Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God

Chapter 3501: Alternate Ending 575 - Visit From Red Frost

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Plain of Fallen Gods:

The hill that was originally over a hundred meters tall had transformed into a vast canyon after a battle, which affected a radius of ten kilometers, took place here. Numerous gorges that were over a hundred meters deep could be seen dotting the canyon. The entire terrain had undergone a drastic transformation, and gradually mending spatial tears could still be seen in the canyon.

"The battle's already over?"

"Dammit! We were still one step too late!"

"How could it have ended so quickly? It hasn't been more than three minutes since we first heard the commotion. Could it have been a 100-man team?"

When the teams of Holy Race experts arrived at the battlefield, they were disappointed to find that the battle they came to interfere with had already concluded. At the same time, they couldn't help but wonder what had taken place here.

They had hurried their way over here as soon as they heard the commotion. They had even ignored the monsters that tried to attack them, afraid they would miss out on the action.

While the Plain of Fallen Gods was vast, it had no more than twenty Regional Bosses. But maybe because of how few Regional Bosses there were here, each Regional Boss offered extraordinary rewards. It was especially so for the First Kill rewards. Due to this, competition over the Plain of Fallen Gods' Regional Bosses was exceptionally intense.

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that a swarm of players would gather at even the slightest sign of a Regional Boss.

Yet, even though they had taken such a short time to reach the battlefield, they failed to find even a single monster after arriving, let alone players. It was as if the battle they heard was nothing but a dream...

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While teams of Holy Race experts were coming and going from the battlefield, the Dawnlight Party was cautiously resting in a small cave deep within the depths of the canyon. The party of six didn't even dare to breathe loudly as they tentatively stared at the countdown timer displayed in the corner of their vision, the timer indicating how much time was left until they could log out of the game.

"Ten more seconds! This barrier should hold up!" Budding Leaf whispered as she watched several Holy Race teams investigate the canyon outside. "These Holy Race players are truly insane! How did so many of them show up in less than three minutes?! It's a good thing that you guys fought quickly, Leader. Otherwise. We would have had to fight against over a thousand Holy Race experts."

Billowing Water also gazed out of the cave solemnly, not daring to relax her guard. Although she had already heard about the situation regarding the Western Continent's inland region from Sky Pivot and Moon Bamboo, she still couldn't help but be frightened by all the Holy Race teams outside.

Every Holy Race player that came to check in on the canyon was at Level 160, Tier 5 and above. Moreover, every one of them gave off a presence comparable to the veterans of Seven Luminaries Town, and each team had at least three experts of Sky Pivot and Moon Bamboo's caliber.

Even though Billowing Water stood among the apex of the Eternal Continent's experts, she was reduced to the weakest caste in this place...

"We were lucky this time. We could have never finished the Boss so quickly without Black Flame's help," Sky Pivot said, smiling. "As we previously discussed, we'll log off to rest for six hours. The Holy Race players outside should give up and leave for good after failing to find anything for six hours."

Everyone nodded in agreement. Then, as soon as their respective timers counted down to zero, they promptly chose to log out of the game one after another.

Just as everyone was fading out of existence, Billowing Water couldn't help but look at Shi Feng's fading figure with a complicated look.

Originally, she thought she could let Shi Feng know his insignificance by bringing him to the Western Continent. She never thought she would be the one being shown how insignificant she was instead. In fact, if it weren't for Shi Feng's assistance this time, their party would have never been able to kill the Half-Snakekin General and secure the Regional Boss's lucrative loot.

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Star Lake City, Zero Wing Training Center:

As the sun set, the virtual gaming cabin of a special living quarter slowly opened. Then, Shi Feng climbed out of the cabin, grabbed one of the Life Potions placed next to the cabin, and drank it while admiring the cityscape outside the window.

As one of Star Lake City's large training centers, the Zero Wing Training Center was only a couple of streets away from the city's commercial center. Even as the sky darkened, the streets outside the building remained bustling with cars and people. Many of these people were young talents who had come from the surrounding towns to join the city's various powers.

It seems Zero Wing's fame has spread quite a bit, Shi Feng thought in surprise when he saw the long line of people waiting to enter the Zero Wing Training Center.

Previously, the long line of people waiting outside the Zero Wing Training Center was mainly due to Zero Wing's partnership with the Green God Corporation. The Green God Corporation had encouraged many of its members, who had been kicked out of Silver Frost City, to come to Star Lake City and join Zero Wing.

However, even after several days had passed, the number of people seeking to join Zero Wing did not decrease. On the contrary, it was continuously increasing. After learning that Zero Wing was recruiting members, many powers operating in the neighboring towns had even paid a hefty price to send their young talents to take Zero Wing's recruitment test.

Because of this, Gentle Snow and Hidden Soul had to work hectically these past few days. Shi Feng even had to start worrying about the training center's lack of space and thinking about purchasing more real estate in Star Lake City. Otherwise, Zero Wing could, at most, afford to recruit around 1,000 geniuses to nurture.

If Zero Wing only had 1,000 geniuses to work with, who knew how long it would take for the Guild to gain more mental strength grandmasters, become recognized as a Class 2 Guild by the God's Domain Association, and become qualified to move into a secondtier city.

I've already received the Blaze Conglomerate's promised three billion Star Coins, but the ten drops of Stardew will probably take another day or two to arrive. Looking at his watch, Shi Feng inwardly prayed, Let's hope these Stardews can help Zero Wing reach Class 2 quickly. Otherwise, the Guild's development in the Crystal City of Secrets will stagnate.

The development of human powers on the Western Continent was much faster than he anticipated. The Seven Luminaries Alliance had already established a town on the Western Continent. At this rate, he could already tell that the conflict between humans and the Holy Race would happen much sooner and at a much greater intensity.

Currently, Zero Wing might have relied on the Secret Crystal Trading Firm's benefits to recruit a batch of fifth-floor experts, but if Zero Wing couldn't offer any additional benefits, these fifth-floor experts were bound to leave Zero Wing once they fulfilled their contract.

While Shi Feng was contemplating how he should distribute the ten drops of Stardew, Gentle Snow suddenly contacted him.

"Commander Red Frost is here to see you, Guild Leader. She says she has something urgent to discuss with you. Should I let her in?"

"Commander Red Frost wants to see me?"

Shi Feng was surprised by Red Frost's visit. As the Star Lake Legion's commander, Red Frost was a very busy person, and even the legion's vice commanders could rarely meet her, let alone get her to visit them in person. Immediately, Shi Feng had Gentle Snow lead Red Frost to the top floor's VIP lounge.

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Zero Wing Training Center, VIP lounge:

When Shi Feng stepped into the room, he saw Red Frost sitting on the sofa, fiddling with a data key. The current Red Frost wore a cold expression devoid of her usual cheerful demeanor.

"You're finally here, my almighty vice commander," Red Frost said, a hint of curiosity appearing on her cold face. "May I know if my esteemed vice commander can answer me one question: What on earth have you done to provoke fifteen third-tier mobile cities to initiate a city battle with us? All of them will even be arriving together in seven days!"

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Red Frost spoke without emotion, her indifferent voice adding a layer of frost to the room's atmosphere. Despite having already become a one-star grandmaster, Shi Feng was still affected by this chilly atmosphere.

"Fifteen third-tier cities have declared war on us simultaneously! It's been centuries since such a thing happened in our region!" Red Frost said with emphasis as she

scrutinized Shi Feng. "The last time such a thing happened, Silver Frost City hadn't even become a second-tier city yet. If not for the City Lord having a favorable view of you, do you know what kind of situation you would be facing right now?"

There might seem like a large number of third-tier mobile cities operating on the Starlight Continent, but they were, in reality, rather limited in numbers. Normally, a third-tier city would only come across another third-tier city after wandering about for several months. And unless a new energy vein was discovered, it was highly unlikely for multiple third-tier cities to be present in the same location at the same time.

Meanwhile, even a handful of third-tier cities competing over an energy vein would typically result in some of the involved cities losing a couple of the energy veins they originally owned. In severe cases, some of the involved cities might even be knocked back to their starting point and forced to survive with just one energy vein. In that state, they would be at risk of running out of energy at any moment and cease to be a city.

As for the current situation where fifteen third-tier cities were gathering to attack Star Lake City together, Red Frost couldn't even begin to imagine what would become of Star Lake City if this situation wasn't handled properly.

"I haven't done anything as over the top as you might think," Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at Red Frost's solemn expression. "If there's anything I've done, it's simply disrespecting the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord."

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, Red Frost couldn't help but reveal a look of astonishment.

"You're saying you offended Xiao Quan? The son of the City Lord overseeing the second-tier mobile city of our region?" Red Frost couldn't help but seek confirmation.

"That's right. It's him," Shi Feng said, nodding.

"How audacious of you," Red Frost commented before pursing her lips. "That fellow's the most favored child of Silver Frost City's City Lord. He's slated to inherit the City Lord position in the future. If you have offended him, neither you nor Zero Wing can continue operating within Silver Frost City's territory. Not even our City Lord can cover for you this time."

Shi Feng wasn't surprised by Red Frost's words. Instead, he smiled and said, "The City Lord might not be able to cover for me now, but what if Star Lake City becomes a second-tier mobile city?"

This time, the situation differed from when the Paimon Conglomerate was applying pressure on Star Lake City. Star Lake City's jurisdiction fell under the Galaxy Conglomerate, so the most the Paimon Conglomerate could do was tempt other third-

tier cities into attacking Star Lake City. If it tried to do anything more, the Galaxy Conglomerate would no longer turn a blind eye to its actions.

As for the incident this time, all parties involved fell within the Galaxy Conglomerate's jurisdiction. So, no matter how much the conflict escalated, the Galaxy Conglomerate would not intervene.

"A second-tier mobile city?" Red Frost laughed. "Do you think the Star Lake Legion has what it takes to win against fifteen city legions simultaneously?"

City battles in the real world differed from battles in God's Domain. Not only would participants have their Physiques heavily suppressed, but even the weapons and equipment they could access highly depended on their mental strength standard. The stronger the weapons and equipment participants tried to manifest, the stronger their mental strength needed to be. So, one could say that a city battle was a mental strength competition.

However, city battles could only be regarded as competitions of mental strength only if they were one-on-one scenarios. In a situation where both sides were limited to only ten battle groups and two hundred participants, there were limited means each side could employ after they scattered their forces across different occupation points.

In a one-versus-many scenario, things would be different. It was especially so when one side consisted of fifteen cities. The side with fifteen cities could deploy 150 battle groups consisting of 3,000 participants. In such a situation, they would be more than capable of using various large-scale magic arrays.

For example, they could use large-scale magic barriers to suppress the enemy. They could also use large-scale offensive magic arrays powered by several hundred magical class players to launch attacks that players of the same tier could not resist. They could even deploy large-scale defensive magic arrays that could easily stop attacks from players of the same tier.

It was no exaggeration to say that one-versus-one simulation warfare and one-versusmany simulation warfare were two entirely different types of conflict. In the latter case, the impact that individual players could have on the battle would be diminished significantly.

"I cannot guarantee whether we can win." Looking at Red Frost, Shi Feng contemplated for a moment before asking, "If you were to recover your peak strength, how likely are you to win the Tier 6 battle, Commander Red Frost?"

"Recover my peak strength?" Red Frost couldn't help but look at Shi Feng curiously for a moment when she heard his question. Then, she laughed and said, "Do you have a way to let me recover? Do you even know what kind of injury I have suffered?"

"The source of your body's mana has been damaged, and it has led to the severe weakening of your mana's strength, right?" Shi Feng said, chuckling.

According to the rumors floating about in Star Lake City, Red Frost possessed astonishing talent. Yet, she plummeted from grace after suffering some kind of injury during her campaign in the Twelve Sanctuaries.

Meanwhile, based on his observations during the last city battle, Shi Feng found that, despite being at Tier 6, Red Frost's mana was abnormally thin. He also noticed that she didn't make use of any mana throughout the entire battle, relying only on her weapon, equipment, and techniques. This was a very bizarre way to fight for a pseudo-great grandmaster.

The only explanation Shi Feng could come up with to explain this situation was that Red Frost had suffered damage to her mana source, which, in turn, led to a drastic decrease in her mana's strength.

This was a phenomenon he had heard of before, and it could be said to be a type of curse in the Twelve Sanctuaries. Without the proper means to resolve it, players would be stuck with it forever. The curse would follow them, even if they started a new account.

Originally, Shi Feng didn't have any way of combating this curse. Unless Red Frost could kill the person who cursed her, her mana would be permanently weakened.

However, after learning about the Western Continent's Mana Purification Techniques, he was confident he could resolve Red Frost's problem with ease.

"Do you truly have a solution?" Red Frost shot up from her seat and stared intently at Shi Feng, the excitement in her eyes very apparent.

The Sanctuaries' curse was something she had never mentioned to anyone. She would also never use mana, even during normal battles, and she would only fight while relying on her Basic Attributes. Even if others took notice of her strange behavior, they would only think that it was her style of combat; they wouldn't suspect a problem with her mana.

"I wouldn't have brought it up if I didn't have a solution," Shi Feng asserted. "So, once again, how confident are you in winning the Tier 6 battle if you can recover your peak strength, Commander Red Frost?"

"I'm sure you know that fighting multiple cities simultaneously is a completely different experience from fighting just one city. There are many more means our opponents can employ, so the battle isn't something the individual player can influence easily." After pondering for a moment, Red Frost answered, "If I can recover my peak strength, I would probably have a thirty to forty percent chance of winning the Tier 6 battle."

"Up to 40%?" Shi Feng was a little surprised by Red Frost's answer. Originally, he felt that, even if he looked at the situation optimistically, Red Frost would only have a 20% chance of victory. Moreover, this was built on the foundation that Red Frost was a pseudo-great grandmaster. "What if we add in a battle group that's fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment?"

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"A battle group fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment?"

When Red Frost heard Shi Feng's words, she felt he was joking with her.

Whether it was Legendary Weapons or Legendary Equipment, both were incredibly rare and precious in the Greater God's Domain. Even upper-ranking hegemonic powers would rarely be willing to let their developing paragons use these items.

Take Star Lake Legion, for example. The entire legion only had three Legendary Weapons and Equipment in its possession, and all three were on loan from the City Lord after he dug into his own pockets to acquire them. The Star Lake Legion couldn't even afford to fully equip a player in Legendary items, let alone a full battle group consisting of twenty participants.

In fact, not even top-ranking second-tier mobile cities would dare to think of fully equipping a 20-man battle group in Legendary items.

"Indeed! A battle group fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment!" Shi Feng nodded. "If you can have such a battle group under you, how confident are you at winning, Commander Red Frost?"

Normally, only upper-ranking hegemonic powers and above could possibly accomplish the feat of fully equipping a 20-man battle group in Legendary Weapons and Equipment. Ordinary hegemonic powers and corporations operating in third-tier cities shouldn't even consider doing such a thing.

However, he was in possession of the Divine Engraver Legacy. He was also a Basic Apprentice Divine Engraver. So long as he could further develop the strength of his mana by a little bit, it shouldn't be difficult for him to learn how to draw Intermediate Divine Patterns in seven days.

Previously, he had already mastered drawing a set of Basic Divine Patterns. The only reason he didn't attempt to learn how to draw Intermediate Divine Patterns and become a bona fide Divine Engraver was that he lacked God Crystals.

If he wanted to learn a set of Intermediate Divine Patterns from the Divine Engraver Legacy, he would need to spend 50 God Crystals. This was not an amount that the average power could take out. Back then, he would have needed to sell everything he owned just to gather the required 50 God Crystals.

Not to mention, becoming a bona fide Divine Engraver wasn't his priority back then. So, he didn't bother to invest too much time and resources into the endeavor.

Now, though, not only did the Green God Corporation secretly gather a group of Lifestyle talents for him, but he had also received a large amount of funds. He could begin nurturing a large batch of players into Apprentice Divine Engravers at any time, and it wouldn't be long before these players became Apprentice Divine Engravers.

If he couldn't become an official Divine Engraver before that happened, he wouldn't be able to carry out his subsequent plans. After all, he couldn't possibly spend 50 God Crystals to let someone else learn from the Book of Eternity in his place. The cheapest and safest way to carry out his plans would be if he learned how to draw Intermediate Divine Patterns himself.

Meanwhile, once he could draw Intermediate Divine Patterns, he would be able to strengthen Fragmented Legendary items. At that time, he would simply have to strengthen a battle group fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items. Then, he would have himself a battle group that possessed Basic Attributes rivaling a battle group fully equipped with Legendary items. Moreover, he wouldn't have to worry about applying too much extra burden on the participants' mental state.

Of course, to keep his ability to draw divine patterns a secret as much as possible, he still couldn't reveal too many.

A 20-man battle group was about the limit. If he strengthened the weapons and equipment of only 20 participants, he could still justify it by claiming to have purchased a batch of Intermediate Divine Patterns at an exorbitant price. Any more, and he would have a hard time explaining himself.

If he were to accidentally expose to the various powers his ability to draw Intermediate Divine Patterns, it'd be the end of the road for him.

Whether it was Demon's Gate or the Seven Luminaries Alliance, every apex power would try to capture him at all costs to take control of the Intermediate Divine Patterns in his possession. With his current strength, there would be nothing he could do to resist.

"If you can get such a battle group for me, there is nothing else I can say." Grinning, Red Frost patted her well-endowed chest and expressed confidently, "If I still can't secure victory in the Tier 6 battle, I will help you with anything you need in the future without question."

Looking at Red Frost's seductive and noble appearance, Shi Feng suddenly felt that if Blackie and the others were to learn of Red Frost's suggestion, they would 100% hope that the coalition of fifteen cities would win against Star Lake City.

