to the Miniature Ancient World, anyone with a keen mind would have guessed that he had a means of traveling between Realms.

"I know traveling between Realms is not an easy feat and must come at a great cost, Guild Leader Black Flame." Confidently, Aurebeth said, "I am willing to foot the cost, and I guarantee you'll be satisfied by my payment."

"You'll guarantee my satisfaction?" Shi Feng chuckled. With his previous life's experiences, few things could catch his eye in the Greater God's Domain. "May I know what is the payment you speak of?"

As if waiting for this question, Aurebeth promptly said, "An entry slot to the upper level of the Eternal Realm's Golden Spire! As to what the Golden Spire is, I'm sure you should be more familiar with it than I am."

A slot to the Golden Spire's upper level? Shi Feng was quite surprised by Aurebeth's offer.

The Eternal Realm had the Seven Cities, Four Towers, and Three Absolutes. Among them, the Golden Spire was one of the Four Towers.

The Golden Spire contained countless treasures belonging to Gods. There were even Fragmented Divine Artifacts available inside. However, if players wished to obtain these treasures, they would first have to pass the Golden Spire's trials.

The Golden Spire's trials were split into two levels: the lower level and the upper level. Players required a key to enter and challenge the Golden Spire's trials, and each key only allowed two players to enter the spire.

The Golden Spire's keys were incredibly hard to come by. They were scattered across the Eternal Realm, and even upper-ranking hegemonic powers might not come across a key for the lower level after a month of searching. The chances of finding a key for the upper level were even lower, with only one upper-level key being found for every hundred or so lower-level keys. They were so rare that even apex powers might not find one after a year of searching.

Because of this, whenever an upper-level key was found, the various powers would do everything they could to secure it. Apex powers even offered three Legendary Weapons to purchase an upper-level key.

During his previous life, Shi Feng had never obtained an upper-level key. Through Zero Wing's strength, he only managed to obtain a few lower-level keys.

Meanwhile, the reward for passing the upper-level trial was a Gold Ancient Tome. This Gold Ancient Tome could provide detailed information on all worldly items, but players only had one opportunity to look up the item they wanted. The Ancient Tome would become useless after one use.

In the past, many experts who had passed the upper-level trial had relied on the Gold Ancient Tome they acquired to obtain a Fragmented Divine Artifact.

Currently, Shi Feng had a headache finding the Seven Luminaries Codex's fragments. If he could obtain a Gold Ancient Tome, it would undoubtedly alleviate some of his problems.

"Not even apex powers can necessarily get their hands on one of the Golden Spire's upper-level keys right now," Aurebeth explained. "If you enter the Golden Spire's upper level, even obtaining a Fragmented Divine Artifact might not be out of the question, Guild Leader Black Flame. It will definitely be worthwhile to trade one entry slot to the Eternal Realm for this opportunity, don't you think?"

"It is indeed a worthwhile deal," Shi Feng said after pondering for a moment. "But if you wish to enter the Eternal Realm, I need you to agree to a condition, Vice Guild Leader Aurebeth."

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“What condition?” Aurebeth asked, frowning a little when she heard Shi Feng’s words. She felt that Shi Feng was asking for too much.

The entry slot for the Golden Spire’s upper level was exceedingly rare and precious. After all, according to her investigations, players could potentially obtain a Fragmented Divine Artifact if they were strong enough.

Meanwhile, a Fragmented Divine Artifact was something that could grant Tier 5 players the strength to fight against Tier 6 players. Hence, simply the opportunity to obtain a Fragmented Divine Artifact was easily worth much more than an entry slot for the Eternal Realm.

Shi Feng noticed the unhappy expression on Aurebeth’s face, and he couldn’t help but chuckle as he said, “Don’t misunderstand me, Vice Guild Leader Aurebeth. I’m not asking for more payment. I just need you to keep quiet about the exact method you used to enter the Eternal Realm.”

An opportunity to enter the Golden Spire’s upper level was tempting, but the Abyss Workshop Certification wasn’t an ordinary item worth exposing for such an opportunity. Its ability to transport multiple people across Realms at a relatively affordable cost was especially valuable.

Now that he had returned to the Miniature Ancient World, it would only be a matter of time before others noticed something. And if he helped Aurebeth, others would notice it even sooner.

However, exactly how he traveled between Realms was a crucial point he wished to keep secret.

Plenty of people were trying to get into the Eternal Realm right now. If even an expert such as Aurebeth was willing to make such a lucrative offer to enter the Eternal Realm, it went without saying other experts would be in a similar situation. In that case, he would have plenty of business opportunities in the future, and having his methods remain unknown would give him a bigger advantage during negotiations.

“You can rest assured on this point, Guild Leader Black Flame. I can sign a God’s Domain Contract promising this,” Aurebeth said, expressing her understanding. “If others ask how I entered the Eternal Realm, I will say that I arrived there after accidentally entering a space-time passage.

“That won’t be necessary,” Shi Feng said, waving his hand. “If they ask about it, you can tell them the truth and say I helped you.”

“Tell them the truth?” Aurebeth couldn’t help but look at Shi Feng in surprise.

The ability to enter the Eternal Realm from the outside world was earth-shattering. The various pseudo-apex and apex powers would try to obtain this ability at all costs if they learned about it.

The “at all costs” here wouldn’t necessarily mean they would pay anything to obtain it. Instead, there was a high possibility they would outright demand Shi Feng hand over the method.

But since Shi Feng dared to say so, it meant he was confident he could go against the various apex powers. Though, exactly what was giving him that confidence remained unknown. After all, having one Tier 6 War Goddess was nowhere near enough to get the various apex powers to acknowledge him as an equal.

Following this, Shi Feng signed a God’s Domain Contract with Aurebeth, the contract stating that Shi Feng would help Aurebeth enter the Eternal Realm. In return, Aurebeth must not tell others the exact method she used to enter the Eternal Realm, and she also must bring Shi Feng into the Golden Spire a week after they entered the Eternal Realm unless Shi Feng himself asked for a delay.

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Three days later...

After arranging the defenses of Withered Sea City, setting up a new Great Grandmaster Defensive Magic Array, and ensuring the city reopened successfully, Shi Feng used the Abyss Workshop Certification’s World-Breaking Teleportation to open a World-Breaking Gate to the Eternal Realm.

This time, he brought Su Qianliu, Wu Xiaoxiao, Midsummer, Rampant Blade, Jun Luosha, Wordless Ember, Sleeping Quicksand, Hidden Soul, Liu Wusheng, Galaxy Past, Crimson Heart, Sound Reaver, and Aurebeth with him. After including Desolate Fury, Cross, Leroja, Ink Qilin, River Light, and Blaze Eye, they filled up all twenty slots of the World-Breaking Teleportation’s twenty teleportation slots.

Upon returning to the Eternal Realm’s Crystal City of Secrets, Ink Qilin and the others eagerly entered the Underground Crystal Palace. But because Shi Feng had to go to the Golden Spire with Aurebeth, he could only have Gentle Snow lead Su Qianliu and the others to explore the Underground Crystal Palace with Scarecrow Fox’s team.

Ink Qilin had no objections to teaming up with Zero Wing and Asura’s members. After all, it would be highly beneficial for Scarecrow Fox to do so.

Firstly, Su Qianliu and the others were all equipped with Secret Treasures, which allowed them to have significantly greater damage output than other Tier 5 players. Secondly, Desolate Fury, Cross, and Leroja were Golden Masters, and a team that had

the assistance of three Golden Masters could perform much better than even the various pseudo-apex powers' teams.

While Gentle Snow and the others left for the Underground Crystal Palace, Shi Feng and Aurebeth visited a deserted area in the Crystal City and used Aurelia's key to teleport to the Golden Spire.

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Golden Spire:

After the bright teleportation array faded, a magnificent spire that was ten kilometers in height appeared before Shi Feng's eyes. The spire was ancient, radiating a powerful Divine Might that prevented players under Tier 5 from approaching.

Although Tier 5 players could approach the spire, their movements would become stiff when enveloped by its Divine Might. Only experts with Basic Attributes that had reached the Tier 6 standard could remain unaffected by the Divine Might.

There sure are a lot of people. Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished when he saw the large gathering of players outside the Golden Spire.

At a glance, well over 10,000 players were gathered outside the Golden Spire. It should be known that these were only the players who had yet the spire. Who knew how many more people were inside the spire?

Of the several times he had visited the Golden Spire during his previous life, he had never come across so many players coming to challenge the Golden Spire.

Aurebeth was also surprised by this situation. She had not expected to see so many players challenging the Golden Spire, and she couldn't help but feel tricked. After all, the keys to the Golden Spire weren't as rare and valuable as the rumors suggested.

Before Shi Feng and Aurebeth could recover from their surprise, a young man, who was a Level 158, Tier 5 Berserker, approached them.

"Would you two like to join our team to enter the Golden Spire?" the Berserker youth asked as he looked at Shi Feng and Aurebeth.

"Is it necessary to team up to enter the Golden Spire?"

Shi Feng couldn't help but be confused as he looked at the Berserker youth, whose combat standard was at the fifth-floor standard.

The Golden Spire wasn't a Dungeon. Instead, it was a place that offered all who entered a standardized trial. There was no need for players to team up.

“It won’t be necessary inside, but it’s a different story if you want to enter the Golden Spire,” the Berserker youth said with a wry smile. Then, he pointed at the Golden Spire’s entrance and said in frustration, “Do you see those people? They are all experts from the various pseudo-apex powers. You have just arrived, so you might not know, but those pseudo-apex powers have blocked the entrance and stated that nobody can enter before their members inside come out.

“If you want to force your way inside, you will need to have sufficient strength and qualifications. For example, if you are a member of a pseudo-apex power, and your team has sufficient fifth-floor experts, they will let you through since they know it wouldn’t be worth fighting you. If you can’t meet these two conditions, they’ll kill you on the spot if you try to force your way in.”

Hearing the Berserker youth’s explanation, Shi Feng swept his gaze across the hundred or so players standing in the way of the Golden Spire’s entrance.

All these experts were at the fifth-floor standard, and the Guild Emblems they wore came in seven varieties. Among them, the ones Shi Feng was familiar with were the Scarlet Merchant Alliance’s and Flaming Bee’s Guild Emblems.

Shi Feng also spotted the Guild Emblem of Star Dynasty, one of the Greater God’s Domain’s Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers.

“You can probably tell who the old man standing in the lead is, right? He’s the Demon Axe War God, one of Star Dynasty’s Elders. Not only is he a veteran Saint, but he is also a Golden Master. It’s best if you don’t try to provoke him. He has killed over a thousand experts thus far,” the Berserker youth explained when he saw Shi Feng looking somewhat stunned.

However, what the Berserker youth didn’t know was that Shi Feng wasn’t stunned because of Demon Axe but by a woman standing some distance away from Demon Axe. The woman in question wore a dark purple robe. She was stunningly beautiful like a fairy, and her every move radiated a seductive charm.

Meanwhile, this woman was none other than Aqua Rose, one of Zero Wing’s Vice Guild Leaders in Shi Feng’s previous life!

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TL Notes:

[1][Demon Axe War God: This is a title. It is based off of his trademark move, Demon Axe(spoilers). I will refer to him as Demon Axe in subsequent chapters as I do not know his actual ID, and it sounds long-winded to keep repeating “Demon Axe War God.”

Chapter 3465: Alternate Ending 539 - Black Flame?

Chapter 539 – Black Flame?

Why is she here?

Shi Feng was genuinely surprised when he saw Aqua Rose standing outside the Golden Spire's entrance.

During his previous life, Aqua Rose's life trajectory experienced massive changes due to his intervention. Firstly, she no longer worked for Twilight Echo. Instead, she chose to join Zero Wing and became Zero Wing's Vice Guild Leader.

Later on, she got promoted to Tier 6 and supervised Zero Wing's rapid development across multiple Realms simultaneously. Eventually, she even became one of the key figures who spearheaded Zero Wing's entry into the Twelve Sanctuaries and led Zero Wing's fight against the various apex powers.

Meanwhile, as one of Zero Wing's Five Great Experts, Aqua Rose not only mastered two Gold Combat Techniques, but she even acquired a Fragmented Divine Artifact[1] and became capable of fighting Primordial Gods of the same level.

In this life, though, Aqua Rose should have experienced a similar situation as other Tier 6 experts from their homeworld and entered the Greater God's Domain through some special means. Only, Shi Feng didn't think he would meet Aqua Rose in the Eternal Realm of all places.

Moreover, the current Aqua Rose differed greatly from the Aqua Rose in Shi Feng's previous life.

The Aqua Rose in Shi Feng's previous life was always brimming with vitality and fighting spirit, but the current Aqua Rose was inexplicably calm, like a lone wanderer who had experienced countless crises.

And although the current Aqua Rose was not as strong as the Aqua Rose in Shi Feng's previous life, she was still a bona fide fifth-floor expert. She could undoubtedly be considered one of the strongest experts in their homeworld.

In addition, as if determined by fate, the current Aqua Rose wielded the same Fragmented Divine Staff[2] she used in Shi Feng's previous life.

Breath of the Deep Sea!

With the assistance of Breath of the Deep Sea, even if Aqua Rose was currently only a Level 158, Tier 5 expert, she had a great chance of defeating Tier 5 Saints wielding Legendary Weapons.

“Is that beauty an acquaintance of yours?” Aurebeth asked out of curiosity when she saw Shi Feng staring at Aqua Rose.

“Something like that,” Shi Feng said in an uncertain tone.

They were indeed very familiar with each other during his previous life. After all, Zero Wing’s daily operations largely depended on Aqua Rose, with Gentle Snow and Blackie acting as her assistants.

However, in this life, he had spent the first ten years of God’s Domain working as the Guild Leader of some no-name Guild, whereas Aqua Rose held the position of Honorary Elder of Twilight Echo, a top-tier first-rate Guild. They had zero interactions with each other. Even now, this remained true. So, he couldn’t really say that they were acquaintances.

“Something like that?” Aurebeth grew confused. She couldn’t understand how someone could be “something like an acquaintance.” Regardless, after taking another look at Aqua Rose in the distance, she softly said, “I don’t know what your relationship is with her, but I can tell you that she’s not some random nobody. Based on my sources, one of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance’s Taboos has taken a liking to her and signed a Blood Contract with her. So long as she joins Scarlet in the future, she’ll easily become one of the greats there.”

“A Blood Contract?” Realization dawned upon Shi Feng when he heard Aurebeth’s explanation.

Blood Contracts weren’t uncommon in God’s Domain. It could be considered a way for players to grant other players strength. Or, more specifically, a Blood Contract could grant the contractee the combat experiences of the contractor, letting them personally experience the battles the contractor had experienced.

However, the creation of a Blood Contract was not a simple task.

Firstly, the contractor had to reach the two-star great grandmaster standard in their mental strength development.

Secondly, the contractor needed the materials to create a Blood Contract. Meanwhile, most of the materials needed were at the Inferior Divine rank.

Lastly, the contractor had to invest roughly two to five years of their time and energy into creating the Blood Contract. Throughout this period, the only thing the contractor could do was immerse their combat experiences into the Blood Contract.

Because of these three stringent factors, typically only pseudo-apex powers and apex powers could create Blood Contracts. Weaker powers had neither the resources nor the ability to create one.

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Outside the Golden Spire's entrance...

"I'm afraid I'll have to trouble you after we enter the spire, Aqua," a Level 157, Tier 5 Cleric dressed in a holy white robe said apologetically as she walked up to Aqua Rose. "Big Brother Dragon Soul had to go ahead and enter the spire first. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to pass the trial before the other powers' chosen ones and obtain the best reward.

"Though, if we had Big Brother Dragon Soul here to help us, none of the other pseudo-apex powers would have dared to lay a hand on us, nor would the Star Dynasty's Demon Axe be pointing fingers at us now."

"I understand, Melody. You don't have to apologize. Helping you is also something I should do," Aqua Rose said as she looked at the Cleric named Seven Melody. Then, she glanced at the stalwart Berserker standing in front of the Golden Spire's entrance and inwardly sighed as she thought to herself, *?The strength gap truly is huge. Sure enough, only the pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones can fight against these Golden Masters.*

The trip to the Golden Spire this time might seem like a joint effort between the seven pseudo-apex powers, but in reality, it was a competition between the seven pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones.

Although Aqua Rose had the fortune of catching the eye of one of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Taboos due to Seven Melody and received significant improvements to her combat standards, among the experts visiting the Golden Spire this time, she could barely be considered above average. And in front of an expert like the Demon Axe War God, she was an insignificant existence.

"It's a pity you refused to get together with Big Brother Dragon Soul and join our family. Otherwise, with your talent, you would have definitely received a slot to enter the Golden Spire's upper level first," Seven Melody said as she looked at Aqua Rose with a hint of pity. "If you could secure the upper level's rewards, you can definitely become a powerhouse in the Eternal Realm in the future. At that time, you and your family can move into a special-tier city, and even people from Demon's Gate would be helpless against you."

"Become a powerhouse in the Eternal Realm?" Aqua Rose smiled and shook her head. "How can it be that easy? Not to mention, if I join your family, Demon's Gate will also point its sword at your family."

After finding herself in the Greater God's Domain through a fortunate event, Aqua Rose originally thought she could operate freely because of her status as a Tier 6 expert. However, after wandering about the Greater God's Domain for some time, she learned that even Tier 6 players could barely get by here.

"By the way, I heard someone from your homeworld got onto the Sacred Glory List. He even caused multiple upper-ranking hegemonic powers to suffer immense losses," Seven Melody suddenly said. "With his talents, if he has enough fortuitous encounters, he might also be able to become a powerhouse in the Eternal Realm."

"You mean Black Flame?" In a plain tone, Aqua Rose said, "He has indeed made a name for himself in the Eternal Realm, but what he has seen thus far is only the tip of the iceberg the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers have to show. Not to mention, there are still pseudo-apex powers and apex powers above upper-ranking hegemonic powers."

While Aqua Rose and Seven Melody quietly conversed, two people approached the Golden Spire's entrance. Of the two, one was male, the other was female, and both were of the Swordsman class.

Seeing the two Swordsmen, a middle-aged Level 158, Tier 5 Saint-ranked Berserker guarding the entrance impatiently said, "Do you two not see that our seven Guilds are busy here? Get lost if you're smart!"

"Get lost? Are you talking about yourselves?" Shi Feng asked.

As soon as Shi Feng's words fell, the whole area went silent. Whether it was the players standing around the Golden Spire or the seven pseudo-apex powers' members, everyone looked at Shi Feng in disbelief.

Meanwhile, when Aqua Rose saw the familiar figure she had just recently seen on the latest Sacred Glory List, her eyes widened.

"Black Flame?"

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TL Notes:

[1][2]Fragmented Divine Artifact:

I'm not sure whether this is supposed to be a Divine Artifact or a Fragmented Divine Artifact. In the first instance[1], the author mentioned "Divine Artifact," but in the second instance[2], the author wrote "Fragmented Divine Artifact."

For the time being, I'll leave it as Fragmented Divine Artifact.

It could also be possible that “Breath of the Deep Sea” is a Fragmented Divine Artifact that could be upgraded/repared into a Divine Artifact.

Chapter 3466: Alternate Ending 540 - Slaying a God With One Hand

Chapter 540 – Slaying a God With One Hand

“What a crazy bastard!”

“What gave him the courage to provoke the seven pseudo-apex powers’ people?”

“That guy’s suicidal! Does he not see all the death drops scattered around the entrance?!”

Everyone was shocked by Shi Feng’s blatant provocation.

Shi Feng wasn’t the first person to have tried to get past the seven pseudo-apex powers’ blockade and enter the Golden Spire, but everyone who previously tried had done so with a negotiating attitude. None dared to even speak loudly to the seven pseudo-apex powers’ members.

Even so, the seven pseudo-apex powers’ members still killed those people to set an example.

But now that Shi Feng had taken the initiative to provoke the seven pseudo-apex powers, nobody could imagine what the seven powers would do to Shi Feng and his companion.

“Kid, you have guts, I’ll give you that! But do you really think you can talk big in front of us just because you two are wearing Azure Fang’s emblem?” The middle-aged Berserker laughed. “Or do you think we will back away because of Azure Fang?”

The other seven pseudo-apex powers’ members laughed along with the middle-aged Berserker.

It was true that Azure Fang was a pseudo-apex power, but which of their seven Guilds wasn’t one?

Not to mention, leading their group was Star Dynasty, one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers. With their line-up, not even Azure Fang’s Guild Leader would dare to behave so arrogantly in front of them.

At this time, because of the commotion Shi Feng caused, even Demon Axe, who had been resting his eyes, had turned to look at Shi Feng.

“Azure Fang?” Turning to the middle-aged Berserker, Shi Feng calmly said, “Since when have I said I was a member of Azure Fang?”

“You’re not from Azure Fang?” The middle-aged Berserker looked at Shi Feng in confusion. Then, upon taking a closer look, he found that Shi Feng, indeed, wasn’t wearing Azure Fang’s Guild Emblem. Only the Blood Elf standing next to him was. And at this discovery, he couldn’t help but ask, “Which Guild are you from, then?”

It was true that Azure Fang didn’t have the qualifications to behave arrogantly before them, but it would be a different story if Shi Feng were a member of one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers or an apex power.

At this time, the other seven pseudo-apex powers’ members also grew serious, none daring to laugh at Shi Feng anymore.

It might still be fine if Shi Feng was only a member of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers, but they would be in deep trouble if he were from an apex power. Not even the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers would dare to offend an apex power.

The Golden Spire was crucial for the various powers’ development, and everyone had to pay a great price to come here. If they were to kill an apex power’s member here, even if said apex power wasn’t strong enough to retaliate against them in the Eternal Realm, that didn’t mean said apex power couldn’t conduct its retaliation outside the Eternal Realm.

Meanwhile, under everyone’s anxious gaze, Shi Feng proudly said, “Zero Wing.”

“...”

“Zero Wing?”

Everyone was momentarily stunned as they looked at Shi Feng’s proud expression, their brains rapidly trying to recall which apex power went by the name of Zero Wing.

Unlike everyone else, though, Aqua Rose couldn’t help but look at Shi Feng in exasperation. She couldn’t believe Shi Feng would be so bold to speak the truth. And to say it in such a prideful manner...

“Are you messing with me, you little punk?!” the middle-aged Berserker bellowed after he finished recollecting his memories. “I’ve never heard of any apex power called Zero Wing! You must be tired of living!”

Meanwhile, shortly after the middle-aged Berserker finished speaking, some of the people present quickly recognized Shi Feng.

“Zero Wing? I know who he is! He’s Zero Wing’s Black Flame!”

“Now that you mention it, he does look like Black Flame. So, he’s the guy who caused a couple of upper-ranking hegemonic powers to eat a huge loss? No wonder he’s so arrogant.”

“For someone with no background, coming in eleventh on the Sacred Glory List is indeed a great achievement. In any other Realm in the Greater God’s Domain, such an achievement certainly gives him bragging rights. It’s a pity he’s in the Eternal Realm. He has no idea what terrifying existences he is going up against!”

After the publication of the latest Sacred Glory List, many players throughout the Greater God’s Domain came to learn of the name Black Flame. Unfortunately, in the eyes of the various pseudo-apex powers, experts on the Sacred Glory List were still nothing but jokes.

“It looks like it’s about to end,” Aqua Rose muttered, sighing when Aqua Rose saw the seven pseudo-apex powers’ experts getting ready for a fight.

When she first arrived in the Greater God’s Domain, she had similarly thought that none of the Greater God’s Domain’s powers dared to provoke her because she was a Tier 6 player. It wasn’t until she offended the apex power Demon’s Gate that she came to understand how terrifying apex powers were.

In fact, not to mention apex powers, even pseudo-apex powers could easily put a Tier 6 player into despair if they revealed so much as a small portion of their capabilities.

While Aqua Rose was distracted with her thoughts, Demon Axe suddenly moved.

In the blink of an eye, Berserker, who had been guarding the Golden Spire’s entrance all this time, arrived before Shi Feng.

“What? Demon Axe is taking action himself?”

Demon Axe taking action was outside of everyone’s expectations. Even the middle-aged Berserker who was about to teach Shi Feng a lesson was shocked by this development.

After all, Demon Axe had only ever taken action against groups of experts thus far. He had never bothered to move against individual players.

He’s using his trademark move?!

When Aqua Rose saw the Demon Axe War God's movements, she instantly knew that the other party was using his trademark move, and she couldn't help but be shocked by this development.

The Demon Axe War God was titled as such because of his mastery over the Gold Combat Technique Demon Axe. It was with this technique that the Demon Axe War God spread his fame across the Greater God's Domain.

Although Demon Axe wasn't at Tier 6 right now, the combination of his Gold Combat Technique and Legendary Axe allowed him to exhibit power on par with a Tier 6 player's full-powered attack. If Aqua Rose were to face this attack herself, even if she had a Fragmented Divine Artifact in hand, she would have to use an Invulnerability Skill to keep herself alive. None of her other means would let her survive Demon Axe's attack.

But just when Demon Axe's pitch-black axe was about to connect with its target, Shi Feng suddenly appeared above Demon Axe, the blue longsword in his hand already descending toward the Tier 5 Berserker.

Radiant Night!

Holy Annihilation!

Pitch-black flames emerged from the Winter of Eternal Night as it closed in on Demon Axe. Though, it did not land on Demon Axe directly, as the latter had redirected his weapon's trajectory and used his attack to defend himself.

Boom!

When axe and longsword collided, pitch-black flames rose into the air. When the flames dissipated, Demon Axe could be seen kneeling on the ground and looking up at Shi Feng in disbelief, a long gash running from his shoulder to his chest. Then, whilst confusion filled his mind, Demon Axe collapsed to the ground, becoming deadlier than dead...

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Demon Axe's fall plunged the surrounding players into an unprecedented shock.

Demon Axe was not only a veteran Tier 6 Berserker God but also someone who had mastered a Gold Combat Technique. Even if he was currently at Tier 5, few players of

the same tier could block his trademark move and live to tell the tale. Even the various pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones, individuals who had received priority nurturing and mastered Gold Combat Techniques, could only match Demon Axe in a frontal clash.

Yet, now, the mighty Demon Axe War God had failed to survive even a move against Shi Feng. Moreover, this was after he had blocked Shi Feng's attack with his own...

This was beyond inconceivable.

More importantly, if even the Demon Axe War God had faced such a conclusive demise, who else present could possibly survive more than a move against Shi Feng?

When the middle-aged Berserker saw Shi Feng slaying Demon Axe in one move, he couldn't help but wipe the sweat coating his forehead. At the same time, he celebrated the fact that he was slower than Demon Axe to make a move against Shi Feng. Otherwise, he'd be the one in Demon Axe's shoes instead.

Meanwhile, Aqua Rose, who had been wearing a grim expression up to this point, couldn't help but widen her eyes and gasp in shock at how the clash unfolded.

Of all the members the seven pseudo-apex powers had mobilized to the Golden Spire this time, only the chosen ones nurtured by the seven pseudo-apex powers with everything they've got could win against Demon Axe. Even then, it would be a narrow victory. So, Aqua Rose couldn't even begin to imagine how powerful Shi Feng was to be able to achieve such a decisive victory over Demon Axe.

However, what Aqua Rose didn't know was that Shi Feng was currently equipped with the Graymoon Secret Treasure Set, which boosted his Mana Protection to the Tier 6 standard. Because of this, when he used Holy Annihilation, the Mana Technique would perform no differently than if a true Tier 6 player executed it. Unless his opponent had a Fragmented Divine Artifact or Tier 6 Mana Protection, trying to stop his Holy Annihilation as a Tier 5 player would be no different than charging head-first into a moving train.

Of those present, only Aurebeth seemed unsurprised by this outcome. It was as if she had known this would happen long ago, and she simply observed the various pseudo-apex powers' members surrounding them with a look of interest.

"Do you still wish to stand in our way?" Shi Feng asked as he surveyed the hundred or so experts surrounding him and Aurebeth. His expression remained calm, behaving as if what he did was trivial.

If this fight had happened before he grasped the Gold Combat Technique Flowing Space, he would have indeed had difficulty killing Demon Axe. The best he could do was rely on the Graymoon Set's effects to gradually whittle down the other party.

However, after grasping Flowing Space, Shi Feng no longer feared fights with players of the same tier. Even Golden Masters of the same tier would have a headache facing him.

Not to mention, Demon Axe was only an expert who had mastered an Offensive Gold Combat Technique, making him no different than a glass cannon in front of Shi Feng. So long as he gave Shi Feng an opportunity, Shi Feng could finish him on the spot.

“Don’t get conceited just because you killed Demon Axe, Black Flame! Even if you enter the Golden Spire, our chosen ones won’t spare you!”

“That’s right! You might not fear us because you’ve mastered a Gold Body Technique, but our chosen ones have mastered more than just one type of Gold Combat Technique! Several of them have even mastered Gold Body Techniques!”

“You’re finished, Black Flame! You might still have a chance if you’re up against those upper-ranking hegemonic powers, but going against our seven pseudo-apex powers will be your end in the Eternal Realm! Nobody can save you now!”

The seven pseudo-apex powers’ members sneered as they looked at Shi Feng, their confidence growing as they spoke. They even convinced themselves that Shi Feng would be eliminated from the Eternal Realm in the near future.

“Is that so? Then, come forward and show me what you’re made of!” Shi Feng sneered as he took a step forward.

Immediately, the hundred or so experts surrounding Shi Feng subconsciously took a step back, as if there existed an invisible wall between them and Shi Feng. And following this, every step forward Shi Feng took, these experts would take one step backward, nobody daring to stay within 50 yards of him.

This sight stunned the players present around the Golden Spire once more.

All of the seven pseudo-apex powers’ members present were fifth-floor experts, and quite a few of them were even Saint-ranked experts. Normally, a team of such a composition would be feared anywhere they went. Yet, now, all these experts behaved like cowardly sheep in front of Shi Feng.

Even after Shi Feng had stepped into the Golden Spire with Aurebeth and vanished from everyone’s vision, the seven pseudo-apex powers’ members still did not dare move within 50 yards of the Golden Spire’s entrance.

“An expert! This is how a true expert should be!”

“Black Flame is too strong! If I could experience such a situation even once, I’d have no more regrets in my life!”

When the surrounding players saw Shi Feng and Aurebeth disappearing into the Golden Spire, they couldn't help but verbalize their admiration for Shi Feng. Some had even started posting the videos they had just recorded onto the Eternal Realm's official forum to let everyone know what a true expert looked like.

Aqua Rose was also greatly shocked by this situation.

She didn't think Shi Feng would be so strong as to deter the seven pseudo-apex powers' experts from putting up even the slightest form of resistance. He was easily ten times stronger than in the video the Seven Luminaries Alliance had attached to the Sacred Glory List.

She found it truly hard to imagine such an expert had remained unknown for so long in their homeworld.

"Demon Axe is dead, and the various powers are in chaos. Let's use this chance to enter the spire, Aqua," Seven Melody suggested to Aqua Rose when she saw the members of the six remaining pseudo-apex powers falling into disarray. "Also, although Black Flame is extraordinarily strong, I still don't think he'll be a match for the chosen ones inside. But if we get him to join us and team up with Big Brother Dragon Soul, it'll benefit us all!"

Aqua Rose fell into thought when she heard Seven Melody's suggestions. There were quite a few of the seven pseudo-apex powers' members inside, and all of them were competing with each other. Even the Scarlet Merchant Alliance members inside weren't united at heart. If they could get Black Flame to join their group, it would help them greatly in surviving the competition.

"Alright! Let's head inside as well!"

Immediately, Aqua Rose and Seven Melody used the chaos to sneak into the Golden Spire. Aside from them, many other players had also used this opportunity to charge into the Golden Spire.

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Inside the Golden Spire...

When their blurred vision recovered, Shi Feng and Aurebeth found themselves standing in front of a grand staircase in the clouds.

The staircase was incredibly wide, at least several kilometers wide at first glance, and each step was one meter high and two meters long. Obviously, these steps were not made for humans but for larger races.

The staircase extended to a great height, but because the density of the clouds increased with height, it was impossible to see anything beyond a thousand meters. Moreover, violent mana enveloped the staircase. Even with an Advanced Legendary Mana Body, Shi Feng could feel his mana gradually getting influenced and going out of control.

Sure enough, the magic elements here feel incredible no matter how many times I come here. When Shi Feng sensed the dense magic elements around him and felt his mana being affected, he couldn't help but be astonished.

Whether it was when he visited this place as a Tier 6 player in his previous life or with a Tier 5 Advanced Legendary Mana Body in this life, his mana failed to resist the influence of the Golden Spire's mana regardless.

Even Aurebeth was not an exception to this phenomenon.

Just as Shi Feng was about to start climbing the staircase, a system notification suddenly rang in his ears.

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System: Primordial Abyssal God's Legatee detected. Do you wish to activate the Advanced Abyssal Trial?

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Chapter 542 – Advanced Abyssal Trial

An Advanced Abyssal Trial?

Shi Feng was caught off guard by the system notification.

He had visited the Golden Spire more than once in his previous life. He had even conducted detailed research on the spire, and the information he held was no less than what the various apex powers possessed.

However, he had never heard of the Golden Spire having an Abyssal Trial, much less an Advanced Abyssal Trial.

Normally, the Greater God's Domain's various powers could go all out to fight each other just to secure a clue relating to a Primordial God. Some upper-ranking hegemonic powers and conglomerates had even perished because of this.

Meanwhile, the Primordial Abyssal God was one of the strongest Primordial Gods that had ever existed. If it was made known that a clue relating to the Primordial Abyssal God was hidden in the Golden Spire, there was no way the various powers could sit still. Even the high and mighty apex powers wouldn't hesitate to start a war with each other.

However, according to the information Shi Feng collected, the Golden Spire's construction might involve Ancient Gods, but it was totally unrelated to Primordial Gods. Otherwise, the various apex powers would have long since occupied the Golden Spire. They would have never let other powers set even a foot into the spire.

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System: You have three minutes to decide whether to activate the Advanced Abyssal Trial. If no response is given, the Advanced Abyssal Trial will not be activated by default.

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Activate it! Shi Feng decided without hesitation.

The Primordial Abyssal God's Legacy was extraordinary. Setting aside the fact that Primordial God Legacies were nearly impossible to find in the current Greater God's Domain, just participating in an Abyssal Trial was a fortuitous opportunity in and of itself.

Shi Feng had no doubts he could get promoted to Tier 6 with his current capabilities. However, the Hundred Refinement Mana Body Quest required him to construct a Legendary Divine Body, which was no easy feat.

The construction of a Divine Body was different from a Mana Body. The stronger a Divine Body a player desired, the stronger the laws they needed to master to stabilize their Divine Body.