Setting aside the fact that Red Frost was a stunning beauty, just the fact that she was a pseudo-great grandmaster was already enough to tempt any upper-ranking hegemonic power and pseudo-apex power into recruiting her.

In the Greater World, three-star grandmasters could control a city, while great grandmasters could influence the direction of an entire continent's development. A great grandmaster could also control a first-tier city and command respect from the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers and conglomerates.

"If you have no problems with the Tier 6 battle, winning the city battle also wouldn't be a problem," Shi Feng hurriedly said when he noticed Red Frost starting to scrutinize him again. "After the city battle, Star Lake City will be able to take a leap forward and become a second-tier city. I'm sure the City Lord will be very interested in my proposal."

The lifelong dream of many three-star grandmasters was to preside over a second-tier mobile city. This was so they could cross the large hurdle before them and enter the realm of great grandmasters.

No matter how affluent a third-tier city was, it still had far too few energy resources to supplement the birth of a great grandmaster. Even the most energy-rich location in a third-tier city would only be comparable to the central district of a second-tier city, and it was still far from matching the most energy-rich location of a second-tier city. Not to mention, a second-tier city's City Lord enjoyed much greater status in the God's Domain Association than a third-tier city's City Lord.

The God's Domain Association was an incredibly mysterious organization in the Greater World. Nobody knew about the Association's origins, but everyone knew that the Association could produce great grandmasters.

Or, more specifically, apart from certain special opportunities in God's Domain, the only way a person could become a great grandmaster in the Greater World was by relying on the God's Domain Association. In fact, the majority of the Greater World's great grandmasters only existed because of the Association.

Star Lake City's City Lord was already old, and his chances of becoming a great grandmaster were slim. If he wanted to achieve a breakthrough and prolong his lifespan and youth, his only option would be to become the City Lord of a second-tier city.

"You're right." Returning to her seat, Red Frost crossed her legs and nodded. Then, she smiled and said, "The City Lord will not be able to resist a chance to become a second-tier city's City Lord. He will even be willing to stake his life for it. But, the problem is, on what basis do you expect us to believe you can fulfill any of your promises?"

Shi Feng's proposal indeed tempted Red Frost. Her mind had even temporarily fallen into disarray because of it.

However, she was a pseudo-great grandmaster. She was also the Silver Lake Legion's commander, and she wielded the most authority in Star Lake City after the City Lord. She naturally wouldn't trust someone so easily. Not to mention, Shi Feng's offer sounded too good to be true.

Shi Feng also sat back down. Then, looking at Red Frost in the eye, he calmly said:

"On the basis that I am Black Flame."

Shi Feng did not speak in a loud voice. Yet, his words had seemingly stopped time as the lounge fell completely silent.

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Chapter 3504: Alternate Ending 3504 - Alternate Ending 578 - Regional Boss's Loot

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"Black Flame? You're Zero Wing's Guild Leader, Black Flame?!"

Red Frost shot up from her seat once again and looked at Shi Feng in disbelief. This time, she strongly believed Shi Feng was joking with her.

Black Flame had already become a household name in the Greater God's Domain. Black Flame was also why she and the City Lord had a very optimistic view of Zero Wing's future.

It was especially so for Red Frost after she took an in-depth look into Black Flame's growth process. The only word she could use to describe Black Flame was shocking.

First, Black Flame had gotten into the Luminous Glory List. Later, he entered the Eternal Realm and single-handedly suppressed several upper-ranking powers and Holy Race powers. Then, just when everyone thought Black Flame's success was only a product of luck, he appeared in the Miniature Ancient World and accomplished something even more astonishing.

Despite being a Tier 5 player, Black Flame had single-handedly slain a Tier 6 Berserker God and slaughtered tens of thousands of experts across a distance of hundreds of kilometers. After the battle, he was even ranked eleventh on the Sacred Glory List, granting him great fame across the Greater God's Domain for some time.

However, all of this was not important.

As a former Sacred Glory List expert, Red Frost knew that the ranking list was merely the tip of the iceberg. Many talented paragons were still not ranked on the Sacred Glory List. More specifically, these were the talents secretly nurtured by the various upperranking hegemonic powers and above.

Meanwhile, in the eyes of these talents, the Sacred Glory List was nothing more than a joke to entertain the masses. It wasn't something worth taking seriously at all.

But after conducting in-depth research on Black Flame, Red Frost also realized that the Sacred Glory List had only revealed a small portion of Black Flame's true potential. What was truly frightening about Black Flame was his rate of growth.

Black Flame's growth was simply unheard of. When Black Flame first entered the Sacred Glory List, he was merely suspected to be a fifth-floor expert. Yet, even though only a short time had passed, he was now an existence who had mastered a Gold Combat Technique.

Even back in her heyday, her growth would be insignificant compared to Black Flame's.

At one point, Red Frost even suspected that Black Flame might be an old monster who had decided to come out of retirement and establish a Guild out of boredom.

Yet, she was now being told that Black Flame, Zero Wing's mythical Guild Leader and the Lord of War Goddesses, was actually a young man in his thirties, and he wasn't even a mental strength master not long ago...

How could she possibly believe this?!

"Indeed! It is!" Shi Feng said, smiling and nodding as he looked at Red Frost's shocked expression. "Will that be enough to prove I can fulfill my promises?"

He didn't find Red Frost's reaction particularly strange.

Anyone who bothered to do some research would more than likely assume that Black Flame was someone of significant age. After all, Black Flame's rate of growth was highly abnormal.

Many people even suspected that Black Flame might have originated from some ancient power. Otherwise, how could he be so bold as to challenge multiple pseudoapex powers?

Unfortunately, no matter how everyone racked their minds, they would probably never imagine that he was a reincarnator, much less a reincarnator who had reincarnated more than once.

"How can I trust that you are Black Flame?" Red Frost sternly asked, her previously cheerful and charming appearance nowhere to be seen.

"Simple!" Tapping on his watch, Shi Feng summoned a holographic panel displaying his God's Domain profile. "I can't possibly falsify my God's Domain ID, right?"

While exposing his identity as Black Flame came with risks, it was a much less significant secret to expose compared to the Divine Engraver Legacy. After all, in the various powers' eyes, Black Flame was merely a developing monster. As a Tier 5 player, Black Flame couldn't even pose a significant threat to upper-ranking hegemonic powers, let alone pseudo-apex and apex powers.

However, Black Flame's identity held significant meaning for Red Frost, the Star Lake Legion's commander. This was because only those who had come into personal contact with him would know how abnormal his rate of growth truly was. The worth of his future potential easily surpassed the worth of a second-tier city.

"You really are Black Flame!" When Red Frost saw the ID displayed on the holographic panel, she couldn't help but look at Shi Feng as if she had just seen a priceless treasure. "Aren't you afraid I'll leak your identity? The Paimon Conglomerate still has a bounty on your head, and not only has the bounty grown to one billion Star Coins, but it also includes a permanent residential slot in a first-tier city."

"I doubt you will be tempted by such trifling rewards, Commander Red Frost," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "If you could be so easily tempted, you would never have stayed in Star Lake City. You would have long moved into a first-tier city and enjoyed much greater status in the Greater World."

No matter how weak Red Frost had become in God's Domain, it did not change the fact that she was a pseudo-great grandmaster in the real world. This alone was enough to net her a core executive position in any pseudo-apex power. Had she taken on such a position, she could have promptly moved into one of the high and mighty special-tier mobile cities, let alone a first-tier mobile city.

"You are correct." Red Frost nodded, a hint of nostalgia flashing in her eyes. Then, she took a deep breath and continued, "Since you have proven yourself to be Black Flame, I will no longer question the feasibility of tackling the fifteen cities. I will also personally speak to the City Lord about your proposal."

Black Flame had single-handedly annihilated the experts of three upper-ranking hegemonic powers in the Miniature Ancient World. So, defeating fifteen third-tier city legions would be nothing more than repeating that feat.

Not to mention, Black Flame had stated that he could help her recover to her peak!

"I will have to trouble you with that, then, Commander Red Frost," Shi Feng expressed his gratitude.

"No trouble; it's no trouble at all," Red Frost said, smiling. "Just don't forget your promise to me."

"Naturally. I guarantee you'll recover to your peak in seven days," Shi Feng affirmed.

He was rather confident in obtaining a Mana Purification Technique in seven days. After all, Mana Purification Techniques weren't particularly rare on the Western Continent. It was even possible to exchange for Mana Purification Techniques using resources in Seven Luminaries Town.

Of course, Bronze Purification Techniques were still a little tricky to obtain. This could be seen by how only a minority of the veteran players operating in Seven Luminaries Town had learned a Bronze Purification Technique.

If he couldn't get his hands on a Bronze Purification Technique in seven days, he would have to settle with exchanging a Common Purification Technique. Even if it couldn't resolve Red Frost's problem completely, it should more or less recover some of her Tier 6 mana's strength.

Following this, Shi Feng and Red Frost spent the next three hours discussing the details of their cooperation. This also meant that six hours had passed in God's Domain, so Shi Feng promptly returned to his living quarters and logged back into the game as soon as he concluded his discussion with Red Frost.

Everyone in the Dawnlight Party had agreed to log back into the game at a specific time. If he let the others wait for him for too long, they might fall into danger. After all, the Plain of Fallen Gods remained the Holy Race players' territory, the Holy Race players would not hesitate to join forces to subjugate any human players they discovered on the map. Hence, every second and minute a human player spent on the Plain of Fallen Gods was incredibly dangerous.

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Plain of Fallen Gods:

"You're back, Brother Black Flame." When Sky Pivot saw Shi Feng appearing, he solemnly said, "Now that everyone's here, we will split the loot according to our previous agreement."

"No problem." Shi Feng nodded when he saw the excitement on Sky Pivot's face.

The Half-Snakekin General had dropped eleven items previously. However, as they were in a rush before, they quickly collected the items closest to them before fleeing to this cave. Then, they hastily logged out of the game after setting up a magic barrier on the cave's entrance. So, even until now, nobody knew what they had obtained from the Regional Boss.

Subsequently, under Sky Pivot's command, everyone took out the items they looted. Immediately afterward, the density of Mana and various other energies in the cave started to rise rapidly. Even Eternal Energy had started to gather from all directions.

Chapter 3505: Alternate Ending 579 - Soul Blood

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"What dense Eternal Energy!"

"Incredible! The Eternal Energy gathered here is already denser than when we defeated the Final Boss of that Hell Mode Team Dungeon!"

Sky Pivot and the other original members of the Dawnlight Party promptly lost their calm when they sensed the change in their surrounding environment.

"Is that really the case, Leader? Has the loot of this Regional Boss gathered denser Eternal Energy than a Hell Mode Team Dungeon's Final Boss?" Billowing Water asked out of curiosity. She wasn't aware of the Western Continent's loot situation, so she didn't share the same reaction as Sky Pivot and the others.

In God's Domain, the higher the quality of an item, the more mana it could attract from the surroundings. But judging by the reactions of Sky Pivot and the others, although the Half-Snakekin General's loot had also attracted a lot of mana, the standard of judging an item's quality was evidently based on the Eternal Energy the item attracted.

"It is much denser," Sky Pivot said, nodding.

"Our party previously collaborated with a couple of other parties to raid a Hell Mode Team Dungeon, but the Final Boss's loot only doubled the density of the surrounding Eternal Energy. The affected area was also only limited to a 10-yard radius," Moon Bamboo explained. "But as you can see, these items have increased the surrounding

Eternal Energy's density by several times. If not for the magic barrier we've set up, the area they can influence might even increase to a radius of several hundred yards. Essentially, we've struck gold this time!"

"Indeed!" Looking at the eleven items on the ground, Budding Leaf sighed ruefully and said, "When we participated in the joint dungeon raid, a total of eight noteworthy items dropped, and our party only received two. Our party even lost two members during the raid. Even so, we still ended up profiting significantly. But what we got from that raid is nothing compared to our current harvest."

The Dawnlight Party had obtained two valuable items from the Hell Mode Team Dungeon they raided. Of them, one was a Bronze Mana Purification Technique, while the other was a Combat-ranked Secret Treasure.

The Bronze Purification Technique was given to Moon Bamboo, the vice party leader of the team, while the Combat-ranked Secret Treasure was given to Sky Pivot. After receiving their respective treasures, both Moon Bamboo and Sky Pivot saw a significant increase in strength. Even after accounting for the loss of their two party members, the Dawnlight Party's overall strength still increased significantly, allowing the party to retain its status in Seven Luminaries Town.

"Enough talking. The barrier might be able to prevent the Holy Race players outside from detecting us, but some of them might have Scouting Skills that can see through the barrier's concealment. Let's quickly appraise these items before trouble finds us," Sky Pivot urged.

Moon Bamboo nodded and promptly began to use her Identification Skill to appraise the eleven items.

Many of the Holy Race's combat methods and Skills were incomprehensible to human players. As a result, many parties failed to survive their encounters with Holy Race players. So, it was best to avoid contact with Holy Race players as much as possible.

Thirty seconds later, Moon Bamboo finished appraising the eleven items, the speed of her appraisal astonishing even Shi Feng.

"We really lucked out this time!" Moon Bamboo exclaimed. "Other than four Common Secret Treasures and two Legendary materials, we also got one Bronze Purification Technique and four Combat Secret Treasures!"

"There's a Bronze Purification Technique and four Combat Secret Treasures?"

Sky Pivot and the others couldn't help but be astonished. Billowing Water found this outcome especially shocking.

Whether it was the Bronze Purification Technique or Combat Secret Treasures, both were extremely rare on the Western Continent. According to her understanding, even Seven Luminaries Town's veteran parties wouldn't necessarily own a Bronze Purification Technique or a Combat Secret Treasure. Most were still stuck with Common Purification Technique and Common Secret Treasures.

Yet, their party had obtained one Bronze Purification Technique and four Combat Secret Treasures from killing just one Regional Boss. This was an unbelievable harvest.

"Brother Black Flame, as per our agreement and your contribution to the party, this Bronze Purification Technique belongs to you," Sky Pivot calmly said. "Besides that, you and Billow can have priority in choosing one item from the remaining items."

Moon Bamboo, Budding Leaf, and Splashing Fire did not object to Sky Pivot's arrangement. They simply looked at the party's two newcomers.

Although they had reaped a huge harvest this time, Sky Pivot had already informed them of the promises he previously made to Shi Feng and Billowing Water. They had also agreed to Sky Pivot's decision before they set out, so they weren't about to kick up a fuss now. Not to mention, even if they conceded three items, the rest of the loot was still plenty astonishing.

Meanwhile, Billowing Water couldn't help but look at Shi Feng enviously when she heard he would be receiving a Bronze Purification Technique.

For newcomers like themselves to survive on the Western Continent, it was imperative that they strengthened their mana as soon as possible. Not to mention, a Bronze Purification Technique could undoubtedly provide a huge increase in strength. If she could get her hands on one and learn it successfully, she was confident she could enter Seven Luminaries Town's upper ranks.

"Would you like to make a trade with me, Miss Billow?" Shi Feng quietly asked when he noticed Billowing Water's yearning for the Bronze Purification Technique. "We previously agreed that half of my earnings in the Forbidden Zone would belong to you. If I give this Bronze Purification Technique to you, can we settle the matter?"

"Are you really willing to trade this Bronze Purification Technique for half of your harvests later?" Billowing Water asked, confused by Shi Feng's offer.

Even though she hadn't spent much time in Seven Luminaries Town, she knew how valuable a Bronze Purification Technique was. It was highly unlikely they would get another Bronze Purification Technique in their subsequent exploration. So, Shi Feng would be losing out big time if he were to trade away his Bronze Purification Technique to offset the earnings he needed to split with her afterward.

"Of course," Shi Feng said, smiling. "While the Bronze Purification Technique is valuable, it isn't something I must have right now. Moreover, if you can strengthen your mana, it will make subsequent explorations in this party easier. We will also have a greater chance of obtaining a second Bronze Purification Technique and more precious items."

"Okay! I agree to your offer!" Billowing Water said, finding Shi Feng's reasoning to be valid.

If she could learn a Bronze Purification Technique, the Dawnlight Party's overall strength would further increase. Afterward, they would have an easier time exploring the Plain of Fallen Gods, and their chances of obtaining better loot would also increase. If another Bronze Purification Technique truly did drop, Shi Feng would have bet correctly and earned much more than he originally would have.

Immediately, Shi Feng handed the Bronze Purification Technique he obtained to Billowing Water and strode toward the ten remaining items.

"I'll choose this one," Shi Feng said as he picked up a crystal vial containing a drop of scarlet liquid. The scarlet liquid was called Soul Blood, and it was one of the two Legendary materials dropped by the Regional Boss.

Seeing this, Billowing Water couldn't help but be surprised once again. This time, though, she completely failed to understand why Shi Feng would choose a Legendary material instead of the more precious Combat Secret Treasures.

However, what Billowing Water did not know was that the reason Shi Feng had decided to trade away the precious Bronze Purification Technique in the first place was precisely so that he could keep this unassuming Soul Blood.

"Are you sure you want to choose the Soul Blood, Brother Black Flame?" When Sky Pivot saw Shi Feng choosing the crystal vial, he couldn't help but seek further confirmation from Shi Feng.

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Chapter 3506: Alternate Ending 580 - Tier 6 Advanced Concentration

Chapter 580 – Tier 6 Advanced Concentration

"Brother Black Flame, while the description of Soul Blood states that it can be used to permanently improve a player's Concentration, its actual effects are minimal," Splashing Fire sincerely explained when he saw Shi Feng using his privilege to acquire the Soul

Blood. "Quite a few parties in town have obtained the Soul Blood before, and they were all deceived by its described effects initially. They all thought they had gotten their hands on some great treasure, and one of the top-ranking teams had even paid a significant amount of money to purchase the Soul Blood from others. However, out of everyone who has used Soul Blood, not a single person managed to raise their Concentration standards."[1]

"It was quite a well-known incident back then," Budding Leaf added. "The team originally intended to use Soul Blood to raise three of its newcomers' Concentration standards from Tier 6 Basic to Tier 6 Intermediate since, after factoring in the help of a Mana Purification Technique, the team would promptly gain three more capable combatants. However, even though all three of those newcomers were originally already stuck at the limits of the Tier 6 Basic standard, none of them managed to raise their Concentration to the Tier 6 Intermediate standard. The outcome nearly drove everyone on that team to madness."

Moon Bamboo also nodded, expressing her agreement with Splashing Fire and Budding Leaf.

By now, they had already regarded Shi Feng as one of their own. Not to mention, as a Half-step Tier 6 expert, Shi Feng might become even stronger than Sky Pivot once he learned a Mana Purification Technique. So, it was in their best interests to dissuade him from a bad decision and form a good relationship with him.

"Even at the limits of the Tier 6 Basic standard, they didn't achieve a breakthrough?"

Billowing Water was taken aback when she heard Budding Leaf's explanation.

Previously, she, too, had contemplated whether she should go for the Soul Blood. After all, if she could push her Concentration to the Tier 6 Intermediate standard, paired with the Bronze Mana Purification Technique, she could reach the Half-step Tier 6 standard, or possibly even higher.

"It's fine. I'll choose it," Shi Feng stated firmly as he continued holding onto the Soul Blood.

Soul Blood was a material unique to the Eternal Realm, and it was available in scarce quantities. During his previous life, any Soul Blood that appeared on the market would be immediately snatched up by the various pseudo-apex and apex powers. Other powers wouldn't even have a chance to obtain one.

Honestly, Shi Feng had still been skeptical when he first saw the vial of Soul Blood previously. After all, how could he come across one so easily? However, after Moon Bamboo appraised it, he promptly resolved to make a trade with Billowing Water.

Soul Blood's introduction was true in that it could be used to improve a player's Concentration standard. However, what the introduction didn't mention was how players should go about using Soul Blood.

Because of this, during the initial phase of Soul Blood's discovery, players would ingest Soul Blood directly and receive negligible improvements to their Concentration. This, in turn, led to Soul Blood being treated as garbage by players and left in a corner to collect dust for a considerable amount of time after its initial discovery.

During his previous life, it wasn't until players discovered a library that had survived in the Eternal Realm since the Mythical Era did the various powers become aware of the correct way to utilize Soul Blood. When that discovery was made, it caused a sensation throughout the entire Greater God's Domain.

According to records found in the ancient library, there were three ways to utilize Soul Blood.

The first method was to ingest it directly. This method yielded the worst results, and it could only let players with Concentration below the Tier 6 standard achieve a one-rank improvement. Moreover, this method would only be effective once, with subsequent consumptions of Soul Blood not yielding any improvements. And if players with Tier 6 Concentration tried to ingest Soul Blood directly, they would only receive negligible improvements.

The second method was to refine Soul Blood into a Soul Amplification Potion. When players consumed the Soul Amplification Potion, they would see a permanent increase of one or two ranks to their Concentration standard. While players of all Concentration standards could use this second method, each player could only consume one Soul Amplification Potion in their lifetime.

The third method was to merge with the Soul Blood by dripping it onto one's eye. This method would cause players to experience scorching pain like no other in their souls. So long as players could endure the pain and avoid losing consciousness throughout the merging process, the Soul Blood would thoroughly merge with their souls and permanently improve their Concentration by one rank. Likewise, each player could only use this method once in their lifetime.

Of the three methods, the second method was both the safest and most effective. Coming in second in effectiveness was the third method, but it was also the riskiest of the three methods. However, regardless of the method, players could only try one. Once they successfully applied one of the three methods, they would become immune to the effects of Soul Blood.

Currently, producing the Soul Amplification Potion was out of the question for Shi Feng. Firstly, he didn't have the recipe. Secondly, even if he did have the recipe, he would

need a Great Grandmaster Alchemist to produce the potion for him, and it would be done at a low success rate of thirty to forty percent.

Hence, he could only go with the third method of utilizing the Soul Blood. It was also the most common method used by players who had obtained Soul Blood in his previous life.

Although the Soul Amplification Potion could improve Concentration by up to two ranks, the opportunity for players with Tier 6 Concentration to permanently increase their Concentration by one rank was enough to make countless experts lose their minds. It was especially so for players operating on the Western Continent. Such an improvement would allow players to achieve a qualitative improvement.

When Sky Pivot and the others saw Shi Feng's determination, they no longer tried to dissuade him. Instead, they proceeded with allocating the remaining loot based on party contribution.

Unsurprisingly, the four Combat Secret Treasures were distributed to Sky Pivot, Moon Bamboo, Billowing Water, and Shi Feng. As for the four Common Secret Treasures, they were evenly distributed between Splashing Fire and Budding Leaf.

Once the party finished distributing the loot, Sky Pivot promptly summoned a dozen ratsized stealth summons and scattered them outside the cave. When it came to scouting, these stealth summons were as capable as Rangers and Assassins.

With one eye closed, Sky Pivot observed the situation outside the cave through the eyes of his summons. Then, he solemnly said, "There are still a couple of Holy Race teams outside. I'm afraid we'll have to wait until they move some distance away before we can leave."

"Sure enough, those people won't give up so easily. I guess we just have to have a competition of patience with them like always," Splashing Fire said, unperturbed by this outcome. Then, he went to sit in a corner of the cave and started researching the Common Secret Treasures he just obtained.

As for everyone else, they, too, began researching their respective harvests while awaiting further orders from the party leader.

I guess I can also use this opportunity to raise my Concentration,? Shi Feng thought when he saw that everyone was busy with their respective affairs. Then, he stepped into a dark corner of the cave and cautiously dripped the Soul Blood onto his right eye.

Immediately after the scarlet liquid made contact with his eyeball, Shi Feng immediately felt rampant energy invading his soul and trying to corrode his entire being.

In just an instant, Shi Feng felt like flames were scorching his body, inside and outside.

It really hurts!? Shi Feng mentally exclaimed as he stared at the scarlet veins that appeared all over his body. He didn't think merging with the Soul Blood would be so excruciatingly painful. If not for the countless hardships he experienced in his previous life, he would have probably screamed in agony right about now.

However, amidst the pain, Shi Feng could also feel strands of Eternal Energy flowing into the depths of his Immortal Soul and improving its resilience.

The painful experience lasted for a full twenty minutes before disappearing, leaving Shi Feng with a sense of liberation. Immediately afterward, the sound of a system notification entered his ears.

System: Congratulations! You have achieved Tier 6 Advanced Concentration while still being at Tier 5. Rewarding Mental Dominator title.

Chapter 3507: Alternate Ending 581 - Divine Kingdom's Resurgence

Chapter 581 – Divine Kingdom's Resurgence

Mental Dominator?

Shi Feng was surprised by the title he abruptly obtained.

[Mental Dominator]

When the title is equipped, it weakens all mental attacks received by 20%.

The effect of weakening mental attacks received by 20% might seem insignificant, but that would only be true if he were still on the Eternal Continent. On the Western Continent, the Mental Dominator title could yield him extraordinary benefits.

Compared to the Eternal Continent's monsters, the Western Continent's monsters weren't all that different in Basic Attributes. However, because of their mastery over mental attacks, they were vastly more difficult to deal with.

If he were to equip the Mental Dominator title, he would raise his resistance to mental attacks to a new level. If he were to face the Half-Snakekin General again, he wouldn't even need to split his attention to deal with the Regional Boss's mental attacks.

Now that my Concentration has reached the Tier 6 Advanced, I can probably execute Sword of Space without channeling my mana for a long time,? Shi Feng theorized when he felt his control over his mana improving significantly. Then, he unsheathed the Shadow Incinerator and thought,? I wonder if I can break the second seal.

When he previously undid the Shadow Incinerator's first seal, the weapon had gained the might of a Legendary Weapon. If he could undo the second seal, the Godly Relic could undoubtedly elevate his overall strength to a whole new level. At that time, even if he had to roam the Western Continent by himself, he would face far fewer problems.

One time... Two times... Three times...

Shi Feng tried attacking the mental nodes on the Shadow Incinerator's second seal multiple times using Mental Condensation in quick succession. However, the mental nodes remained completely unfazed.

It seems I was hoping for too much.? Shi Feng wryly smiled when he saw how he had utterly failed to break the second seal.

The Shadow Incinerator's second seal was of a much higher rank than the first seal. Moreover, he sensed that the effectiveness of the Mental Condensation technique taught to him by the Primordial Abyssal God had weakened significantly after his Concentration reached the Tier 6 Advanced standard. The technique did not strengthen his Concentration to the Tier 6 Peak standard and only improved it by half a rank.

If he wanted to break the second seal, he would still have to raise his Concentration by half a rank.

Nevermind. At least I won't have difficulties learning how to inscribe Intermediate Divine Engravings now.

Shi Feng quickly got over his disappointment and regained his calm. After all, his primary goal in trading away the Bronze Mana Purification Technique for the Soul Blood was never to undo the Shadow Incinerator's second seal. Instead, it was to upgrade his Concentration to the Tier 6 Advanced standard so that he could learn how to inscribe Intermediate Divine Engravings quicker and have an easier time roaming the Western Continent by himself.

Admittedly, he could have an easier time killing Legendary-ranked Regional Bosses if he operated with the Dawnlight Party. However, he was in possession of the Feather of Oath. So long as he could resist the mental attacks of the Western Continent's monsters, he could afford to explore higher-level maps and slay Legendary-ranked World Bosses by himself. Not only would he get to monopolize all of the loot, but the quality would also be vastly superior to that of Regional Bosses.

"Something's up! Everyone, gather!"

At this time, Sky Pivot suddenly disrupted the cave's tranquility, his command causing everyone to gather at the cave's entrance reflexively.

"What happened outside, Leader?" Splashing Fire asked, growing a little anxious when he saw Sky Pivot's unusually serious expression. "Did the Holy Race players discover us?"

Their party of six might be strong, but the Holy Race players had many experts. Some of them could even contend against the likes of Sky Pivot. If two or three of such experts worked together, they could quickly take down Sky Pivot, let alone the rest of their party.

"No, that's not it," Sky Pivot said, shaking his head. Then, with a confused look, he continued, "The Holy Race players outside are behaving strangely. It looks like they received a command of some sort, and they are now gathering in a particular direction. But I haven't sensed any signs of battle coming from the direction they are headed."

"They are heading in a direction without signs of battle?" Shi Feng had his curiosity piqued a little when he heard Sky Pivot's description.

The Holy Race players were similar to human players in that they were split among numerous powers. Currently, the Holy Race players operating on the Plain of Fallen Gods all came from different powers, so their relationship with each other was that of competitors. Because of this, whenever they started to gather in the same direction, it usually meant they had perceived signs of battle coming from that direction, and they intended to contest for loot.

But if there were no signs of battle, it meant that no Boss battles were taking place nearby. In that case, it was very strange for the Holy Race players to gather in the same direction.

It still wouldn't make sense even if allies notified them about a Boss battle taking place. If they were so far away that they couldn't perceive any signs of the battle in question, the battle would have long ended by the time they arrived at the scene, and there would be no point in them heading over.

"Wait! That's...a...city?" Before anyone could come to a conclusion, Sky Pivot suddenly exclaimed, "A city appeared on the Plain of Fallen Gods!"

Before Sky Pivot could continue speaking, a regional announcement rang in everyone's minds.

Regional System Announcement: The sealed Divine Kingdom of old has been opened. Divine Kingdom's Afterglow expansion pack activated.

The announcement repeated three times, stunning everyone.

During God's Domain's Mythical Era, countries that could be dubbed as a Divine Kingdom were countries ruled by Gods, and they possessed civilizations and technologies far beyond the grasp of the modern era.

"No wonder the Holy Race players are rushing over there! A Divine Kingdom! This is undoubtedly the biggest opportunity the Western Continent has to offer!" Splashing Fire exclaimed ruefully. "If we can secure even a tiny portion of what the Divine Kingdom has to offer, it will probably still be better than a Regional Boss's loot."

Moon Bamboo nodded in agreement. Then, she looked at Sky Pivot and said, "This is a rare opportunity, Leader. Now that our party has grown much stronger, should we take a look too?"

Following Moon Bamboo's words, Splashing Fire, Budding Leaf, and Billowing Water also looked at Sky Pivot with hopeful and excited gazes.

During the past half an hour, they had already equipped the Secret Treasures they had obtained. Billowing Water had also gained initial mastery over her Bronze Purification Technique, putting her current strength close to Sky Pivot.

"Okay! Let's go and take a look!" After hesitating for a moment, Sky Pivot decided to take a gamble.

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Plain of Fallen Gods, central region:

What should have been a vast forested plain was now dominated by a towering city. The city occupied the entirety of the Plain of Fallen Gods' central region and awed all players who approached it with its mountain-like walls.

It should be known that even the walls of Holy Cities would normally only reach a height of one hundred meters. Yet, the city that occupied the central region had walls measuring thousands of meters in height. Even birds would need to fly a long time to reach the top of the walls and cross them. As for players who couldn't fly, these walls were akin to an insurmountable barrier.

At this time, though, thousands of Flying Mounts filled the sky above the city. Each of these Flying Mounts was at Tier 4 or above, and standing on the back of these Flying Mounts were Holy Race players exuding astonishing auras. Even the weakest of these Holy Race players exuded auras on par with the average Tier 6 human player. As for the Holy Race players standing atop the several Tier 5 Flying Mounts positioned in the lead, their presence was akin to that of Gods, and they exuded Holy Power that distorted the surrounding space.

At this time, a Level 164, Tier 5 middle-aged man with a solemn appearance could be seen approaching a young man on his Tier 5 Flying Mount. The young man had holy patterns marking his eyes, and the middle-aged man put on a respectful expression when he arrived before the young man.

"Lord Royal Thunder, all Tier 6 combatants operating in the Plain of Fallen Gods have already gathered. They number more than 50,000, and they are ready to comply with your orders," the middle-aged man reported. "We have also discovered several human parties riding Tier 5 Flying Mounts secretly stalking us from 3,000 yards away. Should we eliminate them before we proceed?"

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Chapter 3508: Alternate Ending 3508 - Alternate Ending 582 - Demon of Swords

Chapter 3508 – Chapter 582 – Demon of Swords

"Human parties?" A look of interest appeared on the young man with patterned eyes. Then, he turned to the fair-skinned girl with an indifferent face standing next to him and asked, "Are there any noteworthy experts among them, Feather?"

"You jest, Lord Thunder. There are no noteworthy experts among humans. They are merely a bunch of ants," the girl named Extreme Feather responded. "Currently, only the chosen ones nurtured by the humans' apex powers can put up a fight against me. Every other human is unlikely to survive a single move from me."

"Is that so?" The young man named Royal Thunder couldn't help but lose interest after hearing Extreme Feather's answer. Then, he turned back to the middle-aged man and said, "In that case, quickly take care of those human parties. I don't wish to waste time on them."

Royal Thunder had no doubts about Extreme Feather's words. Extreme Feather was one of the Nine Great Chosen Ones under his command, and she was one of the key figures assisting him in securing his position within his family.

When he initially heard that there were human players nearby, his first thought was to find a noteworthy opponent among them for Extreme Feather. After all, only by fighting strong opponents could Extreme Feather grow quicker. But if the opponents were merely insignificant ants, there was no need to waste time on them.

"Understood!" the solemn middle-aged man responded before flying away with a thousand Holy Race experts.

Meanwhile, a little over two thousand yards away, the various human parties operating on the Plain of Fallen Gods had gathered together. Every party had used a Tier 5 Group Isolation Scroll to conceal their presence. Unless one came very close to these parties, even fifth-floor experts would have difficulty noticing them.

"It seems the other side has discovered us, Pivot," a robust man riding atop a Tier 5 Void Manta commented when he saw the thousand or so Holy Race experts flying over from a distance. Then, he looked at a nearby male Summoner and smiled, saying, "Will you be needing our help this time?"

"Careful not to eat your own words, Fire Bull," Sky Pivot said in exasperation as he looked at the robust man. "According to Seven Luminaries Town's party rankings, Dawnlight is one rank above Fire Demon. You should be more concerned about your own party right now."

In Seven Luminaries Town, the Fire Demon Party and the Dawn Light Party could be considered rivals. However, not once did the Fire Demon Party ever manage to surpass the Dawnlight Party in rankings.

"Times have changed, Pivot," the robust man named Fire Bull said with a nonchalant smile. "Our party has recently welcomed a strong newcomer, so our strength is no longer the same as before. Not to mention, didn't Dawnlight lose two members some time ago?"

"Do you think your party is the only one with new members?" Sky Pivot said disdainfully.

"Hey, not everyone is equal," Fire Bull said before delightedly pointing at a female Swordsman with an enticing figure. "Our newcomer is extraordinary. While she might be young in age, she has already reached the Half-step Tier 6 standard. Even an old guy like you might have a tough time against her."

"Hello, Party Leader Sky Pivot. I am Cang Sha, the Fire Demon Party's newest member," Cang Sha introduced herself to Sky Pivot in a seductive voice. "I am still new to Seven Luminaries Town, so I hope you can look out for me in the future."