Typically, an Epic Divine Body required the mastery of one Advanced Law to stabilize. Although he had mastered three Advanced Laws, he wasn't sure if that was enough to stabilize a Legendary Divine Body.

If he could master more Advanced Laws through the help of the Abyssal Legacy, it would greatly increase his chances of constructing a Legendary Divine Body.

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System: Advanced Abyssal Trial activated. Please climb to a height of 20,000 meters in the Golden Spire's upper level within two days. Rewards unknown.

System: The countdown will begin as soon as you take your first step onto the lower level's staircase. Please pay attention to your remaining time.

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Climb to a height of 20,000 meters in two days? Shi Feng gasped when he saw the trial requirements, and he couldn't help but wonder if the Main God System was joking with him.

The Golden Spire was split into the lower and upper levels. Both levels measured 30,000 meters in height. Although players with the upper level's key could gain access to the spire's upper level, they still needed to start their ascend from the lower level. Moreover, for every 1,000 meters climbed, the trial's difficulty would increase.

The average expert would typically need around two days just to get through the lower level. As for reaching the 20,000-meter mark on the upper level, that was an achievement that only five players had ever accomplished in Shi Feng's previous life. In addition, over 99% of the players who challenged the upper level failed to even reach the 10,000-meter mark.

Currently, even if Shi Feng combined his past life's experiences with his current capabilities, he was only confident in reaching the 10,000-meter mark. As for the 20,000-meter mark, even if he had unlimited time, reaching it would be a huge challenge, let alone reaching it in two days. That was simply an impossible request.

Just as Shi Feng and Aurebeth were about to start climbing the staircase before them, two flashes of light appeared near them. When the lights faded, they revealed the figures of Aqua Rose and Seven Melody.

When Seven Melody spotted Shi Feng and Aurebeth, she approached them without hesitation and warmly spoke as if they were long-time acquaintances, "Please wait a moment, Guild Leader Black Flame. I have a tempting offer to make to you and your companion. May I have some of your time?"

"A tempting offer? What is it?" Aurebeth asked as she scrutinized Seven Melody with a look of curiosity.

"It is something that will allow you to gain a great harvest, Third Vice Guild Leader Aurebeth. I promise," Seven Melody said, exposing Aurebeth's identity with a smile.

Aurebeth's gaze turned a little wary when she heard Seven Melody's words.

The changes to Azure Fang's Third Vice Guild Leader position were made in secret, and only a few people in Azure Fang were aware of it. Most other people in the Guild only knew that someone else was sitting in the position of Third Vice Guild Leader. They weren't aware of exactly who was sitting in the position.

"You don't need to look at me like that, Miss Aurebeth. I'm not a monster," Seven Melody said, smiling. "I am only here to discuss a collaboration between us. It is a collaboration that can bring both of our parties great benefits."

"Collaboration? What kind of collaboration do you have in mind?" Shi Feng asked out of curiosity.

"Simple." Turning to Shi Feng, Seven Melody said, "I have Legacy that holds a method to resist the lower level's mana, and it is the only copy in the Eternal Realm. This method can drastically lower the difficulty of your ascent. I can share it with you, but in exchange, I need you to help us reach the upper level as quickly as possible. I believe that we can both benefit greatly from this collaboration."

"After all, the sooner you reach the upper level, the more lucrative the final rewards you will receive. In addition, we can further our collaboration if we come across the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's chosen ones. If we work together with Scarlet's chosen ones, not even the other pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones will dare to find trouble with you."

"A method to resist the lower level's mana?" Shi Feng couldn't help but look at Seven Melody in surprise.

He had never heard of a mana resistance method recognized by the Main God System for the Golden Spire's lower level. Normally, players could only research their own method of combating the lower level's mana. A standardized method was never found. After all, every player's Mana Body was different, and different Mana Bodies would react differently to the Golden Spire's mana.

"Yes. It is something that the beautiful Aqua next to me acquired after going through great difficulty. You will not find a second copy of it in the Eternal Realm," Seven Melody said, nodding as she pointed at Aqua Rose. "You will most certainly regret it if you miss this opportunity."

"For your information, it has already been over two days since the seven pseudo-apex powers' members entered the Golden Spire. They are probably scattered across both levels by now, and if you come across them, they will undoubtedly try to hinder your progress. Even if you can defeat them, it will take time and add difficulty to your trial. It will also affect the rewards you will receive."

"But with our mana resistance method, you can at least reduce some of the difficulties you will face and save yourself a lot of time."

"Alright, I can agree to your conditions," Shi Feng answered.

Personally, he was quite intrigued by Seven Melody's suggestion. He was curious to see what kind of mana resistance method could be universally applied to all players.

Not to mention, accepting Seven Melody's offer would allow him to help and get acquainted with Aqua Rose.

"I'm fine with it, too," Aurebeth said, nodding.

"Great! Let's have a happy collaboration, then!" Seven Melody happily said before taking out an ancient stone tablet. Then, she continued, "Try to learn the method on this tablet as quickly as possible. There are going to be more people coming in in a moment."

When Seven Melody took out the stone tablet, the corners of Shi Feng's mouth immediately twitched after just taking a casual glance at it, the shock he currently experienced no less intense than when he triggered the Advanced Abyssal Trial.

A Primordial God Tablet!

Chapter 3469: Alternate Ending 543 - Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique

Chapter 543 – Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique

"Well? Are you two done learning it?" Seven Melody urgently asked as she looked at Shi Feng and Aurebeth. "There is limited space in the trial area, and many more people will be entering soon! If we have to resist the trial's attacks within a limited space, the difficulty we have to face will increase, so we need to move quickly!"

However, despite Seven Melody's urging, Shi Feng dared not rush himself and completely immersed himself in the information conveyed by the stone tablet.

After all, this was a Primordial God Tablet they were talking about, and there were only a very small number of these tablets in the current Greater God's Domain!

Before the Holy Race's invasion, those who got their hands on a Primordial God Tablet were deceived by the tablet's unremarkable appearance. At first glance, the tablets looked like nothing more than records casually left behind by the myriad Ancient Gods.

However, sometime after the Holy Race's invasion began, players began to discover the uniqueness of the Primordial God Tablets.

Typically, a stone tablet left behind by an Ancient God would only contain one mana interpretation method. Or, more specifically, these Ancient God Tablets could only be interpreted using one method, and they would also only yield one outcome.

However, Primordial God Tablets were different in that they could be interpreted using numerous mana interpretation methods, and every different method used would yield a different result.

After only glancing at the tablet Seven Melody took out, Shi Feng had already discerned over ten methods to interpret it, which yielded him over ten different methods of resisting mana.

This situation allowed Shi Feng to understand why Seven Melody had determined that her stone tablet held a mana resistance method everyone could use.

Of course, the numerous mana resistance methods recorded in the Primordial God Tablet were only one of its multiple aspects. What made a Primordial God Tablet truly incredible was the Mana Techniques they contained.

Every Primordial God Tablet would have a Mana Technique Legacy hidden in it. As for whether players could obtain this Mana Technique Legacy, it all depended on whether they could find the corresponding mana interpretation method for it and whether they had the necessary talent and capabilities to learn the Mana Technique.

The passing down of Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques had ceased during the Mythical Era. Although Saints of future generations would later develop Saint-ranked Mana Techniques, they were merely crude imitations of Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques. They weren't even 10% as powerful or effective. This was also why Primordial Gods were extremely powerful.

During his previous life, Shi Feng had tried to find opportunities to learn a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique, but he never managed to secure one, even after offering to trade for it using a Legendary Equipment Set.

Yet, now, Seven Melody had given him this opportunity without hesitation. Even if she wasn't aware of what she had in her hands, it was unbelievable nonetheless.

If he were to let this opportunity slip by him, he would definitely regret it.

"Are you two still not done?! It's been two minutes already!"

Seven Melody started growing anxious when she saw that Shi Feng and Aurebeth were still stuck learning from the tablet. Previously, when she and Aqua Rose studied the tablet, they didn't use more than thirty seconds. Meanwhile, as soon as they finished studying the tablet, the mana resistance method she spoke of was automatically generated and engraved in their minds.

Yet, now, Shi Feng and Aurebeth still weren't done studying the tablet after two minutes. With this much time, even a pig should have finished learning the mana resistance method already.

“Just a little longer. I’m finding some parts difficult to understand,” Shi Feng awkwardly explained.

This was his first time interpreting a Primordial God Tablet. He had also never learned how to interpret a Primordial God Tablet, as only powers with Primordial God Tablets would know the proper methods to do so. However, none of these powers would share their methods or their Primordial God Tablets with others.

Even if these powers did share their methods, they likely wouldn’t be useful. After all, the correct interpretation methods for every Primordial God Tablet were different.

Meanwhile, in the two minutes he spent studying Seven Melody’s Primordial God Tablet, he had already tried over a hundred interpretation methods and obtained over a hundred answers. But none of these answers led to a Mana Technique.

Meanwhile, roughly five minutes after Shi Feng started studying the Primordial God Tablet, a large group of players appeared at the bottom of the staircase. At a glance, there were easily over a thousand players. After these players excitedly surveyed the Golden Spire’s interior, they promptly charged up the staircase, none even bothering to glance at Shi Feng’s group of four.

Seven Melody felt as if her head was about to explode when she saw this, and she couldn’t help but turn to Aqua Rose and whisper, “Aqua, are these two people truly experts? Why do I feel like they’re just two blockheads?”

“I don’t know.” Aqua Rose shook her head, similarly feeling puzzled as she watched Shi Feng and Aurebeth completely focused on the stone tablet in Seven Melody’s hand. “The tablet’s content is pretty simple. Logically, they should only need a few seconds to learn everything.”

Subsequently, time continued passing, and amidst Aqua Rose and Seven Melody’s hushed conversation, Aurebeth suddenly took a deep breath and smiled.

“I learned it!” Aurebeth reported to Seven Melody, looking quite proud of herself.

Hearing Aurebeth’s report, Seven Melody didn’t know what she should say in response.

Should she praise her?

Ten minutes!

Aurebeth had used ten minutes to accomplish what she had accomplished in less than thirty seconds, yet the Blood Elf behaved like a child who had just scored full marks on a test. For a moment, Seven Melody couldn’t help but wonder if she had taken out the wrong tablet...

At this time, Aurebeth noticed that Shi Feng was still staring at the tablet, his body remaining motionless.

“He seems to be stuck on something, just like you were before,” Aqua Rose explained when she saw Aurebeth looking at Shi Feng curiously.

“Well, it is quite difficult.” Aurebeth nodded to express her understanding. “If not for my foundation, I would have probably been stuck for a much longer time.”

“...” Seven Melody grew even more speechless when she saw Aurebeth expressing her understanding.

Were any foundations necessary to use a mana interpretation method on a stone tablet?

Wasn't this something that could be accomplished by any player capable of manipulating mana?

Meanwhile, after half an hour, a joyful exclamation suddenly sounded at the bottom of the Golden Spire's lower level. Hearing this, Seven Melody and Aqua Rose breathed a sigh of relief.

This was because the joyful exclamation came from none other than Shi Feng.

“Finally... At long last... I've finally learned it!”

At this moment, the joy on Shi Feng's face was apparent even to an ordinary person. His excitement could even infect those looking at his expression.

However, Seven Melody and Aqua Rose could only roll their eyes at Shi Feng when they saw his behavior.

Thirty minutes. In the half-hour they spent waiting for Shi Feng to be done with learning the mana resistance method, they saw over 10,000 players entering the Golden Spire and ascending the lower level's staircase. With the addition of so many competitors, it would become even more difficult for them to catch up to the first batch of experts the Scarlet Merchant Alliance had sent into the Golden Spire.

“Let's go,” Shi Feng said, awkwardly smiling when he saw the impatient look on Seven Melody's and Aqua Rose's faces. “Don't worry. I promise we can catch up to them in no time.”

Studying the Primordial God Tablet was not easy. He had used over a thousand mana interpretation methods before he finally found the one that led him to the Mana Technique recorded on the tablet.

Fortunately, the Mana Technique recorded on the tablet just so happened to be incredibly useful for him. This was because the Mana Technique was a sword technique meant for Swordsmen.

The Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique, Dark Moon!

It was a well-known Mana Technique in the Greater God's Domain, and it was also the trademark technique of the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa!

What excited Shi Feng, even more, was the identity of the creator behind this Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique.

The Goddess of Space!

Despite not being a Primordial God, the Goddess of Space had created a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique. For players who weren't Primordial Gods, Dark Moon was undoubtedly the easiest to learn out of all Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques in existence!

Chapter 3470: Alternate Ending 544 - Initial Mastery Over the Law of Space

Chapter 544 – Initial Mastery Over the Law of Space

“Catch up in no time?”

Seven Melody couldn't help but roll her eyes at Shi Feng, feeling both angry and exasperated.

The Golden Spire's trials were tailored toward individual players. If players could pass the trials, they could continue to advance. If not, they would be stuck where they were, and outsiders wouldn't be able to help them.

In addition, there was limited space inside the Golden Spire. So, the more players there were challenging Golden Spire, the less space players had to maneuver around, which would, in turn, increase the difficulty of their trials.

Currently, more than 10,000 players were already inside the Golden Spire, and these players had nearly a 30-minute head start over their group of three. If they were to start their climb now, the difficulty of the trials they faced would be substantially greater, and the time they needed to overcome the trials would most certainly be longer than normal.

So, even if they did catch up to these 10,000-plus players, Seven Melody wasn't even sure if she and Aqua Rose could outcompete the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's paragons who had entered the Golden Spire in the first batch.

Apart from the chosen ones cultivated by the Scarlet Merchant Alliance, the competition between the Guild's paragons was extraordinarily intense. While she might have an upper-level key for the Golden Spire in her possession, she couldn't use it to enter the upper level at her discretion. Whether she could use it to enter the upper level still depended on the time she used to complete the lower level.

After all, upper-level keys were hard to come by. The Scarlet Merchant Alliance naturally wouldn't waste such a precious resource on individuals who took too much time to complete the lower level.

However, Shi Feng didn't bother to explain himself. He simply smiled and stepped onto the staircase before him.

Dark Moon, the Goddess of Space's Legacy, was incredibly profound. The Mana Technique was split into seven moves: the Sword of Earth, the Sword of Water, the Sword of Wind, the Sword of Fire, the Sword of Time, the Sword of Illusion, and the Sword of Space. The seven moves were an advanced application of the Four Major Elements and the Three Supreme Elements.

There were no differences in strength between the seven moves. Each move had its strengths. Meanwhile, Dark Moon utilized the element of Space as its core, and the element allowed for the continuous integration of other magic elements.

When all seven elements were merged into one, the user of Dark Moon could fight Primordial Gods of the same tier.

Although Shi Feng had yet to master any of the seven moves, through the information he gained from the Goddess's Legacy, he had already gained initial mastery over the Law of Space, which could be considered as him having learned the Dark Moon Mana Technique.

By manipulating the Space element, he could not only fully stabilize his mana, but he could even spread it out to create a Mana Domain inside the Golden Spire. While he couldn't extend his Mana Domain as far out as he normally could, he could ensure its absolute stability within a 50-yard radius.

Gaining mastery over the Space element also enlightened Shi Feng on why, despite the Primordial God Tablet having various mana resistance methods, any of these methods could allow players to resist the Golden Spire's rampant mana.

“Let’s go as well, Melody,” Aqua Rose said persuasively as she looked at the exasperated Cleric beside her. “There might be some changes to the plan, but at least none of those outside experts will dare to make a move against us.”

The Golden Spire had lucrative rewards. This was something everyone knew. But not everyone could get their hands on these rewards, and some selfish individuals might choose to sabotage others once they knew they had no chance of proceeding any further. However, with Shi Feng acting as a deterrent, it was unlikely anyone would dare to target their group.

“I guess you’re right...”

After thinking it over, Seven Melody could only use Aqua Rose’s reasoning to console herself.

Subsequently, Seven Melody and Aqua Rose also stepped onto the staircase, intending to pass through the lower level’s trials as quickly as possible.

Players would face a trial every 1,000 meters they ascended in the Golden Spire. According to the information the Scarlet Merchant Alliance obtained, these trials required players to break through a magic barrier while fighting against Magic Puppets of the same tier. Every Magic Puppet was at the Refinement Realm standard by default, and they could only damage the players they were summoned to target.

Moreover, the Magic Puppets would grow stronger with numbers.

For every three Magic Puppets on the battlefield, they could form a small battle array that would increase their Basic Attributes and elevate their combat standards by one rank.

For every three small battle arrays present, they could form a medium battle array that would elevate the Magic Puppets’ Basic Attributes to the standard of Archaic Species and combat standards to the Void Realm.

For every three medium battle arrays present, they could form a large battle array that would increase the Magic Puppets’ Basic Attributes to the standard of Ferocious Beasts and grant every one of them the ability to use Domains. If surrounded by these enhanced Magic Puppets, even fifth-floor experts would lose their lives if they weren’t careful.

While facing the attacks of these Magic Puppets, players needed to break the magic barrier hindering their advance as quickly as possible. Otherwise, once a set amount of time passed, the magic barrier would fully regenerate, and players would have to start breaking the barrier all over again.

Furthermore, for every trial players completed, the number of Magic Puppets they faced would increase by three. And for every 10,000 meters they climbed, the gravity they experienced and the volatility of the mana surrounding them would double.

Meanwhile, the instant Seven Melody and Aqua Rose ascended 1,000 meters up the staircase, their first trial began, and six Magic Puppets appeared a short distance away from them.

The six Magic Puppets charged at the two players in groups of three, and each group was empowered by a small battle array. In this rampant mana environment, a fourth-floor expert would have to expend a lot of energy just to cope with these Magic Puppets.

However, just as Seven Melody and Aqua Rose were about to rely on their formidable Basic Attributes to repel the Magic Puppets, a familiar voice suddenly entered their ears.

“Kneel!”

Following this voice, the crisp sound of three objects hitting the ground came from nearby.

When Seven Melody and Aqua Rose turned toward the source of these sounds, they saw three Magic Puppets falling flat onto the floor as if something heavy was crushing them...

“How is this possible?!” Seven Melody exclaimed, her mouth having difficulty closing when she saw the owner of the voice.

The person who had immobilized the three Magic Puppets was none other than Shi Feng, the person who had spent half an hour learning a mana resistance method.

“Mana Domain! He’s using his Mana Domain!” Aqua Rose muttered in shock as she looked at Shi Feng. She was able to quickly determine the cause of the three Magic Puppets’ situation. “He can use his Mana Domain here!”

Apart from a Mana Domain, Aqua Rose could think of no other explanation for how Shi Feng managed to suppress the Magic Puppets with words alone.

But the problem was that the Golden Spire’s mana environment destabilized players’ mana. In such a situation, even fighting normally was an impossible task, let alone creating a Mana Domain that was strong enough to suppress enemies thoroughly.

This situation was even more unbelievable than fantasy!

Has he already mastered the Law of Space?

At this time, Aurebeth was similarly looking at Shi Feng in astonishment, but the cause for her surprise was different from that of Seven Melody and Aqua Rose.

As someone who had learned the Goddess of Space's Dark Moon Legacy, Aurebeth could more or less guess how Shi Feng could use his Mana Domain inside the Golden Spire. However, it was precisely because she knew how he did it that she couldn't help but be astonished.

Previously, after spending ten minutes analyzing Seven Melody's Stone Tablet, Aurebeth had arrived at the Goddess of Space's Legacy. Then, after learning the Goddess's Legacy, she gained basic mastery over the Space element, which allowed her to stabilize the mana in her body.

Originally, Aurebeth thought that she was already a fast learner. But now, it was revealed that, even though Shi Feng had taken more time to analyze the stone tablet than she did, he had gained greater mastery over the Goddess's Legacy than she did. After all, the fact that Shi Feng could extend his mana beyond his physical body meant that he had already gained advanced mastery over the Space element, which also meant that he had already gained initial mastery over the Law of Space.

This was simply unbelievable.

"The rest of you kneel as well!"

When Shi Feng saw the six Magic Puppets targeting Seven Melody and Aqua Rose resuming their charge, he spoke again. Immediately afterward, all six Magic Puppets fell to the ground and stopped moving. Then, he calmly said:

"Let's go to the next trial."

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TL Notes:

[1]"Kneel!":

This should have been translated as "Get down!," but it could be misunderstood as Shi Feng telling his allies to get down because he's gonna use some powerful AOE move, so I opted for "Kneel!"

It also sounds cooler.

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Chapter 3471: Alternate Ending 545 - Sudden Changes to the Golden Spire

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Golden Spire, Upper Level:

In a vast temple surrounded by clouds, a burst of colorful radiance suddenly appeared in the middle of the structure. Then, the lights disappeared to reveal four figures.

“We arrived, just like that?”

A pleasant voice sounded, causing the hundred or so players resting in the temple to turn their heads toward the source. The owner of the voice was a female Cleric with a gentle and elegant appearance, and at first glance, she looked very much like an angel.

“Newcomers?”

“Has another pseudo-apex power arrived at the Golden Spire?”

“These people have such bad luck to appear at this time. Now, the upper-level key they went to great lengths to obtain has gone to waste.”

When the resting players saw the female Cleric’s group appearing in the temple, some expressed surprise, some expressed ridicule, and some expressed pity.

“What’s wrong with these people? Why are they looking at us like that?” Seven Melody wondered in confusion. After scanning the temple, she could tell everyone was talking about their group.

“This is strange. This should be nearly everyone, if not everyone, who has reached the upper level,” Aqua Rose commented. “Logically, the first batch of players to have entered the spire should have arrived on the upper floor quite some time already. Even though we’ve taken only eleven hours to clear the lower level, it doesn’t make for us to meet them here. These people also look exhausted, so they’ve clearly been through a lot of battles.”

Keys to the Golden Spire’s upper level were incredibly rare. At most, only a couple dozen should have been found thus far. And since each key could only allow two players to enter the spire’s upper level, the maximum number of players that could enter the upper level should only be a little over a hundred. In other words, the players resting in the temple should be most, if not all, of the players currently on the upper level.

It should be known that their group of four had entered the Golden Spire two days later than the various Guilds' first batch of players did. Logically, the players in the first batch should have long arrived and made significant progress on the upper level. So, it was incredibly strange for them to meet so many players at the upper level's starting point.

Amidst Seven Melody and Aqua Rose's confusion, an exclamation suddenly sounded from a corner of the temple.

"Little Seven? How did you get up here so quickly?"

The speaker was a female Assassin dressed in black leather. She had a shapely figure, and she gave off a wild feeling. Although the Assassin was masked, it was still possible to tell that she had a beautiful face based on her facial features.

"Big Sis Glow?" Seven Melody exclaimed when she saw the female Assassin. Then, she curiously asked, "Why are you still on the first trial? Shouldn't you have entered the upper level long ago?"

Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul were the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's chosen ones of this generation. The two were about evenly matched in strength, and they were labeled as the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's most talented chosen ones in the past century. Even before reaching the age of 25, the two had already mastered a Gold Combat Technique.

Now, in their thirties, they had already mastered two Gold Combat Techniques of different categories and received the Guild's full support. Both of them were equipped with Legendary Equipment Sets and top-tier Legendary Weapons, and at the same level and tier, they could fight against even the chosen ones nurtured by apex powers.

"We are here by accident," the female Assassin named Solitary Glow said, waving her hand. Then, she moved her sharp gaze over to Shi Feng and Aurebeth, curiously asking, "Who are these two? Why did you arrive here with them?"

"They're the reinforcements I found, Big Sis Glow," Seven Melody proudly said. "This man here is Guild Leader Black Flame, while this beautiful lady here is Azure Fang's Saintess. It is thanks to them that Aqua and I were able to arrive on the upper level so quickly."

It only took them eleven hours to complete the lower level. They were several times faster than the various pseudo-apex powers' paragons. Although some of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's paragons waiting at the end of the lower level had initially thought of competing for the two slots she had for the upper level, they could only despair after learning of her and Aqua's clear speed.

In fact, if not for the two of them being too slow at breaking the trials' magic barriers, Shi Feng and Aurebeth could have completed the lower level in six hours.

“Guild Leader Black Flame?” When Solitary Glow heard Shi Feng’s name, she suddenly thought of something as she looked at Shi Feng, feeling somewhat surprised, and asked, “Are you the one who killed Demon Axe and angered the Star Dynasty?”

“Yes, that’s me,” Shi Feng nodded.

“How brave of you.” Seeing the calm look on Shi Feng, Solitary Glow couldn’t help but give him a friendly reminder, saying, “Do you know that Sleeping Spark, one of the Star Dynasty’s chosen ones, has already declared that he will kill you every time he sees you? He has also announced a reward of five Eternal Gold for anyone who reports your location in the Golden Spire.”

“Five Eternal Gold?” Aqua Rose was astonished by the revelation. “That much?”

One Eternal Gold was about as much as the average fourth-floor expert owned in the current Eternal Realm, so paying five Eternal Gold for just a player’s location was a huge extravagance. Now that even the various cities in the real world were buying up Eternal Coins, a fortune of five Eternal Gold would be enough for her to live extravagantly in a second-tier city for an entire year.

“How generous of them,” Seven Melody commented in agreement. Even she didn’t have five Eternal Gold on her right now. “I heard that the Secret Treasures sold by the Crystal City of Secrets’ Trading Firm only cost about a dozen Eternal Gold. With the reward they’re offering, I can already buy a Common Secret Treasure after reporting Guild Leader Black Flame’s location three times.”

Upon hearing Seven Melody’s words, Shi Feng couldn’t help but look at the Cleric in surprise. He didn’t think the Secret Crystal Trading Firm’s fame had spread so much.

“You two shouldn’t have come here,” Solitary Glow said as she returned her gaze to Seven Melody and Aqua Rose. “Not long ago, Sleeping Spark climbed to a height of 10,000 meters and caused a sudden change to the entire upper level. Aside from him, everyone else was teleported back to the starting point.

“In addition, the trials’ Magic Puppets have also undergone a qualitative transformation. Now, even the first trial’s Magic Puppets have Domains, and every move they make is at the standard of an Advanced Bronze Combat Technique. Combined with the assistance of their small battle array, all three of the first trial’s Magic Puppets have combat standards at the fourth-floor standard. Even if Dragon Soul and I keep you two safe from other players, the best you two can accomplish is clear the first trial.”

“They’ve stepped into the Realms of Truth?” Seven Melody was greatly surprised.

Even when she climbed to 30,000 meters on the lower level, the combat standards of the Magic Puppets she faced only had access to a Domain. They had no mastery over the Realms of Truth. If the upper level’s Magic Puppets were as strong as Solitary Glow

described, combined with the Golden Spire's volatile mana environment, even fifth-floor experts would find their progression coming to a halt.

After all, if the Magic Puppets could exhibit the power of Bronze Combat Techniques with their every move, after factoring in the assistance of a small battle array, they would be able to unleash power at the Tier 6 standard. This would remove any advantages players had over the Magic Puppets.

"As for you two, I'm afraid you have come here for nothing," Solitary Glow said as she turned to Shi Feng and Aurebeth. "While I am grateful for you for bringing Little Seven and her friend here, you are currently being targeted by the Star Dynasty. All of the various pseudo-apex powers' members here have their eyes set on you two. Even if Dragon Soul and I try to help you, I don't think they will give up."

When Seven Melody saw that Solitary Glow was hinting at Shi Feng and Aurebeth to leave, she quickly interjected and said in a serious tone, "Guild Leader Black Flame and his friend are very strong, Big Sis Glow. If you join forces with them, you can definitely climb to greater heights."

"Very strong?"

Solitary Glow couldn't help but chuckle at Seven Melody's claim. How strong could someone ranked eleventh on the Sacred Glory List possibly be? Even someone of her caliber would quickly fall when attacked by over a hundred paragons and chosen ones from the various pseudo-apex powers.

However, seeing the determination in Seven Melody's eyes, Solitary Glow ultimately sighed and said, "Alright, then. Since they have helped you, it would be shameful of us to just stand by and watch. But let me make things clear. Our ability to resist is limited. If we can't hold on, your friends will have to rely on themselves."

"Thank you, Big Sis Glow," Seven Melody said with a smile.

"Okay, get ready. We'll start climbing the spire in one minute," Solitary Glow said before leaving to discuss the situation with Dragon Soul, who was resting some distance away.

Chapter 3472: Alternate Ending 546 - Come and Meet Your Maker

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Seven Melody breathed a sigh of relief shortly after Solitary Glow walked away.

Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul were the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's chosen ones of this generation. They were slated to become the Guild's Taboos in the future, and their status was so high that they didn't even need to show respect to the Guild's Vice Guild Leaders.

Even though Seven Melody was the successor of her family, out of the two chosen ones, only Dragon Soul came from her family. Solitary Glow, on the other hand, was nurtured by the Guild Leader's family. So, if Solitary Glow refused to help her, there would be nothing Seven Melody could do about it.

"I'm sorry, Guild Leader Black Flame," Seven Melody said as she looked at Shi Feng apologetically. "Big Sis Glow doesn't mean any harm. It's just that upper-level keys are incredibly precious, and she is worried that me and Aqua will waste this opportunity."

"I understand." Shi Feng nodded, not minding Solitary Glow's attitude toward him. "If I were in her position, I wouldn't dare to recklessly help an outsider in the Golden Spire, either."

Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul were very famous individuals during Shi Feng's previous life. It was especially so for Solitary Glow.

Aside from their strength, another factor that played into their fame was due to the splitting of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance. At the time, the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Guild Leader had suddenly left the Guild with a bunch of people to start his own Guild called the Blood Drinking Chamber of Commerce. Then, after its establishment, the Blood Drinking Chamber of Commerce fought restlessly against the Scarlet Merchant Alliance.

However, because the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Taboos remained with the Guild, the Blood Drinking Chamber of Commerce was never a match for it. If not for Solitary Glow having the strength to hold off three of Scarlet's Taboos by herself at the time, the Blood Drinking Chamber of Commerce wouldn't even be able to continue surviving in the Greater God's Domain.

Back then, the Scarlet Merchant Alliance had made numerous offers to pull Solitary Glow back to its side. However, no matter how tempting an offer Solitary Glow received, she had never agreed to defect from the Blood Drinking Chamber of Commerce. Ultimately, though, the Blood Drinking Chamber of Commerce still met its destruction after the Scarlet Merchant Alliance produced a new Taboo, breaking the balance in strength.

Meanwhile, after the Blood Drinking Chamber of Commerce disappeared from the Greater God's Domain, Solitary Glow seemingly disappeared with it. She never joined another power or showed herself in public afterward, and a few apex powers couldn't help but lament the situation.

It wasn't just because the Greater God's Domain had lost a loyal and powerful asset such as Solitary Glow. It was more so because the Scarlet Merchant Alliance could have become one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers and potentially even an apex power in the future had it not experienced such a sudden internal split.

Meanwhile, after meeting Solitary Glow in person, Shi Feng could tell that she was indeed devoted to her Guild, her behavior lacking any ulterior motives. If any other member of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Guild Leader's faction were in her place, they would be more than eager to see Seven Melody waste an upper-level key, as this would, in turn, weaken the influence of Seven Melody's faction.

Not to mention, there were over a dozen Star Dynasty experts currently targeting their group of four in the temple. Among them, even the weakest among them was a Level 157 Saint, and every one of them also wielded a Legendary Weapon. If these experts were to work together, even if they were only at Tier 5, they could still reign supreme over any kingdom in the outside world, and no power would dare to underestimate them. With all these experts targeting their group, nobody could fault Solitary Glow even if she refused to help their group.

Honestly, if Zero Wing wasn't in the middle of clashing with multiple apex powers in his previous life, Shi Feng would have tried to recruit Solitary Glow into Zero Wing.

Meanwhile, shortly after the exchange between Shi Feng and Seven Melody, Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul approached their group.

Dragon Soul was a giant of a man, his height coming in at six meters. He carried a large hammer made of white bones on his back, and every step he took shook the ground around him. Even though he was only a Level 158, Tier 5 Berserker, he gave off the feeling of a bona fide Tier 6 Berserker God.

"Let's go." After sweeping an indifferent glance at Shi Feng and Aurebeth, Dragon Soul said, "When the Star Dynasty's people come for us later, Glow and I will stop their two chosen ones. As for the others, you will have to deal with them yourselves."

"What arrogant words you have there, Dragon Soul. Do you really dare protect the people the Star Dynasty is targeting?" As soon as Dragon Soul finished speaking, a young male Demidragon clad in black armor and wielding a large saber suddenly spoke up. "Do you think you are invincible in the Golden Spire just because you managed to survive a fight with Sleeping Spark?"

"So, are you saying you can win against me, Black Tiger?" Dragon Soul said as he glanced at the Demidragon with disdain. "If I say I'm going to protect them, nobody can touch them!"

The Star Dynasty had four chosen ones. However, apart from Sleeping Spark, Dragon Soul did not consider any of the other three chosen ones as worthy of his attention. If

not for the interference of the Golden Spire's Magic Puppets, he and Solitary Glow could easily trample over the two other Star Dynasty chosen ones on the upper level.

"I would like to see you try, then!"

Suddenly, a low and crisp laugh sounded in the temple, and the nonchalant expressions of Dragon Soul and Solitary Glow immediately grew serious as they turned to look at the person who just spoke.

The person who just spoke was a gorgeous woman in a red dress. She had long fiery red hair that cascaded down her back, and she was akin to a fire elemental as her mere presence caused the surrounding space to heat up. Evidently, the woman had already surpassed the standard of Saints when it came to the use of the fire element.

"Are you planning to help the Star Dynasty, Scarlet?" Dragon Soul asked, his expression darkening and a hint of fear flashing in his eyes as he looked at the gorgeous woman.

At this time, Solitary Glow also wore an ugly expression as she whispered to Shi Feng and Aurebeth, "She's Flaming Bee's Scarlet Sorceress. She is no weaker than Dragon Soul and I. If she decides to help the Star Dynasty, I'm afraid you will have to give up on challenging the Golden Spire."

Few people in the Greater God's Domain knew about Scarlet Sorceress.

Firstly, it was because Flaming Bee had secretly nurtured Scarlet Sorceress as one of its chosen ones, and rarely would she take action in the Greater God's Domain.

Secondly, most of those who had fought Scarlet Sorceress in actual battle had their existences immolated, with even their Immortal Souls being burnt to nothing.

If not for Scarlet Sorceress taking action on the Golden Spire's upper level, none of them present would have known that Flaming Bee had been hiding such a chosen one.

"I have no intentions of helping the Star Dynasty," Scarlet Sorceress said, shaking her head. Then, she turned to Shi Feng and continued, "I simply have some accounts to settle with Guild Leader Black Flame."