"Hello. I am Sky Pivot, the Dawnlight Party's leader," Sky Pivot hurriedly introduced himself as well when he saw how polite Cang Sha was.

Cang Sha? While looking at the Fire Demon Party's seductive new member, Shi Feng suddenly recalled a name from his previous life.

Demon of Swords, Cang Sha!

She was one of the chosen ones nurtured by the apex power Demon's Gate. She became a three-star mental strength grandmaster at a very young age, and she was also the youngest person to become a Taboo in Demon's Gate's history. However, outside of Demon's Gate, few people had ever seen Cang Sha's true appearance. It wasn't even possible to find Cang Sha's battle records through public means. Even so, the Seven Luminaries Alliance had awarded Cang Sha the title of Demon of Swords and described her as an existence on par with the Ten Great Sword Gods.

At one point during Shi Feng's previous life, the Midnight Tea Party's legendary existence, Endless Scars, fought Cang Sha. Although Endless Scars did not disclose the fight's result, Shi Feng did learn one thing from Endless Scars.

Only Primordial Gods could defeat Cang Sha!

The evaluation stunned Shi Feng when he first heard it.

Primordial Gods were existences standing at the very apex of God's Domain. Even among players regarded as Taboos, very few could put up a fight against Primordial Gods, let alone stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Primordial Gods.

While Shi Feng wondered about Cang Sha's true identity, Fire Bull, the Fire Demon Party's leader, directed his Void Manta closer to the Dawnlight Party.

"What do you think, Pivot? Look at how polite our newcomer is!" Fire Bull boasted. "I can also tell you that Cang Sha isn't just polite. She can absolutely stun you once she takes action. So long as your party is willing to admit defeat, we wouldn't mind helping you out this time. Otherwise, you might not even get past the city gates before getting sent back to the Eternal Continent."

"Stun me?" Sky Pivot couldn't help but laugh. Then, he pointed at Shi Feng and said, "Do you know who our party's newcomer is?"

"Who is he?" Fire Bull responded with an expression of disdain.

"Black Flame! The Lord of War Goddesses ranked eleventh on the Sacred Glory List!" Sky Pivot proudly stated. "Once those Holy Race experts arrive, just watch as we enter the city ahead of you!"

Sky Pivot wasn't worried about the approaching Holy Race experts.

Aerial combat was different from ground combat. It was especially so when everyone currently lacked the ability to fly on their own on the Western Continent. In such a situation, it was easy for several hundred players to form an impenetrable encirclement on the ground.

However, in the air, where everyone had to rely on Flying Mounts to stay airborne, the best the Holy Race experts could accomplish was to have several players attack from up close. Everyone else could only rely on long-range bombardment. In such a situation, their party could simply rely on defensive magic arrays to defend against incoming attacks while they charged into the city.

Meanwhile, once they entered the city, the monsters that infested the city would greatly diminish the advantage of numbers. At that time, the Holy Race players would have a much more difficult time keeping them pinned.

"Eleventh on the Sacred Glory List?" Fire Bull laughed.

Fire Bull had previously thought the Dawnlight Party had recruited someone incredible for Sky Pivot to boast about so much. However, it would seem that he had overestimated his old rival and the Dawnlight Party as a whole. The party must be in dire straits if it was treating a Sacred Glory expert as a treasure.

"Black Flame?"

Meanwhile, Cang Sha's gaze promptly locked onto Shi Feng when she heard Sky Pivot's words, and she couldn't help but lick her lips as she scrutinized Shi Feng. "How interesting. So, you are Zero Wing's Guild Leader? I wonder what would become of Zero Wing if I were to kill you now?"

Cang Sha's words were like the Devil's whispers, sending shivers down the spines of everyone present. Everyone felt as if a sharp sword was hanging over their heads, ready to fall and claim their lives at any moment.

Chapter 3509: Alternate Ending 583 - Sweeping the Sky With One Slash

Chapter 583 – Sweeping the Sky With One Slash

Following Cang Sha's words, Fire Bull's anxiety levels promptly skyrocketed.

"Cang Sha! No messing around!" Fire Bull quickly advised when he saw Cang Sha seemingly itching for a fight. "I don't know what grudge you have with that young man, but you will cause all of us to die here if you act now."

At this point, Fire Bull regarded Cang Sha as if she were his ancestor.

It wasn't simply because Cang Sha possessed astonishing strength; it was also due to her unpredictable temperament. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that she could be smiling at someone in one moment and killing them in the next. In fact, this had happened multiple times in Seven Luminaries Town, and the Fire Demon Party had already made many enemies in town because of Cang Sha.

Currently, they were about to engage a force of a thousand Holy Race experts in battle. Even if it was just an aerial battle, it wouldn't be easy to deal with. If they were to start a fight with the Dawnlight Party in such a situation, it would undoubtedly lead to a nightmarish scenario.

Others might not know of the Dawnlight Party's true strength, but as an old rival of the party, Fire Bull knew just how formidable the party was. It was especially so for the party's leader, Sky Pivot.

Sky Pivot was so strong that if he disregarded caution and unleashed his full power, not even the top ten experts of Seven Luminaries Town would dare to provoke him.

The Summoner class might seem to primarily rely on summoned creatures as their main method of attack, but Sky Pivot wasn't just a Summoner. He was also a Spirit Controller. And while the Spirit Controller hidden class might not be considered a Peak Class, it was an Advanced Class that strongly complemented the Summoner class.

As a Spirit Controller, Sky Pivot could devour the souls of creatures to strengthen himself. When combined with his Summoner class's ability to merge with his summoned creatures, Sky Pivot could easily transcend tiers.

Normally, though, Sky Pivot would rarely ever use this move. Fire Bull only happened to see Sky Pivot using it once during their previous joint dungeon raid.

If it wasn't for the Dawnlight Party being put at risk of annihilation, Sky Pivot might not have used that move at the time.

While Fire Bull was anxiously keeping Cang Sha in check, standing atop the Illusory Gryffin, Moon Bamboo and the others instinctively drew their weapons and fixed their gazes on Cang Sha with great caution.

Who is this young lady?! Why is her aura so terrifying?! Moon Bamboo was greatly shocked by Cang Sha's presence. If she didn't know any better, she would have thought she was facing a Demon God.

As an expert with Tier 6 Intermediate Concentration, Moon Bamboo could remain calm even if she faced a genuine Tier 6 God. Yet, even though she was currently facing a young lady of the same tier, her heart pounded with great anxiety. This was simply unbelievable.

How many monsters are there hidden in the Greater God's Domain? Billowing Water was at a loss for words.

Originally, she believed she had already reached the apex of the Greater God's Domain, thinking that few experts among the younger generation could rival her. However, upon arriving in the inland region of the Western Continent, her assumption was quickly proven wrong by Black Flame, ranked eleventh on the Sacred Glory List. And now, she was again proven wrong by Cang Sha, whom she had never even heard of until today. Moreover, these unknown experts she encountered seemed to be getting younger and younger...

While Moon Bamboo, Billowing Water, and the others were recovering from their shock, Cang Sha suddenly retracted her imposing aura, transforming back into a harmless-looking girl.

"I was just playing a small joke with Big Brother Black Flame, Leader. Why are you taking it so seriously?" Cang Sha said, chuckling softly as she looked at Fire Bull's nervous expression.

"A joke?" Fire Bull looked at Cang Sha's playful expression in exasperation. "You nearly scared me to death!"

Just a moment ago, he was only a moment away from taking preemptive action against the Dawnlight Party. After all, Cang Sha was a member of the Fire Demon Party. So long as she made a move, it would be equivalent to the Fire Demon Party making a move.

And since they were going to engage in a battle with the Dawnlight Party, it was only natural for them to take the initiative and finish the fight before it could escalate. Otherwise, if Sky Pivot unleashed his full power, the Fire Demon Party would suffer significant losses.

"Rather than focus on me, I think we should prioritize dealing with the Holy Race experts first, Leader," Cang Sha said as she looked at the Holy Race experts who were less than two hundred yards away.

"True." Nodding, Fire Bull turned to Sky Pivot and said with a serious look, "This is your last chance to submit, Pivot. Otherwise, we won't help you afterward."

"Aren't you being a little overconfident in yourself, Fire Bull? You'd be better off focusing your concern on yourself. Don't let me see you failing to even make it to the entrance later," Sky Pivot said, chuckling.

While he did not know the exact strength of the current Fire Demon Party, he was well aware that the current Dawnlight Party was significantly stronger than before. In addition to three Half-step Tier 6 players, the party also had Billowing Water, whose Basic Attributes had already reached the standard of Tier 6 players. With such a formidable lineup, breaking through the Holy Race's aerial encirclement would be a piece of cake.

"Let's go, Leader," Cang Sha said to Fire Bull after taking one last look at Shi Feng. "Since Party Leader Pivot has already made his decision, we will wait for the Dawnlight Party inside the city."

Cang Sha was personally interested in Black Flame and originally intended to eliminate him herself. However, when she thought about how she might risk exposing some of her strength, she decided to leave this matter for the Holy Race players to handle.

"Alright, then. Suit yourself," Fire Bull said as he looked at Sky Pivot's confident expression. Then, he directed the Void Manta to fly toward the several dozen approaching Flying Mounts.

A moment later, the Void Manta, under Fire Bull's control, abruptly turned into a blur and swiftly flew past the approaching Holy Race experts without attracting attention. It was as if none of the Holy Race players noticed the Fire Demon Party, and they simply let the party fly past their shoulders.

"What's going on?" Moon Bamboo couldn't help but be dumbfounded by how easily the Fire Demon Party had gotten past the Holy Race experts. "Why did those Holy Race experts let them pass just like that?"

"A mental combat technique! That's a mental combat technique! She has actually mastered a high-ranking mental combat technique! No wonder Fire Bull was so confident!" Sky Pivot exclaimed. "Who is this young lady?"

Mental combat techniques were extremely rare in God's Domain, their rarity comparable to Fragmented Divine Artifacts. Some of the stronger mental combat techniques could even rival Divine Artifacts in rarity. As for the difficulty of mastering a mental combat technique, it was several times greater than mastering Offensive and Defensive Gold Combat Techniques.

However, so long as a player managed to master a mental combat technique, they'd be nigh-invincible among players of the same tier!

"The Holy Race experts look furious, Leader. I'm afraid it might be difficult for us to break through," Moon Bamboo commented when she saw how all of the approaching Holy Race experts had already unleashed their Holy Auras. It was obvious that the Holy Race experts had realized how the Fire Demon Party had played them and were prepared to face another mental combat technique.

What made Holy Race players stronger than human players was their mastery of Holy Aura. So long as they activated their Holy Auras, their strength would undergo a tremendous transformation. Even in a competition of raw Strength, Moon Bamboo, who was a Half-step Tier 6 Guardian Knight, would be outmatched.

Splashing Fire and Budding Leaf also couldn't help but grow nervous.

Previously, they had planned to take advantage of the Holy Race players' unpreparedness to swiftly break through. But now, all of the approaching Holy Race players had used their Holy Auras. In such a situation, their chances of breaking through became highly uncertain.

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Meanwhile, Fire Bull, who was close to reaching the city, couldn't help but chuckle when he turned back and saw the Holy Race experts closing in on the Dawnlight Party.

He had tried to advise Sky Pivot, but it's a pity the other party refused to heed his advice and conceitedly believed that he could break through the Holy Race army with just a couple of Half-step Tier 6 players.

However, as the Void Manta was about to reach the city walls, Fire Bull suddenly heard a deafening thunder echoing from behind him. Immediately afterward, the sky darkened, and mana in the vicinity vanished completely.

When Fire Bull turned around, he saw a Swordsman standing at the edge of a patch of darkness. As for the thousand or so Holy Race experts who had been closing in on the Dawnlight Party, they had all vanished from the sky as if they had never appeared.

Goddess-ranked Mana Technique, Sword of Space!

"Let's head over as well," Shi Feng said as he sheathed the Shadow Incinerator.

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Chapter 3510: Alternate Ending 584 - Tier 6 Realm?

Chapter 584 – Tier 6 Realm?

"They're gone?"

"A thousand Holy Race experts disappeared, just like that?"

The Fire Demon Party's members riding atop the Void Manta gaped in shock as they looked at the empty sky behind them.

That was a force of 1,000 Tier 5 Holy Race experts they were talking about. Faced with such a force, their party only dared to rely on a mental combat technique to slip by. As for facing the Holy Race experts in direct confrontation, that would simply be suicidal.

Holy Race players might not be proficient at ranged attacks, but so long as the several dozen Flying Mounts the Holy Race experts rode on could get within 100 yards of their party, it would promptly turn into a nightmarish scenario for their party.

Tier 5 Holy Race players might similarly lack the ability to fly on the Western Continent as Tier 5 human players, but they could strengthen their physical bodies with Holy Aura, which would, in turn, allow them to jump across a distance of a hundred yards easily.

At that time, the Holy Race experts could use their Flying Mounts as a springboard to close the distance with their party and attack them. If any of their party members lacked sufficiently strong defensive capabilities, they would last no more than a few seconds against the Holy Race experts.

Yet, now, the Holy Race experts they feared were knocked out of the sky by one of the Dawnlight Party's newcomers in a single attack. None of the Holy Race experts managed to withstand the force of the newcomer's attacks. This was simply unbelievable.

After all, these were Tier 5 Holy Race experts they were talking about!

With their Holy Auras activated, these Holy Race experts would gain Strength and Defense vastly superior to human players. Yet, of the one thousand Holy Race experts that approached the Dawnlight Party, not even one managed to remain on their Flying Mounts. They were all heavily injured and knocked out of the sky.

"That damned Sky Pivot!" Fire Bull was greatly shocked as he watched Shi Feng sheath his sword. "Where did he find such a monster?!"

Fire Bull previously thought he had already lucked out significantly when he recruited Cang Sha. But now, it turned out that one of the newcomers Sky Pivot recruited was even more monstrous.

The feat of heavily injuring a thousand Tier 5 Holy Race experts with one attack was something neither he, nor Sky Pivot could accomplish, even if they went all out. If anyone could pull off such a feat, it would have to be the old monsters in Seven Luminaries Town, who were fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

Has he reached the Tier 6 Realm already?

At this time, even Cang Sha couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in surprise.

Very few human experts in Seven Luminaries Town had reached the Tier 6 Realm. Each of these experts was fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment, and they rivaled Tier 6 Holy Race experts.

Currently, in a situation where none of the players operating on the Western Continent had reached Tier 6 yet, experts who had reached the Tier 6 Realm undoubtedly stood at the apex among the Western Continent's experts. Even the Holy Race's various powers wouldn't dare to provoke such existences casually.

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On the other side, Sky Pivot and the others also couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in astonishment. In fact, the shock they experienced was even greater than what the Fire Demon Party's members experienced.

The Tier 6 Realm!

I must be dreaming! Our party actually has an expert of the Tier 6 Realm?!

Sky Pivot, Moon Bamboo, Budding Leaf, and Splashing Fire gaped in shock as they looked at Shi Feng.

Experts of the Tier 6 Realm stood at the absolute apex of the current Western Continent's players. Unlike the four of them, who could only rival the Tier 6 human players outside the Eternal Realm, experts of the Tier 6 Realm could rival Tier 6 Holy Race players.

In the current situation where none of the Western Continent's Holy Race experts had reached Tier 6 yet, a human expert of the Tier 6 Realm could go unopposed on the Western Continent. Even the Holy Race's expert teams would have to avoid these human experts.

It would be akin to a group of Tier 5 human players outside the Eternal Realm coming across a Tier 6 human player. Even if the Tier 5 players had the advantage in numbers, they would be nothing more than a group of ants in front of the Tier 6 player. It wouldn't be difficult for the Tier 6 player to crush the group of Tier 5 players.

How much strength has he kept hidden? Billowing Water was at a loss for words as she looked at Shi Feng.

Originally, she thought that after obtaining a Bronze Mana Purification Technique, she had reduced the gap in strength between her and Shi Feng. She had even been confident that she could surpass Shi Feng once she fully mastered the Bronze Purification Technique.

Yet, it turned out that her imagination couldn't be any further from reality.

While she was preparing herself to die at the hands of the Holy Race experts, Shi Feng heavily injured all one thousand Holy Race experts with a single attack. Not only did the strength gap between them not reduce, but it had grown even larger instead...

"The city gates are open, Leader. Let's quickly enter the city. It'd be the end of us if we get surrounded by the Holy Race's army," Shi Feng said when he saw Sky Pivot still in shock.

Contrary to Sky Pivot and the others' conclusion, Shi Feng was not an expert of the Tier 6 Realm. He also couldn't go up against the Holy Race's Tier 5 army alone.

After upgrading his Concentration to the Tier 6 Advanced standard, it was true that he was able to reduce the time it took him to execute Sword of Space. And with the technique's ability to let him surpass the limits of Tier 5, it was only natural the Tier 5 Holy Race players failed to resist his attack. However, it remained a fact that he needed time to channel his strength to execute the technique.

Previously, the Holy Race experts' approach had given him ample time to execute Sword of Space. The fact that they came in a single direction also made it convenient for him to target them all. But had the Holy Race experts approached from all directions, he would only be able to strike down a portion of them, and he wouldn't have the time needed to execute Sword of Space a second time before he came under attack.

And if several hundred Tier 5 Holy Race experts attacked him, Shi Feng doubted he would fare any better than Sky Pivot.

"Right! Let's hurry on over!" Sky Pivot snapped out of his daze and hurriedly directed the Illusory Gryffin to fly over to the city gates.

Divine scripts and runes covered the towering city hovering above the Plain of Fallen God's central region, and they protected the city from trespassers. If players wished to enter the city, they could only do so via the gates, which were devoid of any divine scripts and runes.