"With me?" Shi Feng couldn't help but grow confused. He failed to recall ever having provoked Flaming Bee's Scarlet Sorceress.

"What a forgetful person you are, Guild Leader Black Flame." Smiling faintly at Shi Feng, Scarlet Sorceress said, "Have you forgotten about Eternal's auction already? Thanks to you allying with the Blaze Conglomerate, Flaming Bee lost its head start in the Underground Crystal Palace. I was present at the auction and watched as you happily outbid us. I bet you never thought about today, right?"

Following Scarlet Sorceress's words, Solitary Glow, Seven Melody, and Aqua Rose couldn't help but grow speechless at Shi Feng's ability to offend pseudo-apex powers.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng laughed in response to Scarlet Sorceress's words. Then, after stepping onto the staircase connected to the temple, he nonchalantly glanced at Scarlet Sorceress and the Star Dynasty's members and said, "Do you think I need to?"

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, dense mana spread from his body, instantly causing the three Magic Puppets that had appeared before him to kneel on the ground. Even though all three Magic Puppets were at the fourth-floor standard, none could move an inch from where they stood, let alone get close to Shi Feng...

Chapter 3473: Alternate Ending 547 - Distinguished Results

Chapter 547 – Distinguished Results

"A Mana Domain?!"

"He can use his Mana Domain in the Golden Spire?!"

"How is this possible? How is he unaffected by the spire's rampant mana?"

The players resting in the temple couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the Magic Puppets kneeling to Shi Feng as if he were their ruler. Even Scarlet Sorceress, who had been mocking Shi Feng just a moment ago, looked at this situation in stunned silence.

How did he do it? Shouldn't it be impossible to control the Golden Spire's volatile mana?

Solitary Glow was greatly confused by the situation taking place on the staircase. She even suspected that her eyes were currently playing a trick on her, and the three Magic Puppets weren't actually kneeling before Shi Feng.

The biggest difference separating high-tiered players from low-tiered players was the ability to use Mana Domains.

During the initial launch of a God's Domain, there was even a saying that players beneath Tier 4 were no different than ants. This saying existed because of the ability for Tier 4 players to use Mana Domains. With the assistance of a Mana Domain, a Tier 4 player could exert absolute suppression over players beneath Tier 4 and turn zerg tactics into jokes.

Although everyone present was currently at Tier 5, the difference between having and not having the ability to use a Mana Domain would result in a massive gap in combat power.

At this time, Dragon Soul also started to take Shi Feng seriously. He no longer dared to treat him as merely a friend of Seven Melody and someone needing protection.

Even though Shi Feng's equipment was inferior to everyone present, his ability to unleash his Mana Domain in the Golden Spire's environment would ensure he was not at a disadvantage. He would even be at an advantage when fighting on the staircase.

Once in a trial area, players would have to constantly face the attacks of Magic Puppets. If players were to fight other players in this situation, they would have to defend themselves against the attacks of both players and Magic Puppets.

However, the trials' Magic Puppets were nothing but jokes in front of Shi Feng. If anyone were to fight Shi Feng in a trial area, they would not only have to fight the Magic Puppets and Shi Feng together, but they would also have to do so while being suppressed by Shi Feng's Mana Domain. In such a situation, even ten chosen ones working together would not be a match for Shi Feng.

Seeing the various pseudo-apex powers' members falling into a daze, Seven Melody and Aqua Rose couldn't help but be amazed. It was especially so for Aqua Rose.

Aqua Rose could never imagine herself going against the chosen ones of two pseudo-apex powers. Yet, Shi Feng, someone who came from the same world as her, had not only done so, but he had managed to deter the two pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones to a point where they didn't dare to make a move against him.

"Let's go," Shi Feng said to Seven Melody and Aqua Rose. Seeing as neither Scarlet Sorceress nor the Star Dynasty's members dared to escalate their aggression, he no longer wished to continue wasting his time with them.

After saying so, Shi Feng began making his way up the staircase.

"Okay."

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd in the temple, Seven Melody and Aqua Rose followed Shi Feng excitedly. As for Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul, it took them a moment to process the situation, but they quickly chased after Shi Feng's group once they came back to their senses. At the same time, they couldn't help but feel complicated by this unexpected development.

Originally, Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul thought they would be the ones helping Shi Feng progress on the upper level. But now, Shi Feng was the one helping them instead.

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Shortly after Shi Feng's group left, the upper level's starting temple went into chaos. The spectating players were especially noisy. None of them thought that a newcomer on the Sacred Glory List would be able to overwhelm the Star Dynasty, one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers, in such a leisurely manner. If news of this situation spread, it would definitely shock all the players and powers in the Greater God's Domain.

"Are you just going to let them leave like this, Scarlet?" the Star Dynasty's Black Tiger asked as he looked at Scarlet Sorceress. "Our reputation is going to take a hit after this."

"If you're worried about your reputation, why don't you attack him?" Scarlet Sorceress said as she looked at Black Tiger in disdain.

"I would if I could beat him," Black Tiger said before laughing in embarrassment. "If we weren't in the Golden Spire, I would definitely let him know what despair is."

"You don't say?" Scarlet Sorceress rolled her eyes at Black Tiger. Then, she turned toward the direction that Shi Feng disappeared to and sneered, saying, "But this matter won't end so easily. We might not be a match for him now, but we can simply wait for Sleeping Spark to finish challenging the spire. If we work with him, we can easily kill Black Flame and his group."

Black Tiger nodded in agreement. He was also confident in Sleeping Spark's strength.

Sleeping Spark might also be one of the Star Dynasty's chosen ones, but he was much stronger and more talented than any other chosen ones. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say they stood on completely different levels. This was evident based on their respective performances in the Golden Spire.

None of the experts currently resting in the starting temple could reach the upper level's 10,000-meter mark. Yet, Sleeping Spark had done so. He had even started to challenge the 14,000-meter mark already.

They also didn't have to worry about not being able to encounter Shi Feng again.

Unlike the lower level, players would not be automatically teleported out of the spire when killed by the upper level's Magic Puppets. Instead, they would be teleported back to the starting temple, scored by the system based on their performance, and given a few options for their rewards.[1]

Hence, they would have one more opportunity to redeem themselves later on.

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Subsequently, time passed by quickly. After Scarlet Sorceress and Black Tiger waited in the starting temple for nearly a day, the ranking list available next to the temple's treasury finally got updated. Immediately, they noticed several new names appearing on the stone tablet and Sleeping Spark, who originally occupied first place on the list, falling to third place.

"How is this possible?!"

Black Tiger and Scarlet Sorceress nearly lost their minds when they saw the updated ranking list.

The Challenge Tablet was something that had appeared after the Golden Spire's upper floor had transformed. The tablet recorded the names of the players who had successfully climbed to the 10,000-meter mark, and players on the tablet were ranked based on the final height they achieved. The tablet could record the names of up to 100 players, and it was updated daily.

For the various pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones and paragons present, the Challenge Tablet was the ranking list they wanted to enter the most. This was because it was far more credible than any ranking list published by the Seven Luminaries Alliance, as it placed more emphasis on players' talent and potential.

The Seven Luminaries Alliance's ranking lists were created based on observation and judgment, so not everyone on these ranking lists had actually fought each other before. As for the Golden Spire's Challenge Tablet, while it also didn't rank players based on duel performances, everyone ranked on it was subjected to the same challenges and enemies. So, it allowed players to compare their talent and strength without biases or deviations.

Before this, the Challenge Tablet only recorded one name: Sleeping Spark. Because of this, even the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Dragon Soul had no choice but to admit that he was inferior to Sleeping Spark.

But now, several new names appear on the Challenge Tablet, and most were very familiar to Scarlet Sorceress and Black Tiger.

7th – Seven Melody – Current Record: 10,647 meters.

6th – Aqua Rose – Current Record: 11,745 meters.

5th – Solitary Glow – Current Record: 14,582 meters.

4th – Dragon Soul – Current Record: 14,645 meters.

3rd – Sleeping Spark – Current Record: 16,458 meters.

2nd – Aurebeth – Current Record: 18,428 meters.

1st – Black Flame – Current Record: 19,786 meters.

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TL Notes:

[1]Just a fyi:

The players resting in the starting temple were teleported back because Sleeping Spark reached the 10,000-meter mark. They weren't teleported back because they were killed, so they(particularly Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul) can still challenge the upper level.

Chapter 3474: Alternate Ending 548 - Sword of Space!

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Chapter 548 – Sword of Space!

“Sleeping Spark got overtaken?”

“Black Flame and Aurebeth? Who are these people? Am I hallucinating? This is Sleeping Spark we are talking about! Even the various apex powers are looking to recruit him!”

“Don't forget that the Star Dynasty has hastily confirmed Sleeping Spark's position as a future Taboo to keep him from defecting. So, once he reaches Tier 6, he'll immediately get to manage a Divine Artifact!”

“I know about Aurebeth. She's Azure Fang's officially recognized Saintess. She is considered the best talent Azure Fang has had in the past few centuries. I previously thought Azure Fang was exaggerating about this, but it seems that those claims aren't unfounded, seeing as she is two trials ahead of Sleeping Spark. With such a talent under its command, Azure Fang will most certainly prosper in the future.”

“A height of 19,786 meters? Is Black Flame the successor of some apex power?”

The players resting in the starting temple started an excited discussion among themselves when they saw the changes to the Challenge Tablet. To them, this development was even more shocking than Shi Feng's accomplishment of deterring the members of the Star Dynasty and Flaming Bee.

It should be known that climbing a height of 19,786 meters on the upper level wasn't something that could be accomplished with a Mana Domain alone.

According to their research on the Golden Spire, once players climbed to a height of 10,000 meters on the upper level, the opponents they had to face would change from ordinary Magic Puppets into Advanced Magic Puppets. Even without the assistance of battle arrays, these Advanced Magic Puppets would possess Basic Attributes nearing that of Tier 6 Divine monsters of the same level. They could also exhibit the power of an Advanced Silver Combat Technique with their every move.

If these Advanced Magic Puppets were under the effects of a large battle array, they would not only have the Basic Attributes of a Divine monster, but they could also exhibit power nearing the standard of Gold Combat Techniques with their every move. With such parameters, these Advanced Magic Puppets would not fear any Mana Domain. At most, they would lose some of their mobility.

Even a bona fide Tier 6 player would be instantly reduced to ashes if they tried to fight against 27 of such frightening Advanced Magic Puppets.

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Meanwhile, at the upper level's 19,800-meter mark...

Boom! Boom! Boom!

At this time, a figure could be seen moving back and forth, left and right, while continuously dodging and blocking hundreds of wind blades. These wind blades covered the entire staircase section, and every one of them possessed enough power to send even Tier 6 MTs flying off their feet.

The figure going up the wind blades was massive, standing at a height of twenty meters. White holy patterns also covered this figure's body, and his every action carried the power to destroy worlds. So, none of the terrifying wind blades could leave a scratch on him.

Meanwhile, this giant of a person was none other than Shi Feng with Holy Mana's Shadow active. Currently, though, Shi Feng wore a pale complexion as his mental state was quickly reaching its limit.

Even full-powered attacks with Holy Mana's Shadow active can barely damage it? Shi Feng couldn't help but frown as he looked at the slightly damaged barrier in the distance.

The Golden Spire tested players based on their tiers. So, the magic barriers Tier 5 and Tier 6 players faced were completely different, with the former having to face significantly weaker ones.

With his current strength, once he activated Holy Mana's Shadow, he could exhibit power at the Tier 6 Peak standard if he went all out. This was already the strongest attack he could accomplish as a Tier 5 player.

Yet, even after dishing out dozens of attacks of this caliber, he had only managed to leave some cracks on the barrier separating him from the 20,000-meter mark. Moreover, these scratches would rapidly heal over time. If he stopped attacking, the barrier would return to its original state in just three seconds.

After trying up to this point, Shi Feng couldn't help but wonder exactly how powerful the Tier 6 players who had climbed to the upper level's 20,000-meter mark in his previous life had to be to accomplish what they did.

It should be known that he was a Great Grandmaster Magician. Unlike other players, he could target all of his attacks on the magic barrier's weakest areas, which allowed him to achieve drastically better results at a much lower cost.

However, Shi Feng didn't have much time to ponder as the 27 Magic Puppets had no intentions of letting him catch his breath. After completing one round of attacks, they promptly brandished their claws at him again in a frenzy, filling the space above the staircase with space-shredding wind blades.

Sure enough, I can only pass this trial with attacks that have broken the limits of my tier.

Immediately, Shi Feng executed Flowing Space and evaded all of the Magic Puppets' attacks. He no longer tried to block or deflect the oncoming wind blades, choosing to gradually focus his mind.

After the previous series of attacks, Shi Feng had already verified that those who passed the 20,000-meter mark in his previous life must be individuals with Primordial God Legacies.

If he wanted to complete the Advanced Abyssal Trial in his current state, his only option to succeed would be to rely on the Goddess of Space's Mana Technique, Dark Moon. Otherwise, he would have to halt his progression before the 20,000-meter mark.

However, Shi Feng honestly didn't wish to try using Dark Moon.

Dark Moon was unlike any Saint-ranked Mana Technique. It involved the manipulation of various magic elements on a massive scale. Even if he had already mastered manipulating the various magic elements, it would still be a tall order to execute the Mana Technique at Tier 5. He would need to reach Tier 6 at the very least to use it normally.

Should he try to use Dark Moon at Tier 5, he would have to focus all of his mental capacity on the task, rendering him unable to do anything else. In other words, it would be a do-or-die situation.

Originally, he had only considered researching the Mana Technique after getting promoted to Tier 6. But now, he had no choice but to give it a try.

Good! Now's the time!

After reviewing the Sword of Space multiple times in his mind, Shi Feng activated Fluctuating Law, his last resort, to create a world barrier around himself that could block all attacks. Then, he began using all of his mental capacity to construct a blade using the element of space.

However, while Fluctuating Law might have a theoretical duration of thirty seconds, it was currently only a Tier 5 Skill, whereas its opponents were 27 Magic Puppets that rivaled Tier 6 Divine monsters. After blocking just one round of attacks from the Magic Puppets, numerous cracks appeared on the world barrier. And before the barrier could even repair itself, more attacks bombarded it again.

After three short seconds, the world barrier started breaking into large pieces. At this point, the barrier's self-recovery ability had become nothing but a joke, and there was no way the barrier could last through its full duration.

Fortunately, Shi Feng finished structuring the space elements, as shown in the Goddess of Space's Legacy, in these three seconds. Then, the surrounding volatile mana began converging on the blade he constructed, the size of the affected area rapidly growing over time.

In the blink of an eye, the affected area had expanded from its initial radius of 100 yards to a radius of 1,000 yards. Even then, it showed no signs of stopping.

Faster! Faster! When Shi Feng saw the barrier protecting him falling into a tattered state, a sense of urgency filled his heart.

At this point, he no longer had any spare energy to do anything else. All of his energy was focused on maintaining the Sword of Space's mana structure. If he tried to do anything else, the mana structure would crumble, the Sword of Space's formation would fail, and all his efforts thus far would be in vain. So, he could only pray that Fluctuating Law could hold on for a few more moments.

One-tenth of a second... Two-tenths of a second... Three-tenths of a second...

What should have been a brief moment felt like an eternity in Shi Feng's mind.

Several wind blades pierced through the world barrier the next moment, flying straight for Shi Feng's heart. But just as the wind blades were about to hit him, Shi Feng suddenly felt a tremor in space as the blade in his hands suddenly exerted a mighty suction force on the surrounding area, causing the space in a 10,000-yard radius to contract. Then, the blade in his hands transformed into a black dot.

Without hesitation, Shi Feng executed a slash at the oncoming wind blades.

Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique, Sword of Space!

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Chapter 3475: Super S-Rank Evaluation

Chapter 3475 - Chapter 549 - Super S-Rank Evaluation

Chapter 549 – Super S-Rank Evaluation

At the upper level's 16,800-meter mark, 21 Advanced Magic Puppets that rivaled Level 158, Tier 6 Divine monsters in strength were currently attacking a Level 158, Tier 5 Grand Wizard.

The Grand Wizard was a young man wearing a dark gray robe, and he had dark-blue divine patterns marking his eyes, giving him a profound appearance. The Grand Wizard would simultaneously cast four Tier 5 Spells of four different elements time and again in retaliation against the Advanced Magic Puppets' attacks. Though unlike the average Grand Wizard, the young man could cast his Tier 5 Spells without uttering a single chant.

The four Tier 5 Spells the young man chose to cast were of the wind, fire, water, and earth elements. After casting these Spells, the young man would merge them into one, drastically increasing their raw power and enabling it to send multiple Advanced Magic Puppets flying over dozens of yards at a time. And while this wasn't enough to stop all of the Advanced Magic Puppets from attacking him, it was enough to break the battle array that strengthened them.

After sending another group of Advanced Magic Puppets flying, the young man looked at the distant sky with a solemn gaze.

How can such volatile mana be drained completely? The young man frowned in confusion as he recalled the two people who had overtaken him some time ago. Is there really such a large gap between me and them?

The mana present on the Golden Spire's upper level was much more violent than on the lower level. Even with his standards, the young man could only ensure that the volatile mana did not negatively affect him. He couldn't even make this highly volatile mana into his own, let alone drain a 10,000-yard radius dry of this volatile mana.

As the most talented chosen one to have appeared in the Star Dynasty in the past hundred years, Sleeping Spark always believed that nobody could surpass him. Even the successors of the various apex powers' Taboos were of little significance in his eyes.

In fact, Sleeping Spark had even planned to challenge the various apex powers' Taboos as soon as he advanced to Tier 6 and got his hands on a Divine Artifact.

He was just that confident in his strength and talent.

Yet, now...two people had surpassed his progress in the Golden Spire. Moreover, both individuals were roughly the same age as he was, with the Blood Elf Swordsman being even younger than him.

No! I cannot lose to them! Even if they are faster, I will be the one to have the last laugh! Sleeping Spark thought determinedly as he looked at the distant staircase.

It was indeed outside of Sleeping Spark's expectations for Shi Feng and Aurebeth to overtake him. However, it was also a fact that he had yet to go all out.

Due to his status as the Star Dynasty's most talented chosen one, he was granted the use of the Eye of Divine Punishment, a top-tier Legendary Staff. If he activated the Berserk Skill that came with the staff, he could become a Tier 6 player for a short period. In that state, he could even put up a fight against a Tier 6 Dragon, let alone the Magic Puppets, which were only comparable to the average Tier 6 Divine monster.

But just as Sleeping Spark was preparing to advance, a loud explosion suddenly reverberated throughout the upper level.

Subsequently, Sleeping Spark saw the staircase in the distance above him shattering. Then, dense and oppressive mana began falling like raindrops, staining the world around him with darkness.

How...is this possible?! Sleeping Spark became dumbfounded as he gazed at the falling rain of darkness. A God! This is a Tier 6 God's mana! Could they be fighting against a Tier 6 God up there?!

Tier 6 Gods!

They were the apex existences of the Greater God's Domain. It was especially so when it came to mana. The mana of Tier 6 Gods had reached a density so extraordinary that it was basically uniquely available only to them.

Even if it was Sleeping Spark, he could only hope to put up a fight against a Tier 6 God after he himself had gotten promoted to Tier 6. If he tried to fight a Tier 6 God when he was at Tier 5, even with the help of the Eye of Divine Punishment, he would only be met with certain death.

Before Sleeping Spark could recover from his shock, a series of system announcements sounded in his ears.

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Regional System Announcement: Congratulations to Black Flame for conquering the 20,000-meter mark of the Golden Spire's Upper Level and becoming the Golden Spire's first Qualified Candidate. All Advanced Magic Puppets on the Upper Level will be upgraded into Special Magic Puppets. All other players challenging the Upper Level will be automatically teleported back to the Upper Level's Starting Temple in five seconds.

Regional System Announcement: All players teleported back to the Upper Level's Starting Temple may choose to settle their challenge rewards or begin a new challenge.

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The system announcements repeated three times, leaving all players climbing the Golden Spire in a stupified state.

"Black Flame? Isn't he the guy who killed the Star Dynasty's Demon Axe War God?"

"I heard that the Star Dynasty has already put a bounty on him. Yet, even with a bounty on his head, he still managed to climb to the upper level's 20,000-meter mark! Isn't he a little too strong?!"

"Calling him strong is an understatement. Last I heard, the Star Dynasty's Sleeping Spark only reached the 10,000-meter mark after climbing the upper level for around two days. In comparison, even though Black Flame had such a late start, he still became the first to reach the 20,000-meter mark. I doubt even the various apex powers' chosen ones can match his talent and strength."

"But isn't he only ranked eleventh on the Sacred Glory List?"

When the players stuck on the lower level heard the system announcements, they reacted with shock and excitement.

Previously, when Shi Feng had slain the Demon Axe War God outside the Golden Spire, everyone thought that Shi Feng was crazy and ignorant. After all, he was blatantly provoking a pseudo-apex power while having no significant background. He had no idea how powerful the various pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones were.

But after seeing Shi Feng surpass the various pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones, everyone quickly came to a realization.

—A monster would soon emerge in the Eternal Realm.

Moreover, this would be a monster that would shake the entire Greater God's Domain in the future. It had been a very long time since such a thing had happened, and they were fortunate enough to witness the beginning of this legend.

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Compared to the players on the lower level, Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul found Shi Feng's accomplishment even more shocking.

They had personally experienced the difficulty of the upper level's 10,000-meter mark. That was no longer a challenge that could be overcome with the help of a Mana Domain. Meanwhile, it went without saying that the trial to reach the 20,000-meter mark would only be vastly more difficult.

Not to mention, apart from completing the 20,000-meter mark's trial, Shi Feng had also overtaken the almighty Sleeping Spark.

It should be known that the Star Dynasty had already recognized Sleeping Spark as one of the Guild's Taboos. So long as he got promoted to Tier 6 and got his hands on a Divine Artifact, he could immediately stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the other Taboos of the Guild. Hence, compared to reaching the 20,000-meter mark, Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul found it even more astonishing that Shi Feng overtook Sleeping Spark.

However, compared to those two impressive feats, what unnerved Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul, even more, was the Tier 6 God's mana they felt raining down from the sky a moment ago. And the reason for their shock was because of the fluctuations the mana gave off.

That was Shi Feng's mana!

They had accompanied Shi Feng up the upper level's staircase for some time, so they would never mistake it. But what kind of monster did Shi Feng have to be to develop his mana to match the standard of Tier 6 Gods?

Regardless, the fact that such a monster was Seven Melody's friend left Solitary Glow and Dragon Soul with no choice but to reassess the young miss's position in her family.

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Meanwhile, out of everyone in the Golden Spire, the person most surprised by Shi Feng's achievement would have to be Aqua Rose.

This was because nobody knew Shi Feng's origins better than she did. As someone who came from the same God's Domain, she knew their homeworld's lack of resources. It would be a miracle if their homeworld could even produce a talent rivaling chosen ones such as Solitary Glow.

After today, Shi Feng, as an individual, would most likely have the qualifications to speak to a pseudo-apex power's Guild Leader as an equal.

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While everyone else on the upper level was teleported back to the starting area, Shi Feng stepped onto the 20,000-meter mark with a pale complexion.

The instant he stepped onto the 20,000-meter mark, system notifications sounded in his ears one after another.

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System: Congratulations! You have become the Golden Spire's first Qualified Candidate. Rewarding Levels +5 and Eternal Realm Reputation +50.

System: Congratulations! You have completed the Advanced Abyssal Trial with a Super S-rank evaluation. You may choose to receive an Abyssal Treasure or an Abyssal Guidance.

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Chapter 3476: Unsealing The Shadow Incinerator

Chapter 3476 - Chapter 550 - Unsealing the Shadow Incinerator

Chapter 550 – Unsealing the Shadow Incinerator

What astonishing rewards!

Shi Feng's fatigue instantly disappeared when he saw the reward options.

Anything capable of being regarded as an Abyssal Treasure in God's Domain would be a treasure once used by the Primordial Abyssal God. In other words, it would be a

Primordial God Treasure, and it would be at the Fragmented Divine Artifact rank at the very least. It was an item that could tempt even the various apex powers.

The Abyssal Guidance was likewise extraordinarily valuable.

In God's Domain, countless Tier 6 players would do anything to get a Tier 6 God's guidance to further improve themselves. While a Tier 6 God's guidance wasn't as detailed as a God's Legacy, the guidance would be specifically targeted toward improving one aspect of the player receiving it. Hence, players would benefit much more from a God's guidance than a God's Legacy.

On the open market, one opportunity to receive a God's guidance was worth as much as five Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

As for a Primordial God's guidance, that was something akin to a legend in the Greater God's Domain. Nobody would be willing to trade it away, even for a Fragmented Divine Artifact. After all, while Fragmented Divine Artifacts were exceedingly rare, quite a few could still be found throughout the Greater God's Domain. In contrast, even information on Primordial Gods was nigh-impossible to find in the Greater God's Domain, let alone a Primordial God's guidance.

After recovering from his surprise, Shi Feng chose the Abyssal Guidance as his reward without hesitation.

An Abyssal Treasure might be precious, but there were all sorts of Abyssal Treasures in existence. If he happened to obtain an Abyssal Treasure that he couldn't use, it would be a massive loss to him.

The Abyssal Guidance, on the other hand, would give him a guaranteed opportunity to improve one aspect of himself.

Shi Feng experienced an unimaginably massive Concentration expenditure when using the Sword of Space. The expenditure was so great that he nearly lost consciousness as soon as he finished using the Mana Technique.

But this also allowed Shi Feng to understand the might of the Goddess of Space's Dark Moon Mana Technique.

Even if he had used only one part of the Mana Technique, it still allowed him to exhibit power rivaling Tier 6 Gods as a Tier 5 player.

If he could reduce the Sword of Space's Concentration expenditure, making it more practical to use at Tier 5, he would have a fighting chance even if he came across the various pseudo-apex powers' Tier 6 experts in the future.

Currently, the average level of the Eternal Realm's frontline experts was 158, with a few having already reached Level 159. At this point, it wouldn't be long before the various pseudo-apex powers and upper-ranking hegemonic powers' experts completed the final sprint and reached Level 160. By then, these powers would quickly gain a batch of Tier 6 players to command in the Eternal Realm.

Meanwhile, although Shi Feng had also reached Level 159 due to the Golden Spire's reward, he couldn't advance to Tier 6 as soon as he reached Level 160. This was because he needed to construct a Legendary Divine Body before he could get promoted to Tier 6, which was by no means an easy task to accomplish. At that time, he would have to face a bunch of Tier 6 players while being stuck at Tier 5.

If he could receive the Primordial Abyssal God's guidance and improve his mastery over Dark Moon, it would greatly help in the development of his personal strength and the construction of his future Divine Body. This, in turn, would increase his survivability and reduce the time he needed to construct a Legendary Divine Body.

"You have made a wise decision, young heaven-blessed."

As soon as Shi Feng decided, an illusory figure several hundred meters tall appeared on the staircase before him and spoke in a voice of commendation. At the same time, Shi Feng could feel a terrifying Divine Might descending upon him, instantly rendering him immobile.

"Well? Which aspect do you wish to receive my guidance on? You have used the last strand of power I have left in this spire, so this will be the last time I will appear here." Looking at Shi Feng with a hint of surprise in his eyes, the illusory figure pointed at one of the swords hanging by Shi Feng's waist and asked, "Do you want to receive my guidance on that Goddess's Legacy? Or do you want help with that sword that shouldn't exist?"

Sword that shouldn't exist? Shi Feng couldn't help but turn to look at the Shadow Incinerator. Then, pointing at the Shadow Incinerator, he asked, "Almighty Being, do you mean you can help me unseal this sword?"

Generally, guidance involved the "guide" providing pointers to players in technical aspects. Meanwhile, the Shadow Incinerator was a weapon, so guidance shouldn't have anything to do with it normally.

But if the Primordial Abyssal God could indeed help him unseal the Shadow Incinerator, he would naturally be more than happy to go with that option.

It should be known that Iffe, the Crimson Wing, had slain eight Ancient Gods with the Shadow Incinerator in his previous life. After that accomplishment, the Shadow Incinerator was even ranked fifth on the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Divine Weapon

List. Not to mention, the Shadow Incinerator currently in his possession wasn't just a Divine Artifact but a Godly Relic instead.

"Unseal it for you?" The Primordial Abyssal God shook his head and laughed. "You have a wonderful imagination. Unfortunately, only you, the wielder, can undo the seals on this sword. Nobody else can do it for you. I can only teach you the way to unseal it. As for what extent you can unseal it to, it all depends on your abilities."

Teach me how to unseal it? Shi Feng couldn't help but feel a bit of disdain toward the Primordial Abyssal God.

He already knew how to unseal the Shadow Incinerator. Why would he need anybody to guide him in doing so?

"Your current Concentration has reached the Tier 6 Intermediate standard, so you are already qualified to undo the first seal." Failing to notice the disdain in Shi Feng's heart, the Primordial Abyssal God continued speaking, "Of course, if you wish to rely only on yourself, you will most likely have to wait until your Concentration reaches the Tier 6 Advanced standard or possibly even the Tier 6 Peak standard."

I can undo the first seal right away? Shi Feng was shocked.

It was as the Primordial Abyssal God had said. According to his estimates, he would have to develop his Concentration to the Tier 6 Advanced standard before he could break the mental nodes in the Shadow Incinerator. Before then, he could do nothing about them.

However, developing his Concentration any further than he already had would be difficult to accomplish. After all, a strong body was required to nurture a strong mind. Achieving a Tier 6 Advanced Concentration simply wasn't feasible with a Tier 5 body.

"Alright, make your choice. That Goddess's Legacy, or this sword," the Primordial Abyssal God said, not giving Shi Feng any further answers.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng fell into contemplation for a moment as he looked at the Shadow Incinerator.

Whether it was improving his mastery over Dark Moon or unsealing the Shadow Incinerator, both could significantly improve his strength. It was especially so for the Mana Technique developed by the Goddess of Space. After all, mastering Dark Moon meant mastering a Goddess Law. Such mastery would undoubtedly be of great help to him in creating his Legendary Divine Body.

Eventually, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and said, "I choose the unsealing method of the Shadow Incinerator!"

As a Swordsman, the temptation of having a good sword was simply irresistible to him.

“Good! As you wish!” The Primordial Abyssal God nodded and gently placed a finger on Shi Feng’s head.

Immediately, Shi Feng felt streams of information flooding his brain. These pieces of information were not very complicated. They simply described a special way of utilizing his mind. The technique was named Mental Condensation, and it allowed the user to increase their mind’s tenacity.

What an incredible mental application method! After Shi Feng was done analyzing the Mental Condensation technique, he had completely forgotten about the Goddess of Space’s Legacy.

In God’s Domain, players could only raise their minds’ tenacity by elevating their Life Rating or relying on incredibly rare tools. Before today, Shi Feng had never even heard of a mental application method that could increase the tenacity of a player’s mind.

However, the Primordial Abyssal God’s mental application method had accomplished it. Moreover, this method was very easy to learn, easier than even a Silver Combat Technique. So long as he mastered it, he could even pass it on to others. Its value was easily comparable to that of Dark Moon.

“That’s it for the guidance. How far you can progress in the future is up to you now.” When the Primordial Abyssal God saw the dazed look on Shi Feng, he left behind a few words before vanishing completely.

Meanwhile, after sitting silently for a while, Shi Feng quickly learned Mental Condensation and took out the Shadow Incinerator. Then, he began destroying the mental nodes inside.

One node... Three nodes... Nine nodes...

After breaking 26 mental nodes, Shi Feng successfully undid the first seal on the Shadow Incinerator. Immediately, an invisible pressure rivaling the Divine Might of Tier 6 Gods spread across a radius of several thousand yards. The pressure was so overwhelming that even Shi Feng, the Shadow Incinerator’s wielder, felt a little oppressed mentally.

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Incredible!

Shi Feng couldn't help but be flabbergasted after looking at the weapon vaguely enveloped by black flames in his hand.

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

Equipment Requirement: Soul-Bound

Attack Power (490% of Strength)

Attack Speed (3% of Strength and Agility)

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

When equipped:

Attacks ignore 100% of all defensive effects;

Attacks have a 30% chance of triggering the Soul Devour effect;

Attacks have a 40% chance of being elevated by one rank and dealing 500% damage;

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

Ignore Levels +60;

All Attributes increased by 170%;

Physique increased by 100%;

Reaction speed increased by 60%;

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

The strength of Mana increased by one rank;

Concentration increased by one rank.

Additional Passive Skill-

Incinerator's Body: Weakens all damage received by 60% and increases World Perception by one rank.

Additional Active Skill 1-

Incinerator's Phantasm: Sacrifice 10 Levels to summon the Phantasm of a player. The Phantasm can only be two tiers higher than the Shadow Incinerator's wielder (up to Tier 6).

Duration: 5 minutes

Cooldown: 5 natural days

Additional Active Skill 2-

The End: With death as the price, incite all of the Shadow Incinerator's power to deal a devastating blow to a 10,000-yard radius. The stronger the soul sacrificed, the stronger the attack will be (up to Tier 6 Peak).

Additional Active Skill 3-

Scorching Flame: Sacrifice 1 Level to attach the Flames of Shadow to the Shadow Incinerator. The Flames of Shadow can damage and destroy all weapons and equipment below the Legendary rank.

Duration: 3 minutes

Cooldown: 1 natural day

The myriad Ancient Gods have placed four seals on the Shadow Incinerator. One of the seals has been lifted thus far. Wielding the Shadow Incinerator will cause continuous mental scorching. Deaths while wielding the Shadow Incinerator will result in a loss of 100 points in all Attributes.

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The Shadow Incinerator was already on par with top-tier Legendary Weapons in Basic Attributes, while it surpassed top-tier Legendary Weapons in Attack Power. Even the Solomon's Sword he wielded in his previous life was inferior to it.

With the current Shadow Incinerator, I can fight Tier 6 experts without having to use Holy Mana's Shadow.

While wielding the Shadow Incinerator, Shi Feng felt as if he was no different than an actual Tier 6 player. Now, he was only missing Tier 6 Skills and Spells.

If he were to fight against Nightmare Chaser again, unless the other party had grown stronger, he was confident he could achieve victory in seventeen moves or less.

Now that I've achieved my goals here, it's time I head back.

After glancing at the staircase leading to the top of the Golden Spire, Shi Feng opened the system interface and chose to give up on his challenge. Immediately, his body transformed into a streak of light and disappeared from the staircase's 20,000-meter mark section.

After reaching the upper level's 20,000-meter mark, players would only receive additional rewards if they could reach the 30,000-meter mark. If they couldn't do that, they would simply be investing their time and energy into honing their skills.