Currently, the gates were open, and the Holy Race players had yet to establish a proper defensive network, so it was the perfect opportunity for them to enter the city. But if they dragged their feet and allowed the Holy Race's army to set up a defensive network, they shouldn't think of entering the city anymore. At that time, not even a force of multiple experts of the Tier 6 Realm should think of barging into the city.

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Meanwhile, after the Dawnlight Party slipped into the city, the Holy Race experts who were knocked out of the sky started to cause a commotion on the ground.

"Our luck is simply terrible, Commander Heads. We didn't complete even one of the tasks Lord Thunder assigned us. What are the chances that we would meet an expert who has mastered an extremely powerful mental attack and an expert of the Tier 6 Realm? If the other legions learn of this, they'll probably laugh their heads off," a Level

163 team leader of the Holy Race said in exasperation as he watched the Fire Demon Party and Dawnlight Party flying into the nameless city.

Royal Thunder was of extraordinary origins, and countless players wished to get into his good graces. Yet, even though their legion had secured a good opportunity to perform, they ended up wasting it.

"Our luck is terrible?" The middle-aged man, who Royal Thunder previously tasked to eliminate the surrounding human parties, suddenly laughed as he watched Shi Feng disappear into the city. Then, he said, "I don't think so at all. On the contrary, I think we are incredibly lucky! That man is no expert of the Tier 6 Realm."

"We're lucky? And how is that man not an expert of the Tier 6 Realm? His sword heavily injured all of our brothers. Had we not joined our Holy Auras together in time, that attack might have killed us all," another team leader said in confusion.

"That attack has naturally reached the Tier 6 Realm." Smiling, the middle-aged man named Hundred Heads said, "But the mana usage method of that attack is very similar to that of Primordial Gods! So, I suspect he has obtained the Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique that those big shots have always wanted!"

Chapter 3511: Alternate Ending 585 - City Treasury

Chapter 585 – City Treasury

"A Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique?"

"Are you sure you're not mistaken, Commander Heads? I heard that the humans have hardly any Saint-ranked Mana Techniques, while Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques are no different than myths to them."

When the team leaders of the legion led by Hundred Heads heard his conjecture, they quickly voiced their doubts.

The Holy Race and the human race might be from different factions and completely different worlds, but the Holy Race still had a certain degree of understanding regarding the human race.

Meanwhile, according to their understanding, Saint-ranked Mana Techniques were considered by humans to be the best Mana Techniques available, whereas Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques didn't even exist for humans. Otherwise, human players wouldn't be so weak on average.

"No, I'm certain the attack he used is a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique!" Hundred Heads firmly stated. "Have any of you recorded the battle just now? I'm going to send it to Lord Thunder."

"I did, but will you send it to Lord Thunder, Commander? Wouldn't we be in for dire consequences if it turns out not to be a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique?" a team leader voiced his concerns anxiously.

While the Mana Techniques created by the humans' Primordial Gods could only be used by human players, the strength of Primordial Gods was evident. In a one-on-one situation, not even their Holy Ancestors could be a match for the humans' Primordial Gods. So, one could say that Primordial Gods were extremely skilled in using their available strength.

It was also why the Holy Race's many powers had offered lavish rewards for anyone who could get their hands on the humans' Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques. These powers intended to use these Mana Techniques as a reference to enhance their Holy Power usage.

However, Primordial God-ranked Mana Techniques were simply too difficult to come by. Even after scouring the entirety of their own Greater God's Domain, they failed to find even a trace of a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique.

Hence, if they were to present a clue that could reliably lead to the procurement of a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique, they would have made a huge accomplishment. And should this clue lead to the acquisition of an actual Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique, the various powers would definitely reward them handsomely.

But conversely, if the clue provided was false, they should also be prepared to face the wrath of the various powers.

"Don't worry; I'll take full responsibility!" Hundred Heads stated after he obtained the battle video from one of his subordinates. Then, he proceeded to forward it to Royal Thunder without hesitation. At the same time, he mentally added, But I'll also take full credit for it.

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On a certain street lined with ancient buildings forged completely out of steel, several Holy Race legions were currently engaged in heated combat with several Half-Snakekin monsters.

Many of these Half-Snakekin monsters were at the Tier 5 Legendary rank, and even the weakest among them was a Tier 4 Superior Mythic. Their levels also ranged from upwards of 170, and their numbers exceeded 10,000. These Half-Snakekins would also

come together to fight using combination combat techniques, making it difficult for even individual and small parties of Tier 5 players to fight them.

However, under the might of the Holy Race's several Tier 5 legions, the Half-Snakekin army quickly shrunk in size.

"How interesting. One of the humans from just now actually possesses a Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique," Royal Thunder, who was commanding the battle from the rear, said with a smile after reading a report he just received.

"A Primordial God-ranked Mana Technique?" Extreme Feather, standing next to Royal Thunder, revealed a look of interest when she heard the other party's words. "Is the report accurate, Your Highness?"

"Seeing as Hundred Heads decided to send me this message, he must be very confident in his judgment," Royal Thunder said. Then, he turned to Extreme Feather and asked, "Why, has your interest finally been piqued?"

"You jest, Your Highness. How can anybody not be interested in a Primordial Godranked Mana Technique?" Extreme Feather responded. "Do you want me to go and capture the person for you now?"

"It's not an urgent matter," Royal Thunder said, waving his hand. "According to the report, the human named Black Flame has already entered the city. In that case, he must have been randomly teleported to somewhere in the city. This zone is special, so it will be difficult for the humans to leave, even if they want to. Not to mention, Black Flame is an expert of the Tier 6 Realm. I don't doubt he and his party can traverse the city so long as they are careful, so it is only a matter of time before we encounter them. It won't be too late to capture him when that happens."

Extreme Feather nodded in agreement.

Of the groups that had entered the nameless city, the legion directly under Royal Thunder's command should be the only group capable of taking down an expert of the Tier 6 Realm. The other powers' legions would be helpless against an expert of such caliber, so there would be no need to fear that Black Flame's party might get killed by other Holy Race legions.

In addition, the nameless city was a special zone that allowed players to leave via the designated exit found in the city's depths. If players couldn't find the exit, they would be trapped in the city for the rest of their lives, and not even in death could they leave the city. Thus, so long as their legion blockaded the city's exit, they were bound to be able to intercept Black Flame's party.

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Meanwhile, as Royal Thunder had predicted, the Dawnlight Party was currently cautiously making its way deeper into the city.

"The monsters here feel endless. We can't even finish a wave before another one comes at us," Splashing Fire complained, his scalp tingling when he saw another group of several hundred Half-Snakekin monsters charging at their party. "We'll die from exhaustion at this rate."

"Don't complain and be grateful, Fire," Moon Bamboo, who was fighting against a Legendary-ranked Half-Snakekin Chieftain, said to Splashing Fire. "It is only thanks to Guild Leader Black Flame that we can enter the city. The drop rate of these monsters is more than double that of the monsters outside. There are also no Holy Race players here to harass us. Even if we end up dying a dozen times here, we will still end up making a huge profit once we leave."

Everyone else nodded in agreement.

Normally, they would be forcibly teleported back to the Eternal Continent if they were to die on the Western Continent. However, when they entered this nameless city, they were informed that they would be resurrected inside the city should they die in the city. This point alone already made it worthwhile for them to face the endless hordes of monsters. Not to mention, the monsters inside the city had a significantly higher drop rate.

Even though they had only killed a few waves of Half-Snakekin monsters thus far, they had already acquired one Combat Secret Treasure and several Common Secret Treasures. They had even obtained as many as two Common Mana Purification Techniques.

Common Purification Techniques might be widely available in Seven Luminaries Town, but they were far from worthless. At present, players seeking to exchange a Common Purification Technique would have to fork out a Combat Secret Treasure. The average party would also need three or four days to get its hands on a Common Purification Technique.

In contrast, their party had already obtained two Common Purification Techniques and one Combat Secret Treasure after just ten minutes of grinding.

"We won't have to worry about dying from exhaustion," Shi Feng said as he joined the conversation. Then, while observing the surrounding Half-Snakekin monsters, he continued, "Half-Snakekins are nocturnal, and their senses are heightened at night. So long as we persist until daylight, we should be able to eliminate a wave of these monsters before another wave discovers us."

Half-Snakekins weren't particularly rare monsters in God's Domain, so everyone quickly recalled the habits of Half-Snakekins after hearing Shi Feng's explanation, and they

couldn't help but sigh in relief. This meant that so long as they rested during the day, they should have no trouble surviving in the city.

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Subsequently, time passed, and five days went by in the blink of an eye.

Throughout these five days, the Dawnlight Party ceaselessly fought at night and rested during the day to recover their Stamina and Concentration. Meanwhile, not only did every party member level up to 163 and beyond, but the party also obtained over 200 Combat Secret Treasures and over 1,000 Common Secret Treasures. In addition, the party also obtained over seventy Common Purification Techniques and six Bronze Purification Techniques. Even after evenly distributing the loot, every party member still managed to fully equip themselves with Combat Secret Treasures.

"Brother Black Flame, I think I found the city's treasury!" Sky Pivot, who was in the midst of scouting the city via his summons, suddenly said in the party chat.

Chapter 3512: Alternate Ending 586 - Level 180 Gorgon Queen

Chapter 586 – Level 180 Gorgon Queen

"The city's treasury?"

"Did you really find it, Leader?!"

When the others in the Dawnlight Party heard Sky Pivot's words, they promptly perked up their ears, not wanting to miss out on anything important.

They had gained a massive harvest in the past five days, which was easily more than they had gained over the past two months of exploration. If they were to show up in the current Seven Luminaries Town fully equipped in Combat Secret Treasures, they would instantly become the center of attention. Not to mention, they could also use their excess Secret Treasures and Mana Purification Techniques to trade with the Seven Luminaries Alliance.

It should be known that the Seven Luminaries Alliance was incredibly wealthy. So long as they could provide sufficient Secret Treasures and Mana Purification Techniques, they could even exchange Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

Of course, they wouldn't do such a thing, as they all belonged to organizations. Obtaining Secret Treasures on the Western Continent might be relatively easy, but it was a completely different situation on the Eternal Continent.

On the current Eternal Continent, even a single Common Secret Treasure could cause the various powers' core experts to lose their minds. If each of them were to bring back a haul of several hundred Common Secret Treasures to their respective organizations, they would definitely cause a massive uproar. Not to mention, they would also be bringing back multiple Combat Secret Treasures.

However, if they were talking about the city's treasury, the harvest they obtained in the past five days would most likely be pitiful in comparison.

In God's Domain, any city's treasury represented the entire city's wealth. The value of the items inside easily outstripped the items that monsters could drop. Simply acquiring a city's treasure could allow a power to prosper and grow stronger.

"I'm not entirely sure," Sky Pivot said after taking a deep breath. "I found an underground chamber that's sealed by divine scripts and runes through my Shadow Rats. There are also a thousand Legendary-ranked Half-Snakekin Chieftains and a hundred Regional Boss-ranked Half-Snakekin Generals guarding the entrance."

"A thousand Chieftains and a hundred Generals? Heavens! Is this a nest of Bosses?" Splashing Fire gasped.

Normally, it would take a team or party of highly-skilled experts just to raid one Regional Boss. Moreover, Regional Bosses would typically only operate solo or with a group of underlings. It was simply unheard of for one hundred Regional Bosses to be in the same location.

"If that's the case, the sealed chamber should be the city's treasury," Billowing Water said, feeling that Sky Pivot's judgment should be on the mark.

It wasn't uncommon for the various powers to raid monster-infested cities. Meanwhile, the treasuries of these cities would usually be guarded by multiple Bosses. The only difference between those cities and this nameless city was that this city's treasury had many, many more Bosses guarding it.

"What should we do? Should we give it a try?" Budding Leaf asked.

"Of course!" Moon Bamboo stated firmly.

Any city's treasury would contain an astronomical wealth, let alone a city left behind by a Divine Kingdom. The items contained in this nameless city's treasury would most likely be beyond measure.

Shi Feng also nodded in agreement with Moon Bamboo.

Although he had already achieved his goal of coming to the Plain of Fallen Gods, now that the opportunity to secure this nameless city's treasury was presented before him, he naturally had to give it a try.

"Okay! I'll lead the way!" Sky Pivot stopped hesitating when he saw that everyone was in agreement.

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Nameless City, underground passage:

Under Sky Pivot's lead, the party traversed the city's underground network without encountering any monsters and arrived at an underground plaza after just three short hours.

Currently, though, the underground plaza that was the size of several sports stadiums was occupied by ten thousand Holy Race experts, and these experts were methodically eliminating the one hundred Half-Snakekin Generals.

"Dammit! The Holy Race got here ahead of us!" Splashing Fire softly cursed with a look of reluctance when he saw that all Half-Snakekin Chieftains were dead, and the surviving Half-Snakekin Generals had little HP remaining.

Had they arrived when the Holy Race was in a stalemate with the monsters, they could have still taken the opportunity to cause chaos or perhaps even cause both sides to suffer severe losses. But now that the battle's outcome had already been decided, they would have to face the wrath of ten thousand Holy Race experts. Moreover, they would have to do so while grounded this time.

As expected of the Holy Race. Their overall strength is far superior to that of human players, Shi Feng thought as he observed the Holy Race experts in the underground plaza.

In his previous life, Holy Race players were much stronger than human players on average. This wasn't simply because Holy Race players had access to Holy Power. Besides that, Holy Race players were also much better at utilizing their Holy Power than humans were at utilizing Mana. In addition, the population of Holy Race players was much larger than human players.

Now, seeing the Holy Race experts on the underground plaza, he gained a better understanding of the Holy Race's situation. It would seem that the Holy Race players weren't just stronger than human players on average. They also had a very obvious superiority in numbers regarding fifth-floor experts.

Of the Holy Race teams gathered on the plaza, at least 10% of each team's members were at the fifth-floor standard. On the humans' side, even the various apex powers

would have difficulty fielding such teams. Aside from special exceptions, apex powers could only afford to have one fifth-floor expert leading each of their 100-man elite teams on average. However, of the Holy Race players gathered on the plaza, the majority of them only came from ordinary powers among the Holy Race. At best, these powers were equivalent to the humans' ordinary hegemonic powers.

"What a coincidence, Pivot. You guys made it here as well."

Suddenly, a wild and deep voice entered the ears of the Dawnlight Party's members. A moment later, a translucent silhouette appeared not far away from the team, and it belonged to none other than Fire Bull, the leader of the Fire Demon Party.

"You guys are as good at hiding as always, Fire Bull," Sky Pivot commented when he saw Fire Bull and the rest of the Fire Demon Party suddenly appearing out of nowhere. "It's a pity that neither of us is fated to have this treasury."

"Even if you came when the fight just started, it wouldn't have mattered," Fire Bull said, nonchalantly shaking his head. Then, he shifted his gaze toward an expressionless woman standing on the plaza and continued, "Do you see that beauty single-handedly suppressing a Half-Snakekin General over there? So long as she's here, none of us stand a chance."

"Is she very strong?" Billowing Water asked as she followed Fire Bull's gaze out of curiosity.

"Strong?" Fire Bull looked at Billowing Water in exasperation. "The word 'strong' doesn't come anywhere close to describing her. She was previously responsible for single-handedly annihilating the team led by one of Seven Luminaries Town's old monsters. That's not your average 20-man team we are talking about. That's one of the town's top three teams. Even the team's weakest member is at the Half-step Tier 6 standard. Yet, even the whole team working together failed to survive against that woman. Moreover, from what I heard, nobody on the team survived more than one move against her..."

"She annihilated such a team by herself?" Billowing Water was shocked.

"So she's Extreme Feather, the Angel of Death?" When Moon Bamboo looked at the expressionless woman on the plaza, she disgruntledly said, "But so what if she is? How would we know if we can't gain anything if we don't give it a try? So long as the Regional Bosses die, the treasury's seal will be lifted. We are already inside a city zone. Once the seal is lifted, we can simply charge into the treasury, grab an item, teleport away with a Random Teleportation Scroll, and quickly locate the exit. If we do that, how can she, a Holy Race player who can't use any Skills or Spells, catch up to us?"

Because Holy Race players utilized Holy Power instead of Mana, they lacked the means to achieve instant teleportation. So long as their mana didn't get sealed, they could easily escape from Extreme Feather and the other Holy Race players.

"Oh, right!" Fire Bull exclaimed in realization. "How can I forget they lack the means to stop us from teleporting? So long as we use a Random Teleportation Scroll, we can easily escape!"

Following Moon Bamboo's words, everyone present quickly came to a realization and simultaneously turned to the now unsealed treasury, excitement filling their eyes.

While they might not be able to monopolize the entire treasury, they could still make a fortune if they could obtain some of the treasury's items.

Immediately, Sky Pivot, Fire Bull, and everyone else took out a Tier 4 Random Teleportation Scroll from their bags. They were ready to charge into the treasury and activate the scroll at a moment's notice.

However, before Sky Pivot and the others could take action, a lithe figure with a serpent's tail suddenly slithered out of the unsealed treasury's doors. Upon seeing this lithe figure, everyone, including the Holy Race players intending to rush into the treasury, froze and shuddered.

This was because the monster that came out of the treasury was nothing like the Half-Snakekin monsters that guarded the treasury. Instead, it was a Level 180, Tier 6 Divine monster.

A Gorgon Queen!

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Chapter 3513: Alternate Ending 3513 - Alternate Ending 587 - Primordial Godkin

Chapter 3513 – Chapter 587 – Primordial Godkin

"Impossible!"