However, as far as Shi Feng could recall, nobody in his previous life had ever climbed to the upper level's 30,000-meter mark. Not even the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa managed to do it.

Currently, Shi Feng was only at Tier 5. Although he had undone one of the Shadow Incinerator's seals, he had yet to master Dark Moon. He was still nowhere near comparable to the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa in his previous life.

So, he would simply be biting off more than he could chew by trying to challenge the upper level's 30,000-meter mark now. Rather than waste his time and energy on a fruitless endeavor, he would be better off returning now and choosing his reward from the starting temple.

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Golden Spire, upper level's shrine:

A brilliant light descended upon the starting temple. Immediately, the hundred or so experts gathered in the temple promptly turned to where the light had fallen.

When the light faded, a cloaked man carrying two longswords by his waist appeared in everyone's sight.

"Look! He's back!"

"He's back already? Are the trials beyond the 20,000-meter mark so difficult?"

"The trials undergo a qualitative transformation every 10,000 meters, so it's not strange to see him fail. Not to mention, that's the 20,000-meter mark we are talking about. Even someone as strong as Dragon Soul only managed to climb to the 14,000-meter mark."

"I guess that's true. But I wonder what the Star Dynasty will do? Now that Sleeping Spark is back, after including Flaming Bee's Scarlet Sorceress, they will have four chosen ones on their side. The four of them could probably kill a Divine monster if they

worked together. Black Flame also looks to have exhausted himself. If the four of them attack together, Black Flame will most likely meet an untimely end.”

“That’s not necessarily true. Don’t forget that Black Flame has Azure Fang’s Saintess behind him. She’s second on the Challenge Tablet. If the two of them work together, it’ll be hard to say which side will win.”

Many players in the temple began to whisper among themselves when they saw Shi Feng returning. Some also expressed their excitement and anticipation as they watched Shi Feng making his way to the temple’s exchange room.

While many experts would often clash with each other in God’s Domain, fights would rarely occur between experts who had reached the fifth-floor standard. As for fights between chosen ones, they were even rarer than fights between players and Tier 6 Gods.

If tickets were sold for a fight between chosen ones, they would definitely sell like hotcakes throughout the entire Greater God’s Domain.

Also, aside from getting to watch a fight between chosen ones, everyone also looked forward to seeing how strong Shi Feng was. After all, he was someone who had surpassed Sleeping Spark at climbing the Golden Spire.

The Golden Spire did not prohibit players from fighting each other. The only reason nobody had started a fight on the upper level thus far was simply that they wished to avoid starting a war between the various pseudo-apex powers.

However, it was a different story for Shi Feng, someone who lacked the backing of a pseudo-apex power. Nothing stopped the Star Dynasty’s chosen ones and Flaming Bee’s Scarlet Sorceress from taking action against him.

Subsequently, just as Shi Feng was making his way toward the exchange room, four individuals emerged from the room. These four individuals were none other than Scarlet Sorceress and the Star Dynasty’s three chosen ones. The four of them had just finished selecting their rewards, and only 100 yards separated them from Shi Feng. Seeing this, the surrounding spectators immediately focused their attention.

For Tier 5 experts, a distance of 100 yards could be crossed with no more than a step.

“Will they make a move?”

Everyone widened their eyes and held their breaths, afraid they would miss the instant the fight broke out.

90 yards... 50 yards... 30 yards...

When less than 30 yards separated both sides, the Star Dynasty's Black Tiger and Candle Bearer, as well as Flaming Bee's Scarlet Sorceress, took out their weapons one after another. They planned to use this opportunity to teach Shi Feng a lesson.

Previously, the three of them dared not take action. However, now that they had Sleeping Spark on their side, they were brimming with confidence.

"Hey! You three! Stop messing around!" Sleeping Spark was startled when he saw the three people beside him preparing for a fight. Hurriedly, he warned them, "He might be a Tier 6 God!"

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Thank you readers!

Tier 6 God?

Scarlet Sorceress nearly dropped her staff when she heard Sleeping Spark's warning, and she couldn't help but look at the other party in disbelief, wondering if he was joking with her.

It should be known that Sleeping Spark was the one who had declared he would kill Shi Feng, and she had simply decided to go along with it. Yet, now that Shi Feng was in front of them, and they had their weapons at the ready...

Sleeping Spark was telling them that Shi Feng might be a Tier 6 God?

That Shi Feng might be one of God's Domain's apex existences?

"Please tell me you're kidding, Spark!" Black Tiger whispered to Sleeping Spark as his gaze stayed on Shi Feng's approaching figure, an additional hint of wariness appearing in his eyes. "Now isn't the time for jokes!"

It should be known that the various pseudo-apex powers' experts were all watching them. Now that they had drawn their weapons, their intentions couldn't be any clearer, so there was no going back for them.

"I'm not joking." When Sleeping Spark saw the looks of doubt he was given, he wryly smiled and said, "Even if he isn't at the standard of Tier 6 Gods, he should be close to it."

In reality, Sleeping Spark doubted that Shi Feng had already reached the standard of Tier 6 Gods. After all, that was the standard of the Greater God's Domain's apex combatants.

However, after returning to the starting temple, Sleeping Spark had coincidentally overheard Aurebeth, Azure Fang's Saintess, speaking about the monsters and magic barrier she faced at the 18,000-meter mark. Hence, he was now 100% certain that the shocking scene he had seen taking place on the staircase and the Tier 6 God's mana that subsequently rained down on him was Shi Feng's doing. Not to mention, Shi Feng ascended to the 20,000-meter mark as soon as those phenomena occurred.

"An existence nearing Tier 6 Gods?" After hearing Sleeping Spark's words, Black Tiger took another look at Shi Feng and immediately got goosebumps when he saw Shi Feng's calm composure.

Even though Shi Feng was clearly suffering from Concentration exhaustion, he could still behave so calmly in front of the four of them. Besides Shi Feng having strength nearing Tier 6 Gods, Black Tiger couldn't think of any other explanations for Shi Feng's behavior. Moreover, Sleeping Spark had no reason to deceive them.

"Dammit! You bastards tricked me!"

Scarlet Sorceress switched her gaze between her staff and Shi Feng's slowly approaching figure. She had no idea how she should get out of this awkward situation and safely leave this place.

While she might be a chosen one of Flaming Bee, due to the limitations of her tier and her lack of a Divine Artifact, she didn't even have the strength to resist a Tier 6 God, let alone fight one. If she tried to fight a Tier 6 God now, she would suffer a miserable defeat and be at huge risk of having her soul annihilated. Should that happen, she would forever lose the qualifications to enter God's Domain.

In the Greater World, where God's Domain meant everything, her life would be as good as over if she lost access to God's Domain...

"I suddenly remembered I have urgent matters to attend to, so I'll be logging off first. Good luck, you guys." Black Tiger suddenly slapped his forehead and chose to log off with a smile.

"Black Tiger! You!" Scarlet Sorceress gnashed her teeth when she saw Black Tiger going offline. But immediately afterward, she, too, chose to go offline forcibly.

As for Candlelight Bearer, after seeing Black Tiger and Scarlet Sorceress logging out of the game, he also decisively logged out, his body collapsing to the ground.

In the blink of an eye, three of the four chosen ones standing before Shi Feng were lying on the ground, the sight shocking everyone present.

What's going on?? Shi Feng was also puzzled to see Black Tiger, Scarlet Sorceress, and Candlelight Bearer forcibly logging out of the game. After all, he hadn't even done anything yet.

It should be known that forcibly logging out of the game came with consequences. If fortunate, players would only lose a handful of levels from doing so. But if unfortunate, they could be prohibited from logging into the game for up to half a month. Now that the Eternal Realm was still in its early exploration stage, losing half a month of progress would be no different than losing a limb.

"Sorry, they suddenly disconnected," Sleeping Spark awkwardly explained as he used mana to pick up the three motionless bodies around him. "I'm afraid you'll have to wait until next time for your duel with them."

After saying so, Sleeping Spark promptly stepped away from the exchange room's entrance with the three offline players' bodies. Only, nobody present believed a single word Sleeping Spark said.

The two sides were just about to start fighting, yet three people on one side suddenly disconnected?

There was definitely something strange about this situation!

"Those three sure know how to flee quickly." Seven Melody, who had just exited the exchange room, couldn't help but smile when she saw Sleeping Spark leaving with the three bodies. "Had they been a step slower, they would probably have to bid farewell to God's Domain forever."

"They made the right choice," Dragon Soul, the six-meter-tall giant standing next to Seven Melody, said. "If it were me, I would have probably hesitated for a while."

Standing next to Dragon Soul, Solitary Glow silently nodded in agreement with him.

An existence nearing Tier 6 Gods was not something Tier 5 players like themselves could face. So, Black Tiger, Scarlet Sorceress, and Candle Bearer had made the right decision to log out of the game decisively.

Of course, if Solitary Glow were to stand in their shoes, she would have probably hesitated to forcibly log out of the game, even if she knew the consequences of fighting a Tier 6 God. After all, there was only a possibility that Tier 5 chosen ones like herself would face a permanent death from going up against a Tier 6 God, whereas forcibly going offline would guarantee her a major setback in the Eternal Realm.

“Did all of you finish choosing already?” Shi Feng asked, feeling a little surprised when he saw Seven Melody and the others exiting the exchange room so soon. “I heard that there are more than ten thousand treasures in there. Even if you glance through them, it should still take some time.”

It had been, at most, twenty minutes since he reached the upper level’s 20,000-meter mark. So, Seven Melody and the others couldn’t have spent more than twenty minutes in the exchange room. Such a short time definitely wasn’t enough to look through all of the items in the exchange room.

The Golden Spire held many treasures left behind by various Gods. Aside from weapons and equipment, the Golden Spire’s treasury also held various Legacies, tools, and designs. Every one of these items could tempt the hearts of players in the outside world. Although every player was only allowed to select one item for their reward, the higher players managed to ascend in the Golden Spire, the more items that would be made available for them to choose from.

“Mhm. We’re done choosing,” Seven Melody said, nodding. “Actually, we’ve already decided what we would pick before coming to the Golden Spire. So, we quickly chose the treasures we came for after browsing for a bit.”

Dragon Soul and Solitary Glow nodded in agreement. Although they didn’t spend much time in the exchange room, they were all very satisfied with their harvests.

Meanwhile, after Seven Melody finished speaking, Aqua Rose, who had remained silent all this time, suddenly took a deep breath and walked up to Shi Feng with a serious look.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, this might sound rude of me, but I hope you can do me a favor,” Aqua Rose said as she retrieved a golden book from her bag. “This is the Gold Ancient Tome I exchanged from the exchange room. It can be used to search for clues about any item in existence. I believe it will be of some help to you.”

Shi Feng looked at the Gold Ancient Tome in silence for a moment. Then, he looked at Aqua Rose and admitted, “This thing is indeed useful to me, but may I know what it is you need my help with, Miss Aqua?”

The main reason he visited the Golden Spire this time was to obtain a Gold Ancient Tome.

However, the Golden Spire only had a very limited number of Gold Ancient Tomes. There were probably only a couple of dozen in total. During his previous life, all of them were exchanged shortly after the Golden Spire opened.

Currently, even if he entered the exchange room, he couldn’t guarantee that there would be any Gold Ancient Tomes remaining.

After all, Gold Ancient Tomes were incredibly useful. So long as players knew the name of a Fragmented Divine Artifact, they could immediately get their hands on clues pertaining to it with the help of a Gold Ancient Tome. Hence, unless they had a specific item in mind, the various pseudo-apex powers' experts would typically choose a Gold Ancient Tome for their reward.

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Chapter 553 – Myriad Hands

Thank you readers!

“That’s good to hear.” Aqua Rose breathed a sigh of relief when she heard Shi Feng’s answer. Then, with an earnest look, she said, “What I need help with isn’t anything complicated, Guild Leader Black Flame. You only need to conduct a little investigation to know that I am currently targeted by Demon’s Gate, an apex power.

“Now that the entrance to our homeworld has been partially opened, it will only take another month or so before it becomes fully open. To give our world’s younger generation a head start, the Green God Corporation has selected 10,000 budding geniuses to bring over to the Greater World ahead of time, and it will be conducting a talent fair in Silver Frost City, a second-tier city in the Greater World, so that the Greater World’s various powers can absorb some of our world’s young talents.

“My younger cousin was lucky enough to be selected by the Green God Corporation and become one of the 10,000 geniuses.

“However, Demon’s Gate is pursuing me relentlessly. While I am safe for the time being since I am currently in the Eternal Realm in God’s Domain and living in a first-tier city in the Greater World, I’m worried they will target my cousin. I hope you can head to the talent fair and recruit my cousin. I only request that you let her stay in Star Lake City for three or four months.”

Originally, Aqua Rose had not planned to ask Shi Feng for help. After all, the existence targeting her was Demon’s Gate!

Whether in the Greater God’s Domain or the Greater World, Demon’s Gate was an apex power known by all. Just mentioning this name could send shivers down the spines of countless upper-ranking hegemonic powers.

Demon’s Gate was notorious for being vicious and ruthless in the Greater God’s Domain. Its members would stop at nothing to achieve their goals, and it was especially so for its core members.

Although other apex powers deeply resented Demon's Gate, nobody could do anything about Demon's Gate, for it was too strong. It could even fight against two or three apex powers simultaneously at its peak.

If she hadn't received the protection of one of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Taboos, deterring the Demon's Gate member from targeting her to a certain extent, she would have already perished in the Greater God's Domain.

Hence, when it came to matters involving that Demon's Gate member, Aqua Rose couldn't even rely on her friends and family, even if she wanted to.

But after seeing Shi Feng singlehandedly suppress the chosen ones and paragons of two pseudo-apex powers and revealing strength nearing Tier 6 Gods, Aqua Rose saw a ray of hope.

Anyone with strength nearing Tier 6 Gods would be considered an apex existence in the Greater God's Domain. Even that person from Demon's Gate would have to tread carefully around such an existence. It was especially so now that they were in the Eternal Realm, where numerous powers were competing.

In the Eternal Realm, many powers would be more than willing to do anything to try to win the favor of such an existence. Even opposing an apex power like Demon's Gate wouldn't necessarily be out of the question.

"Demon's Gate?" Shi Feng frowned a little.

He had experienced getting hunted by Demon's Gate countless times during his previous life, and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that Demon's Gate's existence was omnipresent. If not for Demon's Gate being too strong, he would have long led Zero Wing to annihilate the apex power. He didn't think Aqua Rose would have provoked his old enemy in this life.

"If you find my request too difficult to fulfill, you can also have someone else take my cousin into hiding for a month," Aqua Rose hurriedly said when she saw Shi Feng frowning. "I'll try to hurry over as soon as possible."

"No, it's not a difficult request," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. Then, he calmly continued, "It's just Demon's Gate. It's nothing significant."

In his previous life, Demon's Gate had failed to do anything about him after countless attempts. Now that he wielded the Godly Relic Shadow Incinerator and the Goddess of Space's Dark Moon Legacy, the apex power would only be even helpless against him..

Meanwhile, as soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, Dragon Soul and Solitary Glow couldn't help but be at a loss for words.

Demon's Gate was one of the few apex powers in existence, and its influence spanned across the entire Greater God's Domain. The top ten players on the Divine Glory List were the only individuals qualified to deem Demon's Gate insignificant.

It should be known that every player ranked within the Divine Glory List's top ten was an existence that had long transcended humans. Every one of them could easily kill an Ancient God, and some of them had even slain the taboos of apex powers before. Hence, the various apex powers greatly feared the Divine Glory List's top ten experts.

While Shi Feng might have strength nearing Tier 6 Gods and would most definitely become even stronger once he got promoted to Tier 6 in the future, it was still far-fetched to say that he could match the top ten experts on the Divine Glory List.

"Does that mean you will accept my request, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Aqua Rose asked eagerly.

Personally, Aqua Rose wasn't confident that Shi Feng would agree to her request. After all, nobody would want to offend an apex power, much less one as notorious as Demon's Gate.

Had she posed her request to any other Tier 6 expert in the Greater God's Domain, most, if not all of them, would have turned around and walked away as soon as they heard the mention of Demon's Gate.

In some Realms, Demon's Gate's name was even considered a taboo that must never be mentioned.

In her opinion, it would already be a miracle if Shi Feng agreed to find a proxy to shelter her cousin for a month. While a month wasn't as much time as she would like, it was enough of a buffer for her to secure a slot in a first-tier city for her cousin with the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's help.

As for keeping her cousin in their homeworld, that would be impossible. Her cousin had worked desperately to secure a slot to enter the Greater World in advance. Even if she tried to persuade her cousin, the other party was unlikely to heed her advice. Not to mention, she was the cause of her cousin being targeted by Demon's Gate.

"I can," Shi Feng calmly said. "I can also promise to enter your cousin into Zero Wing, and so long as Zero Wing continues to exist, no harm will come to her. However, I will need you to promise me one thing in exchange."

"What do you need me to promise you, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Aqua Rose asked, her determined voice suggesting she would agree to any demands.

"When I need your help in the future, you must unconditionally help me once," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "If you can promise me that, I will guarantee your cousin's safety."

Although he had never heard of Aqua Rose having any cousins in his previous life, this was a good opportunity for him to get closer to her.

“No problem.” Aqua Rose nodded and smiled. “So long as it is something I can help you with.”

Shi Feng’s condition couldn’t even be considered a demand. It was practically a gift for her. After all, Shi Feng was someone who could closely rival Tier 6 Gods as a Tier 5 player. He stood on a completely different level than she did. If there were something he needed her help with, it would be her fortune to help him.

“I will take your word for it,” Shi Feng said. He could tell what was going through Aqua Rose’s mind, and he couldn’t help but chuckle. “What is your cousin’s name?”

“My cousin goes by the name of Silk Radish in God’s Domain. She has only come into contact with God’s Domain for a short time, and she is still a university freshman. She isn’t interested in grinding and adventuring, but she is greatly interested in God’s Domain’s engineering system. She has been researching it since she entered God’s Domain,” Aqua Rose introduced.

Silk Radish? Engineering?

Shi Feng was stunned by the incredibly familiar name from Aqua Rose’s mouth.

Myriad Hands Silk Radish!

She was one of the only six Pseudo-Divine Craftsmen in the Greater God’s Domain in his previous life!

Chapter 3480: Alternate Ending 554 - Treasure Exchange

Chapter 554 – Treasure Exchange

Thank you readers!

“While she is only a Basic Master Engineer right now, she is very talented, and it shouldn’t be difficult for her to become a Grandmaster Engineer in the future,” Aqua Rose awkwardly added when she saw the stunned look on Shi Feng’s face.

There were many Lifestyle classes in God’s Domain, and they allowed players to achieve prosperity in God’s Domain, even if they weren’t skilled in combat.

However, in the Greater God's Domain, Lifestyle players would only be considered to have reached an entry-level after reaching the Master standard. It was especially so for the engineer subclass. While the various combat tools they produced were useful to low-tier players, they were mostly inconsequential to high-tier players. Even the tools produced by a Grandmaster Engineer for Tier 5 and Tier 6 players would pale in effectiveness compared to a potion produced by a Grandmaster Alchemist.

To make matters worse, engineers require a lot of resources to nurture. The cost of producing a Grandmaster Engineer was two or three times more than it would take to produce a Grandmaster of another subclass.

Because of these reasons, the Greater God's Domain's various powers were reluctant to nurture Engineers. It didn't matter even if the Engineer player in question was very talented...

"Rest assured, Miss Aqua. I promise she will receive the best treatment in Zero Wing," Shi Feng said, chuckling when he saw Aqua Rose's awkwardness. "Moreover, I guarantee her future achievements will surpass your imagination."

Silk Radish was known by all in his previous life. Her status in the Greater God's Domain was so exalted that even the various apex powers wished to recruit her.

It was true that most engineers in the Greater God's Domain were of little use to high-tier players. After all, the strongest combat tools that most engineers could produce could only reach the Tier 5 standard. They would be of little threat to Tier 5 players, let alone Tier 6 players.

However, Silk Radish wasn't your average engineer. She was an engineer who had climbed to the Pseudo-Divine Craftsman rank in the Greater God's Domain, and the combat tools she produced could shock even Primordial Gods.

Particularly, the Legendary Flying Ships she produced could scare even Ancient Gods into fleeing.

During Shi Feng's previous life, some apex powers were willing to go to war with another apex power just to get a Legendary Flying Ship from Silk Radish. Silk Radish's influence in the Greater God's Domain was well above the influence of other Pseudo-Divine Craftsmen.

"That is good to hear," Aqua Rose casually responded, simply taking Shi Feng's words as pleasantries. Then, she handed the Gold Ancient Tome and Silk Radish's contact information to Shi Feng, saying, "Here is my cousin's information. I still can't get in touch with her outside, but I believe the Green God Corporation will be holding its talent fair in Silver Frost City in a few days. I will have to trouble you when the time comes."

“Okay, leave it to me,” Shi Feng said, not bothering to say anything else as he accepted the Gold Ancient Tome and Silk Radish’s information.

It was a fact that engineers did not have a favorable outlook in the current Greater God’s Domain, so his behavior of praising Silk Radish indeed looked perfunctory. After all, who could have imagined that a little girl would become a Pseudo-Divine Craftsman? And who could have imagined that the Greater God’s Domain’s various powers would start frantically nurturing engineers because of Silk Radish?

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng and Aqua Rose were done with their conversation, Seven Melody took the initiative to add Shi Feng as a friend. She even invited him to move his base of operations to Royal Eternal City, the most prosperous city in the current Eternal Realm.

Royal Eternal City was the only royal capital in the Eternal Realm. It wielded authority and unique functions that vastly surpassed other NPC Cities. Many pseudo-apex powers and apex powers have gathered there, and those without the backing of these powers couldn’t even establish a foothold in the city.

However, Shi Feng turned down Seven Melody’s sincere invitation. In regards to this, Seven Melody could only leave the Golden Spire disappointed with Aqua Rose and the others.

After Seven Melody left, Aurebeth couldn’t help but look at Shi Feng in confusion.

“Are you really going to offend Demon’s Gate just for a Gold Ancient Tome?” Aurebeth asked out of curiosity. “The people from Demon’s Gate are a bunch of lunatics. No matter how hard that woman tries to hide her cousin’s existence, Demon’s Gate’s people will eventually discover that little girl. Do you think it’s worth it?”

“For just a Gold Ancient Tome? Definitely not,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “But if it’s for that little girl, I think it’s worth it.”

“It seems you are also a lunatic,” Aurebeth said, sighing. “But you have helped me a great deal this time. If you come across any trouble in the future, I can lend a hand once.”

After saying so, Aurebeth disappeared from the temple, leaving Shi Feng stunned. He never thought the Bloodsoaked Rakshasa would promise to help him once. This would have been an incredibly rare opportunity in his previous life.

However, Shi Feng didn’t dwell on the matter for long before he stepped into the exchange room.

Although he had already acquired a Gold Ancient Tome, plenty of other attractive items were still available in the Golden Spire’s treasury.

“Greetings, Sir. Here is your exchange list,” the mechanical puppet in the exchange room said as it handed Shi Feng a list. “According to the rules set by the Gods, you may exchange for only one item from this list.”

Shi Feng was familiar with the Golden Spire's exchange rules, so he started browsing the list immediately.

Are these the available rewards for reaching the upper level's 20,000-meter mark?? Shi Feng couldn't help but be shocked by the items listed.

The list not only contained the Gold Ancient Tome he needed, but it also contained many treasures that were very hard to come by in the outside world.

For example, there were a total of 23 Gold Combat Technique Tablets available on the list. Not even the various apex powers possessed this many Golden Laws.

Aside from Golden Laws, Shi Feng could also choose from as many as eight Fragmented Divine Artifacts, fourteen God Guidances, and twenty-eight World Sources as his reward...

There were well over a thousand items Shi Feng had never heard of being available for exchange on the list, and every item could cause the Greater God's Domain's players to lose their minds. Even Shi Feng was not an exception.

A Goddess Armament?!

Shi Feng couldn't help but gasp when he saw a striking name on the list.

Goddess Armament!

Also known as Fate's Guidance!

There were only six instances of this item in the Greater God's Domain, and every one of them had a chance of providing a female player with a full Divine Artifact Set.

Of course, the Divine Artifact Sets left behind by Goddesses were not so easy to obtain. While it was true that each Goddess Armament could become a complete Divine Artifact Set, whether players could obtain it was a different story.

Every Goddess Armament would put players through twelve trials. If players could pass all twelve trials, they would obtain a personalized Divine Weapon and the Goddess Armament Set, a six-piece Divine Artifact Set. However, if players failed to pass even one trial, they would forever lose the qualifications to challenge the trials.

Due to the Goddess Armaments' potential, any power that got its hands on a Goddess Armament would treat it as its most prized possession and keep it safely guarded in the

hopes that someone in their Guild could clear the twelve trials one day and become one of the strongest players in the Greater God's Domain.

As far as Shi Feng was aware, a total of four Goddess Armaments were found in his previous life. Of them, three were acquired by apex powers, while one was acquired by the pseudo-apex power Azure Fang. However, even after obtaining the Goddess Armaments for many years, nobody from these four powers managed to obtain the Goddess Armament Set. This situation caused many people to think that the rumors surrounding the Goddess Armaments were false.

"Are you sure you wish to exchange for this item, Sir?" the mechanical puppet asked when it saw Shi Feng's finger stopping on the Goddess Armament's name. "You may not change your choice once you have confirmed your decision. You will also be unable to select any other treasures in your subsequent entries unless you reach the summit."

Chapter 3481: Alternate Ending 555 - Drastic Changes

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Thank you readers!

"I'm sure!" Shi Feng answered without hesitation.

Although nobody in his previous life had ever succeeded in acquiring a Goddess Armament Set, so long as he had a Goddess Armament on hand, he could continuously have the Guild's core female members challenge it. Even if the hope of someone completing all twelve trials was small, it was a much more reliable method to obtain a full Divine Artifact Set than other alternatives.

If someone in the Guild successfully obtained the Goddess Armament Set, it would instantly propel Zero Wing to the top of the Greater God's Domain.

"Very well." After the puppet confirmed Shi Feng's decision, a parchment exuding a primordial presence appeared before Shi Feng. "This is the Goddess Armament you have exchanged. This item will drop on death, so please keep it safe."

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System: It is detected that you are not a female player. You are unable to start the Goddess Trial.

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Sure enough, only female players are qualified to challenge the trial. Regardless, this will add more to the Guild's foundation.

When Shi Feng saw the system notification, he decided to mimic the four powers in his previous life and keep the Goddess Armor tucked away in the deepest part of Zero Wing's Guild Residence, never letting it see the light of day. Then, he would take his time selecting trustworthy female guild members to challenge the Goddess Trial.

While he didn't have high hopes for anyone completing the Goddess Trial, so long as someone succeeded, Zero Wing would flourish.

After putting the Goddess Armament away, Shi Feng called up his system interface and chose to exit the Golden Spire.

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Crystal City of Secrets, Secret Crystal Plaza:

"Six-man party recruiting a Level 156, Tier 5 tank or above. Must be fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items at the very least. You will get three Eternal Gold Coins for every Common Secret Treasure that drops!"

"Twenty-man team recruiting members to explore the Underground Crystal Palace! Must have experience raiding the secret land! We have an employer already! Every team member will receive two Eternal Gold for every Common Secret Treasure dropped!"

"Level 158, Tier 5 Cleric with one Common Secret Treasure looking for a group! Only asking for four Eternal Gold per Common Secret Treasure dropped!"

The city's central plaza had become something akin to a marketplace as players could be seen shouting everywhere, and many were independent players seeking riches. The state of the plaza was completely different from when Shi Feng first entered the city.

Shortly after Shi Feng, a Level 159, Tier 5 Swordsman, appeared in the plaza, a beautiful woman quickly approached him.

"Hey, handsome guy, do you want to join my team?" the woman, a Level 155 Elementalist, asked Shi Feng in a gentle voice. "My team is filled with beauties. If you join us, you will get to know many beautiful women and stand to make three Eternal Gold for every Common Secret Treasure dropped!"

As soon as the Elementalist finished speaking, a muscular man came over and interjected.

“Hey pal, don’t be fooled by this chick. If you want to explore the Underground Crystal Palace, join my team instead. I’ll guarantee you a minimum payout of four Eternal Gold,” the muscular man, Level 157 Guardian Knight, said. “If a Combat Secret Treasure drops, I will give you ten Eternal Gold!”

“So what if you are offering ten Eternal Gold?” The Elementalist looked at the Guardian Knight in disdain. “My team leader is a member of the Secret Crystal Trading Firm. Our pay might be lower, but we have a proxy to buy Secret Treasures from the Secret Treasure Market. So long as this handsome guy here collects enough money, we can guarantee he will get to buy the Secret Treasure he desires. Can your team offer him that?”

“What’s so great about that? I have a friend who’s an advanced member of the Secret Crystal Trading Firm. So long as I give him the word, he can even buy a Combat Secret Treasure for me!” the Guardian Knight said, showing no weaknesses. “I’m sure your team is just grinding for Common Secret Treasures to sell and make money to buy suitable Combat Secret Treasures from the trading firm’s eighth floor, right?”

“So what if we are?” When the Elementalist heard the Guardian Knight’s words, she looked at the other party contemptuously and said, “Also, my team leader is a bona fide member. As for that friend of yours, who knows if he’s really an advanced member? There are only 1,000 advanced members in total, and the various powers are paying upwards of ten Eternal Gold to buy out the proxy qualifications of each advanced member. Do you expect me to believe an independent player like yourself can secure the proxy qualifications to buy a Combat Secret Treasure?”

The Guardian Knight fell silent when he heard the Elementalist’s words.

Contrary to the Elementalist’s doubts, he did have a friend who was an advanced member of the Secret Crystal Trading Firm. But as the Elementalist mentioned, there was no way his friend would give up the opportunity to make ten Eternal Gold or more to buy a Combat Secret Treasure for him. After all, it wouldn’t be as easy to secure advanced membership at the Secret Crystal Trading Firm in the future. So, this could be his friend’s only opportunity to make a quick buck.

People are paying ten Eternal Gold for proxies?? Shi Feng was greatly surprised by the information he just heard.

Not counting his earnings from commissions, he only made a profit of 800 Eternal Gold from selling out the Secret Crystal Trading Firm’s memberships.[1] Yet, each advanced member made upwards of ten Eternal Gold from working as proxies. This meant that the trading firm’s 1,000 advanced members were making a total of 10,000 Eternal Gold at the very least. Combined, they were making even more money than he was...

“Listen to me, pal.” Ignoring the Elementalist’s question, the Guardian Knight turned to Shi Feng and said, “If you join our team, you only need to pay a proxy fee of ten Eternal Gold, and I guarantee you will get a suitable Combat Secret Treasure.”

“Stop spouting nonsense!” the Elementalist scoffed. “Right now, even the commander of one of the city’s top 20 adventurer teams is offering to join any power and slave away for several years if he can get a proxy slot to purchase a Combat Secret Treasure! Only a fool would believe you can get one!”

The commander of one of the city’s top 20 adventurer teams is selling himself just for a Combat Secret Treasure?? Shi Feng was astonished by this revelation.

While Secret Treasures were indeed precious in his previous life, especially those at the Combat rank or above, they weren’t so precious that the commanders of any of the Crystal City’s top 20 adventurer teams were willing to sacrifice so much to obtain them.

It should be known that the Crystal City of Secrets was a gathering place of experts. Even the commanders of the city’s top 50 adventurer teams would be at the fifth-floor standard at the very least, let alone the commanders of the top 20 adventurer teams.

Outside the Eternal Realm, such experts would be the overlords of a region, and even the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers would be willing to treat them as equals.

“Don’t think that I’m exaggerating,” the Elementalist said to Shi Feng when she saw the astonished look on his face. Then, she sighed and continued, “One of my team leader’s close friends is a top expert among independent players, with great looks to boot. But even she has offered herself to work as an Outer Elder for several years for any upper-ranking hegemonic power that could provide her with a couple of Combat Secret Treasures. Even then, none of the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers were willing to accept her offer.”

“A top expert?” Out of curiosity, Shi Feng asked, “How strong is she?”

“She is a Saint who has mastered her control over the magic elements and is an Upper God Realm Adventurer certified by the World Tower. She is also currently equipped with a full Fragmented Legendary Set and a top-tier Fragmented Legendary Weapon,” the Elementalist said in a serious tone.

An Upper God Realm Adventurer?? Shi Feng could no longer stay calm after hearing this. After all, even if an expert of such caliber wasn’t at Ink Qilin’s standard, she was probably close to matching Ink Qilin already. “Can I ask you two to spread a message to the various adventurer teams for me? In return, I can promise each of you a basic membership in the Secret Crystal Trading Firm in the future. If you do well, you may even become an advanced member.”

TL Notes:

[1]profit of 800 Eternal Gold:

Just a recap:

In Chapter 513, it was mentioned that Shi Feng stood to make 2,000 Eternal Gold if he sold out all 5,000 basic memberships and 1,000 advanced memberships. However, he also had to pay a weekly management fee of 1,200 Eternal Gold for the Secret Crystal Trading Firm. So, if we ignore the revenue generated from commissions completed by players, Shi Feng would only generate a profit of 800 Eternal Gold per week.

[2]Upper God Realm Adventurer:

I assume it is the ranking for adventurers who have climbed to the World Tower's fifth floor or above?

Recap of Chapter 244:

These are the adventurer ranks that correspond to the World Tower's first four floors:

- 1)Basic Adventurer – first floor
- 2)Advanced Adventurer – second floor
- 3)Superior Adventurer – third floor
- 4)Top Adventurer – fourth floor

I'm not sure if Upper God Realm(神之领域高等冒险者) corresponds to the fifth-floor standard as there is the "Upper(高等)" prefix. There have been no hints of a sixth floor, either. But since the independent player in question is a Saint-ranked player... I'm not gonna jump to conclusions here, but I'll leave the Upper prefix in for now.

Chapter 3482: Alternate Ending 556 - World's Initial Opening

Chapter 556 – World's Initial Opening

Thank you readers!

Shi Feng's words were plain, yet they caused the Level 155 Elementalist and Level 157 Guardian Knight to look at him in disbelief. At the same time, though, their eyes showed hints of expectation and yearning.

“Are you telling the truth?” the Elementalist questioned.

“Don’t be joking with me here, little bro,” the Guardian Knight said, nodding in agreement with the Elementalist. “Don’t mention an advanced membership, even if it’s just a basic membership, so long as you can get me one, I’ll make sure everything you said is taken care of!”

The Secret Crystal Trading Firm might have as many as 5,000 basic membership slots, but they were still incredibly precious in the Crystal City of Secrets. Many players were willing to pay anywhere from three to five Eternal Gold just to hire a proxy to purchase Common Secret Treasures.