"Why is a Primordial Godkin here?!"

When Sky Pivot and Fire Bull saw the lithe figure that emerged from the treasury, their jaws dropped, and their minds couldn't help but doubt what their eyes were seeing.

[Gorgon Queen] (Primordial Godkin, Divine)

Level 180

HP?????

Gorgons were descendants of Gods. However, they weren't particularly rare in the Greater God's Domain. The Gorgon race even occupied an entire Realm to themselves, and said Realm was currently one of the Twelve Sanctuaries. In terms of Life Rating, the Gorgons were only slightly inferior to Dragons and evenly matched with Angels.

Because of this, any Gorgon that successfully reached the Tier 6 Divine rank would instantly become an opponent that most Tier 6 players would actively avoid. As for Gorgon Queens, who inherited the bloodline of Primordial Gods, they were regarded as Primordial Godkins and possessed talent far above other Gorgons.

Needless to say, Gorgon Queens were extraordinarily powerful. They were so powerful that one of them was even regarded as one of the Greater God's Domain's Twenty-Two Taboos.

"How dare you insignificant ants set your sights on my race's treasures?! I will let all of you know the severity of your sins!" the Gorgon Queen bellowed as she glared at the Holy Race players before her. Immediately afterward, an invisible ripple of energy spread from her.

When the ripple spread across the plaza, nearly 90% of the Holy Race players on the underground plaza collapsed on the spot. Then, their bodies quickly turned to stone and disintegrated into dust...

"What..."

This abrupt development dumbfounded the remaining Holy Race players.

It should be known that everyone present had seen Tier 6 Divine monsters before. Yet, even with their experience, they still couldn't comprehend what they just witnessed.

With only her gaze, the Gorgon Queen had erased nearly 10,000 Tier 5 experts. How could this even be within the realm of feasibility?

What an incredible mental attack! Shi Feng was greatly shocked when he saw the thousands of Holy Race experts turning to dust.

He had slain Tier 6 Gorgons in his previous life, but none of them could even come close to matching the Gorgon Queen before him.

With just one mental attack, the Gorgon Queen had annihilated all players whose Concentration was under the Tier 6 Intermediate standard. Moreover, this was only an AOE mental attack. Her single target mental attacks would undoubtedly be much more powerful.

"Have fun by yourself! That Gorgon Queen isn't something my party can handle at this point!" Fire Bull said to Sky Pivot before hurriedly activating his Random Teleportation

Scroll. When he saw how effortlessly the Gorgon Queen had annihilated thousands of Holy Race experts, he dared not remain in this place for even a moment longer.

"We're leaving as well!" Sky Pivot promptly said in the party chat. "All of us will be at risk of permanent death if that Gorgon Queen notices us!"

Hearing Sky Pivot's command, Moon Bamboo, Budding Leaf, Splashing Fire, and Billowing Water did not hesitate to activate the Random Teleportation Scrolls in their hands. After seeing the Gorgon Queen's display of power, none dared to try their luck anymore.

Mental attacks were largely similar to soul attacks in God's Domain. In other words, mental attacks could be used to damage souls. Meanwhile, if players had their souls annihilated, they would have to bid goodbye to God's Domain forever. With such high stakes, nobody would dare to bet whether the Gorgon Queen could annihilate their souls.

The surviving Holy Race experts were no different in this regard, and many chose to retreat without hesitation.

"Dammit!" Extreme Feather cursed angrily when she saw the other powers' experts fleeing. Unfortunately, despite her anger, she could do nothing about this situation.

"We should quickly retreat as well, Miss Feather," a Level 165 Holy Race expert anxiously advised when he saw the gloomy look on Extreme Feather.

The surviving experts might be able to survive the Gorgon Queen's AOE mental attacks, but the Gorgon Queen definitely wasn't limited to such attacks. She undoubtedly possessed much stronger targeted mental attacks. As for whether they could resist these targeted mental attacks, only a fool would try to test it.

After looking at her anxious subordinates, Extreme Feather gritted her teeth and said, "Everyone...retreat!"

Upon hearing Extreme Feather's call for retreat, the remaining Holy Race players sighed in relief. For a moment there, they had been incredibly worried Extreme Feather would command them to throw their lives away.

Immediately, the surviving Holy Race players scattered and fled from the underground plaza, none daring to stay here even a moment longer.

"You want to escape?" When the Gorgon Queen saw the Holy Race players fleeing, a contemptuous look appeared on her beautiful face. "Do you think I'll let you?"

Moving her serpent tail, the Gorgon Queen slithered toward the remaining thousand or so Holy Race experts like a bolt of lightning, every Holy Race expert she slithered past turning to stone on the spot. The Gorgon Queen didn't have to lift even a finger to petrify the fleeing players. She simply wasn't an existence that Tier 5 players could hope to resist.

Let's give it a try! Shi Feng thought when he saw the Gorgon Queen hunting down the remaining Holy Race players. Immediately, he equipped the Mental Dominator title and charged toward the treasury.

Even though he had never fought a Gorgon Queen before, he was still more or less aware of their capabilities.

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that players would die on the first exchange if they didn't have sufficiently high Concentration. Even if players possessed heaven-defying Basic Attributes, it still wouldn't matter.

Normally, players would need to have Tier 6 Advanced Concentration at the very minimum to go up against a Tier 6 Gorgon Queen. Otherwise, they wouldn't even be qualified to stand before a Tier 6 Gorgon Queen, let alone fight one. They would simply be petrified on the spot.

Currently, Shi Feng's Concentration had already reached the Tier 6 Advanced standard. If he utilized Mental Condensation, he could push it slightly above the average mark of the Tier 6 Advanced standard. And once he factored in the Mental Dominator's title effect of weakening all mental attacks he received by 20%, he should have no trouble resisting the Gorgon Queen's targeted mental attacks.

He's... How dare he?! Extreme Feather, in her escape, noticed Shi Feng charging for the treasury, and this discovery instantly filled her with rage. After all, it was evident that Shi Feng was utilizing them as distractions for the Gorgon Queen!

"Despicable ant! That's not a place you can set foot in!" The Gorgon Queen also noticed Shi Feng's actions, and true rage colored her eyes for the first time. Immediately, she gave up chasing after the several dozen Holy Race experts before her and turned around to go after Shi Feng instead.

Good!

Extreme Feather inwardly celebrated when she saw the Gorgon Queen going away. Not once in her life had anybody dared to take advantage of her. If not for the threat of the Gorgon Queen, she would have definitely taken care of Shi Feng herself.

Chapter 3514: Alternate Ending 588 - War Goddess VS Gorgon Queen

Chapter 588 – War Goddess VS Gorgon Queen

The underground plaza was spacious, but Shi Feng wouldn't need more than three seconds to cross it and reach the treasury, thanks to his Basic Attributes having reached the Tier 6 standard.

"Despicable ant! Die!"

But when Shi Feng was only halfway to reaching the treasury, the Gorgon Queen suddenly appeared next to him as if she had just teleported, and she looked at him with a pair of eyes that seemed like it could pierce the soul and mesmerize anything in the world.

At this moment, even while standing nearly 700 yards away, Extreme Feather could feel her soul shuddering.

Without a doubt, the mental attack the Gorgon Queen used this time was on a completely different level than the one she used previously. In fact, the mental attack had instantly petrified the several dozen Holy Race experts within a 200-yard radius of the Gorgon Queen.

However, what happened next caused Extreme Feather's eyes to go wide.

Impossible!

Extreme Feather couldn't help but doubt her eyes when she saw Shi Feng pausing for only a moment before continuing his charge toward the treasury.

Based on her senses, Extreme Feather felt that there was a huge possibility the Gorgon Queen's second mental attack could petrify even her. The experts petrified by the Gorgon Queen also served as a good measurement.

Each of those petrified experts possessed Concentration at the Tier 6 Intermediate standard. It was also why they had survived the Gorgon Queen's first mental attack while those who only possessed Tier 6 Basic Concentration didn't. Now, though, these experts with Tier 6 Intermediate Concentration had died after merely getting struck by the ripples of the Gorgon Queen's second mental attack.

Even though Extreme Feather had Tier 6 Advanced Concentration, she highly doubted she could survive if she were the target of such an attack. And even if she could survive it, she would most likely be put in a daze for a long time.

Yet, what was up with Shi Feng?

Despite being the target of the Gorgon Queen's single-target mental attack, Shi Feng only froze briefly before he resumed charging toward the treasury. He made it seem as

if the Gorgon Queen's mental attack was only a tickle that only managed to distract him for a moment. The attack utterly failed to cause any substantial harm to him.

At this moment, Extreme Feather wasn't the only one stunned by this outcome. The Gorgon Queen similarly did not expect her attack to have so little effect, and she was so surprised that she forgot to chase after Shi Feng right away.

As for Shi Feng, he kept on dashing for the treasury with a frantically beating heart.

Almost!

For a moment there, Shi Feng nearly had his consciousness dragged out of his body and lost control over his body.

Fortunately, he had instinctively used the Mental Condensation technique taught to him by the Primordial Abyssal God at the very last moment, which, in turn, dragged his separating consciousness back into his body.

"Despicable ant! You won't get a second chance!"

When the Gorgon Queen saw Shi Feng crossing the treasury's doors, a layer of gloom colored her beautiful face, and the temperature of her surroundings instantly rose by a hundred degrees. Immediately, she slithered after Shi Feng, rapidly reducing the distance between them. At the same time, she summoned two crescent blades into her hands and transformed them into an illusory behemoth that tried to devour Shi Feng with its gaping maw.

Upon seeing this scene, the escaping Holy Race experts shuddered in fear. The shock they experienced from witnessing this scene was also a hundred times greater than when they saw the Gorgon Queen instantly killing thousands of their companions.

A Gold Holy Art!? Extreme Feather gasped when she saw the illusory behemoth that was a thousand meters tall.

Holy Arts were unique to Holy Race players. They were similar to the combat techniques of human players, and they could be categorized into three ranks: Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Holy Arts were incredibly difficult to use. Because of this, players who could make use of Bronze Holy Arts would already be considered experts among Holy Race players, while those who mastered a Silver Holy Arts would be treated as core members if they joined a power.

As for Gold Holy Arts, they were so complex that even Extreme Feather had only mastered one thus far.

However, in exchange for their complexity, Gold Holy Arts were incredibly powerful, and Extreme Feather couldn't even begin to imagine how powerful one could be in the hands of a monster of the Gorgon Queen's caliber.

War Goddess Summoning!

Heroic Pledge!

When Shi Feng sensed the behemoth appearing behind him, he promptly activated the Feather of Oath's Skills without hesitation. He did not dare attempt to endure the Gorgon Queen's attack himself.

Unlike everyone else present, he was the Gorgon Queen's primary target. When the Gorgon Queen summoned the illusory behemoth, she also launched a mental attack at him. In such a situation, he was already fortunate he could retain his consciousness. He didn't have any spare energy to retaliate against the illusory behemoth.

Subsequently, a Tier 6 War Goddess appeared between him and the illusory behemoth, and she stabbed at the behemoth with the spear she wielded, the weapon expanding in size as it closed in on the behemoth.

Boom!

A deafening explosion rocked the entire underground plaza and created a hole through the roof of the plaza, the hole extending all the way to the surface. The explosion also gave everyone present a mild concussion.

He blocked it?

When Extreme Feather saw Shi Feng standing inside the treasury unharmed, she couldn't help but be greatly shocked. She never thought the Gorgon Queen would fail to kill Shi Feng time and again. Moreover, even the War Goddess summoned by Shi Feng had only stumbled a few steps back after blocking the Gorgon Queen's attack.

One item... Two items... Three items.

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng had already moved several items from the treasury into his bag space, the sight causing the Gorgon Queen's gaze to turn even colder.

"Despicable ant! Do you think a War Goddess is enough to stop me?!" the Gorgon Queen bellowed. "Disappear from this world!"

After saying so, the Gorgon Queen began chanting an incantation composed using an ancient language, her voice echoing throughout the entire Nameless City. Immediately afterward, both the Nameless City's Mana and Holy Power began gathering around the Gorgon Queen.

Tier 6 Super Spell, Chaos Spear!

When Shi Feng sensed the frightening amount of energy gathered around the Gorgon Queen, he understood that he was about to overstay his welcome. Immediately, he took out a Tier 4 Random Teleportation Scroll and used it to teleport out of the Nameless City.

However, even after teleporting out of the treasury, Shi Feng still wasn't assured, and he promptly used World-Breaking Teleportation to return to the Eternal Continent's Crystal City of Secrets, thoroughly vanishing from the Western Continent.

At the same time Shi Feng disappeared from the treasury, the Gorgon Queen also finished the final verse of her incantation. Subsequently, a spear radiating the aura of death formed in her hand, and she threw the spear at the location where Shi Feng previously stood in the treasury.

When the Chaos Spear arrived at where Shi Feng disappeared from, it traced the spatial ripples in the area and instantly appeared at the location where Shi Feng had randomly teleported to. Immediately afterward, it followed the spatial ripples there and disappeared once again.

The next time the Chaos Spear appeared, it had already arrived above the Crystal City of Secrets. Following its appearance, a mighty aura of death enveloped the entire Crystal City, causing all players within the city to shudder in shock and fear.

Before the Crystal City's players could react, the Chaos Spear fell from the sky.

Chapter 3515: Alternate Ending 589 - King's Treasure

Chapter 589 – King's Treasure

"What's going on? Someone's actually attacking the Crystal City?"

"What?! Chaos Spear?! Who's using a Tier 6 Super Spell on the city?!"

"It's over! We're all done for!"

When the Chaos Spear's dominating aura spread across the Crystal City of Secrets, many of the city's players failed to recognize the Super Spell, and they couldn't help but fall into confusion and bewilderment. As for the players who did recognize the Chaos Spear, fear and despair overwhelmed them.

Chaos Spear!

A Tier 6 Super Spell known for rivaling the attacks of Ancient Gods!

One strike from a Chaos Spear could obliterate an entire city and its surrounding region. Even Tier 6 MTs with their Lifesaving Skills activated would get killed on the spot if struck by a Chaos Spear.

In the current situation where none of the Crystal City's players had even reached Tier 6, there was a considerable chance the Chaos Spear could annihilate everyone's souls, permanently removing them from God's Domain.

However, before anyone could think of a response, the Chaos Spear had already made contact with the city's defensive magic array.

Boom!

A deafening thunder shook the sky, and a powerful impact spread across a radius of several dozen kilometers. The sky also shattered like glass, making it seem like Armageddon had arrived.

However, when the thunder dissipated, both the Crystal City and its inhabitants remained intact, and the players in the city couldn't help but look up in disbelief.

This was because what originally should have been a devastating attack ended up getting neutralized by the countless divine scripts that hovered above the city. The Chaos Spear didn't even cause the city to vibrate, let alone damage any of the city's infrastructure. All the Tier 6 Super Spell managed to accomplish was put on a flashy fireworks show.

That was close.

Shi Feng sighed in relief when he saw the shattered sky above the city. If he hadn't chosen to teleport back to the Crystal City using the Abyss Workshop Certification right away, he would have absolutely died at the Gorgon Queen's hands.

He had personally witnessed the strength of Primordial Godkins in his previous life. Random Teleportation Scrolls might work against the average Tier 6 Divine monster, but the concept of distance was of little significance to a monster of the Gorgon Queen's caliber. It was also why so many experts had died at the hands of the Greater God's Domain's Twenty-Two Taboos.

Similar to the space-crossing attack he had previously executed in the Miniature Ancient World, the only way to stop the Gorgon Queen's attack would be to block it.

Fortunately, he had the Crystal City of Secrets to fall back on.

The Crystal City of Secrets was one of the Eternal Continent's Seven Great Cities. In his previous life, the Crystal City stood firm even in the face of the Holy Race's all-out invasion. Apart from a large number of powers and experts operating in the city, the city itself also had various defensive measures created by Ancient Gods. Even if a group of Ancient Gods were to attack the city, it would take them a considerable amount of time to tear down the city's defenses.

While Shi Feng was feeling relieved, the rest of the Crystal City erupted into chaos. Everyone started discussing the Chaos Spear that attacked the city and the Crystal City's defensive measures that stopped the Chaos Spear. Many powers also promptly mobilized their forces to investigate why the Crystal City would be suddenly subjected to such a powerful attack.

In God's Domain, NPC Cities might face occasional monster hordes and siege battles for no reason, but they would never be subjected to an Ancient God's attack out of the blue. After all, existences capable of launching such attacks all stood at the apex of God's Domain. Even a simple action from these existences would be considered a major event, let alone launching a direct attack on the crystal City of Secrets.

It should be known that the Crystal City had many Tier 6 NPCs garrisoning it. Moreover, these weren't your average Tier 6 NPCs. Even the weakest among them was equipped with a Legendary Equipment Set. Paired with the city's magic array, even Tier 6 Saintranked experts shouldn't think of stirring up a scene in the city.

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While the Crystal City's various powers were frantically investigating the unexpected event, Shi Feng quietly returned to Zero Wing's Residence.

The Residence had undergone significant changes while Shi Feng was away. Not only were there many more Guild members coming and going from the Residence, but the equipment standard of these Guild members had also improved substantially, with many of them having two or three Common Secret Treasures equipped. Compared to most of the Crystal City's experts, who only had one Common Secret Treasure equipped, Zero Wing's members were in a vastly better state. They were already close to matching the various pseudo-apex powers' members.

"You newcomers have some good luck. Boss Fury's group will be coming along with us to the Underground Crystal Palace this time, and they'll be taking us to explore the Level 165 zone."

"The Level 165 zone? I heard that only the various pseudo-apex powers' elite teams can grind there right now, and they've also found quite a few Extraordinary Secret Treasures already!"

"It seems you all are well-informed. For your information, Boss Fury's group has already located a Boss. If we can successfully raid it, our Guild might get its very first Extraordinary Secret Treasure. Zero Wing will become the sixth Guild to own an Extraordinary Secret Treasure at that time. Everyone involved in the raid will earn a ton of GCPs."

Currently, a team of players was gathered in the Residence's courtyard, and one of the Guild's veteran members proudly introduced the objectives of the team's upcoming operation, the veteran member's words stirring the excitement and expectation of the Guild's new members.

Ever since the first Extraordinary Secret Treasure appeared in the Underground Crystal Palace, every power operating in the Crystal City had ramped up their efforts in exploring the secret land. However, even until now, only a few teams could explore the secret land's Level 165 zone.

A team not only required players with sufficiently high combat and equipment standards to raid the Level 165 zone's Bosses, but it also needed enough players capable of blocking the Bosses' attacks. Otherwise, the more fragile members of the team would get annihilated in no time.

Currently, only a handful of teams operating in the Crystal City could accomplish such a feat. So long as Zero Wing could do so, the Guild would have a stable source of Extraordinary Secret Treasures in the future.

Sixth? Shi Feng couldn't help but smile when he overheard the conversation of the players in the courtyard. It seems Fury and the others are making great progress.

The Underground Crystal Palace's Level 165 zone was already an area where only Tier 6 players could delve in. Apart from the various pseudo-apex powers, it would be incredibly difficult for any other power to explore the Level 165 zone at this time.

The fact that Zero Wing could already begin exploring the Level 165 zone showed that the Guild's teams could already rival the various pseudo-apex powers' teams.

If Desolate Fury and the others could successfully explore the Level 165 and acquire an Extraordinary Secret Treasure, Zero Wing would become an attractive choice for the Eternal Realm's various independent experts. It would undoubtedly elevate the Guild's status to a whole new level. Zero Wing also wouldn't need to rely on the Secret Crystal Trading Firm's privileges to retain its members anymore.

After Shi Feng entered the Guild Hall, he made his way to an underground secret room and activated the room's defensive barrier. It was to prevent players outside the room from affecting or spying on the situation inside.

I took such a big risk this time. I even had to return ahead of time. Let's hope the treasury's items won't be too disappointing.

After taking a deep breath, Shi Feng opened his bag space and took out the five items he looted from the Nameless City's treasury.

As soon as Shi Feng took out the five items, the space within the room began to shake, and cracks appeared in the room's defensive barrier. At the same time, streams of Eternal Energy began flowing out of the void and into the room.

Chapter 3516: Alternate Ending 590 - Promoting the Frostflame Phantom Dragon

Chapter 590 – Promoting the Frostflame Phantom Dragon

What dense Eternal Energy!

Shi Feng was stunned by the huge streams of Eternal Energy flowing out of the void.

Previously, when the Dawnlight Party killed the Half-Snakekin General on the Plain of Fallen Gods, the Eternal Energy that the Regional Boss's loot gathered was already very astonishing. However, compared to the phenomenon before him, it was utterly insignificant.

It should be known that the secret room's defensive barrier could withstand attacks from Tier 5 players. Yet, the barrier was cracking simply from the Eternal Energy in the room. In addition, when he inhaled, he could feel a refreshing feeling spreading throughout his mind and body.

However, Shi Feng didn't dwell on this phenomenon for long as he quickly appraised the five items. He worried that the room's barrier might break if he wasted any more time. If that happened, the situation inside the room would become exposed.

After taking about a minute to appraise the five items, Shi Feng couldn't help but be stunned once again.

No wonder that Gorgon Queen tried so desperately to kill me.

After seeing the items he had looted, Shi Feng quickly understood why the Gorgon Queen looked so incensed when she saw him looting the treasury.

If he were in the Gorgon Queen's shoes, he, too, would probably wish for nothing more than to kill the thief.

Of the five items he looted, four were incredibly rare Fragmented Divine Artifact-ranked materials, and they were two bottles of Divine Water of Life and two bottles of Soul Essence.

Divine Water of Life was the superior version of the Water of Life. Not only could it be used to resurrect dead NPCs, but it could also enhance the essence of NPCs. Its only downside was that players couldn't use it.

Regardless, it was an item that had disappeared since the ancient era, and he had only learned about it through records found in the Grand Library. But if he were to put a value on the Divine Water of Life, each bottle should be worth one Legendary Weapon at the very least.

As for Soul Essence, it was an item with only one purpose—to give players who had suffered permanent deaths in God's Domain a second chance to enter God's Domain. It was a simple purpose, but it was one that all players in God's Domain highly coveted.

Although each player could only use Soul Essence once in their lifetimes, its value still matched that of Fragmented Divine Artifacts.

As for the fifth item Shi Feng looted, it was a consumable. Or, more specifically, it was a potion produced by a Craftsman Alchemist.

The Elixir of Fortune!

So long as players drank the potion, their Luck, a Hidden Attribute, would be increased significantly for 24 hours.

Looking at the Divine Water of Life, Soul Essence, and Elixir of Fortune, Shi Feng suddenly got goosebumps.

It should be known that he had only gotten past the treasury's doors and stopped at the outermost section. Moreover, he had only randomly looted five items from the outermost section. However, from what he managed to see, the treasury was at least the size of a sports stadium, and he saw many more items similar to the five he looted present in the treasury.

In his previous life, when Zero Wing captured an ancient Holy City, the combined value of the items Zero Wing obtained from the Holy City's treasury couldn't even come close to the five items before him. Yet, these five items only comprised a small portion of the items stored in the stadium-sized treasury...

But before Shi Feng could recover his senses, a series of system notifications suddenly rang in his ears.

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System: A Gorgon Queen has cursed you.

System: The Gorgon Queen's Curse will cause part of your soul to dissipate with each death you suffer. While this curse is in effect, the Gorgon Queen will also be alerted to your presence so long as you get within 1,000 yards of the King's Treasury.

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How ruthless! Shi Feng couldn't help but be flabbergasted when he saw the notifications.

Although he had already guessed that the treasury's origins were extraordinary, he didn't expect to suffer such severe consequences from looting it.

The Gorgon Queen's Curse ensured he would lose a portion of his Immortal Soul with each death he suffered. This meant that from now onward, even normal deaths would gradually push him toward a permanent death in God's Domain. Moreover, even if he exhausted his Immortal Soul and resurrected it using Soul Essence, the curse still wouldn't disappear. The only way he could get rid of it was by killing the curse's caster.

Even if it were in his previous life, the feat of slaying a Tier 6 Primordial Godkin was something he would have to mobilize the entirety of Zero Wing's strength. It simply wasn't a task he could complete by himself.

However, Shi Feng quickly got over his shock and shifted his attention toward the two bottles of Divine Water of Life.

Divine Water of Life was labeled as one of the three Divine Liquids in God's Domain, and it could elevate the Life Rating of any creature, except players, to the extremes. Items such as the Fruit of Life and the Seven Luminaries Fruit were nothing in comparison to the Divine Water of Life.

During his previous life, Shi Feng had seen a Personal Guard who had been enhanced using the Divine Water of Life. The Personal Guard in question was also one of the only five Advanced Legendary Guards that existed in the entire Greater God's Domain.

Normally, the various powers' executives could, at best, recruit Epic-ranked NPCs to serve as their Personal Guards. Meanwhile, when developed to their full potential, Epic Guards could closely match Four-Winged Valkyries of the same tier.

As for Legendary Guards, not even the various apex powers would dare think of recruiting one. This was because every Legendary Guard could rival Gods of the same tier when fully developed.

As for Advanced Legendary Guards, they were existences on par with Ancient Gods. Though, in the eyes of players, they were even more challenging to deal with than Ancient Gods.

This was because Personal Guards had a much easier time obtaining weapons and equipment than players. Meanwhile, an Advanced Legendary Guard could potentially equip themselves fully with Divine Weapons and Equipment. And once they managed to do so, their combat prowess would be on par with Primordial Gods.

Meanwhile, all five Advanced Legendary Guards in Shi Feng's previous life were fully equipped with Divine Weapons and Equipment. Because of this, even the various apex powers had to treat the owners of these Personal Guards with respect.

Normally, Advanced Legendary Guards were born with their rank. It wasn't a realm that Personal Guards could achieve by relying on external items. The Divine Water of Life was the only exception. It was also because one of the five Advanced Legendary Guards had come into existence by relying on the Divine Water of Life that the various powers were made aware of its existence.

Only, apart from the owner of the "artificial" Advanced Legendary Guard, nobody else knew how to obtain the Divine Water of Life.

I don't have any Personal Guards with great potential right now, so I can only gamble on it, Shi Feng thought as he took out the Ancient Oath.

Flying Mounts might not be comparable to Personal Guards in combat power, but they were much more useful than Personal Guards. This was because even if a Flying Mount died, it could be resurrected limitlessly without using Water of Life.

Previously, the Frostflame Phantom Dragon had already become an Advanced Legendary Flying Mount after undergoing a mutation. If it could achieve further improvements, it would greatly benefit him.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng summoned the Mutated Frostflame Phantom Dragon inside the secret room. Then, to ensure his success, he fed both bottles of Divine Water of Life to the Phantom Dragon.

Upon consuming the two bottles of light-blue liquid, the Phantom Dragon let out a resounding roar, and its body began radiating a multicolored brilliance. For a moment, it looked like the Phantom Dragon was transforming into a dragon of light. Its size also started to grow at a visible rate.

Ten seconds later, the Phantom Dragon had grown to a length of 100 meters. If not for the secret room having an adjustable space, it would have been impossible for the room to fit the Phantom Dragon. After one full minute had passed, the multicolored brilliance radiated by the Phantom Dragon dissipated, revealing a body that measured 300 meters in length. The Phantom Dragon was several times larger than before, and its every action caused the secret room's space to tremble.

Chapter 3517: Alternate Ending 591 - Frightening Divine Flying Mount

Chapter 591 – Frightening Divine Flying Mount

TL Notes:

Please regard all instances of "Divine Dragons" in the main story as "Sacred Dragons" from now on.

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Did it...reach Tier 5?

Shi Feng couldn't help but be surprised when he felt faint pressure coming from the Frostflame Phantom Dragon. This was something he had not experienced even when he faced the Half-Snakekin General. Moreover, the Frostflame Phantom Dragon no longer looked like a Flying Mount but rather an actual dragon instead.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng hurriedly checked the pendant in his hand. He wanted to check to what extent the Frostflame Phantom Dragon had been upgraded.

Unlike other items that raised the user's Life Rating, the Divine Water of Life did not have a usage limit. So long as one had enough Divine Water of Life, one could continuously use it to improve a creature's potential to the extremes. Only, the higher a creature's potential, the more Divine Water of Life would be needed to improve its potential.

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[Ancient Oath]

Can be used to summon a Divine-ranked Tier 5 Frostflame Dragon as a partner to fly and fight freely in the sky. If the Frostflame Dragon dies, it will need 60 natural days to return to life.

Additional Effect: Grants the Ancient Oath's wielder 15% of the Frostflame Dragon's Basic Attributes.

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A Tier 5 Divine-ranked Dragon?

The stats that appeared before Shi Feng stunned him momentarily.

Be it Flying Mounts that were pure-blooded Dragons or Divine Flying Mounts, both were things he had only ever heard about through rumors thus far. As for a Divine Flying Mount that also happened to be a Dragon, this was the first time he had ever heard of one existing.

Flying Mounts could be categorized into four major ranks: Common, Extraordinary, Legendary, and Divine. These ranks represented a Flying Mount's potential. It also represented the difficulty of upgrading their tiers.

Generally, a Legendary Flying Mount would have a chance of getting promoted to Tier 6, while Advanced Legendary Flying Mounts would have a considerable chance of getting promoted to Tier 6. As for Divine Flying Mounts, they were fated to get promoted to Tier 6.

In other words, he was now in possession of a Dragon that was fated to reach Tier 6!

If news of this spread, it would absolutely shake the entire Greater God's Domain!

Dragons were an apex race in God's Domain, and their average Life Rating was essentially unmatched at the same tier. Even the average Tier 6 Dragon could closely rival Tier 6 Gods in combat power. So, having a dragon as a Flying Mount would undoubtedly make him envied by all players.

In addition, the existence of Flying Mounts was akin to tools. So, unlike NPCs and contracted beasts, the concept of a true death did not exist for Flying Mounts, and they could be summoned limitlessly. Players also wouldn't have to go out of their way to level up their Flying Mounts as Mounts leveled with their owners.

More importantly, players would get to share a portion of their Flying Mounts' Basic Attributes, and any player would drool over a "dragon-class" bonus. This was because what made dragons strong was their heaven-defying Basic Attributes, and their Basic Attributes far outclassed monsters of the same tier.

It should be known that monsters already possessed far greater Basic Attributes than players in general. The disparity was so significant that even if players equipped themselves with top-tier weapons and equipment, they would still be slightly behind monsters of the same level and tier in Basic Attributes.

Yet, dragons possessed even greater Basic Attributes than the average monster, with a Tier 5 Dragon having the Basic Attributes of a Tier 6 monster of the same level. So, one could only imagine the Basic Attributes one could obtain from a Dragon/Flying Mount.

With this, I can probably fight the Western Continent's Tier 6 Divine monsters, even without getting promoted to Tier 6.

When Shi Feng looked at his Attribute Panel and saw the numbers listed, he couldn't help but feel as if he were dreaming.

Even though he was only receiving 15% of the Tier 5 Frostflame Dragon's Basic Attributes, the bonus was already enough to put his Basic Attributes on par with a Tier 5 expert equipped with a full set of Legendary Equipment.

A full set of Legendary equipment!

For most players, owning a full set of Legendary Equipment was something they could only dream of achieving. Even the various apex powers' chosen ones wouldn't necessarily get to enjoy such a benefit.

This was because a Tier 6 expert fully equipped with Legendary Equipment would be strong enough to match Tier 6 Gods. Assigning such valuable equipment to Tier 5 players would be an utter waste. Such behavior would be beyond extravagant, and very few powers would be foolish enough to do such a thing.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng pulled up his contacts and called Gentle Snow.

When the call connected, Gentle Snow couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in surprise and ask, "You're back already, Guild Leader?"

Previously, Shi Feng had already informed her through the real world that he was currently visiting the Forbidden Zone's Western Continent and stated that they shouldn't try to contact him unless it was an emergency.

As for the Eternal Realm's Western Continent, Gentle Snow had more or less learned about it from Shi Feng. So, she knew that while the Western Continent had many more opportunities available than the Eternal Continent, it was also filled with much greater dangers. She also heard from Shi Feng that the Western Continent was infested with Holy Race players, so he couldn't afford even a moment's carelessness.

"Something unexpected happened, so I made a trip back first," Shi Feng said, nodding. "I'm planning to bring some of Zero Wing's members with me when I go there again, so have Qianliu and the others quickly gather in the Guild Residence."

"Now?" Gentle Snow hesitated to comply with Shi Feng's orders. "We are currently exploring the Underground Crystal Palace's Level 165 zone. We are also planning to

raid a Regional Boss once our reinforcements arrive. If we leave now, we will miss this precious opportunity."

"It's fine. At most, you'll miss out on an Extraordinary Secret Treasure." In a definitive tone, Shi Feng said, "Just tell Fury and the others that I have different arrangements for you all, and you won't be exploring with them for the time being."

Zero Wing might be exploring the Underground Crystal Palace's Level 165 zone currently, but this expedition was led by Desolate Fury's and Scarecrow Fox's groups. The expedition didn't only consist of Zero Wing's members. Ultimately, the Boss's loot would have to be distributed based on contributions, and not all would go to Zero Wing.

Not to mention, compared to the Underground Crystal Palace and the rest of the Eternal Continent, the Western Continent was of vastly greater importance. So, he planned to bring some of Zero Wing's members to develop them on the Western Continent. Otherwise, others might say that Zero Wing lacked capable combatants and could only rely on joining forces with other powers to achieve its current standards.

"Alright, then. I'll inform them immediately," Gentle Snow replied as she stopped hesitating. Then, she promptly informed Su Qianliu and the others on the expedition team about Shi Feng's orders.

Meanwhile, when Su Qianliu, Hidden Soul, and the others heard about Shi Feng's command, they swiftly returned to the Residence, abandoning their exploration of the Level 165 zone. As for Desolate Fury's and Scarecrow Fox's groups, although they were confused by Shi Feng's decision, they didn't make any comments about it. After all, this was Zero Wing's private affair, and they were merely Zero Wing's collaborators.

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Zero Wing's Residence, Guild Leader's Office:

"Why did you summon us back in such a hurry, Guild Leader? Did something happen?" Hidden Soul, who had already chosen to become a member of Zero Wing thoroughly, asked as she looked at Shi Feng. "The various powers are in the midst of competing for the Level 165 zone's Regional Bosses to give their members a better chance of getting promoted to Tier 6. Isn't it a waste for us to give up like this?"

It wasn't easy for players to get promoted to Tier 6 in God's Domain. Not to mention, the strength of the Divine Body created would also influence players' strength in the future. Because of this, the various powers were currently looking for ways to improve their experts' chances of getting promoted to Tier 6 with a powerful Divine Body, and Extraordinary Secret Treasures were one of the more effective methods that could be used to accomplish this goal.

Meanwhile, once the various powers' experts created a sufficiently strong Divine Body, they could promptly get promoted to Tier 6 and capture ownerless settlements occupied by Divine monsters. This, in turn, would grant the various powers unimaginable advantages and wealth.