After all, even though the Underground Crystal Palace dropped Common Secret Treasures, players could only equip the Secret Treasure they acquired if it suited their class. Not to mention, the various powers had already made the Underground Crystal Palace their backyard, harvesting and monopolizing anything that was of significant value in the secret land. By now, independent players only had access to the various powers’ unwanted scraps.

“Don’t believe me?” Seeing the doubtful looks on the two people’s faces, Shi Feng retrieved two Common Secret Treasures from his bag and said, “What do you think of these two Secret Treasures?”

When the Elementalist and Guardian Knight saw the two Common Secret Treasures, their eyes widened in disbelief.

“Brother! Just tell us what to do!” the Guardian Knight said without hesitation.

The value of Secret Treasures was known by all in the Crystal City of Secrets. The act of giving away even one Common Secret Treasure was already considered mind-blowing, let alone two. Not even the executives of upper-ranking hegemonic powers could afford to do such a thing. Not to mention, the two Secret Treasures Shi Feng had taken out were perfectly suited for their classes.

“Hurry up and tell us what to do!” the Elementalist followed, a look of excitement on her face.

Chuckling, Shi Feng said, “What I need you to do is simple. Just spread the news that a Guild called Zero Wing is partnered with the Secret Crystal Trading Firm and that any fifth-floor expert willing to join Zero Wing for more than a month will be guaranteed a basic membership in the trading firm. Those who perform well might even get advanced membership. As for fourth-floor experts, as long as they contribute sufficiently, they will have the opportunity to purchase Common Secret Treasures from the trading firm, and those who perform outstandingly will also have a chance to gain advanced membership.”

“Is that all we have to do?” The Guardian Knight was a little stunned by Shi Feng’s simple request.

He had originally expected to cross dangerous valleys and oceans of fire to get his hands on Shi Feng’s promised Common Secret Treasure. Yet, all he needed to do was spread some news. Not to mention, even without his intervention, the news in question would spread like wildfire once released.

“Is what you just said real?” The Elementalist blinked her eyes in disbelief.

She had never heard of a Guild going by the name of Zero Wing. It should be known that even the various pseudo-apex powers had failed to secure a partnership opportunity with the Secret Crystal Trading Firm. So, how could an unknown Guild accomplish it?

“Wouldn’t you know once you give it a try?” Shi Feng chuckled.

Previously, he had been ruminating over how he should go about recruiting the Crystal City’s independent players into Zero Wing. After all, every player operating in the current Eternal Realm was an extraordinary existence in the Greater God’s Domain. Independent players of such caliber had long grown used to operating by themselves or in small groups, so they did not care about joining any Guild.

However, he now had an opportunity to recruit these independent players through the Secret Crystal Trading Firm.

Whether it was fourth-floor experts or fifth-floor experts, both were hard to come by in the Greater God’s Domain. It was especially so for fifth-floor experts. Even upper-ranking hegemonic powers would only have a limited number of such experts under their command.

“If that’s the case... I’m a titled expert, so I should be qualified to join.” After pondering for a moment, the Guardian Knight asked, “Where can I join this Zero Wing you mentioned, Brother?”

“I’m also a fourth-floor expert! I should be able to join Zero Wing, right?” the Elementalist asked anxiously.

Seeing the Elementalist and Guardian Knight expressing their intentions to join Zero Wing without hesitation, Shi Feng smiled and said, “You can join so long as you meet the requirements. As for where you should go to sign up, didn’t I already say that Zero Wing is partnered with the Secret Crystal Trading Firm?”

“Are you saying we can sign up at the trading firm directly?” The excitement in the Guardian Knight’s eyes grew even more apparent after hearing Shi Feng’s words. “Then, I’ll head there right away!”

“Me, too!” the Elementalist said before dashing toward the Secret Crystal Trading Firm.

Meanwhile, after the two arrived at the crowded Secret Trading Firm and waited for their turn at a counter, they tentatively asked the NPC behind the counter about joining Zero Wing. Then, they received an answer that thoroughly stunned them.

“If you two are adventurers who have conquered the World Tower’s fourth floor, you are indeed qualified to join Zero Wing. If you wish to join Zero Wing, please fill in the form here,” the female elf behind the counter said before placing two forms before the Guardian Knight and Elementalist. “After joining Zero Wing, if you wish to become a member of the trading firm, you will have to accumulate 5,000 Guild Contribution Points in Zero Wing first. Once you fulfill this condition, you can directly a basic membership for the next weekly refresh.”

After the Guardian Knight and Elementalist had their questions answered, the other players waiting in line nearby couldn’t help but widen their eyes in disbelief.

The Secret Crystal Trading Firm’s membership was incomparably precious, so much so that even the various pseudo-apex powers had failed to get their hands on any. Yet, it was now possible to purchase this membership just by joining Zero Wing?

After a short silence, the surrounding players started frantically shouting and expressing their intentions to join Zero Wing. This situation confused the players still waiting in line at the back.

“Are these people crazy?”

“Why are they shouting to join Zero Wing?”

“Could it be some kind of hidden code?”

When the crowd in the building saw the several dozen players going crazy in front of the counters, they couldn’t help but wonder what these players were losing their minds over. But less than a minute later, everyone else in the building also started to go crazy. Then, in no time at all, Zero Wing’s name quickly spread across the entire Crystal City of Secrets.

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While the Crystal City’s independent players were losing their minds, Shi Feng spent a hundred Eternal Gold Coins to purchase a Guild Residence for Zero Wing.

Then, in less than a day, the Guild Residence welcomed the addition of over 10,000 fourth-floor experts and 100 fifth-floor experts...

With so many fifth-floor experts, Zero Wing can probably afford to pick a fight with the city's pseudo-apex powers already...? When Shi Feng saw the list of new guild members, he didn't know whether he should be celebrating or weeping.

While the sudden influx of so many experts was certainly a cause for joy, the poverty of Zero Wing's Guild Warehouse would most likely cause these experts to leave the Guild as soon as they accomplished their goals.

If he couldn't find a solution quickly, the Guild's current prosperity would be fleeting.

While Shi Feng was pondering how he could go about adding more Secret Treasures into the Guild Warehouse, he suddenly received a message from Xia Qingying, informing him that their world was already in its initial stages of opening up to the Greater World.

Because of this, the Green God Corporation had selected 10,000 geniuses to bring into the Greater World in advance, and the corporation welcomed all partnered powers to head to Silver Frost City to inspect, and hopefully recruit, these geniuses. Xia Qingying had even booked a flight to Silver Frost City for him, saving him a lot of trouble.

Ten thousand geniuses, is it?

After reading Xia Qingying's message, Shi Feng couldn't help but recall the many young paragons he had missed out on recruiting in his previous life because of Demon's Gate persistently hunting him. Now that he no longer had such a burden on him, he could use this opportunity to recruit some of these potential paragons in addition to Myriad Hands Silk Radish.

Chapter 3483: Alternate Ending 557 - That Man?

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Silver Frost City was a second-tier city situated on the Starlight continent, and it was a gigantic steel city that slowly traveled about a snowy and desolate land. The city's exterior was covered in snow all year round due to its travel route, but the inside of the city experienced spring all year round.

At the city's entrance, there would almost always be a trail of armored buses coming in and out of the city. These buses either came from other mobile cities or set out from Silver Frost City to other mobile cities. Even at night, there was no end to the arrival and departure of these armored buses.

"Be careful, all of you! We are no longer in the world we are used to living in! If anyone misbehaves, I will kick them off the bus and send them packing back to our world!"

On one of the buses entering the city, a one-star mental strength grandmaster representing the Green God Corporation lectured the hundreds of young men and women on the vehicle while exuding a terrifying mental deterrence.

“Incredible! Is this how strong mental strength grandmasters are?”

“As expected of the Green God Corporation. Even the representatives they sent to guide us are mental strength grandmasters. I have only ever met a mental strength grandmaster once in the Upper Zone, yet out of the dozens of buses used to transport us, every one of them is led by a mental strength grandmaster. No wonder none of our world’s other corporations dare defy the Green God Corporation. They’re in completely different leagues from each other.”

“I heard that the city we are in is a second-tier city on this continent, and over a hundred third-tier mobile cities are operating around it. I also heard that the residents of Silver Frost City could easily live past 500 years old, and many people have a chance of becoming mental strength grandmasters. It feels like we are entering a city of miracles.”

“It’s a pity I didn’t get selected by the Green God Corporation last time. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have to be competing for the qualifications to stay in a third-tier city right now.”

The young men and women on the bus were awed by the elderly man serving as their guide. They were also awed by the urban scenery outside the bus as they could see mental grandmasters, which were incredibly hard to come by in their homeworld, in every corner of the city.

Moreover, shortly after the bus entered the city, they could feel their bodies getting rejuvenated. They could feel a mysterious energy present in the space around them, and simply inhaling this energy accelerated their thought processes and improved their bodies’ flexibility significantly.

“Alright, we’re here! Everyone, off the bus!” the elderly guide urged when he saw the bus coming to a halt.

Under the guide’s urging, the hundreds of youngsters on the bus alighted from the armored vehicle. They were then greeted by the sight of several dozen other armored buses parked in a spacious arena, and the youngsters who had alighted from these other buses had already gathered in front of the arena’s central stage with expectant and confident looks on their faces.

“Are you really not going to reconsider, Radish?” a girl in a light-blue dress asked as she looked at the girl standing beside her. The other girl in question was of similar age, but she looked more mature and charming, and she wore a blue, short-sleeved dress.

Then, the girl in a light-blue dress continued, “Ever since your cousin went missing, the other members of your family have clearly distanced themselves from you. I also heard

that Star Cherry, your cousin's archenemy, has recently entered the good graces of a big shot. That big shot is the commander of another power. Are you sure you don't want to go to Ice Forest Town with me? We just need to wait five more years and wait to take a city power's test."

"I trust in my cousin's message," Silk Radish, the girl in the blue, short-sleeved dress, said in a determined tone. "Since she says everything is fine, it must be so. Moreover, I look forward to competing with the Greater World's geniuses. Even if I lose, I need to know how I lost."

The Green God Corporation had brought 10,000 geniuses to the Greater World for its partners to recruit. However, it wasn't compulsory for these partners to recruit these geniuses. So, those who failed to get recruited would be returned to their homeworld, and they could only rely on their own capabilities to enter and live in the Greater World in the future. After all, the Green God Corporation still wasn't powerful enough to let so many people live in the Greater World's cities.

However, the Green God Corporation had also given the unselected geniuses a second option. Should these unselected geniuses choose not to return to their homeworld, they could choose to live in a town for five years. During this period, some powers originating from the various mobile cities would come to recruit talents. And if these geniuses could catch the attention of these powers, they would be able to migrate into a mobile city.

Meanwhile, knowing that her chances were slim, Silk Radish's friend Jade River had preemptively chosen to live in one of the Greater World's towns and wait for an opportunity to migrate into a city.

"Why are you so gullible?" Jade River couldn't help but look at her friend as if she was looking at a fool. "Your cousin suddenly contacts you after going missing for more than a year, and the first thing she says is that some man will show up to solve all your problems. How can you even believe such a thing? Are you sure your cousin isn't being tricked by that man?"

"..."

Silk Radish fell silent. She, too, agreed with her friend's words. Before her elder cousin had suddenly gone missing for over a year, her cousin would rarely come into close contact with any man. Yet, now, her cousin had suddenly reappeared and told her that a man would appear during the Green God Corporation's talent fair and take care of all of her problems. No matter how she thought about it, this situation sounded very suspicious.

While Silk Radish and Jade River conversed, several dozen individuals stepped onto the central stage. These individuals were all executive members of the Greater World's various powers. Meanwhile, the person hosting the talent fair this time was Xia

Qingying, the Green God Corporation's Vice President. She was also the chief supervisor of the Green God Corporation's branch in Silver Frost City.

When Xia Qingying appeared, all of the youths standing below the stage cheered and reacted in astonishment.

Firstly, it was because of Xia Qingying's figure and identity.

Secondly, it was because of Xia Qingying's frightening mental strength. Despite not being much older than them, Xia Qingying was already a mental strength grandmaster. In contrast, none of them were even mental strength masters yet.

"Our time is precious, Qingying." Before Xia Qingying could even say anything, a handsome young man impatiently interrupted, "Do as we said to you before. Apart from those in the top 100 of the list, have everyone else get lost!"

The young man's abrupt words caused the youths below the stage to fall silent. As for the various powers' executives standing on stage, they also kept quiet, with some behaving nonchalantly, some smiling, and some nodding their heads in agreement. In one way or another, all of them expressed their agreement with the young man.

Meanwhile, Xia Qingying, who was just about to start hosting the talent fair, reacted grimly to the young man's words.

"Aren't you acting a little too hastily, Mr. Xiao Quan?" Xia Qingying spoke in a low voice. "The Green God Corporation has selected these talents out of tens of millions of youths from our homeworld. It is a pity to disqualify them so soon."

Xiao Quan might look like a young man, but he was already well into his forties. Meanwhile, nobody in Silver Frost City dared to offend him, and any power wishing to operate in the city would have to show him a certain amount of respect.

This was because Xiao Quan was not only a vice commander of the city's Silver Frost Legion, but he was also the son of the city's City Lord.

Originally, the talent fair should have been the Green God Corporation's affair, but Xiao Quan suddenly came running here for some reason. Moreover, without even waiting for her to speak, he abruptly declared the end of the talent fair. Such behavior was simply incomprehensible.

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TL Notes:

[1]Silk Radish(绫萝 Líng Luó):

I am unsure if Silk Radish's real name is Ling Luo, or if she is just having others address her with her God's Domain ID. My hesitance to deem it as her real name stems from the way Aqua Rose introduced Silk Radish in Chapter 553:

“My cousin goes by the name of Silk Radish in God's Domain.” (“我那位表妹在神域中叫绫萝。”)

The way Aqua worded it really made it sound like Silk Radish/Ling Luo is just a character name.

Fyi, Aqua Rose(水色蔷薇)'s name is 100% a character name and not Aqua's name in real life. 水色 = water-colored/light blue 蔷薇 = rose

There might be people named 蔷薇(rose), but the surname 水色(water-colored) does not exist, as far as I know, at the very least.

Chapter 3484: Alternate Ending 558 - I'll Be Taking Them!

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“Hasty?” Xiao Quan scrutinized Xia Qingying in amusement. Then, he faintly smiled and said, “In all the years you have spent in Silver Frost City, you have never taken more than two seconds to turn down my invitations, Qingying, but you've never seen me saying anything about it, have you? Moreover, I'm not the only one holding such an opinion, right?”

“Mr. Xiao Quan is right. These youngsters don't look particularly talented to me. Only the top 100 on the list are decent. There's no need to have the others remain.”

“I agree. You know full well that the various cities have limited space, Vice President Xia. We should save these precious resources for more talented individuals.”

The executives of the various powers present hurriedly nodded and voiced their agreement with Xiao Quan, making it sound as if everything Xiao Quan had just stated was true.

“As you can see, Qingying, this is everyone's opinion. It isn't mine alone,” Xiao Quan said as he swept a glance at the various powers' executives. Then, he smiled and continued, “A large part of why the Green God Corporation can have its current position in Silver Frost City is due to the efforts of these people here, so you shouldn't act too

arbitrarily. Otherwise, you might put the Green God Corporation in a vulnerable position in Silver Frost City.”

Xia Qingying’s expression had turned indescribably ugly at this point.

While the Green God Corporation had multiple branches established across the Greater World, only a handful were in second-tier cities. So, the corporation would suffer a heavy blow if it lost even one of these second-tier branches.

Right now, Xia Qingying couldn’t help but hesitate. Should she protect the 10,000 talents she had brought with her? Or should she protect the Green God Corporation’s second-tier branch?

Are all of us going to get kicked out, just like that? Jade River’s face turned pale.

Xia Qingying’s silence already made it apparent that the situation was not in their favor. It was also obvious that the young man was not someone Xia Qingying could afford to offend.

Jade River deeply yearned for the Greater World. She had even planned to go down the most difficult and conservative path to stay in the Greater World. Yet, now, she wouldn’t even be allowed to go down this path.

Even Vice President Xia doesn’t have a solution? Silk Radish thought as she stared at Xia Qingying in disbelief.

Unlike the other young talents present, she knew a lot more about the Greater World thanks to her cousin. Her cousin had entered the Greater World much sooner than everyone else, and she had even made some accomplishments for herself here. Meanwhile, out of all the people her cousin had talked extensively about, Xia Qingying was one of these people.

Even in the Greater World, Xia Qingying could be considered a remarkable figure. Her individual strength was leagues above the geniuses and paragons of their God’s Domain, and even upper-ranking hegemonic powers would have to show her some respect.

Yet, now, Xia Qingying was looking helpless in front of the young man on stage, and all she could do was swallow her opinions.

If even Xia Qingying was in such a state, what could budding talents like themselves possibly do in this situation?

“Are you still unconvinced, Qingying?” Seeing Xia Qingying’s silence, Xiao Quan snapped his fingers, summoning a young man to his side. “I’ll make things simple. He’s

the most useless member of the Silver Frost Legion. So long as any of your talents can beat him, I promise I won't say another word!"

Xiao Quan's words immediately aroused the hopes of the young men and women below the stage.

The young man beside Xiao Quan looked seventeen years old at most, whereas the youngest among them was seventeen, while the older ones were already nineteen. With a two-year gap between them and the young man, they might have hope of winning, even if the young man in question was an inhabitant of the Greater World.

However, before any of the youths below the stage could act on their revitalized hope, the guides representing the Green God Corporation hurriedly whispered to them, "Don't act recklessly, you fools! That young man isn't a wastrel! He's already a three-star mental strength master!"

A three-star mental strength master?

The many youths in the arena gasped.

A seventeen-year-old three-star mental strength master?

It should be known that there wasn't even one mental strength master among them...

Three-star mental strength masters were individuals wielding great authority in their homeworld's Upper Zones. Most of their families didn't even have a three-star mental strength master, and many of them made it their lifelong goal to become one.

Yet, now, it was revealed that the seventeen-year-old before them had already accomplished their lifelong goal...

"What? Nobody's coming forward?" Xiao Quan sneered as he looked at the youngsters below the stage. "What a bunch of useless people. If you can't even make use of the opportunity I've given you, why should I bother recruiting you?"

The youths in the arena clenched their fists and gritted their teeth in silent hatred when they heard Xiao Quan's words, and they couldn't help but get the urge to take on the seventeen-year-old young man.

However, they also understood that they would only be bringing shame to the Green God Corporation and Xia Qingying if they were to give in to their urges now. After all, none of them had even the slightest chance of defeating a three-star mental strength master.

"Since nobody has any more objections, this event is over!" Xiao Quan declared after sweeping his gaze across the crowd in the arena. "What a waste of my time."

After Xiao Quan finished speaking, the various powers' executives also got ready to leave, none showing any intentions of speaking up for Xia Qingying.

However, immediately after the various powers' executives got up from their seats, a deep voice echoed throughout the arena.

"Vice President Xia! I don't care about everyone else, but I will be taking them. Do you have any objections?"

Following these words, the arena fell silent once again as everyone turned to look at the voice's origin. Then, everyone saw a man in his thirties casually walking over to Xia Qingying on the stage, looking as if he was having a light conversation with an old friend.

"Guild Leader Shi Feng?" Xia Qingying was stunned when she saw Shi Feng.

Although she had never officially introduced Xiao Quan, everybody present could more or less guess by the behaviors of the various powers' executives that Xiao Quan wasn't someone to mess with. Meanwhile, Shi Feng's publicly recruiting someone as soon as Xiao Quan declared the end of the talent fair was no different than a slap to Xiao Quan's face.

Immediately, Xiao Quan's expression could be seen darkening, and everyone present felt a chill crawling down their spines. Of course, Shi Feng was an exception as he behaved as if he didn't even see Xiao Quan as he pointed at two young women below the stage.

Is he talking about us? Jade River couldn't help but grow confused when she saw Shi Feng pointing at her and Silk Radish. Although she tried searching her memories, she failed to recall having ever met this casual-looking man.

Could he be the man Big Sis was talking about? Silk Radish couldn't help but grow a little worried when she saw Shi Feng's appearance.

Silk Radish's goal was to remain in the Greater World, but now that a big shot like Xiao Quan had already declared for them to leave, they would most likely be sent back to their homeworld if nothing unexpected occurred. So, she couldn't help but wonder if her cousin's helper could truly help her out of this predicament.

"Who the hell are you, kid? How dare you run your mouth on this stage?!"

"The Green God Corporation is getting worse and worse! How can such a rude nobody be invited to such an important event?!"

When the executives of the Green God Corporation's partnered powers failed to recognize Shi Feng, they started questioning and condemning him as if they were denouncing a criminal.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng smiled as he swept his gaze across the various powers' executives. Then, he said:

"Who am I? Someone you cannot afford to offend!"

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Is he crazy?

Xia Qingying couldn't help but gape in shock when she saw Shi Feng completely disregarding Xiao Quan and the various powers' executives.

It was one thing for Shi Feng to provoke Xiao Quan previously. After all, Shi Feng wasn't aware of Xiao Quan's identity at the time. At worst, he would simply lose the ability to operate in Silver Frost City in the future.

However, it was a different story to show such contempt for the various powers' executives.

Xiao Quan cherished his reputation dearly, so even if he were to take action against Shi Feng, he wouldn't do so openly. The various powers' executives, on the other hand, were all dominant figures of third-tier cities, and they had fought using all sorts of means to achieve their current positions.

Moreover, unlike Xiao Quan, Shi Feng had no special background in the Greater World. So, the various executives absolutely wouldn't have any qualms about escalating the situation and picking a fight with Shi Feng.

"Someone we cannot afford to offend? What bold words you have there, you little punk!"

"It seems becoming a one-star grandmaster has gotten to your head! Do you really think of yourself as some kind of big shot?"

"Since the Green God Corporation is unwilling to teach this kid a lesson, we'll do it instead!"

"Anyone interested in volunteering?"

The various powers' executives openly discussed teaching Shi Feng a lesson, none of them treating him with any significance.

According to their senses, Shi Feng was only at the one-star mental strength grandmaster standard. And going by his appearance, he should be someone in his thirties.

In third-tier cities, anyone capable of becoming a one-star grandmaster in their thirties would indeed be considered a rare genius. In fact, Shi Feng could still be considered a genius even in a second-tier city like Silver Frost City.

Take the seventeen-year-old standing beside Xiao Quan, for example. The young man might have become a three-star master at such a young age, but his chances of becoming a one-star grandmaster before he entered his thirties were considerably slim.

There might only be a one-rank difference between a three-star master and a one-star grandmaster, but the gap was like a chasm. There was even a clear division in status between individuals at the two ranks.

So long as a person became a one-star grandmaster, they could unconditionally enter any mobile city in the Greater World. They wouldn't have to provide any credentials or pay any fees. This held true even for first-tier cities.

Of course, whether a one-star grandmaster could gain residential qualifications in a first-tier mobile city was another matter.

Meanwhile, so long as a person wasn't a mental strength grandmaster, even if they were to become a three-star mental strength master before the age of ten, they would need credentials to even enter a third-tier city. Otherwise, they could only look at the city from the outside.

While the various powers' executives were talking, Xia Qingying, who had originally planned to mediate the situation, became frozen in place.

A one-star grandmaster?

Xia Qingying couldn't help but doubt her senses. At the same time, she couldn't help but feel as if she was meeting Shi Feng for the first time.

She clearly remembered that the first time she met Shi Feng, the other party wasn't even a one-star mental strength master. And even by the end of the Star Lake Legion's recruitment test, Shi Feng had only become a two-star master.

How long had it only been since Shi Feng joined the Star Lake Legion?

How had he become a one-star grandmaster already?

“Vice President Xia, while I don’t know why the Green God Corporation would invite such an arrogant punk, if I don’t teach him a lesson now that he has offended us like so, I’ll be unable to show my face in Morning Dew City,” a savage-looking man suddenly said as he looked at Xia Qingying. The man looked to be in his forties, and he had a towering body with a height of two and a half meters. “I hope you can show some understanding.”

After saying so, the tall and savage man strode toward Shi Feng, not showing Xia Qingying, the host of today’s talent fair, any respect.

However, nobody on the stage found the savage man’s behavior and words surprising. Even Xiao Quan simply smiled in response to the savage man’s actions.

“Old Xun is as impulsive as ever,” Xiao Quan commented as he looked at the savage-looking man. Then, he turned to Xia Qingying and smiled, saying, “Don’t take Old Xun’s behavior to heart, Qingying. He has always been like this. If anything happens, I can have someone send that kid to the hospital.”

Morning Dew City’s Madman Xun!

Even in Silver Frost City, this name was considerably famous.

Madman Xun was only 43 this year, yet he had already crippled over a thousand mental strength grandmasters in Morning Dew City, with quite a few of his victims being two-star grandmasters. Madman Xun had even crippled the head of one of Silver Frost City’s powerful families without a second thought after the other party provoked him.

Although Xiao Quan was also a two-star grandmaster and possessed a wealth of combat experience like Madman Xun, even he couldn’t help but be a little fearful of the savage man.

This was because Madman Xun was not only crazy, but he was also ruthless in battle. Every one of his moves was executed with either the intent to kill or cripple. Without putting his life on the line, Xiao Quan was not the least bit confident in winning a fight against Madman Xun.

Meanwhile, as Madman Xun moved closer and closer to Shi Feng, the crowd below the stage couldn’t help but worry for Shi Feng.

This was because Madman Xun didn’t look like a human at all!

Indeed!

Madman Xun could no longer be considered a human!

After all, just a second ago, Madman Xun was clearly only 2.5 meters tall. Yet, a second later, his body started to bulk up in size, his muscles visibly expanding and his veins bulging like earthworms crawling all over his body. Then, in only five seconds, Madman Xun had transformed into a three-meter-tall giant.

So, this is the body manipulation ability of two-star grandmasters?

Silk Radish was greatly shocked when she saw Madman Xun's transformation.

What separated mental strength grandmasters from mental strength masters wasn't just their mental strength but also their ability to control their bodies. A mental strength grandmaster could break the limits on not only their physical strength but also their physical growth.

However, before today, Silk Radish had only ever heard of such a feat being possible. This was her first time seeing it happening in person.

"Kid! You said earlier that you are someone we cannot afford to offend. How about you try saying it again?" Madman Xun threatened as he stood imposingly in front of Shi Feng.

As soon as Madman Xun finished speaking, he raised his hand and slapped his hand down on Shi Feng. With his current height of three meters, Madman Xun's arms were as thick as water buckets, while his hand was like a large pot. And as he smashed down with his hand, an explosive noise could be heard coming from the surrounding air.

Seeing Madman Xun's attack, everyone present did not doubt that Shi Feng would be flattened by it. Even if Shi Feng tried to defend himself with his arms, nothing would change.

However, even after seeing the huge palm descending toward him, Shi Feng remained unfazed as he lifted one of his hands.

The next moment, Shi Feng's "dainty" hand could be seen grabbing onto Madman Xun's wrist, stopping Madman Xun's hand in its tracks. Immediately afterward, Shi Feng rotated his body and executed a throw.

Subsequently, Madman Xun's three-meter-tall body could be seen spinning across the air like a ragdoll and crashing onto the stage's solid ground, the heavy impact causing him to spit out a mouthful of blood. Then...he fell unconscious.

Suddenly, the whole arena fell silent as everyone stared at Madman Xun's unconscious body in disbelief.

"You are...a two-star limit grandmaster?"

When the various powers' executives snapped out of their daze, they turned to look at Shi Feng with a grave expression.

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"Radish! This person is so strong!" Jade River exclaimed to Silk Radish when she saw how easily Shi Feng had stopped Madman Xun's attack and subsequently thrown the giant of a man. Then, she turned to Silk Radish and asked, "Say, do you think we have a chance to stay here?"

Previously, Jade River hadn't thought much about Shi Feng's declaration to recruit her and Silk Radish. After all, even a big shot like Xia Qingying dared not go against Xiao Quan.

However, after seeing how handily Shi Feng had defeated the monster-like Madman Xun, Jade River couldn't help but start to think that Shi Feng might truly be able to let her and Silk Radish remain in the Greater World.

"Probably."

Silk Radish also grew excited when she saw Shi Feng's performance. She never expected her cousin to find an expert of such caliber to come and recruit her.

A two-star limit grandmaster!

Those ignorant of the Greater World's matters, such as Jade River, wouldn't necessarily understand the significance of a two-star limit grandmaster. However, as Aqua Rose's cousin, Silk Radish knew just how exalted the status of two-star limit grandmasters was.

For 99% of the individuals who manage to become a one-star mental strength grandmaster in the Greater World, the best they could hope to achieve within their lifetimes would be the two-star grandmaster standard. This was the case for the various powers' executives standing on the stage. None of them had any hopes of ever becoming a two-star limit grandmaster.

This was because becoming a two-star limit grandmaster meant taking half a step into the realm of three-star grandmasters, and it would only be a matter of time before they became a full-fledged three-star grandmaster.

It should be known that three-star mental strength grandmasters were existences capable of becoming the lord of a city in the Greater World, and even in conglomerates, they would occupy core executive positions.

While two-star limit grandmasters weren't three-star grandmasters, they would still be regarded as big shots in second-tier cities, and the various families and corporations operating in these cities would have to show them a certain degree of respect.

This kid's a two-star limit grandmaster? A frown formed on Xiao Quan's face as the abrupt turn of events took him by surprise.

Madman Xun was first-rate even among two-star mental strength grandmasters. Aside from three-star grandmasters, only two-star limit grandmasters could defeat him so easily.

As for the possibility of Shi Feng being above the three-star grandmaster standard, that likelihood was close to zero. This was because every one of these existences could shake the entire Starlight Continent with their actions. It was highly unlikely any existence above the three-star grandmaster standard would concern themselves with existences like the Green God Corporation.

However, after Xiao Quan experienced a brief surprise, a hint of coldness appeared in his eyes.

A two-star limit grandmaster might be able to scare powers operating in third-tier cities, but he was the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord. Even three-star grandmasters would have to show him some respect, let alone a two-star limit grandmaster.

"Don't you think it is a bit too much to use such heavy-handed tactics?" Xiao Quan said to Shi Feng as he glanced at the unconscious Madman Xun. "Or do you think you can act with disregard in Silver Frost City simply because you are a two-star limit grandmaster?"

Following Xiao Quan's words, the various powers' executives on stage regained some of their confidence.

"That's right! You are in Silver Frost City right now! This isn't a place where you can behave as you wish!"

"Mr. Xiao Quan is the City Lord's son! Even three-star grandmasters will have to be polite with him. What right do you have to act so arrogantly as a two-star limit grandmaster?"

The various powers' executives all stood with Xiao Quan and began to clamor. It was especially so after they saw the arrival of the city's security teams.

It was true that two-star limit grandmasters enjoyed an exalted status in the Greater World. If they were currently in a third-tier city, they would absolutely try to avoid provoking Shi Feng as much as possible. Only the City Lord and the various powerful families and corporations' old monsters would have an advantage over him.

However, it was a different story in a second-tier city like Silver Frost City. The security force here was so strong that even three-star grandmasters wouldn't dare to go against it directly, let alone a two-star limit grandmaster.

All second-tier mobile cities had a security force consisting of Advanced Enforcement Robots. Meanwhile, every one of these was strong enough to match a two-star limit grandmaster, while a team of them could go up against a three-star grandmaster.

Meanwhile, after detecting the fight between Shi Feng and Madman Xun, Silver Frost City's automated security system mobilized as many as three security teams to the fight scene. If these three teams worked together, apprehending a two-star limit grandmaster would be a piece of cake.

Less than ten seconds after they appeared, the three security teams had already arrived on the stage and surrounded Shi Feng, their performance astonishing those who lived in third-tier cities.

Advanced Enforcement Robots were a luxury that most third-tier cities could only afford to use in areas of great importance. As for maintaining the city's security, third-tier cities would normally rely on their respective city legion's grandmaster members for that. This was also one source of income for a city legion's grandmaster members.

It seems this city is quite wealthy, Shi Feng thought as he looked at the three security teams that consisted entirely of Advanced Enforcement Robots.

Advanced Enforcement Robots could only be produced by a small minority of conglomerates, and even the likes of the Paimon Conglomerate lacked the ability to do so. As a result, Advanced Enforcement Robots were incredibly expensive to purchase. On top of that, they also cost a ton to maintain, with the maintenance cost of each Advanced Enforcement Robot being more than the cost to sustain ten two-star mental strength grandmasters.

As for whether Shi Feng could win a fight against three teams of Advanced Enforcement Robots, the chances of that happening were essentially zero. After all, he was only a one-star grandmaster right now, not a two-star limit grandmaster.

The reason Shi Feng could defeat Madman Xun so easily was entirely because of the Mental Condensation technique he had learned from the Primordial Abyssal God's phantom in the Golden Spire. When he tried to replicate this technique in the real world, it allowed him to condense his mental strength, enhancing it to the limits of the two-star grandmaster standard. This, in turn, allowed him to just barely manipulate his strength

at a cellular level. If not for this, he would have needed a lot more time to defeat Madman Xun.

If Shi Feng wanted to win against the Advanced Enforcement Robots, his mental strength would have to reach the two-star grandmaster standard. Before that, his only option would be to flee or face defeat.

Meanwhile, along with the Advanced Enforcement Robots' appearance, Silk Radish and Jade River couldn't help but despair. They never thought that Xiao Quan would be the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord.

If such a person declared for them to leave the Greater World, who could possibly keep them here?

They also no longer placed any of their hopes on Shi Feng. After all, Shi Feng clearly wasn't in an optimistic situation. If he dared to take action, the Advanced Enforcement Robots would probably suppress him without hesitation.

"What are you guards still waiting for? Why haven't you driven this troublemaker away yet?" the various powers' executives commanded the Advanced Enforcement Robots as they pointed at Shi Feng. "We suspect he isn't an invited guest and is only here to cause trouble!"

Xiao Quan also nodded, indicating for the Advanced Enforcement Robots to take action.

The city's Advanced Enforcement Robots operated on the basis of maintaining the city's security. However, those wielding advanced authority in the city could have the Advanced Enforcement Robots inspect whether certain individuals possessed citizenship in the city. And if an individual was found to not be a resident, they could command the Advanced Enforcement Robots to expel said individual from the city.

The Advanced Enforcement Robots promptly closed in on Shi Feng after receiving Xiao Quan's approval. Seeing this, nobody present was surprised by this outcome.

Shi Feng might be a powerful expert, but Silver Frost City was Xiao Quan's home ground. Even if a third-tier city's City Lord came here, they would be helpless against Xiao Quan, and their only option would be to grit their teeth and leave.

"Wait! He is my guest! Rather than him, these people here are the ones making trouble!"

Just as the Advanced Enforcement Robots were about to take action, a crisp and loud voice rang out and echoed throughout the arena, causing a stir among the crowd.

Meanwhile, the speaker was none other than Xia Qingying, the host of the talent fair this time.

Chapter 3487: Alternate Ending 561 - Zero Wing's Value

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“Did Xia Qingying lose her mind?”

When everyone heard the words that came out of Xia Qingying's mouth, they couldn't help but doubt their ears.

Is Vice President Xia crazy? Those are the Green God Corporation's distinguished guests we are talking about! Xiao Quan is even among them! How dare she do such a thing?! a one-star mental strength grandmaster from the Green God Corporation mentally exclaimed as he stared at Xia Qingying with his mouth hanging wide open.

Those invited to attend the talent fair this time were all distinguished powers operating in the various third-tier cities. These powers shared plenty of business transactions with the Green God Corporation, and they were even vital investors in some of the Green God Corporation's projects.

Yet, now, Xia Qingying was reporting the representatives of these powers as uninvited troublemakers to the city's security force. Such behavior was no different than an act of war against all of these powers!

“What kind of relationship does that guy have with the vice president?”

“Crap! I must have forgotten to wake up today!”

The other Green God Corporation members present were similarly confused by Xia Qingying's actions. They couldn't comprehend why she would try to offend the various powers and thoroughly sever any ties she had with Xiao Quan.

Xiao Quan was the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord. If he were to get kicked out of an event held within Silver Frost City, it would be a disgrace to the city. There was no way the City Lord would ignore this slight, and the least he would do was drive the Green God Corporation out of the city.

“Who is this man? How did your cousin find such a helper, Radish?” Jade River couldn't help but ask Silk Radish while her eyes stayed on Xia Qingying.

It should be known that Xia Qingying was still enduring the humiliation brought to her by Xiao Quan and the various powers' executives previously. Yet, because of Shi Feng, she had chosen to sever all ties she had with these people!

“I have no idea,” Silk Radish said with a look of surprise and shock.

In their eyes, Xia Qingying was akin to a legend. This was also the case for all of the youths living in their homeworld’s Upper Zones. After all, she was someone who succeeded in becoming a Senior Vice President of the Green God Corporation at such a young age.

Yet, now, this legendary individual had chosen to sever the ties she had with numerous powers in the Greater World for a man they had never even heard of. She had even offended a second-tier city in the process of doing so.

Xia Qingying’s decision was simply incomprehensible.

If the Green God Corporation’s directors were to learn of this matter, Xia Qingying would absolutely lose her position as Senior Vice President. Numerous powers and Silver Frost City would also target her.

“Are you insane, Xia Qingying?” Xiao Quan questioned Xia Qingying, his voice containing a mix of surprise and anger. “You’re going so far just for a two-star limit grandmaster?”

Besides feeling anger, Xiao Quan also failed to comprehend Xia Qingying’s behavior.

The Green God Corporation held an extremely high status in Silver Frost City, and this status could only be matched by the ancient families and corporations with three-star mental strength grandmasters.

Yet, now, Xia Qingying chose to abandon this status?

“Just for a two-star limit grandmaster?” Looking at Xiao Quan, Xia Qingying calmly said, “He is not just a two-star limit grandmaster. He is also Zero Wing’s Acting Guild Leader.”

“Zero Wing?”

“The Guild of the Lord of War Goddesses?”

Xiao Quan and the various powers’ executives promptly gasped upon hearing Xia Qingying’s words.

If it was any other Guild in the Greater God’s Domain, they would most likely be unfamiliar with it. However, Zero Wing had already become a name known by all throughout the Starlight Continent. This was because almost everyone knew that the Sacred Glory List’s eleventh-ranked expert belonged to a Guild called Zero Wing.

Although most people were unfamiliar with the player named Black Flame, they knew the significance of the Sacred Glory List's eleventh rank. It was enough to strike fear into the Starlight Realm's various powers.

Not to mention, ever since Black Flame single-handedly repelled the joint army of three upper-ranking hegemonic powers in the Miniature Ancient World, many upper-ranking hegemonic powers in the Starlight Realm had sought to partner with Zero Wing.

He's Zero Wing's Acting Guild Leader?

Silk Radish and Jade River also gasped in surprise when they heard Xia Qingying's words.

Zero Wing!

This was the Guild that all of the younger generation players from their world wished to join. Some people had even abandoned all of their progress on the main continent so that they could take Zero Wing's recruitment test in the Miniature Ancient World.

Unfortunately, Zero Wing had stopped recruiting members from the real world. Otherwise, geniuses like them wouldn't have bothered participating in the Green God Corporation's audition. Instead, they would have gone to apply for Zero Wing.

"So what if you have latched onto Zero Wing? Don't forget that you have offended everyone present, Xia Qingying. At the end of the day, Zero Wing is only a Guild with potential. It has no way of resolving your current problems!" After recovering from his initial surprise, Xiao Quan sneered at Xia Qingying. "Moreover, you have no idea who and what power you have just offended!"

Before Xiao Quan could continue speaking any further, the Advanced Enforcement Robots had already removed him and the various powers' executives from the arena.

The arena they were in was reserved for the Green God Corporation's talent fair. As the event's host Xia Qingying had absolute authority over the entire venue. Hence, even if Xiao Quan held advanced authority in the city, the Advanced Enforcement Robots would prioritize Xia Qingying's commands over his. This was something not even the City Lord could change.

Meanwhile, after seeing Xiao Quan and the various powers' executives removed from the arena, those remaining in the venue couldn't help but be shaken.

At the same time, news of this situation quickly spread throughout Silver Frost City, shocking everyone in the city.

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“Madness! This is madness! A major upheaval is going to happen in the city after today!”

“I heard that the City Lord has promptly contacted all of Silver Frost City’s top-tier powers after learning of this matter. It seems he’s planning to thoroughly expel the Green God Corporation from the city.”

“Do you think Silver Frost City is the only one taking action? I heard that all of those third-tier powers involved this time have withdrawn their investments from the Green God Corporation. Xia Qingying is absolutely in deep trouble. I also heard those powers have secretly contacted the other powers of their respective cities, asking them to reject any talent from the Green God Corporation’s homeworld. By the looks of things, they plan to thoroughly isolate the Green God Corporation and Zero Wing.”

Less than ten minutes after Xiao Quan and the various powers’ executives were removed from the arena, information regarding Xia Qingying’s actions had already spread to all corners of the city, inciting the astonishment of the various powers and families based in the city.

Was it truly worth sacrificing so much just for an up-and-coming Guild?

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Meanwhile, half an hour after Silver Frost City had announced its intentions to expel the Green God Corporation and Shi Feng from the city, news of this incident was displayed in the conference room of the Green God Corporation’s main headquarters.

“Everyone, give your opinions. What should we do about this?”

Chapter 3488: Alternate Ending 562 - Next Stop: Zero Wing

Chapter 562 – Next Stop: Zero Wing

Silver Frost City, Green God Corporation’s Branch Headquarters:

Following Silver Frost City’s eviction order against the Green God Corporation, almost everyone in the city no longer dared to get close to the corporation’s branch headquarters. Currently, the only people present in the branch headquarters were the corporation’s members.

“You have terrible luck, Luosha. You just joined the Silver Frost Legion, yet you got kicked out before you could enjoy any of its benefits,” a tanned woman with an attractive figure and beautiful appearance said as she looked at the suitcase-carrying girl beside

her. "With your talent, you could have definitely become a vice commander in the future. It's unfortunate that the ruthless City Lord refuses to spare even newcomers like yourself."

"Isn't it even worse for you, Big Sis Fire Dance?" Jun Luosha said, sighing as she looked at the tanned woman beside her. "You have won multiple energy mines for the city, and you relied entirely on your own strength and achievements to become Silver Frost City's Fifth Vice Commander. Yet, as soon as the City Lord's eviction notice came out, the shameless commander told you to leave without hesitation. He has completely ignored the fact that it was thanks to your vote that he barely managed to become the Silver Frost Legion's commander and didn't even bother to plead with the City Lord for some mercy for you."

Hearing Jun Luosha's words, Fire Dance shook her head and nonchalantly said, "It's nothing. If I didn't give my vote to him, Xiao Quan would have become the commander. Had that happened, we would have been in a far more miserable situation."

"I guess that's true..." Jun Luosha nodded.

Xiao Quan possessed considerable strength as he received the City Lord's full support and guidance. Hence, he was qualified to become the Silver Frost Legion's commander.

However, Xiao Quan was very opinionated toward the Green God Corporation's members because Xia Qingying constantly rejected his feelings for her. Had he become the Silver Frost Legion's commander, all of the Green God Corporation's members in the legion would have had difficulties getting by.

As for the Green God Corporation's members' dismissal from the Silver Frost Legion this time, the City Lord's eviction order wasn't actually the main driving force. Had the City Lord been the only party to desire this outcome, the removal of the Green God Corporation's members would have never happened. The only reason it happened was because many parties wished for it. After all, the city legion had limited membership slots. Once these limited slots were filled, nobody could join the legion unless someone from the legion left.

"What plans do you have for the future?" Fire Dance asked Jun Luosha. "We can't stay in Silver Frost City any longer. But with our history of being part of the Silver Frost Legion, it shouldn't be too difficult for us to get into the city legion of other second-tier cities."

"I don't plan to join any other second-tier city's legion," Jun Luosha said. Then, a smile suddenly appeared on her face as she continued, "Actually, even if I weren't kicked out this time, I would have still left sooner or later."

"You were planning to leave all this time?" Her curiosity piqued, Fire Dance asked, "Did you find a place offering better benefits?"

“Naturally. It’s easily a thousand times better than the Silver Frost Legion,” Jun Luosha stated confidently. “Why don’t you come with me, Big Sis Fire Dance?”

“Which place are you talking about?” Fire Dance asked after giving the offer some thought. “Could it be the legion of a first-tier city?”

“No!” Jun Luosha answered, smiling when she saw the confused look on Fire Dance’s face. “It’s a place that you’ve heard about recently.”

“Are you talking about Zero Wing?” Fire Dance was exasperated. “Have you forgotten who’s responsible for me losing my vice commander position?”

“It’s merely the vice commander position of a second-tier city,” Jun Luosha said disdainfully. “Zero Wing is vastly stronger than any second-tier city, and it easily outmatches the Silver Frost Legion.”

“Keep boasting,” Fire Dance said, rolling her eyes at Jun Luosha’s claim. She felt that Jun Luosha was simply being stubborn.

The Silver Frost Legion was a second-tier city’s city legion, and it was a gathering place for numerous geniuses and paragons. Many upper-ranking hegemonic powers’ paragons were even members of the legion. This was why competition for the Silver Frost Legion’s membership was extraordinarily intense.

Zero Wing might have been able to suppress three upper-ranking hegemonic powers in the Miniature Ancient World, but Black Flame was the sole contributor to that accomplishment.

In reality, Zero Wing couldn’t even be put on the same level as the Silver Frost Legion, which housed the paragons of many upper-ranking hegemonic powers. So, saying that Zero Wing outmatched the Silver Frost Legion was simply nonsense. After all, no matter how powerful Black Flame was, could he kill hundreds of paragons in a simulated battle all by himself?

“Wouldn’t you know whether I’m telling the truth if you make a trip to Star Lake City with me, Big Sis Fire Dance?” Jun Luosha said, grinning when she saw the doubt on Fire Dance’s face.

If it were before she had entered the Eternal Realm, she would have similarly thought that the Silver Frost Legion was an excellent place to develop herself in. However, her thoughts changed after she entered the Eternal Realm.

Members of a second-tier city’s legion?

Paragons of upper-ranking hegemonic powers?

Geniuses of the Starlight Realm?

None of these statuses were worth anything in the Eternal Realm. Even the strongest paragon of an entire Realm would become insignificant once they entered the Eternal Realm. Any random player one encountered in the current Eternal Realm would be a fourth-floor expert at the very least, while titled experts in the Greater God's Domain couldn't even be considered an expert there.

It should be known that fifth-floor experts were extremely rare in the Starlight Realm, yet this was only the baseline standard to be considered an expert in the Eternal Realm. Moreover, experts of such caliber could be seen everywhere in the Underground Crystal Palace.

During her time in the Underground Crystal Palace, she even had the opportunity to watch Saints in battle.

Saints!

Every Saint stood at the apex of their respective Realms, and opportunities to watch Saints in action were exceedingly rare. Yet, she had witnessed no less than twenty such fights in the Underground Crystal Palace. Not to mention, there were even Golden Masters present in the team she belonged to.

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that, even without Black Flame, the current Zero Wing could eradicate the Silver Frost Legion with only a couple of members.

"Fine. I'll go with you," Fire Dance said, thinking that she might as well take a look at Zero Wing since she had nothing better to do. "But, let me say this in advance. I will leave without hesitation if Zero Wing doesn't turn out as great as you say."

"No problem." Jun Luosha smiled and nodded.

Fire Dance was a battle maniac, so Jun Luosha highly doubted Fire Dance would be willing to leave Zero Wing once she joined it. After all, the current Zero Wing was simply terrifying.

It should be known the current Silver Frost Legion only had one fifth-floor expert at its command, whereas Zero Wing had over a hundred. Moreover, this number was rapidly increasing over time...

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Green God Corporation's Branch Headquarters, top-floor lounge:

"I'm sorry for the embarrassing sight I've shown you this time, Guild Leader Shi Feng," Xia Qingying awkwardly said after looking at the City Lord's ultimatum.

Originally, she had invited Zero Wing to the talent fair, hoping that Zero Wing could recruit some of their homeworld's geniuses. However, she never thought the talent fair would experience such an unexpected development. The Green God Corporation was even informed to return all of its properties in Silver Frost City and vacate all of its members from the city in three days or face the consequences.

"You don't have to say that, Miss Xia," Shi Feng said while looking out the window and sweeping his gaze across Silver Frost City. "If it weren't for your intervention, I would have probably been kicked out of the city by now."

"You are too humble, Guild Leader Shi," Xia Qingying said, shaking her head. "With your strength, I believe it wouldn't be challenging for you to shake off those Advanced Enforcement Robots. Moreover, with Zero Wing's potential, I would probably be plagued by regret for the rest of my life had I chosen to stay silent in that situation."

Rank 11th on the Sacred Glory List?

Only she knew how much this ranking underplayed Zero Wing's potential.

At this time, Shi Feng retracted his gaze from the view outside the window and asked, "Miss Xia, are you interested in Silver Frost City?"

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Chapter 563 – Third Method

"Am I interested in Silver Frost City?" Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng in confusion. "May I know what you mean by that, Guild Leader Shi Feng?"

It had already been over four centuries since Silver Frost City ruled over this region as a second-tier city, and the city's City Lord position had never changed hands. It was also because of this City Lord that Silver Frost City could protect its rank for over four centuries.

Meanwhile, the number of upper-ranking hegemonic powers based in the city continuously increased throughout these four centuries. By now, there were at least five upper-ranking hegemonic powers rooted here. Because of this, Silver Frost City was above average compared to the several neighboring second-tier cities. It wasn't an existence that could be shaken by just one or two upper-ranking hegemonic powers. This would remain the case even if the Green God Corporation were included in the mix.

Not to mention, Silver Frost City's City Lord was only half a step away from entering the realm above grandmasters. So long as he succeeded, even the conglomerates operating on the Starlight Continent would have to show him a certain degree of respect.

"There are three ways to take over a city in the Greater World," Shi Feng stated as he looked Xia Qingying in the eye. "The first method is to have a three-star grandmaster contest for the position of City Lord.

"The second method is to take control of the city's city legion in its entirety. That way, you can decide the city's fate with a thought.

"As for the third method, it is to set a bounty!"

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, Xia Qingying grew even more puzzled.

"Set a bounty?"

The first method mentioned was the most commonly used means of taking over a mobile city. It was especially popular among the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers.

Typically, if an upper-ranking hegemonic power fancied a particular second-tier city, it would establish a base of operations there before having its own three-star mental strength grandmaster compete for the City Lord position. If the three-star grandmaster managed to gain the approval of half of the city's residents, the position would change owners.

For this method, the chosen three-star grandmaster needed to be strong enough. At the very least, they would need to be as strong as the current City Lord. Otherwise, they would have difficulty gaining the citizens' approval. After all, only a powerful City Lord could ensure the city's safety.

As for the second method, the chances of achieving success with it were much lower. A city legion generally recruited members from all over the place. Hence, it was almost impossible for a single power to monopolize all of a city legion's slots.

Normally, this method would only be used by pseudo-apex powers in a hurry to expand their territory. Meanwhile, the way they would go about doing so was by having a large number of their talents join the targeted city's city legion, outcompete the legion's other members, and deprive the competition of resources. However, this method would only rarely be used.

As for the third method Shi Feng mentioned, this was the first time Xia Qingying had heard about it.

Seeing Xia Qingying's confused look, Shi Feng chuckled and explained, "This method has only been successfully employed a handful of times throughout the Greater World's history, so it's not surprising that you don't know about it, Miss Xia.

"By setting a bounty, I mean placing a bounty in the Greater God's Domain on every member of the targeted city's city legion and forcing them to leave the city legion!"

In reality, Shi Feng only knew of two instances where the third method had been used, and both happened during his previous life.

The first instance happened when Demon's Gate placed a bounty on Zero Wing, while the second instance happened when Zero Wing placed a bounty on Demon's Gate.

These two bounties had shaken the entire Greater God's Domain when they occurred. Now, he planned to initiate a third instance, letting Silver Frost City know the price of targeting his friends and allies.

This would also be a warning to any city that dared to think of supporting Demon's Gate, the mastermind behind this whole affair!

Should any city dare to support Demon's Gate in messing with him in the future, he would have the whole city disappear from the Greater World!

"That's simply unfeasible!" Xia Qingying was surprised by Shi Feng's explanation. "The cost of doing so is completely disproportionate to the rewards! Moreover, who can possibly afford such an undertaking? We are talking about placing a bounty on all of the powers involved in the city legion!"

"It is doable," Shi Feng stated confidently. "So long as we cast a sufficiently tempting bait, someone will take on the task."

"Bait?" Xia Qingying felt a little confused. "Are you going to use a Divine Artifact as bait?"

What kind of bait would be tempting enough to get players and powers to go up against five upper-ranking hegemonic powers simultaneously?

A Divine Artifact?

Even a Divine Artifact would most likely be insufficient as bait. Two Divine Artifacts would be needed, at the very least. However, only a lunatic would probably use two Divine Artifacts or more to take over a second-tier city.

Not to mention, if Zero Wing revealed that it had two or more Divine Artifacts in its possession, everyone would probably decide that it would be easier to rob Zero Wing instead.

“That won’t be necessary.” Shi Feng shook his head. “There is a simpler solution, and it is even something you are best at.”

“Something I’m best at?” Xia Qingying was thoroughly confused at this point.

She was not proficient at constructing Divine Artifacts. She couldn’t even construct Fragmented Divine Artifacts.

“Divine Patterns!” Smiling, Shi Feng said, “You should have heard of them before, right, Miss Xia?”

“You mean that lost art?” Nodding, Xia Qingying said, “I know about it. According to legends, divine patterns can strengthen items, raising their Basic Attributes by close to one rank. However, the art has disappeared from the Greater God’s Domain ever since the Mythical Era’s Ancient Divine War and only scarce remnants of divine patterns remain. Although various powers have tried researching it, nobody has achieved any noteworthy results thus far. Could you have found remnant records of divine patterns, Guild Leader Shi Feng?”

Divine patterns were indeed highly sought after in the Greater God’s Domain, their attractiveness no less than that of Secret Treasures. After all, the items produced by players generally had similar Basic Attributes so long as they were of the same quality.

If players could increase the Basic Attributes of a piece of equipment, even if only by 1%, they would gain an extra 10% in Basic Attributes or more if they could do so for all of their weapons and equipment. This would give them a significant advantage over other players with the same weapons and equipment quality.

“No, I don’t have any remnant records of divine patterns,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. Then, he tapped on the quantum watch on his hand, summoning a holographic projection of the Basic Divine Pattern he had previously created, saying, “I have obtained a complete Divine Engraver Legacy!”

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, the lounge became incredibly quiet as Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng as if he was joking with her.

It wasn’t just a remnant record!

It wasn’t just a complete record, either!

It wasn’t even multiple complete records of divine patterns!

Instead, it was a complete Divine Engraver Legacy?

If Shi Feng wasn’t fooling her, then she must be dreaming!

It should be known that becoming an official Divine Engraver would allow one to strengthen Fragmented Legendary items, letting them receive a qualitative improvement. If a player were fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items strengthened by a Divine Engraver, the additional Basic Attributes they could obtain would be equivalent to the Basic Attributes of a Legendary Weapon.

Even in the current Greater God's Domain, Legendary Weapons remained so rare that upper-ranking hegemonic powers could only afford to lend them to their peerless paragons. However, it was a different story for Fragmented Legendary items. Even ordinary hegemonic powers used full sets of Fragmented Legendary items as standard equipment for their paragons.

If Shi Feng was telling the truth...what he had in his hand could rewrite the history of the Greater God's Domain!

Chapter 3490: Alternate Ending 564 - Frightening Wealth

Chapter 564 – Frightening Wealth

“Are you sure you aren't joking with me, Guild Leader Shi Feng?” Xia Qingying couldn't help but ask when she saw the Basic Divine Pattern displayed above Shi Feng's watch. “Silver Frost City is just a second-tier city. I doubt anybody would believe you would share the complete Divine Engraver Legacy with them just to deal with Silver Frost City.”

The Divine Engraver subclass had long become extinct in the Greater God's Domain. Although there were some players capable of creating divine patterns, they could only create a couple of incomplete varieties, and they weren't actually recognized as Divine Engravers.

Even so, the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers still highly sought these faux Divine Engravers. If a true Divine Engraver appeared in such a situation, even the various apex powers would probably have difficulties sitting still. Not to mention, they were talking about a Legacy capable of mass-producing Divine Engravers here.

So long as Shi Feng gave the word, he could easily get his hands on even a first-tier mobile city, let alone a second-tier mobile city like Silver Frost City. Meanwhile, all Shi Feng needed to do was give his helpers one opportunity to learn the Divine Engraver Legacy.

Yet, now, Shi Feng intended to share the complete Divine Engraver Legacy with her just so she could take control of Silver Frost City.

If Silver Frost City's City Lord were to learn of this, he would probably have a heart attack. This was bullying of the highest order!

"You have misunderstood, Miss Xia," Shi Feng said, chuckling when he saw the shocked look on Xia Qingying's face. "If we are only talking about Silver Frost City, it naturally wouldn't be worthwhile for me to take out the Divine Engraver Legacy. My goal is to establish a partnership with you, Miss Xia. Taking control of Silver Frost City is only the first step of this partnership.

The Divine Engraver Legacy recorded in the Book of Eternity was no trivial matter. Even if he revealed only a small portion of it, it would be enough to cause an uproar throughout the entire Greater God's Domain.

If it were only to get payback for Xia Qingying, Shi Feng wouldn't need to share the Divine Engraver Legacy.

"Establish a partnership with me?" Xia Qingying blinked her eyes in confusion, her mind having difficulties processing Shi Feng's words.

She was only one of the Green God Corporation's Senior Vice Presidents. Even though she had previously shown strong support for Shi Feng, that was only because she deemed Zero Wing to have great potential.

Even if Shi Feng sought to repay her gesture, she highly doubted he would use the Divine Engraver Legacy to establish a partnership with her. After all, that was something incredibly tempting, even to the various apex powers.

"As an advanced member of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, your connections vastly surpass the average corporation, Miss Xia. The Green God Corporation is also established in quite a number of mobile cities," Shi Feng calmly explained. "I'm sure you don't need me to tell you how precious the Divine Engraver Legacy is. If information about it were to leak, it would result in a calamity of epic proportions for Zero Wing.

"Zero Wing is currently looking to nurture a large batch of Divine Engravers, but it is rather difficult for players to become one. If we wish to conduct this large-scale operation in secret, we will require your help to select a group of trustworthy talents from the various mobile cities. In exchange for your help, we can give you 10% of all profits generated by the Divine Engravers you recruit. What do you think?"

The cultivation of Divine Engravers was a challenging task. Not only did it require a large amount of resources, but it also required talent.

If Zero Wing were to openly recruit Lifestyle players, the Guild would cease to exist in both the Greater God's Domain and the Greater World before it could even finish nurturing its first batch of Divine Engravers. Hence, this cultivation process must be conducted secretly.

Meanwhile, by having Xia Qingying help in the recruitment process, not only could Zero Wing recruit more talents, but it would also ensure the secrecy of the entire operation. In addition, Xia Qingying could also handle the sale of the divine patterns produced later on using her connections with the Eternal Chamber of Commerce.

Out of everyone Shi Feng knew, Xia Qingying was the best partner candidate he could think of at present.

Furthermore, Silver Frost City had a large population, ranking near the top among the surrounding second-tier cities. The region it occupied was even home to the Frost Spring, which produced water capable of clearing and calming the drinker's mind.

During Shi Feng's previous life, many Lifestyle players migrated to Silver Frost City because of the Frost Spring, as drinking the spring's water helped with their research and growth both inside and outside God's Domain.

One could say that Silver Frost City was the most suitable mobile city for developing Lifestyle players.

"You seem to have a lot of trust in me, Guild Leader Shi Feng. Are you not worried I will leak this astonishing information?" Xia Qingying asked, a playful smile appearing as she scrutinized the man before her. "You might be in for heavy losses should that happen."

"I believe you aren't that foolish, Miss Xia," Shi Feng calmly said with a smile.

"Alright, then. I admit I am very tempted." When Xia Qingying failed to see any changes in Shi Feng's expression, she helplessly sighed and asked, "How many people do you want to recruit for the starting batch? A thousand? Two thousand?"

The future prospects of the Divine Engraver subclass were limitless, and there was no lack of demand for the divine patterns they produced. If they capitalized on the Divine Engraver Legacy properly, even 1% of the generated profits would exceed the total income of any conglomerate, let alone 10%.

At this point, Xia Qingying couldn't help but be grateful to Xiao Quan and Silver Frost City's City Lord. If not for them, she would have never received such an opportunity.

"We'll start by recruiting 10,000 people first," Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought. "I will hand you the Basic Divine Pattern Designs as soon as possible."

So long as players successfully learned how to create a divine pattern, they could produce as many designs for it as they wanted. Previously, he had already become an Apprentice Divine Engraver. So, he would have no difficulties producing Basic Divine Pattern Designs.

As for letting others learn using the Book of Eternity, he dared not do such a thing.

It might be easier for players to become a Divine Engraver if they learned through the Book of Eternity, but each learning attempt using it cost one God Crystal. It simply wasn't a cost the average power could afford. Not to mention, the Book of Eternity didn't only contain the knowledge necessary to start on the path of a Divine Engraver. Instead, it contained a complete Divine Engraver Legacy that could potentially help players develop into a Famed Craftsman or even a Divine Craftsman. He naturally wouldn't let others gain access to such a precious Legacy.

For this reason, he decided to recruit 10,000 individuals to nurture in the first batch.

Without the Book of Eternity's assistance, players would face much greater difficulty learning to become a Divine Engraver. With such circumstances, the difficulty of grasping a Basic Divine Pattern would be no different than becoming a Master Magician, and their chances of becoming a Divine Engraver were probably 1% or less.

In other words, if they recruited 10,000 talents to nurture, at most, 100 of them would become Apprentice Divine Engravers capable of producing Basic Divine Patterns that could be used to strengthen Epic Weapons and Equipment.

And as it was even more challenging to graduate from being an Apprentice Divine Engraver, out of these 100 Apprentice Divine Engravers, it would be fortunate if even three to five of them could become an official Divine Engraver. Meanwhile, three to five Divine Engravers were barely enough to execute his plan.

"Ten thousand?" Xia Qingying's mouth twitched when she heard Shi Feng's answer. "Do you know how much it would cost to recruit so many players, Guild Leader Shi Feng? Aside from material expenses, we will also have to cover their salaries, which will vary depending on the confidentiality agreement we sign with them. If we go by the highest-level confidentiality agreement, we will need to pay every person at least 10,000 Star Coins a month.

"Should any of them succeed in becoming an Apprentice Divine Engraver or Divine Engraver, we will have to further increase their benefits. Not to mention, we will also have to pay for the contribution points needed for them to remain in a mobile city. And if we are going to recruit 10,000 people, we will have to split them across several dozen cities.

"Every city's contribution points are independent of each other. If we were to purchase contribution points on such a large scale, even if we have everyone stay in only third-tier cities, it would still be a significant expenditure. After adding everything together, we will have to spend a minimum of 500 million Star Coins a month. Are you sure you want to recruit so many people?"

A monthly expenditure of half a billion Star Coins was a huge burden even to the Green God Corporation.

This was why few corporations could afford to nurture their members in mobile cities on a large scale. Not to mention, Zero Wing was only a Guild that had recently set foot into the Greater World.

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Chapter 3491: Alternate Ending 565 - Guild Ranking

Chapter 565 – Guild Ranking

“Zero Wing doesn’t have that many Star Coins at present,” Shi Feng said with a hint of embarrassment. However, he wasn’t surprised by the expected cost of recruiting 10,000 people. “Can I pay with Eternal Coins?”

He had already invested most of his funds into acquiring a large training center in Star Lake City, and he only had a few dozen million Star Coins left. He would be virtually broke once he bought the needed Life Potions for the Guild’s internal members.

“Eternal Coins?” Nodding, Xia Qingying said, “That’s fine. But if you wish to get a good price in the current market, you will need to provide a substantial amount. Roughly how many can you come up with?”

She was aware that Zero Wing had made a lot of Eternal Coins through the sale of the Earthen Magic Flowers previously. While Zero Wing must have spent most of its earnings already by now, considering the Eternal Realm’s high cost of living, if Zero Wing still had two or three hundred Eternal Coins remaining, they could begin their recruitment plans officially.

“I can take out 1,000 Gold for the time being,” Shi Feng stated.

After deducting the expenses for purchasing the Guild Residence and hiring high-tier NPCs, he had a little over 1,200 Eternal Gold left in his pockets. But he felt he should save 200 Eternal Gold as a precaution after considering the Guild’s daily operations.

“You can take out 1,000 Gold right now?” Xia Qingying was dumbfounded by Shi Feng’s answer.

As far as she knew, the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers operating in the current Eternal Realm had, at most, 600 Eternal Gold available on hand. Moreover, these were the wealthier upper-ranking hegemonic powers. The average upper-ranking hegemonic power would only have around 300 Eternal Gold to spare. After all, players would frequently enter combat out in the current Eternal Realm. Moreover, the various powers needed to purchase Secret Treasures for their core experts. As a result, they could only afford to retain a limited amount of liquid assets.

On the current market, so long as players could sell Eternal Gold in batches of 200 or 300 coins, they could sell each Eternal Gold for one million Star Coins.

In other words, 1,000 Eternal Gold would amount to one billion Star Coins!

In terms of liquid assets, Zero Wing was even wealthier than the Green God Corporation!

"If it's not enough, I can gather another 3,000 Gold if you give me a few more days," Shi Feng said.

He had already doubled the pricing for the second batch of the Secret Crystal Trading Firm's membership slots. He was also making about four to five hundred Eternal Gold from commissions every day. So, he would have no difficulties gathering 3,000 Eternal Gold in three days.

"You can gather another 3,000?" Xia Qingying started to feel a little overwhelmed.

Four thousand Eternal Gold!

That was four billion Star Coins they were talking about!

Not to mention, even with four billion Star Coins, one wouldn't necessarily be able to purchase 4,000 Eternal Gold. After all, Secret Treasures had already appeared on the market, and the various players and powers were frantically raising funds to purchase them. So, very few players and powers were willing to sell their Eternal Coins.

In the current Eternal Realm, only apex powers could probably take out so many Eternal Coins at a time.

"Is it still not enough?" Shi Feng was a little astonished when he saw Xia Qingying's expression. Although he didn't know the current market value of Eternal Coins, he felt that 4,000 Eternal Gold should be worth 500 million Star Coins at the very least.

"Enough! It's definitely enough!" Xia Qingying said excitedly after snapping out of her daze. "If Zero Wing can take out 4,000 Eternal Gold, I have a huge deal that can not only let Zero Wing earn a large sum of Star Coins but also ten drops of Stardew!"

"Ten drops of Stardew?" Shi Feng's heart stirred when he heard these words.

Stardew was an exceedingly precious resource in the Greater World, and it was one of the few treasures that could assist the growth of mental strength grandmasters. Although the various third-tier cities allowed the members of their respective city legions to exchange Stardew at the price of one million contribution points per drop, members were only limited to one drop every three to five years.

This was also why many experts would migrate to higher-ranked mobile cities when given the opportunity.

In second-tier cities, legion members were allowed to exchange one drop of Stardew per year. That was a vastly better privilege than what third-tier cities provided.

If he could get his hands on ten drops of Stardew, he could progress to the two-star grandmaster standard within a short time, and Zero Wing could also produce several additional mental strength grandmasters. This would greatly help Zero Wing's future development in the Greater World.

Guilds in the Greater World couldn't expand simply because they wanted to. It was especially so if they sought to establish branches in the various mobile cities. Before a Guild could expand, it would have to get its rank evaluated by the God's Domain Association.

Going by the God's Domain Association's standards, Guilds with fewer than ten mental strength grandmasters or no three-star grandmasters or above would be deemed as Class 3, and they would only be allowed to develop in third-tier cities. Moreover, they could only set up bases in a maximum of three cities.

If a Guild wished to expand its territory beyond this limit, it must be recognized as a Class 2 Guild first. To reach Class 2, a Guild would need at least ten mental strength grandmasters and one two-star grandmaster or above. And once a Guild reached Class 2, it could set up bases in a limited number of second-tier cities and an unlimited number of third-tier cities.

As for reaching Class 1, a Guild would need to have five three-star grandmasters under its command. It would also need to have at least 500 mental strength grandmasters. Only then would it be qualified to expand into first-tier cities.

Currently, Shi Feng was the only mental strength grandmaster in Zero Wing, while Gentle Snow and the others were still three-star masters. So, even if there was an opportunity to expand into a second-tier city right before their eyes, there would be nothing they could do.

While there was the option of defying the God's Domain Association's arrangement, that was something Shi Feng dared not do. In fact, even the various apex powers wouldn't dare to do such a thing.

This was because nobody would dare to doubt the strength of an organization that spanned across every town and city in the Greater World.

Anyway, if he could get his hands on ten drops of Stardew, with the growth potential of Zero Wing's members, Zero Wing could become a Class 2 Guild within a short period. At that time, Zero Wing could expand into a second-tier city and recruit even more

talents. It could also purchase training sources from the God's Domain Association that weren't normally available to Class 3 Guilds.

"Three days! I will get 4,000 Gold for you in three days!" Shi Feng confidently said as he looked at Xia Qingying.

"Three days shouldn't be a problem," Xia Qingying said, nodding. "I can use this time to prepare for the personnel recruitment. I will give you an address within the Eternal Realm three days later. At that time, you just need to head over there to transfer the coins to me."

"I will have to trouble you with that, then, Miss Xia," Shi Feng said, inwardly breathing a sigh of relief.

If he missed this opportunity to obtain the ten drops of Stardew, he would probably have to wait until the first batch of Divine Engravers appeared before he would get another opportunity to obtain so much Stardew. Moreover, he would put himself at great risk of exposure.

Following this, Shi Feng began discussing the details of recruiting personnel from the various cities with Xia Qingying, ensuring they handled everything with absolute secrecy. Before Zero Wing became fully developed, he absolutely couldn't afford to let others know that Zero Wing could cultivate Divine Engravers. Otherwise, it would be the end of the road for Zero Wing.

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Two hours after Shi Feng and Xia Qingying concluded their discussions, several advanced levitating cars parked outside of the Green God Corporation's branch headquarters in Silver Frost City. Then, bodyguards in suits stepped out of the cars one after another, each wearing the emblem specially assigned to the bodyguards working at the Green God Corporation's main headquarters. Every one of these bodyguards also radiated the aura of a two-star grandmaster.

Once all of these bodyguards stepped out of the levitating cars, a white-robed old man stepped out of the car parked in the middle. When the various powers' mental strength grandmasters secretly observing this group from afar felt this old man's presence, they couldn't help but gasp.

"A three-star grandmaster!"

"The big shot from the Green God Corporation's black ops came in person?"

"Xia Qingying is doomed this time. A corporation will never deploy its black ops unless it's for a critical situation."

Chapter 3492: Alternate Ending 566 - Crazy Green God Corporation

Chapter 566 – Crazy Green God Corporation

Silver Frost City, City Lord's Manor:

The City Lord's Manor was situated on a floating island hovering three thousand meters above Silver Frost City. Currently, Xiao Quan stood atop the stadium-sized manor's rooftop, inhaling the Singular Energy surrounding him as he gazed over the city.

After taking a few rhythmic breaths of the Singular Energy that was several times denser than what was available in the city, Xiao Quan took off his coat and jumped into the rooftop swimming pool. The swimming pool was filled with Frost Water, and Xiao Quan's mind experienced unprecedented clarity when he meditated in it.

After soaking for more than ten minutes, Xiao Quan suddenly opened his eyes. At the same time, his aura underwent a qualitative transformation, and his tall figure started to shrink a little. If before he was a mighty tiger, now he was only a nimble leopard.

When Xiao Quan's transformation concluded, a young woman in her twenties approached him. The woman had an attractive face and devilish figure, and she wore a light blue skirt highlighting her long legs.

"Congratulations on becoming a two-star limit grandmaster, Vice Commander Xiao Quan. With this, it will be time for Commander Nangong to step down from his position," the woman said with a playful smile. She looked at Xiao Quan as if she were looking at a toy, her face lacking any traces of reverence or respect for the young master of Silver Frost City.

"How rare of you to visit me, Cang Sha," Xiao Quan said as he looked at the devilish woman, a hint of indifference in his voice. "Could she have more instructions for me?"

"Her Highness is very busy. It is already rare that she would have me contact you even once. How could she possibly have the time to care about the trivial matters here?" the devilish woman named Cang Sha said, laughing. "I am only here to inform you that that person from the Green God Corporation's black ops has arrived."

"Isn't that to be expected?" Xiao Quan nonchalantly responded. "The Green God Corporation is currently on the brink of being purged from Silver Frost City, and many of its partners from the various third-tier cities have already announced the withdrawal of their investments. If the Green God Corporation's main headquarters still remained silent, do you think it can still keep its branch in Silver Frost City?"

Because of Xia Qingying's stunt during the talent fair, the Green God Corporation offended not only many of its partnered powers but also Silver Frost City's City Lord. If the corporation didn't do anything about Xia Qingying, there would be no end to this matter.

However, as Xia Qingying was a Senior Vice President of the Green God Corporation, not just anyone could be sent to deal with her. Only the corporation's black ops, which operated directly under the Green God Corporation's Chairman, would be qualified to do so.

"Or are you here to tell me that the Green God Corporation is looking to negotiate with me?" Xiao Quan suddenly chuckled. "If they want to negotiate, sure. Have Xia Qingying kneel in front of my door for a day and bring me that Shi Feng. If they can do that, I might just reconsider."

The Green God Corporation was only a second-rate corporation in the Greater World. It wasn't even qualified to expand into a first-tier city. In fact, it was entirely due to a stroke of luck that it even managed to expand into Silver Frost City in the first place.

If the Green God Corporation were to be removed from Silver Frost City, its status and influence in the Greater World would take a huge hit. At that time, it might even risk losing its branch headquarters in other second-tier cities. After all, competition within second-tier cities was incredibly intense. Should any party show even a moment of weakness, the other powers in the city would definitely capitalize on the situation and gang up on it.

"No, that's not the case," Cang Sha said, shaking her head. Then, she playfully grinned and continued, "Less than ten minutes after the VIP arrived, he left the Green God Corporation's building without expressing anything. Xia Qingying is still sitting in the position of Senior Vice President as we speak."

"What?!"

Cang Sha's revelation stunned Xiao Quan.

A corporation would only ever mobilize its black ops during critical times. Not to mention, the Green God Corporation had gone as far as to mobilize that three-star grandmaster this time. Even his father would have to treat that person as an equal. So, it wouldn't even be surprising if that person crippled Xia Qingying on the spot.

Yet, he was now being told that Xia Qingying had suffered no consequences for her actions...

Seeing the shock on Xiao Quan's face, Cang Sha's smile widened as she continued, "Oh, the Green God Corporation also announced that it would not withdraw from Silver Frost City. On the contrary, the Green God Corporation has stated that if you and the

various powers' executives do not apologize to Guild Leader Shi Feng, it will cease all transactions with Silver Frost City and the various powers!"

"Have the people at Green God Corporation lost their minds?!" Xiao Quan burst into a peal of angry laughter. "They want me to apologize? And they want to cut off all transactions with Silver Frost City? I want to see just who will be the first to surrender!"

Silver Frost City controlled all trades within the region it occupied. Once Silver Frost City announced the termination of trade with a particular power, none of the mobile towns and cities within the region would dare to continue doing trade with said power. At that time, nobody would even dare approach the Green God Corporation's building, let alone assist its development in Silver Frost City.

"Anyway, that's all I have to say about the Green God Corporation." Suddenly, Cang Sha spoke in a serious tone, "Don't forget Her Highness's task. If you fail to complete it, I will take over for you. Don't say I never reminded you. You only have this one chance."

"Your concerns are unnecessary!" Xiao Quan coldly said. "Since that bastard dares to ruin my plans, I will make him regret ever setting foot into Silver Frost City! I will even make Star Lake City's City Lord kick him out!"

Star Lake City was one of the third-tier cities operating within Silver Frost City's territory. So long as he gave the word, he could immediately have ten or more third-tier cities initiate a simulation war with Star Lake City.

Would Star Lake City dare face ten third-tier cities?

So long as Star Lake City dared to do so, it would immediately be cut off from its energy resources. Star Lake City's City Lord would never take such a risk unless he were a fool.

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Meanwhile, on a large supersonic passenger plane departing Silver Frost City...

The plane that could normally accommodate hundreds of passengers was currently occupied by only several dozen people from the Green God Corporation. As a result, the plane's interior felt quite empty.

"Elder Xinwu, didn't you have something important to discuss with Miss Xia?" a beautiful and intellectual woman asked as she looked at the white-robed old man beside her. "Why would you suddenly drag a pitiful alchemist like me out all of a sudden? Did I do something wrong? Also, this isn't the way to the main headquarters."

"Can you stop teasing this old man, little girl? You are our world's only Great Grandmaster Alchemist, so why do you still behave like a child?" Xinwu said as he

rolled his eyes at the woman. “As for where we’re headed, it isn’t the main headquarters, but I assure you it is somewhere nice.”

“Somewhere nice? Where are we going?” the woman asked, her curiosity piqued.

“Star Lake City!” Xinwu said, chuckling as he stroked his beard.

“Star Lake City?” The woman tried to recall the names of the various cities of this region. Then, she asked in confusion, “Isn’t that a third-tier city? Moreover, isn’t that the city where Zero Wing is based? Why are you taking me there?”

“Yes, that is the city where Zero Wing is based. As for why we are headed there...” Xinwu nodded. “On behalf of the Green God Corporation, I ask that you join Zero Wing, Silent Wonder!”

“You want me to join Zero Wing? Are you joking with me, Elder Xinwu?” Silent Wonder couldn’t help but look at the old man next to her as if the other party had gone senile.

It should be known that the Green God Corporation had originally arranged for her to join the Galaxy Conglomerate. She had only been staying in Silver Frost City because the conglomerate had a recruitment point set up there, and she was waiting for the conglomerate to start recruitment.

“I am not joking, and neither have I gone senile,” Xinwu said, his gaze turning solemn as he recalled the item Xia Qingying had previously shown him in private. Even as a three-star mental strength grandmaster, seeing that item for the first time still gave him goosebumps. “This is, without a doubt, the best path for you!”

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Chapter 3493: Alternate Ending 567 - Surpassing the Apex

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Greater World, Star Lake City:

After Shi Feng concluded his discussions with Xia Qingying, he traveled by plane to Star Lake City with Silk Radish and Jade River. When they arrived outside the Zero Wing Training Center, the two girls couldn’t help but be shocked by the long line of people waiting outside the entrance.

Paragons!

At this time, the geniuses and paragons that the Green God Corporation had painstakingly nurtured in Silver Frost City were gathered outside the Zero Wing Training Center, each waiting for their turn to take Zero Wing's recruitment test. Even Pace Angel and Clay Blade, who were tasked with managing the training center, were dumbfounded by this situation.

Many of these geniuses and paragons were either members of the Silver Frost Legion or those looking to join the Silver Frost Legion previously. So, the average talent and strength of these individuals were significantly greater than the Star Lake Legion's members.

Moreover, one of the Silver Frost Legion's vice commanders was even among these people!

This was the vice commander of a second-tier city legion they were talking about!

Normally, if such a big shot were to join a third-tier city, the city would give them the position of reserve commander without hesitation. Yet, such an individual had come to join Zero Wing.

This situation shocked not only Pace Angel and Clay Blade but also the Star Lake Legion's members and the various powers secretly observing Zero Wing.

Fire Dance! Isn't she the Silver Frost Legion's Fifth Vice Commander? Purple Jade had difficulties keeping her mouth closed when she saw a familiar figure waiting in line outside the Zero Wing Training Center. Why is she here in Star Lake City?

When the Green God Corporation had previously decided to select a group of experts to enter the Greater World ahead of time, it had gone out of its way to ask Fire Dance, who was serving as a vice commander in Silver Frost City's city legion, to make a trip back to their homeworld. The corporation had done so to let the chosen candidates, Purple Jade included, know the gap in strength between their homeworld's experts and the Greater World's experts.

Although Fire Dance was only a Tier 5 Assassin at the time, when the chosen candidates fought her in simulation warfare, none managed to last more than three moves against her.

Indeed!

Even though all of the chosen candidates were Tier 6 God-ranked experts, none managed to last more than three moves against Fire Dance. Their performance at the time was nothing but a joke, and their perception of the Greater World's experts was completely refreshed.

Although they had already entered the Greater World and joined the Star Lake City for some time, they still didn't think they could last more than three moves against Fire Dance.

Yet, now, such a monster had come to join Zero Wing?

Meanwhile, standing next to the Secret Pavilion's Purple Jade, the Witch of the West Alice, who was good friends with Purple Jade, was also in shock. However, her shock stemmed from a different reason. Or, more specifically, a different person.

The person in question was a beautiful woman without a mighty aura. Instead, her appearance radiated intelligence and elegance, and it was obvious she wasn't an expert player at first glance. Even so, Alice couldn't help but rub her eyes when she saw this woman.

Great Grandmaster Alchemist Silent Wonder! Why is she joining Zero Wing as well? Confusion colored Alice's golden eyes when she saw Silent Wonder waiting in line outside the Zero Wing Training Center. Didn't that guy only leave for a short while? What in the world did he do?

When Silent Wonder was still only a Grandmaster Alchemist, the Five Great Super Guilds had already frantically tried to recruit her. Ultimately, though, Silent Wonder joined the Green God Corporation after the latter extended an olive branch to her. Now that Silent Wonder had already become a Great Grandmaster Alchemist, she could be regarded as a prominent figure even in the Greater God's Domain, and the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers would be more than willing to extend an olive branch to her. All Silent Wonder needed to do was take her pick.

Yet, rather than join an upper-ranking hegemonic power, Silent Wonder was now joining Zero Wing...

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"Is it really fine for us to join Zero Wing, Big Brother Shi Feng?" Silk Radish worriedly asked Shi Feng when she saw the people waiting to enter the Zero Wing Training Center.

Beside Silk Radish, Jade River also couldn't help but grow anxious.

Originally, they had been thrilled that they could finally stay in a third-tier city in the Greater World. Although they had relied on connections to achieve it, they were confident they wouldn't lose to a third-tier city's geniuses by much.

However, after seeing the people waiting in line, they could no longer maintain their composure.

Currently, neither of them was even a one-star mental strength master. In contrast, every person queued up outside the Zero Wing Training Center was a three-star master, with some even being one-star grandmasters. In addition, many of the Lifestyle players waiting in line were at the Grandmaster standard, a stark contrast to the two of them, who were only at the Basic Master standard.

If they were to join Zero Wing in their current state, could they even survive the competition?

“Don’t worry. You two should be fine,” Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at the two anxious girls.

Silk Radish’s potential need not be mentioned. During Shi Feng’s previous life, everybody knew about her. As for Jade River, while she wasn’t as talented as Silk Radish, she was still one of the few people who became both a Great Grandmaster Magician and a Great Grandmaster Forger.

The Nine Refinements Witch!

Because Shi Feng was busy dealing with Demon’s Gate’s relentless attempt to hunt him down during his previous life, he didn’t have much energy to spare on recruiting the talents of his homeworld. This led to many of his homeworld’s geniuses and paragons joining other powers.

Now, though, as if fate was playing a trick on him, not only were his old comrades looking to join the current Zero Wing, but even the geniuses and paragons he had missed out on were also joining Zero Wing.

Combined with the Book of Eternity he had obtained in this life, he was confident he could put up a good fight against Demon’s Gate in the future.

However, following the addition of these players to Zero Wing, Shi Feng also couldn’t help but grow worried.

The Zero Wing in his previous life had entered the Greater World with his entire homeworld’s support. As a result, the Guild established itself in the Greater God’s Domain early on and occupied many resource nodes.

In contrast, the current Zero Wing had entered the Greater World with virtually nothing to its name. The Guild didn’t even have enough Star Coins to purchase Life Potions, let alone Stardew, which was vital in the rapid development of mental strength and body cells.

While the geniuses and paragons currently looking to join Zero Wing possessed astonishing talent, they still needed sufficient resources to exhibit their strength and potential properly. Otherwise, their growth and future would become stifled.

Four thousand Gold! I must gather 4,000 Gold in three days! When Shi Feng looked at the long line outside the Zero Wing Training Center, a hint of resolve appeared in his eyes.

Money and resources were vital for developing any Guild in the Greater World. If he could secure the Star Coins and ten drops of Stardew Xia Qingying had promised him, he could elevate Zero Wing to the next level within a short period.

Subsequently, Shi Feng took Silk Radish and Jade River to tour the Zero Wing Training Center.

Although the Zero Wing Training Center was only a third-tier city's training center, it was a large training center with five advanced combat simulation rooms and fifteen special living quarters. Even in a second-tier mobile city, these facilities could only be accessed after waiting for a long time and spending a significant amount of city contribution points.

Normally, members of second-tier city legions and core members of powers based in second-tier cities could only use these facilities two or three times a month. After all, even second-tier cities had limited advanced combat simulation rooms and special living quarters.

Currently, Zero Wing didn't have many members in Star Lake City, so five advanced combat simulation rooms and fifteen special living quarters would be enough to let Zero Wing's members enjoy a usage rate similar to the city legion members of second-rate cities.

This privilege surprised even Fire Dance and Silent Wonder when they joined Zero Wing. They didn't think that a Guild that had only entered the Greater World recently could rent a large training center in Star Lake City.

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Time flew by, and three days passed in the blink of an eye.

During these three days, Shi Feng spent most of his time producing Basic Divine Pattern Designs in the Crystal City of Secrets, his efforts pushing him to Level 160. At the same time, he secretly had Zero Wing's core female members attempt the Goddess Armament's trials, hoping that one could conquer all twelve trials.

I made 4,585 Gold in three days. The income generated from the trading firm's commissions is much higher than I initially expected. If I can successfully get my hands on the promised Stardew, I can try to challenge Tier 6. When Shi Feng looked at his own level, a hint of excitement welled up within him.

Although he still wasn't 100% confident he could create a Legendary Divine Body, he had come up with many more ideas after learning the Law of Space. If he could activate his brain cells with the help of Stardew, he could give the challenge a try. If he succeeded, he could occupy a spot for Zero Wing in the World Mode Regional Dungeon Hundred Eyes Canyon, which would, in turn, allow Zero Wing to become one of the dominant powers in the Crystal City of Secrets.

When Shi Feng thought of making another Basic Divine Pattern Design, Xia Qingying messaged him a set of coordinates. The coordinates pointed to a location within the Crystal City, and she urged him to head to the location to conduct their transaction immediately.

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Crystal City of Secrets, outer area:

Numerous flying ships could be seen coming to and from the Crystal City's airport. The arriving flying ships, in particular, were packed with players. These players wore excited looks on their faces, and they promptly dashed toward the Underground Crystal Palace as soon as they disembarked, all hoping to make a fortune inside the secret land.

Two days ago, news of the first Extraordinary Secret Treasure to have ever appeared in the Underground Crystal Palace spread. The Secret Treasure was found in the secret land's Level 160 area, and its appearance had shaken the entire Eternal Realm. At the same time, it raised the significance of high-ranking Secret Treasures to a whole new level.

Common Secret Treasures only increased Mana Protection, whereas Combat Secret Treasures provided an additional boost to the attached weapon or equipment's Basic Attributes. While these bonuses could improve players' strength, they weren't so significant that one article would be enough to let players undergo a qualitative improvement. To achieve that, players would have to be fully equipped with Common or Combat Secret Treasures.

However, it was a different story for Extraordinary Secret Treasures!

Not only did Extraordinary Secret Treasures improve Mana Protection and Basic Attributes, but they also came attached with Special Abilities!

In God's Domain, many weapons and equipment had Additional Skills, and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that any item at the Epic rank or above would have Additional

Skills. Meanwhile, these Additional Skills added to the Skill and Spell repertoire of players, raising their overall combat power.

The only problem was that these Additional Skills had Cooldowns and limited durations.

However, Special Abilities did not have a Cooldown. They acted more like Talents than Skills.

An example of Talent would be the elf race's mana affinity. Elves were innately more sensitive to mana than the average human, and they also had an easier time manipulating mana. Because of this, many magical class experts would actively choose to change their race to the elf race.

However, opportunities to convert into an elf were few and far between. For most players, they could only choose to convert into a half-elf. Of course, while the mana affinity of half-elves wasn't as good as that of pure-blooded elves, it was still better than that of the average human. So, converting into a half-elf was still a good choice for most players.

But now, it became possible to obtain Special Abilities, which were closely similar to Talents, through an Extraordinary Secret Treasure. This could be a life-changing opportunity for any player!

Indeed!

A life-changing opportunity!

Many players would fail to reach the peak or apex because they were lacking in certain aspects. So long as they could find a solution to their weaknesses, they could break out of their stagnated growth, and becoming a peak expert or even an apex expert would no longer be out of the question. Meanwhile, the Special Abilities of Extraordinary Secret Treasures could very well be the solution these experts needed.

Normally, once players had exhausted their potential, unless they could get their hands on a Divine Artifact or Fragmented Divine Artifact, it would no longer be possible for them to raise their standings in the Greater God's Domain's strength hierarchy. For example, no matter how many Legendary Weapons and Equipment a fourth-floor expert equipped, they would always be seen as inferior to fifth-floor experts in the public's eye.

It was even more so in the eyes of the various powers. After all, the acquisition of Legendary Weapons and Equipment wasn't a problem for them. What mattered most to them was a player's combat standard.

However, with the discovery of Extraordinary Secret Treasures, rewriting one's destiny would no longer be a privilege exclusive to only a select few individuals in the Greater God's Domain. With the assistance of Extraordinary Secret Treasures, it also became

possible for the masses to compensate for their weaknesses, undergo qualitative transformations, and ultimately rewrite their lives.

As a result, many of the Eternal Realm's expert players flocked to the Crystal City of Secrets in the hopes that they could obtain an Extraordinary Secret Treasure from the Underground Crystal Palace.

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After Shi Feng arrived at the coordinates Xia Qingying sent him, about a dozen or so cloaked players approached him. Although these players had concealed their appearances, their every action showed that they were at the fifth-floor standard. The woman in the lead was even a Saint-ranked expert.

"So, it was you? No wonder you can gather so much money so quickly," the woman in the lead commented, a hint of realization appearing in her eyes as she looked at Shi Feng.

"May I know your name, Miss?" Shi Feng asked as he looked at the unfamiliar woman before him.

"Billowing Water," the woman replied in a quiet tone.[1]

"Billowing Water?" Shi Feng promptly recalled something upon hearing the woman's name, and he couldn't help but be surprised as he asked, "The Blaze Conglomerate's Heart Sword?"

The Blaze Conglomerate was a Cross-Realm Conglomerate rivaling the Galaxy Conglomerate. Meanwhile, Heart Sword Billowing Water was one of the Blaze Conglomerate's two Taboos during his previous life.

The wielder of the Formless Twilight!

Formless Twilight was a very special Divine Artifact. Even when it was still a Fragmented Divine Artifact, it did not have any fixed form, and it only had two abilities.

The first ability allowed the wielder to transform Formless Twilight into any sword.

The second ability allowed the wielder to create multiple swords, and the number and type of swords created were up to the wielder's imagination.

When Billowing Water initially got her hands on the Fragmented Divine Artifact-ranked Formless Twilight, her strength had undergone an earth-shattering change. Even though she did not master any Gold Combat Techniques, she could defeat experts who did.

After Formless Twilight was upgraded into a Divine Artifact, Billowing Water even surpassed War Goddesses when it came to offensive capabilities.

Back then, Billowing Water had defeated five of the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Grand Elders consecutively. The Seven Luminaries Alliance had even labeled her as one of the Greater God's Domain's Ten Great Sword Gods later on, putting her on the same level as Wordless Ember.

Currently, Shi Feng could not see Billowing Water carrying any weapon, so it was evident that she had already obtained the rumored Formless Twilight. Even if the weapon was only a Fragmented Divine Artifact right now, it should still enable her to fight against any apex expert without fear. So, Shi Feng found it hard to imagine why Billowing Water needed to conceal her appearance to meet him.

"That's right, I am the Heart Sword," Billowing Water said, nodding. Then, after taking a good look at Shi Feng, she continued, "You are quite strong. Aside from the promised 4,000 Gold, would you be interested in making another deal with me? It is a rather significant transaction."

"Significant? How significant is it?" Shi Feng smiled.

"Have you ever heard of the Forbidden Zone?" Billowing Water quietly asked.

Shi Feng's eyes immediately lit up upon hearing the name Billowing Water mentioned. Then, doing his best to lower his voice, he asked, "Do you know how to reach the Forbidden Zone?"

The Forbidden Zone was considered a secret in the current Eternal Realm, and players could learn of it through high-tiered NPCs. According to these NPCs, the Forbidden Zone was simply a place situated outside the Eternal Continent, and it was referred to as such by the Gods of old.

However, so long as one did a little digging, one would find that the Forbidden Zone wasn't "simply a place situated outside the Eternal Continent." Instead, the term referred to the two other major continents that existed in the Eternal Realm.

Contrary to popular belief, the Eternal Realm didn't only consist of the Eternal Continent. Instead, there existed three major continents. Apart from the northern continent that human players resided on, there were two other continents in the west and south. Players of a foreign race occupied these two continents, and the two continents possessed vastly different civilizations and resources.

Of the two other continents, the western continent was closest to the northern continent. It was also a place whose environment was closest to rivaling the environment of the Greater God's Domain's Mythical Era.

It should be known that humans of the Mythical Era had a much easier time getting promoted to Tier 6. Moreover, the western continent held World Fragments that couldn't be found on the northern continent, and these were precious treasures that could help players master World Laws!

Unfortunately, it was incredibly difficult to venture into the Forbidden Zone. Even Tier 6 players could not force their way there and could only rely on special means.

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TL Notes:

[1]Billowing Water/Weilan:

She is Yan Hua's daughter briefly mentioned in Chapter 486. I am uncertain if Weilan is her real name or character name, but since Yan Hua is the one who mentioned it, I'm guessing that it is her real name. It would be rather strange for a father to refer to his daughter by her in-game name.

Regardless, to make it easier to remember her, I have decided to use a translated version of her name when in the game, similar to Gentle Snow's case.

[2]Gods of old(古老的神灵):

I have no idea which type of God this is referring to. I'm assuming it's a little bit of all three categories?

Fyi,

As you can see, 古老的神灵 has a little bit of everything.

[3]Mythical Era:

Era of the Ancient Gods

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“Big Sis Billow, isn't it inappropriate to tell an outsider this secret?”

Before Billowing Water could answer Shi Feng's question, a male demidragon standing behind her suddenly interrupted. The demidragon in question was a Level 160, Tier 5 Guardian Knight, and he carried a large and heavy shield on his back.

At the same time, the several elderly Saint-ranked experts present frowned. They were evidently dissatisfied with Billowing Water's decision.

Information pertaining to the Forbidden Zone was of utmost importance to the Blaze Conglomerate. Yet, Billowing Water had abruptly decided to share this secret with an outsider without even consulting with anyone else.

"It's fine. I'll be able to reap more profits if we can have an additional companion," Billowing Water answered the young demidragon. Then, she smiled at Shi Feng and continued, "Moreover, with Guild Leader Black Flame's connections, I'm sure it wouldn't be difficult for him to find a way to the Forbidden Zone. What do you think, Guild Leader Black Flame? Are you interested in my offer?"

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't interested," Shi Feng said as he looked at Billowing Water in surprise. "May I know what deal you intend to make, Miss Billow?"

Contrary to Billowing Water's words, information on the Forbidden Zone was by no means easy to obtain. Otherwise, there wouldn't have been so many powers and Tier 6 players who couldn't set foot into the Forbidden Zone in his previous life.

Even in the current Eternal Realm, there would be many conglomerates and pseudo-apex powers who'd be more than willing to cooperate with Billowing Water should they know that the latter knew how to get to the Forbidden Zone. So, Shi Feng found it hard to imagine why Billowing Water would take the initiative to collaborate with him.

"Simple." Chuckling, Billowing Water said, "I can take you to the Forbidden Zone, but in exchange, all of your earnings during this trip will belong to me. Or, you can pay me 300 Eternal Gold, and you will only have to give half of your earnings to me."

"Three hundred Eternal Gold and half of my earnings for an entry slot?" Shi Feng was a little taken aback.

In the current Eternal Realm, an expenditure of 300 Eternal Gold was significant to any upper-ranking hegemonic power. Such a large expenditure might adversely impact an upper-ranking hegemonic power's development. After all, 300 Eternal Gold was already enough to purchase two or three shops in the Crystal City of Secrets' central district.

"If you can't afford the 300 Gold, you can always go with the first option, Guild Leader Black Flame," Billowing Water said with a smile. "Not to mention, this condition will only stay in effect for your first trip. You won't have to pay me anything the second time you head to the Forbidden Zone."

"That won't be necessary. I will pay the 300 Gold," Shi Feng stated.

Billowing Water's condition of 300 Eternal Gold and half of his earnings might be a steep price, but the sooner he could enter the Forbidden Zone, the sooner he could get

his hands on treasures such as the World Fragments. That way, Zero Wing could also have a better future ahead of it.

Tier 6 was a big threshold to cross in the Greater God's Domain. Tier 6 players were also the basis of how the various powers were evaluated.

During his previous life, the appearance of World Fragments had reduced the difficulty of getting promoted to Tier 6 for many players. If Zero Wing could get its hands on a World Fragment early on, it might even be able to catch up to the various apex powers in terms of Tier 6 player count.

"You are a decisive man, Guild Leader Black Flame." Billowing Water was not particularly surprised to hear Shi Feng choosing to pay 300 Eternal Gold. Though, she did feel a little disappointed. "Let's write up a contract, then."

There were limitless business opportunities in the Forbidden Zone. As the leader of a Guild, it wasn't strange for Shi Feng to be willing to bet 300 Eternal Gold on these opportunities. But at the same time, such a decision could also be considered very foolish.

Subsequently, Shi Feng and Billowing Water signed a God's Domain Contract, and Shi Feng paid 300 Eternal Gold to Billowing Water. Besides that, Billowing Water also spent three billion Star Coins and ten drops of Stardew to purchase 4,000 Eternal Gold from Shi Feng.

Essentially, Billowing Water had sold the Stardews for 100 million Star Coins per drop. It should be known that purchasing Stardews was normally impossible. Only someone of Billowing Water's stature would be willing to make such a generous offer.

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Inside a VIP room of a flying ship departing the Crystal City of Secrets...

"Big Sis Billow, don't tell me you agreed to bring that guy along simply because of 300 Gold. The other powers will most likely make fun of us if they learn of this," the demidragon youth asked in confusion as he watched Billowing Water fiddle around with an Eternal Gold Coin.

While Eternal Coins were indeed important to them, they weren't so desperate that they would take an outsider to the Forbidden Zone just for 300 Eternal Gold.

It should be known that if they offered the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers an opportunity to enter the Forbidden Zone, those powers would be more than willing to pay five or six hundred Eternal Gold. At most, they would have to pay in installments.

“Exactly. Black Flame only ranks 11th on the Sacred Glory List, Big Sis Billow. Even if we bring him with us, there isn’t much he can do to help us.”

The other youths in the room agreed with the demidragon youth and looked at Billowing Water curiously.

They were members of the younger generation secretly nurtured by the Blaze Conglomerate, and they idolized Billowing Water, the conglomerate’s First Successor. Many of them even started their journey in God’s Domain alongside Billowing Water. So, they had a good understanding of Billowing Water’s personality.

In the general public’s eye, being ranked 11th on the Sacred Glory List was indeed an impressive achievement.

However, such an achievement wasn’t anything noteworthy in their social circle. If not for the various conglomerates being reluctant to expose all their cards and nurturing some of their geniuses and paragons in secret, they would have long monopolized the Luminous Glory List and Sacred Glory List.

“A person ranked 11th on the Sacred Glory List naturally isn’t worth my attention,” Billowing Water said. Then, her expression suddenly turning serious, she continued, “But my old man suddenly went crazy and decided to have my little sister join Zero Wing, telling her to become one of Zero Wing’s internal members.”

The youths in the room were momentarily stunned when they heard Billowing Water’s answer.

“The Fourth Young Miss was told to join Zero Wing?”

“Wasn’t the Fourth Young Miss supposed to join Star Dynasty?”

The little sister mentioned by Billowing Water was the Blaze Conglomerate’s youngest successor. She was also the pearl of the Blaze Conglomerate, and her overall talent was only slightly inferior to her elder sister Billowing Water. When it came to mental strength, she was even superior to Billowing Water.

Logically, even if the Fourth Young Miss failed to inherit the Blaze Conglomerate, the conglomerate would still try its best to put her in the executive position of a pseudo-apex power. This would, in turn, strengthen the Blaze Conglomerate’s position in the Greater God’s Domain.

Yet, the Fourth Young Miss was now being told to join Zero Wing...

“Big Sis Billow, does that mean you are...” At this time, the demidragon youth suddenly came to a realization. “Are you trying to show Black Flame’s limits to Lord Yan Hua?”

The Forbidden Zone was a dangerous place, and players couldn't survive there without sufficient strength.

"That is my intention." Billowing Water nodded. "The old man isn't in the Eternal Realm, so he has no idea how much strength the various powers have hidden here. And since I can't talk him out of his decision, my only option is to show him how laughable Black Flame is when he is put among the monsters in the Forbidden Zone."

Hearing Billowing Water's words, the youths present burst into laughter. They had experienced a similar baptism when they first visited the Forbidden Zone not too long ago. Now, it was the 11th-ranked Sacred Glory expert's turn.

Chapter 3496: Alternate Ending 570 - Superior Demigod

Chapter 570 – Superior Demigod

Twenty-nine hours after the flying ship left the Crystal City of Secrets, Shi Feng, Billowing Water, and the others arrived at a coastal NPC City. After disembarking from the flying ship, Billowing Water summoned a Four-Winged Frost Dragon, a Basic Legendary Flying Mount, and flew everyone across a misty ocean for three hours before arriving at a giant floating island.

Torrents of chaotic energy flowed through the area where the floating island was situated. These energy torrents were incredibly powerful, and even Tier 5 players would be vulnerable to them. If players dared get close to these chaotic energy torrents, they would quickly have their mana sapped out of their bodies, causing them to grow weak and disoriented.

However, the floating island acted as a safe haven for players, surrounded by magic arrays that diverted the chaotic energy that swept through the area.

"We're here," Billowing Water stated as she stopped the forty-meter-long Frost Dragon outside a magnificent temple hovering above the floating island.

The temple was situated outside the floating island's protection, so chaotic energy torrents enveloped it completely. However, when the Four-Winged Frost Dragon landed, the energy torrents started to actively avoid the temple and let the Frost Dragon land inside.

"Welcome to the Eternal Temple."

"To teleport to the Forbidden Zone, each person must pay 150 Eternal Gold. The teleportation procedure will only begin once 200 people have gathered."

When the Frost Dragon landed inside the temple, a 500-man team immediately greeted it. All 500 members of this team were fifth-floor experts at Level 158, Tier 5 or above. They were also equipped in standardized Fragmented Legendary Equipment Sets, and there were faint mana circuits connecting these 500 equipment sets and forming a large Bronze Battle Array. The battle array not only allowed these 500 players to share their senses, but it also provided a qualitative improvement to their Basic Attributes.

Under the effects of the Bronze Battle Array, these 500 Tier 5 players felt like 500 Tier 6 players. The combined aura they exuded was powerful enough to scare even actual Tier 6 players into fleeing.

The Luminous Battle Array? Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished when he saw the standardized equipment of the 500 players.

The Luminous Battle Array!

It was one of the well-known battle arrays owned by the Seven Luminaries Alliance. Although the complete Luminous Battle Array required 500 players to form, once formed, it allowed all of the players in the battle array to transcend tiers. It was, without a doubt, a tactical-class battle array.

Unfortunately, while the Luminous Battle Array was amazing, it couldn't be mass-produced as the Luminous Set, the Fragmented Legendary Equipment Set required to form the battle array, was incredibly hard to produce. The materials required to produce it were exceedingly rare, and even the Seven Luminaries Alliance had only managed to produce 5,000 sets in total during Shi Feng's previous life.

Normally, the Luminous Battle Array could only be seen being used at the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Holy City, which also served as the alliance's main headquarters, and three secret lands. If news spread that the Seven Luminaries Alliance used one of its Luminous Battle Arrays to guard only a temple, it would definitely shock the entire Greater God's Domain.

However, when Shi Feng heard the teleportation fee the Seven Luminaries Alliance was charging, he could understand why the Seven Luminaries Alliance would station such a frightening force in the Eternal Temple.

The fee of 150 Eternal Gold per person had already transcended the realm of daylight robbery.

While he was still feeling gleeful over making several hundred Eternal Gold per day through the Secret Crystal Trading Firm, the Seven Luminaries Alliance was making 30,000 Eternal Gold from every batch of players it teleported...

Honestly, he wouldn't even find it surprising if the Seven Luminaries Alliance had mobilized two or three complete Luminous Battle Arrays to protect the Eternal Temple, let alone one.

As for Billowing Water, this wasn't her first time visiting the Eternal Temple, so she was unfazed by the Seven Luminaries Alliance's teleportation fee. After calmly jumping off the Frost Dragon's back, she took out 2,250 Eternal Gold and handed it over to the Seven Luminaries Alliance's guard captain in a coin pouch.[1]

"I have confirmed that I have received 2,250 Eternal Gold for fifteen people," the guard captain stated after weighing the coin pouch in his hand. "You are lucky. There are already 179 people gathered. After including your team of fifteen, you will only have to take the assessment and wait for six more people before you can get teleported."

"Are there people taking the test now?" Billowing Water asked.

"Not that many," the guard captain said as he pointed at the line in front of a gigantic crystal. "By the time you finish your assessments, we should have enough people to teleport."

After looking at the line, Billowing Water unsummoned her Four-Winged Frost Dragon and joined the line with her group.

"An assessment?" When Shi Feng heard the guard captain mentioning an assessment, he couldn't help but grow confused. So, he asked Billowing Water, "Are there requirements to use the teleportation service here?"

"There are no requirements to use the temple's teleportation," Billowing Water explained with a smile. "The assessment is only here to determine which location players are suited to enter."

"Although there will be 200 players teleported in every batch, Tier 5 players can be teleported to three different locations depending on the crystal's assessment of their current strength."

"The temple has three strength ratings for Tier 5 players: Basic Demigod, Advanced Demigod, and Superior Demigod."

"For the Basic Demigod rating, players only need strength rivaling Tier 5 Heroes of the same level to achieve it. Players who achieve the Basic Demigod rating can teleport to an archipelago that doesn't have many Holy Race players. However, while PvP incidents might happen less frequently there, the archipelago is rather poor in resources."

"As for the two other ratings, players will need to rival Tier 5 Eight-Winged Valkyries to achieve the Advanced Demigod rating and rival Tier 5 Dragons for the Superior"

Demigod rating. Those who achieve the Advanced Demigod rating will get teleported to a coastal region, while those who achieve the Superior Demigod rating will get teleported to an inland region, which is most abundant in resources out of the three locations.”

When Billowing Water finished her explanation, the group also arrived before the gigantic crystal inside the temple hall.

Currently, the gigantic crystal was scanning a group of players standing inside the magic array before it. Twenty seconds later, a mechanical voice came from the crystal.

“Assessment: Advanced Demigod. You may head to the coastal region.”

“Assessment: Advanced Demigod. You may head to the coastal region.”

“Assessment: Basic Demigod. You may head to the archipelago region.”

Every time the crystal made an announcement, the players waiting in the surroundings couldn’t help but be awed. It was especially so for the Blaze Conglomerate’s youths.

Achieving the strength of a Basic Demigod was no easy feat in God’s Domain. Even the many Tier 5 NPCs that could strike fear into players were merely regarded as Tier 5 NPCs and could not be considered a Demigod.

To become a Demigod, a Tier 5 NPC would first need to own a Legendary Weapon. Secondly, their Concentration standard needed to reach Tier 6, also regarded as Heroes’s Realm. When a Tier 5 NPC reached this standard, they would become existences even fifth-floor experts of the same tier would try to avoid like the plague. Should a Tier 5 Demigod wish to wreak havoc in the Greater God’s Domain, they could be likened to natural disasters.

Tier 5 Demigods were so powerful that even the Sacred Glory List’s top 10 experts could only shake their heads in defeat if they came across one. Yet, players who reached the standard of Basic Demigods could only rank at the bottom of the Eternal Temple’s hierarchy of players.

Furthermore, over half of the players getting assessed had reached the Advanced Demigod standard, each capable of rivaling Eight-Winged Valkyries of the same level. These were all existences that could slay the average Tier 6 player.

“Assessment: Advanced Demigod. You may head to the coastal region.”

“Nice! Secret Treasures do help!” the demidragon youth from the Blaze Conglomerate exclaimed when he heard his strength rating.

An Advanced Demigod!

Even among the various monsters operating in the Forbidden Zone, experts with the strength of an Advanced Demigod could be considered mid-tier. He also wouldn't have to worry about returning from the Forbidden Zone without harvests.

It seems he didn't simply survive out of luck last time. Billowing Water nodded in approval as she looked at the demidragon youth.

Since the demidragon youth could now enter the coastal region, he could more or less leave the Forbidden Zone with some harvests this time. Had he been assigned to the impoverished archipelago region again, the best he could hope for was to leave the Forbidden Zone with his life.

While the demidragon youth was celebrating, Shi Feng stepped out of the crystal's magic array. Immediately afterward, a mechanical voice came from the crystal.

"Assessment: Superior Demigod. You may head to the inland region."

Chapter 3497: Alternate Ending 571 - Golden Kingdom

Chapter 571 – Golden Kingdom

"A Superior Demigod?!"

"Crap! A Superior Demigod appeared?!"

Following the crystal's announcement, everyone waiting in the hall turned their heads toward Shi Feng, their gazes filled with astonishment and envy.

There were vast differences between the three locations players could teleport to via the Eternal Temple. Although each was more dangerous than the previous, the rewards players could obtain from the more dangerous locations were many times better. It was especially so for the inland region. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that the players who visited the inland region would return as a completely different person.

"Superior Demigod?"

"Isn't he only ranked 11th on the Sacred Glory List?"

The Blaze Conglomerate's youths were in disbelief as they looked at Shi Feng and his nonchalant expression.

They had met some of the Sacred Glory List's top ten powerhouses before. However, ever since they returned from their first visit to the Forbidden Zone, they were confident

that, aside from the Sacred Glory List's top two, they could defeat and possibly even kill any of the other Sacred Glory List's top ten experts.

Hence, in their eyes, the so-called experts who ranked outside of the Sacred Glory List's top ten were nothing more than a joke.

Yet, now, Shi Feng was rated as a Superior Demigod?

Had the Sacred Glory List undergone a revision while they weren't paying attention? Since when did the Sacred Glory List hold so much value?

How interesting. No wonder the old man has such high praises for him, Billowing Water thought as she looked at Shi Feng, her eyes revealing intentions to challenge Shi Feng to a fight. Subsequently, she stepped into the magic array before the assessment crystal.

A moment later, another repeating mechanical sound resounded in the temple hall.

"Assessment: Superior Demigod. You may head to the inland region."

The announcement caused the people in the hall to turn their heads and stir once more. Even the Seven Luminaries Alliance's experts tasked with maintaining security in the hall couldn't help but take an extra look at Shi Feng and Billowing Water.

Normally, they would only see one Superior Demigod appearing for every few batches of players they teleported. Yet, not only did two Superior Demigods appear in this batch, but both even belonged to the same team. Even the various pseudo-apex powers' expert teams couldn't necessarily match such a line-up.

It seems she has already mastered the Formless Twilight, Shi Feng concluded when he heard the strength rating Billowing Water was given. At the same time, he, too, got the urge to spar with Billowing Water.

Because he was constantly chased by Demon's Gate in his previous life, he never had the opportunity to challenge the Greater God's Domain's publicly acknowledged Ten Great Sword Gods, and it became one of his regrets.

Although Wordless Ember was also one of the Ten Great Sword Gods, the current Wordless Ember had yet to fully develop. He hadn't even obtained his own Divine Artifact yet, so Shi Feng saw no meaning in challenging him.

Billowing Water, on the other hand, had not only acquired the Formless Twilight already, but she had even become proficient at wielding it already. Even if she wasn't at her peak, she would still be a worthy opponent to hone his sword techniques against.

His Sword's Orbit was only one step away from reaching the Gold Combat Technique standard. Unfortunately, he didn't have any ideas on achieving a breakthrough. In such a situation, if he encountered an expert with comparable Basic Attributes who had already mastered a complete set of Gold Combat Techniques in the future, he would be at a considerable disadvantage.

However, Shi Feng quickly suppressed his urges.

While it was indeed important to improve his sword techniques, it was even more important that he entered the Forbidden Zone to search for a World Fragment.

"We have 200 people now. Everyone, gather at the teleportation array!"

Amidst Shi Feng's brief contemplation, the Seven Luminaries Alliance's guard captain suddenly shouted. And upon hearing the guard captain's words, the players waiting in the hall started gathering toward the teleportation array in the hall.

In no time, 200 players stood within the ancient teleportation array situated in the middle of the hall. Seeing this, the guard captain took out a couple dozen Seven Luminaries Crystals and embedded them into the teleportation array, causing the dense mana in the hall to form a complete mana circuit.

"Before I send you off, let me remind you all that the Forbidden Zone is not human territory. If you die there, you will be resurrected in an NPC City on our side after one day. As for how long you can stay there and what you can obtain, it all depends on your abilities. However, I advise you not to be too greedy. What matters most is that you return alive since, should you die, you won't be able to bring back any of your precious harvests."

After the guard captain finished speaking, everyone felt their vision blurring, and the scenery before them underwent a drastic change.

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In a secluded canyon on the Western Continent...

When Shi Feng and Billowing Water recovered their vision, they found themselves standing in the middle of a humble town enveloped in a faint golden barrier.

"Newcomers!"

"Look! We have newcomers!"

"No way! We really have newcomers?! Quick, notify the party leader!"

When the players setting up stalls along the town's main street saw a sudden brilliance falling on the town, and two people emerged from said brilliance, excitement filled their eyes, and they behaved as if they had just seen a priceless treasure.

So, this is the Western Continent's inland region?

Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished as he observed his surroundings. Although he had long learned about the Western Continent's situation in his previous life, he still couldn't help but be shocked after arriving here in person.

Eternal Energy!

Although various kinds of energy were present in his surroundings, the Eternal Energy here was so dense that it nearly rivaled the Hundred Refinement Building's first floor.

It should be known that players could only enter the Hundred Refinement Building's first floor once in their lifetimes. They wouldn't get a second chance even if they started a new account. Moreover, they could only experience the first floor's environment for five short days.

In contrast, even though the density of the Eternal Energy present on the Western Continent was slightly lower than that of the Hundred Refinement Building's first floor, players could stay in this environment for as long as they wanted. They could enjoy a constant flow of inspiration simply by standing and breathing here, and they would not have to worry about lacking directions to develop themselves.

If a player could live in this environment for a long period, they would have no trouble getting promoted to Tier 6.

Another matter that surprised Shi Feng was that a human town existed in the middle of the Western Continent, which was completely occupied by the Holy Race. Although the town was tiny, being only one-fifth the size of the average Basic Town, it was still a bona fide human town. With the town's circumstances, its value easily exceeded that of the Crystal City of Secrets.

The Seven Luminaries Alliance truly is insane... To think they would bring even the Golden Kingdom here... When Shi Feng saw the faint golden barrier that covered the entire town, he couldn't help but admire the Seven Luminaries Alliance's wealth.

The Divine Artifact Golden Kingdom!

The Golden Kingdom was the Seven Luminaries Alliance's ultimate defensive trump card. While the Golden Kingdom was only a magic item and not a weapon or a piece of equipment, it was one of the few defensive magic barriers capable of withstanding an attack from a Primordial God.

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that so long as a settlement was protected by the Golden Kingdom, so long as the Golden Kingdom had enough energy, the town would be impregnable. The only downside was that the Golden Kingdom couldn't be moved for a year once it was set up.

During Shi Feng's previous life, the Seven Luminaries Alliance had relied on the Golden Kingdom to defend a fortress against the Holy Race's invasion. At the time, the Holy Race's various powers had joined forces to attack said fortress. Yet, even after besieging the fortress for over a year and permanently sacrificing hundreds of thousands of Tier 6 experts, the Holy Race still failed to capture the fortress. That battle had become an eternal legend in the Greater God's Domain.

Now that the Seven Luminaries Alliance had used the Golden Kingdom to secure a safe haven for itself on the Western Continent, even if other human powers established their own settlements on the Western Continent in the future, none would be able to compare to the Seven Luminaries Alliance's town in terms of safety.

However, compared to all these things, what surprised Shi Feng the most were the hundreds of players that occupied the town. Even though these players were only at Tier 5, the strength of the mana they exuded was superior to that of actual Tier 6 players. Some of them even had mana rivaling Tier 6 Gods...

Chapter 3498: Alternate Ending 572 - Mythical Era's Mana

Chapter 572 – Mythical Era's Mana

Before Shi Feng and Billowing Water could recover from the initial shock of experiencing the Western Continent's environment, hundreds of players suddenly swarmed them from all corners of the street. Each and every one of them resembled starving dogs that had just spotted two juicy pieces of meat.

"It's been so long since we've had any new Superior Demigods! And this time, we got two!"

"Friends, how about joining our Falcon Party? I guarantee you'll earn a hundred contribution points per excursion! At that rate, you can exchange for a Mana Purification Technique in just three days!"

"Come to our Rainstorm Party instead! We can help you obtain Bronze Purification Techniques, if not even Basic ones!"

"You folks from Rainstorm sure love to boast. A Bronze Purification Technique? Not a single person in your party has managed to learn one yet! Friends, join our Half-Leaf

Party instead! Our party leader is an expert who has already mastered a Bronze Purification Technique. We earn far more contribution points than the other parties!”

The town’s players shouted offers to Shi Feng and Billowing Water, one after another, without giving them any time to react.

Mana Purification Techniques?? Shi Feng was greatly surprised by the offers everyone made.

He had only learned how to improve his mana after accepting the Primordial Abyssal God’s Legacy. However, it was an incomplete technique that provided him with limited improvements.

Judging by the strength of the surrounding players’ mana and the superior Mana Purification Techniques they spoke of, it was evident that their techniques surpassed his incomplete one.

Logically, the strength of his mana should rank number one among players of the same tier because of the Tier 5 Legendary Mana Body he created. Even if there were some Tier 5 players with stronger mana, the gap between them shouldn’t be significant.

However, the Tier 5 players around him possessed significantly stronger mana than him. Some even had mana rivaling Tier 6 Gods, which was simply unbelievable.

If he could bring a large number of these so-called Mana Purification Techniques back with him or establish a long-term supply chain, it would undoubtedly lead to qualitative transformations in the overall strength of Zero Wing’s members.

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Seven Luminaries Town, Seven Luminaries Bar:

After listening to the fervent invitations from various parties in the town, Shi Feng and Billowing Water chose to engage in further negotiations with a female elf named Moon Bamboo, who was a Guardian Knight and had mastered a Bronze Mana Purification Technique.

“How about it? Will you join us, friends? While Dawnlight might not be among the top five parties in town, we are solidly ranked in the top ten,” Moon Bamboo explained to Shi Feng and Billowing Water. After elegantly taking a sip of coffee, she continued, “We currently need two more members to complete our party. If you join Dawnlight, you’ll enjoy two major benefits that most other parties can’t offer.

“Firstly, you won’t have to worry about acquiring a Bronze Purification Technique. The party leader and I have already mastered one each, while the other two members have

acquired their own; they just need to learn how to use them. So, if we obtain more Bronze Purification Techniques in the future, you two will receive your share right away.

“Additionally, once the other two members succeed in learning their Bronze Purification Techniques, Dawnlight will have four members who have mastered the technique. At that time, our party won’t have to fear encountering teams composed of monstrous Tier 5 experts from the Holy Race. As a side note, both the party leader and I have mastered two Gold Combat Techniques each.

“Secondly, you’ll save on accommodation fees. Normally, you would have to spend one Eternal Gold per day for accommodation in the town. However, our party has used contribution points to rent a six-person hotel suite for a month. We still have more than ten days left, so you won’t have to spend anything on accommodation during this period.”

While Moon Bamboo explained the benefits of joining the Dawnlight Party to Shi Feng and Billowing Water, a tall and muscular man, a Tier 5 Summoner, walked over to the table and unceremoniously sat down next to her.

“Bamboo, you’ve been negotiating with these youngsters for half an hour, and you still haven’t won them over? I thought you’d be more capable with that beauty and ‘big sister energy’ of yours,” the male Summoner said, sighing and shaking his head.

“I’m recruiting two Superior Demigods at the same time. Why don’t you give it a try, Mr. Party Leader?” Moon Bamboo said, rolling her eyes at the male Summoner.

There were very few players operating in Seven Luminaries Town, and the majority of them were members of the various pseudo-apex powers. Players from other powers constituted less than 10% of the town’s population.

It should be known that human players who died on the Western Continent would be sent back to the Eternal Continent with 100% certainty. If they wished to return to the Western Continent, they would have to pay an additional 150 Eternal Gold for the teleportation fee. Such an expenditure was exorbitant, even for the various pseudo-apex powers. Unless they had made significant contributions to their Guilds on the Western Continent, they would have to pay out of their own pockets.

Hence, it became very difficult for non-pseudo-apex power parties to recruit new members. After all, newcomers had plenty of parties to choose from, so they would naturally compare their options.

“My name is Sky Pivot, and I am the party leader of Dawnlight,” the male Summoner introduced himself to Shi Feng and Billowing Water with a smile. “Our party is planning to explore the Plain of Fallen Gods, a Level 160 to Level 180 map, soon. Rumor has it that the map drops treasures that can help with our Tier 6 promotion. As the party leader, I can exercise my authority to allow you to have first pick of one of the items we

obtain during the expedition. If we acquire additional Mana Purification Techniques, I will also give them to you for free, so you won't need to invoke your privilege for them. What do you think, friends?"

When Sky Pivot finished speaking, Moon Bamboo couldn't help but look at him in shock.

Every party was currently preparing to tackle the Plain of Fallen Gods in order to achieve Tier 6 promotion as quickly as possible. After all, this would give them an advantage over the other parties in town and give them a head start in exploring the Primordial Demon's Necropolis, a World Mode Regional Dungeon rumored to drop Advanced Bronze and possibly even Silver Mana Purification Techniques.

If they were to let the two newcomers have the promotion treasure first, it would likely impact their later exploration of the Primordial Demon's Necropolis.

"If that's the case, I would like to join your party," Shi Feng said after considering his options.

His primary goal was to reach Tier 6. As for the World Fragment, obtaining it relied entirely on luck. Rather than blindly searching for a World Fragment, he would be better off securing a Mana Purification Technique first and learning more about the Western Continent. This way, even if he were to operate solo in the future, he would have a better chance of surviving and achieving his goals.

"I'm fine with it, too," Billowing Water said, nodding. The promotion treasure and Mana Purification Technique also tempted her.

"Great! Then it's settled! We'll set off tomorrow!" Sky Pivot exclaimed, laughing heartily.

Following that, Shi Feng and Billowing Water raised their cups to celebrate their joining the Dawnlight Party. After enjoying a delicious meal at the bar, they rested in the hotel until dawn. At the break of dawn, under Sky Pivot's urging, the entire party of six set off for the Plain of Fallen Gods.

Chapter 3499: Alternate Ending 573 - Mana Purification Technique

Chapter 573 – Mana Purification Technique

Western Continent, Plain of Fallen Gods:

The Holy Race's presence was everywhere on the Western Continent, so it was incredibly challenging for human players to explore and acquire resources here. If

human players were to traverse the Western Continent, they would come across Holy Race parties or teams fighting monsters almost once every few minutes. To avoid clashing with these Holy Race players, Shi Feng and the others had to proceed with extreme caution, which, in turn, hampered their travel speed.

The Plain of Fallen Gods was situated four large maps away from Seven Luminaries Town. Normally, it would only take Holy Race players two or three hours to cross this distance, but Shi Feng and the others took roughly seven hours. Even so, this could already be considered a fast travel speed for human players, as other Tier 5 human players would need at least two days to complete this journey.

This was all thanks to Sky Pivot. As a Tier 5 Summoner, Sky Pivot could not only summon Tier 5 monsters to fight for him, but he could also use them as Mounts. He could even summon flying monsters to use as Flying Mounts.

Meanwhile, the Tier 5 Illusory Gryffin summoned by Sky Pivot could not only act as a Flying Mount, but it could also rely on its Tier 5 Illusion Spells to conceal its passengers. Because of this, the Illusory Gryffin looked no different than the average flying monster when it flew in the sky, and it did not attract any attention from the Holy Race players fighting on the ground.

Eventually, after six hours of flight, the 20-meter-long Illusory Gryffin arrived at the Plain of Fallen Gods and landed on top of a hill, granting the Dawnlight Party an unobstructed view of their surroundings.

“Newbies, stick close to me,” Budding Leaf, a level 160, Tier 5 female Oracle, said hurriedly to Shi Feng and Billowing Water after landing. “The strength of your mana is too weak, so it’ll quickly get devoured by monsters. When we start fighting later, let the party leader and the others soften up the monsters a little first before joining the fight.”

“The monsters can devour our mana?” Billowing Water couldn’t help but be surprised.

While there might be monsters capable of devouring mana in the Greater God’s Domain, none could devour the mana of players, let alone the mana of Tier 5 players.

It should be known that the mana of players would reach a near-solid state once they got promoted to Tier 5. Even if a monster tried to devour their mana, it wouldn’t be an easy task to accomplish.

“Leaf is right,” Splashing Fire, a middle-aged male Ranger, said, nodding in agreement with Budding Leaf. “The monsters on the Western Continent’s inland region can devour Mana and Holy Power. If you don’t have sufficiently strong Mana or Holy Power, you’ll get sucked dry and killed by the monsters here in no time. Many players had unknowingly died like so when the town was initially founded.”

Billowing Water was dumbfounded even further.

How were they supposed to fight against monsters capable of devouring all forms of energy?

For melee players like herself, it wouldn't matter whether she fought using combat techniques or Skills. Both would be useless as she couldn't afford to get close to the monsters here.

As for Shi Feng, he was unfazed by this revelation.

The information he learned in his previous life included the various problems players faced when fighting monsters on the Western Continent. The Western Continent's monsters were essentially nightmares for the human pioneers, and they could only rely on ranged players to kill these monsters. Even so, it was a very challenging task to do so.

The Western Continent's monsters possessed extraordinarily high Defense, so much so that even players of the same tier could do barely any damage against them. For example, a Tier 5 player casting a Tier 5 Spell could only shave off about 10,000 HP from a Tier 5 Legendary monster. It should be known that these Tier 5 Legendary monsters had HP in the tens of billions, with some even having upwards of one hundred billion. An attack that dealt only 10,000 damage wouldn't even be enough to tickle these monsters.

Before Budding Leaf and Splashing Fire could continue with their explanations, a Level 165 Legendary-ranked Half-Snakekin General suddenly emerged from the nearby forest, and it charged at the Illusory Gryffin with a speed that was easily twice as fast as the Eternal Continent's Legendary monsters.

[Half-Snakekin General] (Humanoid Creature, Legendary)

Level 165

HP 60,000,000,000

"Not good! Run! It's a Regional Boss!"

Billowing Water and the others had originally readied themselves for a fight. However, when Sky Pivot saw the Half-Snakekin General, he promptly called for a retreat with a grave expression on his face.

"That's a Regional Boss?"

When Billowing Water saw the Half-Snakekin General's stats, she couldn't understand why Sky Pivot would react so nervously.

Normally, Level 160 Legendary Bosses in the Greater God's Domain would have several hundred billion HP at the very least, with some even having up to a trillion HP. If a Level 165 monster only had 60 billion HP, it couldn't even be considered a Tier 5 Legendary monster. It wouldn't take much time for Tier 5 players to kill such a monster.

Moreover, even if the Half-Snakekin General was indeed a Region Boss, their Tier 5 party should be able to slay it with ease.

Before Billowing Water could figure out why Sky Pivot was so terrified, the Half-Snakekin General suddenly appeared beside her while twirling its two crescent blades. At the same time, the Half-Snakekin General started to dance an enchanting dance that mesmerized all who saw it.

When Billowing Water saw the Half-Snakekin General's blade dance, she could feel herself being drawn to it, and this situation caused an unprecedented chill crept up her spine.

A Fusion Combat Technique!

The Half-Snakekin General had undoubtedly executed a combat technique at the Silver rank or above. Moreover, the attack wasn't composed of just the combat technique but also a mental attack. If she were to fall for the Half-Snakekin General's mesmerization for even a moment, she would lose her life to the Regional Boss in the blink of an eye.

At this time, Billowing Water finally understood why Sky Pivot would react so fearfully toward encountering such a "weak" Regional Boss.

An attack composed of a combat technique and a mental attack was no different than a fatal poison for players. This was because players would have great difficulty responding with a combat technique of their own while being subjected to a mental attack. Fighting the Half-Snakekin General in such a situation would be an absolute nightmare.

"Hah!"

Fortunately, Billowing Water was a Saint-ranked expert with plenty of combat experience under her belt, and she promptly let out a shout to clear her mind. At the same time, a golden greatsword appeared in her hands, and she used the massive weapon like a shield to defend herself against the Half-Snakekin General's twirling blades.

Boom!

The instant the weapons collided, Billowing Water was sent flying over a hundred yards away. In just one exchange, it was evident that there was a great disparity in Strength between both sides.

However, the Half-Snakekin General's attack still wasn't over. Utilizing the reactive force generated from having its attack blocked by Billowing Water's Formless Twilight, the Half-Snakekin General propelled itself toward Shi Feng, who was evidently weaker than the four other standing members of the party.

It's over for this newbie...

When Moon Bamboo saw that less than fifteen yards separated the Half-Snakekin General and Shi Feng, she couldn't help but close her eyes.

The Half-Snakekin General was not only fast but also incredibly nimble. Although Moon Bamboo did not know how Billowing Water had managed to summon a greatsword out of nowhere, Shi Feng was evidently a standard Swordsman as he carried two longswords around his waist. If he were subjected to the Half-Snakekin General's mental attack and blade dance simultaneously, he might not even have time to draw his weapons, let alone defend himself.

Clang!

Suddenly, the sound of metal hitting something hard echoed throughout the area.

Immediately afterward, whether it was Moon Bamboo and the others or Billowing Water, who had been sent flying, all of them gaped in shock.

At this time, Shi Feng could be seen standing steadily in place with both hands raised up to his neck, and the Half-Snakekin General's crescent blades were grasped firmly within his hands. As for the Half-Snakekin General, even though it was hissing menacingly and applying force to its arms, it couldn't push its crescent blades forward by even a millimeter more...

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"This newbie's Strength is incredible!"

"If we are talking solely about Strength, he has already surpassed the average Tier 6 Berserker."

Budding Leaf and Splashing Fire were greatly shocked when they saw Shi Feng catching the Half-Snakekin General's weapons.

The Half-Snakekin General was a Legendary-ranked Regional Boss. While it wasn't a Strength-oriented monster, its Strength was still vastly superior to even Tier 5

Berserkers of the same level. Only Tier 5 Berserkers wielding Legendary Weapons could hope to match it.

Not to mention, one couldn't block the Half-Snakekin General's attacks simply by having great Strength. Billowing Water was a good example of this.

Even though Billowing Water was a Swordsman, her Strength was already on par with the average Tier 6 Berserker of the same level. Yet, the Half-Snakekin General still sent her flying.

"He's at the Half-Step Tier 6 standard already!" Moon Bamboo exclaimed, a hint of excitement appearing on her face. "We've picked up a gem this time. If he can block the Boss's Fusion Combat Technique so easily, his Concentration must have reached the Tier 6 Advanced standard already. He's only short of constructing a Divine Body to get promoted to Tier 6 now."

Most of Seven Luminaries Town's players might be Superior Demigods, with some having Basic Attributes rivaling rookie Tier 6 players, but there were still differences between Superior Demigods. It was especially so on the Western Continent.

Whether it was the Western Continent's environment or monsters, both were different from that of the Eternal Continent and Greater God's Domain.

While many human players who had entered the Western Continent might rival actual Tier 6 players, they couldn't fully exhibit their strength here. This was because the Western Continent was home to monsters capable of devouring all forms of energy and launching powerful mental attacks. Without sufficient Mana and Concentration, players would be powerless against these monsters.

Normally, newcomers in Seven Luminaries Town would lack Mana and Concentration. As a result, the monsters of the Western Continent could easily devour their Mana and influence their minds. This prevented newcomers from effectively utilizing Combat Techniques, Skills, and Spells, limiting them to fighting against average Tier 5 Legendary monsters.

If a newcomer wished to stand a chance against the Tier 5 Regional Bosses of the Western Continent, they would need to master at least a Basic Mana Purification Technique.

As for Tier 6 Divine monsters, only Half-Step Tier 6 experts like Sky Pivot and Moon Bamboo, who have mastered Bronze Mana Purification Techniques and possess Tier 6 Intermediate standard Concentration, would stand a fighting chance against them.

Currently, although Shi Feng's Mana was somewhat weak, his Concentration had already reached the Tier 6 Advanced standard. Even if he were to face a Divine monster on the Western Continent, he wouldn't be powerless to resist.

Meanwhile, the addition of a Half-Step Tier 6 expert to the party would undoubtedly increase the party's overall strength by a large margin.

Is his Concentration at such a high level already?

Billowing Water, who was sent flying into the distance, couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in disbelief.

She was confident that her Concentration was top-notch, even among paragons of the same generation. And although her Concentration had yet to reach the Tier 6 Intermediate standard, she wasn't far from reaching it.

However, when facing the Half-Snakekin General's Fusion Combat Technique, she could barely defend against it. She couldn't utilize any of her combat techniques, which prevented her from resisting the Half-Snakekin General's attack completely. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been sent flying by the Regional Boss.

But before Billowing Water could snap out of her daze, several hundred Level 160-plus Half-Snakekin Warriors emerged from the surroundings.

These Half-Snakekin Warriors were all Tier 4 Mythic monsters. Although each was inferior to Tier 5 players, when they attacked as a group and utilized Combination Combat Techniques, they could still pose a significant threat to Tier 5 players. Moreover, with their high HPs, they could easily drag out the fight and wear out Tier 5 players.

"Escape is no longer an option," Sky Pivot said, sighing helplessly when he saw the Half-Snakekin Warriors that surrounded them. "Everyone, prepare for battle."

"Isn't this great news, Leader? It's not every day we get to come across a Regional Boss," Splashing Fire said, smiling jovially when he saw the approaching Half-Snakekin Warriors. "Now that our party has one more Half-Step Tier 6 expert, it would be a waste to run away."

"I agree with Fire. This is a rare opportunity," Moon Bamboo said, nodding.

Normally, their party would avoid any Legendary-ranked Regional Bosses they encountered and target only normal Legendary monsters.

Of course, it wasn't because they couldn't defeat a Legendary-ranked Regional Boss. It was just that it would take too much time. After all, their party previously only had two damage dealers. If they took too much time to finish the Boss, nearby Holy Race players were bound to take notice.

However, now that their party had gained an extra Half-Step Tier 6 expert, their party's overall damage output would increase by 50% at the very least. With such a huge

improvement to their damage output, they could definitely give raiding a Legendary-ranked Regional Boss a try.

“Okay! Leaf, Fire, you two go and support Billowing Water!” Sky Pivot commanded. “The rest of us will handle the Regional Boss!”

“Got it!” Splashing Fire licked his lips and promptly went into action with Budding Leaf.

Immediately, Splashing Fire nocked his longbow and launched flaming arrows at the approaching Half-Snakekin Warriors one after another, the hail of flaming arrows forcing the Mythic monsters to scatter in an attempt to avoid the attacks. At the same time, Budding Leaf waved her staff, summoning numerous barriers to isolate the scattered Half-Snakekin Warriors and prevent them from executing deadly Combination Combat Techniques.

In the blink of an eye, Splashing Fire and Budding Leaf had lowered the threat of the Half-Snakekin Warriors by a significant margin. This, in turn, allowed Billowing Water to withstand and repulse the Mythic monsters with little effort.

“Let’s begin attacking as well!” Sky Pivot said when he saw the Half-Snakekin Warriors getting blocked. Then, he returned his focus to the Half-Snakekin General and continued, “Our time is limited! We must eliminate this Boss before the Holy Race players arrive!”

After saying so, Sky Pivot constructed a summoning array that brought forth two Legendary monsters. Then, together with the previously summoned Illusory Gryffin, the three summoned creatures stood around Sky Pivot and transformed into a Phantom Dragon.

Under Sky Pivot’s control, the Phantom Dragon cast Dragon’s Glory, a three-fold Tier 5 Draconic Spell. Immediately, hundreds of laser beams shot at the Half-Snakekin General from all directions.

At the same time, Moon Bamboo appeared behind the Half-Snakekin General and raised her shield, releasing numerous shadow chains that bound the Regional Boss. At the same time, a gigantic sword of light also descended from the sky.

Tier 5 Super Spell, Lightshadow Taboo!

Seeing Sky Pivot and Moon Bamboo taking action, Shi Feng unsheathed the Shadow Incinerator and Winter of Eternal Night before executing Sword’s Orbit, forming a galaxy of stars that spread to his surroundings.

Boom!

The top of the hill was flattened in the blink of an eye, and everyone within a 30,000-yard radius could clearly hear the battle atop the hill.

“There’s a battle happening over there!”

“Whoever’s fighting must be fighting a Regional Boss if they’re causing such a huge commotion! Let’s hurry on over! We can’t let the others get ahead of us!”

Over a dozen Holy Race teams operating in the vicinity could hear the commotion caused by the Dawnlight Party’s battle, and they hurriedly charged toward the source of the commotion with fervent eyes.