Yet, even though Zero Wing also had an opportunity to secure such advantages and wealth, they had actively abandoned it...

Looking at Hidden Soul's slightly angry expression, Shi Feng smiled and retrieved a book from his bag space, asking, "Extraordinary Secret Treasures might be important, but what do you think of this item?"

The book was none other than the Bronze Mana Purification Technique he had obtained from grinding in the Nameless City with the Dawnlight Party.

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Chapter 3518: Alternate Ending 592 - Advanced Bronze Mana Purification Technique

Chapter 3518 – Chapter 592 – Advanced Bronze Mana Purification Technique

"A Mana Purification Technique?"

Hidden Soul couldn't help but grow confused when she saw Shi Feng taking out a book.

However, upon inspecting the book, whether it was Hidden Soul or Gentle Snow and the others, everyone was surprised.

There existed very few methods that players could rely on to improve the strength of their mana in God's Domain. Typically, they could only rely on the effects of special weapons and equipment to do so. However, every one of these items was worth a fortune. If the weapon or equipment happened to be at the Fragmented Legendary rank, it would be worth more than even the average Legendary Weapon and Equipment.

Yet, now, a Mana Purification Technique could accomplish the same result as one of those valuable items, and the effects were even permanent. The technique completely shattered their knowledge of God's Domain.

Moreover, the Bronze Mana Purification Technique before them was simply heavendefying. It could actually elevate the strength of their mana by one tier, instantly granting them access to mana that was typically only available to Tier 6 players.

"Where did you get this thing, Guild Leader?" Gentle Snow couldn't help but ask.

Mana was the foundation of human players. Meanwhile, the stronger their mana, the easier a time they would have when constructing their Divine Bodies. It was also why the various powers were desperately looking to obtain Extraordinary Secret Treasures before having their experts get promoted to Tier 6.

Otherwise, with the wealth the various powers possessed, even the average upperranking hegemonic power could have produced a group of Tier 6 experts by now. They wouldn't have needed to bother hunting for high-ranking Secret Treasures.

However, even in the case of Extraordinary Secret Treasures, a player would need to be fully equipped with them to elevate their mana's strength from Tier 5 to Tier 6.

"The Western Continent," Shi Feng frankly stated. "This is also why I called all of you back."

"The Western Continent?" Hidden Soul's gaze grew passionate when she heard Shi Feng's answer. "If we can secure a large number of these Bronze Purification Techniques, Zero Wing will absolutely become the number one Guild in the Crystal City! Or possibly even the whole Eternal Realm!"

Having stronger mana meant being able to construct stronger Tier 6 Divine Bodies. Compared to the Bronze Purification Technique, Extraordinary Secret Treasures were greatly inferior.

"Don't get excited too early. Bronze Mana Techniques aren't so easy to obtain. I'm only taking you there to try our luck," Shi Feng said, shaking his head and chuckling when he saw everyone's excitement.

The drop rate for Bronze Purification Techniques was incredibly low, even in the Nameless City. After grinding with the Dawnlight Party for five days, he had only received one for his share. It was simply impossible for Zero Wing to distribute Bronze Purification Techniques to its members in large quantities.

The only reason he was bringing along Hidden Soul and the others was so that they could try their luck before the upcoming city battle began. After all, he had promised Red Frost to help her recover her peak strength before the city battle, and a Common Purification Technique was probably not enough to let her do so; a Bronze Purification Technique would be needed at the very least.

Subsequently, everyone split up to make the necessary preparations as they waited for the Abyss Workshop Certification's World-Breaking Teleportation to come off cooldown. Then, as soon as the Skill was ready, Shi Feng brought Hidden Soul and the other core members of Zero Wing to the Western Continent's Nameless City.

After twelve hours had passed, the Nameless City had already recovered its initial calm.

"Such rich Eternal Energy!"

"I feel like if I could train here for a long time, reaching the fifth-floor standard would no longer be a dream."

The instant Hidden Soul and the others arrived in the Nameless City, they felt invigorated. As for Wu Xiaoxiao and Midsummer, who had experienced the Hundred Refinement Building in the past, they found the Nameless City's environment incredibly familiar.

"We're limited on time. I'll aggro the monsters while you all find opportunities to deal damage," Shi Feng said as he looked at the intoxicated members of his team.

After saying so, Shi Feng leaped several hundred yards away and charged toward the nearest Half-Snakekin monster. At the same time, he took out the Feather of Oath and summoned six Tier 5 War Goddesses to fight alongside him. Unlike before, he no longer intended to hold back when fighting the Half-Snakekin monsters.

Previously, when he was grinding with the Dawnlight Party, everyone in the party needed to share the loot they obtained. Had he expended Seven Luminaries Crystals to summon War Goddesses back then, he would have incurred a huge deficit. But now that everyone on his team was a core member of Zero Wing, all of the loot would belong to Zero Wing, so he naturally didn't need to continue conserving his strength.

Meanwhile, with the help of the six Tier 5 War Goddesses, Shi Feng was able to kill the Half-Snakekin monsters several times faster than the Dawnlight Party, even without the help of Hidden Soul and the others. Needless to say, the efficiency increased even further when Zero Wing's members joined in.

Although Zero Wing's members initially suffered a lot against the Half-Snakekin monsters' mental attacks, thanks to the six War Goddesses' assistance, they never got into life-threatening situations. And because of the monsters' loot, everyone's morale grew as they fought.

Normally, they would need to kill hundreds of monsters in the Underground Crystal Palace for a Common Secret Treasure to drop. In comparison, they would see one dropping here every dozen or so Half-Snakeskin monsters they killed. They would even occasionally see Combat Secret Treasures dropping.

It should be known that Combat Secret Treasures were normally only dropped by Regional Bosses in the Underground Crystal Palace. The chances of normal monsters dropping it were close to zero.

Combat Secret Treasures were so rare that even until now, Gentle Snow was the only one fully equipped with Combat Secret Treasures. Moreover, it was the Ice Crystal Secret Treasure Set that Zero Wing had obtained quite some time ago. As for everyone

else present, they only had two Combat Secret Treasures equipped, with the rest of their kit comprising Common Secret Treasures. Even so, they could already rank among the upper echelon of experts in the Crystal City.

When one Half-Snakekin General was about to die, Shi Feng took out the Elixir of Fortune and drank it. Then, he promptly ended the Legendary Regional Boss's life.

Is that...an Advanced Bronze Purification Technique?

Shi Feng couldn't help but be surprised when he saw mist-like Eternal Energy gathering around a book the Half-Snakekin General dropped.

He hadn't been hoping for much when he used the Elixir of Fortune. He only hoped to obtain one or two Bronze Purification Techniques before the city battle. After all, he couldn't afford to grind for five straight days this time.

Going by past experience, Common Purification Techniques could increase the density of the surrounding Eternal Energy by several times when initially dropped, while Bronze Purification Techniques could make the surrounding Eternal Energy vaguely visible to the naked eye. Currently, though, the Mana Purification Technique the Half-Snakekin General dropped had turned the surrounding Eternal Energy into a mist-like state. There was no doubt it was the Advanced Bronze Purification Technique currently sought by all of Seven Luminaries Town's players.

Chapter 3519: Alternate Ending 593 - Fifteen Cities Arrive!

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"Is this Advanced Bronze Purification Technique precious, Guild Leader?" Hidden Soul asked when she saw Shi Feng looking visibly moved as he picked up a book from the ground.

They had already obtained several Mana Purification Techniques from killing only a few hundred Half-Snakekin monsters, so it didn't seem like Mana Purification Techniques were as rare as Shi Feng made them out to be.

"Precious?" Shi Feng couldn't help but feel exasperated when he saw Hidden Soul's calm reaction. "Would you believe me if I said this is possibly the first Advanced Bronze Purification Technique found on the entire Western Continent?"

Based on Sky Pivot's claims, Advanced Bronze Purification Techniques could only be obtained from the Primordial Demon's Necropolis, a World Mode Regional Dungeon.

World Mode Regional Dungeons were off-limits to non-Tier 6 players, and even Tier 6 experts would face a considerable chance of death. Normally, Tier 6 players would have to operate in 20-man teams at the very least to ensure their safety.

Yet, now, they had obtained an Advanced Bronze Purification Technique without having to set foot into a place as dangerous as the Primordial Demon's Necropolis. If the Seven Luminaries Alliance were to learn of this, it would probably get the urge to strangle them.

"First?" Hearing Shi Feng's words, Hidden Soul took out a book she had looted from a Tier 4 Mythic-ranked Half-Snakekin Warrior and happily said, "Then, mine here should be the second one."

As soon as the book Hidden Soul took out was exposed to the surrounding environment, it promptly attracted Eternal Energy from its surroundings, and the density of the gathered Eternal Energy was comparable to what surrounded the book the Half-Snakekin General dropped.

Seeing Hidden Soul's elated look, Shi Feng couldn't help but fall silent.

He had only obtained an Advanced Bronze Purification Technique after using the precious Elixir of Fortune. Yet, Hidden Soul had acquired one without the help of a similar item. Moreover, it would seem that she had acquired it before he did...

Of course, Shi Feng didn't find the situation completely unreasonable. The Nameless City, for the most part, remained unexplored. So, the monsters' loot drop rate should be higher than normal, and this should be applied to Advanced Bronze Mana Purification Techniques as well.

"Guild Leader! Several Holy Race teams are advancing in our direction from the east!" Sleeping Quicksand, who was observing the surroundings using the Eyes of God Spell, suddenly reported. "They'll reach us in ten seconds!"

"We have limited time; don't engage them," Shi Feng stated. "We'll head to the central region where there are more monsters. Quicksand, use Mirage Enchantment on the team."

The Oracle class wasn't just a healing class. It was also a powerful support class. Not to mention, Sleeping Quicksand was conferred the title of Saintess by the Seven Luminaries Alliance in his previous life. Back then, she was considered one of the ten strongest experts in the past century.

Currently, although Sleeping Quicksand had yet to fully develop her potential, she was already close to reaching the fifth-floor standard after honing herself in the Eternal Realm. Her Concentration had also reached the Tier 6 Intermediate standard already.

So, it wasn't difficult for her to cast Mirage Enchantment, a Tier 4 Spell, on a team of less than twenty players.

Meanwhile, with the help of Mirage Enchantment concealing everyone's presence and the six War Goddesses clearing the way, the team shook off the pursuing Holy Race players in no time. Then, they swiftly made their way deeper into the Nameless City.

Subsequently, a day passed in the blink of an eye. Thanks to the help of the six War Goddesses, Zero Wing's team killed far more Half-Snakekin monsters in one day than the Dawnlight Party did in five days. Everyone on the team also reached Level 165, placing them at the top of the Western Continent.

"Guild Leader, a call came in from Vice President Xia in the real world. She says the fifteen cities will reach Star Lake City in less than twelve hours. Even if Star Lake City accelerates to buy time, it will take those cities no more than twenty hours to surround Star Lake City," Hidden Soul reported to Shi Feng after seeing him finish off a Half-Snakekin General. "Also, Vice President Xia says she has already delivered the God Crystals you need."

"Finally. I thought she wouldn't make it in time." Shi Feng sighed in relief at the news. "Tally the loot and have everyone log off to rest."

After making the deal with Red Frost, Shi Feng had promptly contacted Xia Qingying, hoping that she could utilize the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's trade network to purchase God Crystals in bulk for him.

Although he had tried to purchase God Crystals in the Crystal City of Secrets via Zero Wing, the various powers regarded God Crystals as a strategic resource and refused to sell any of their stockpiles. Not to mention, God crystals were as rare as Fragmented Legendary items.

So, even after many days of effort, Zero Wing had only collected a little over 30 God Crystals. Moreover, all of them were acquired from independent players at the astronomical price of one Combat Secret Treasure per two God Crystals.

However, that still wasn't enough God Crystals for his purposes. Each attempt to learn an Intermediate Divine Engraving from the Book of Eternity cost 50 God Crystals. With the God Crystals he had on hand, he couldn't even afford one learning attempt. Not to mention, he also needed to save a few God Crystals so that he could utilize the Feather of Oath's Heroic Pledge in case of emergencies.

Ultimately, after much deliberation, he chose to purchase God Crystals from the Eternal Chamber of Commerce through Xia Qingying at the price of twenty Eternal Gold Coins per God Crystal. Last he was informed, Xia Qingying had successfully purchased at least 200 God Crystals from the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, essentially spending

most of the profits the Secret Crystal Trading Firm generated thus far. And after factoring in the Guild's daily expenditure, Shi Feng was left with little to no money.

"Leave it to me!" Hidden Soul happily responded and began collecting the items on the ground.

After about ten minutes, Hidden Soul finished organizing the team's loot and handed Shi Feng a list.

"Here is a list of all the loot we obtained after entering the Nameless City, Guild Leader," Hidden Soul said as she looked at her own copy of the list excitedly. "Thus far, we have collected 1,227 Common Secret Treasures, 232 Combat Secret Treasures, 143 Common Purification Techniques, 26 Bronze Purification Techniques, and 10 Advanced Bronze Purification Techniques. We already have enough Purification Techniques to outfit a 100-man team!"

Although Shi Feng already had a general idea of how much loot they had acquired, he still couldn't help but be shocked when he heard the actual numbers.

Setting aside the Secret Treasures, just the 26 Bronze Purification Techniques and 10 Advanced Bronze Purification Techniques they obtained would already be enough to cause the entire Seven Luminaries Town to go crazy.

At this point, Shi Feng didn't even dare imagine how terrifying a team Zero Wing could develop if it managed to digest all of these Bronze and Advanced Bronze Purification Techniques.

It should be known that any player who successfully learned a Bronze Purification Technique would be publicly recognized as a Half-step Tier 6 player in Seven Luminaries Town. Such players could even match Tier 6 players on the Eternal continent.

As for players who successfully learned an Advanced Bronze Purification Technique, although Shi Feng didn't have any references to go by, he was certain that such players would be at the Half-step Tier 6 standard at the very least. And if Zero Wing were to suddenly gain a force of 36 Half-step Tier 6 experts, it could probably dominate the entire Crystal City of Secrets and strike fear into the various pseudo-apex powers.

Following this, Shi Feng kept all the Mana Purification Techniques and Common Secret Treasures. Then, he had everyone fully equip themselves in Combat Secret Treasures before storing the rest away. After doing all that, he and the rest of the team found a secure location before logging out of the game.

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TL Notes:

Due to changes made by the author, I will making the following changes from Chapter 414 onward:

1) Certain instances of Basic/Intermediate Divine Patterns will now be changed to Basic/Intermediate Divine Engravings. But note that both Divine Patterns and Divine Engravings exist. Divine Engravings are a composition of Divine Patterns

E.g.

Chapter 415:

Original:

The Basic Strengthening Pattern was composed of three different divine patterns: the Basic Structural Analysis Pattern, the Basic Structural Remodeling Pattern, and the Basic Structural Solidification Pattern.

Edited:

The Basic Enhancement Engraving was composed of three different divine patterns: the Basic Structural Analysis Pattern, the Basic Structural Remodeling Pattern, and the Basic Structural Solidification Pattern.

- 2) "Engraving(action)" and "drawing(action)" will also be replaced with "inscribing(action)" to avoid repetition such as "Shi Feng is engraving a Basic Divine Engraving."
- 3) a set of Basic/Intermediate Divine Patterns will be changed to a/an Basic Intermediate Engraving.

Chapter 3520: Alternate Ending 594 - Night Watch Legion

Chapter 594 – Night Watch Legion

Star Lake City, Zero Wing Training Center:

The hatch of Shi Feng's virtual gaming cabin opened. But before Shi Feng could climb out of the cabin, his quantum watch sounded an incoming call.

After climbing out of the cabin, Shi Feng connected the call and immediately saw the holographic image of Pace Angel, who was tasked with managing the Zero Wing Training Center, appearing before him.

"Guild Leader, Vice President Xia of the Green God Corporation is already waiting in the lounge," Pace Angel hurriedly reported when she saw her call connecting. "In addition, voices for Zero Wing to be removed from the city are growing louder because of the fifteen cities closing in. Currently, over a hundred corporations and families have already spoken up in protest to the City Lord. Over half of the Star Lake Legion's members have also withdrawn from the legion to force the City Lord into making a decision."

Some time ago, news of fifteen cities joining forces to target Star Lake City spread. As a result, many of the city's local powers started calling for Zero Wing to be banished, and their voices have only grown louder as the fifteen cities' arrival drew near. At this point, over half of the cities' powers have already started to protest against the City Lord.

Normally, if half of a city's powers engaged in a protest, even the City Lord would not be able to ignore it. After all, these powers and their members were vital to a city's survival and prosperity.

Yet, if Star Lake City's City Lord chose to banish Zero Wing, Zero Wing would no longer be able to operate in a city and have to settle with developing in a town...

"How resolute of these powers." Shi Feng nonchalantly smiled as he looked through the list Pace Angel sent him. "But their departure isn't all bad news. We can use this chance to refine the current Star Lake Legion. It'll also make things easier for Zero Wing's members to join the legion afterward."

"Refine the Star Lake Legion?" Pace Angel was stunned by Shi Feng's nonchalant comment.

While it might be great for Zero Wing that so many people were leaving the Star Lake Legion, the departure of these individuals would also result in a severe reduction in combat power for the Star Lake Legion. Losing so much combat power at such a critical juncture would put Star Lake City at an even more severe disadvantage when it went up against the fifteen cities later.

"Ignore them. More importantly, I need you to have all of Zero Wing's battle group members gather in an advanced simulation room. I have something important to tell them," Shi Feng instructed.

"Understood."

Although Pace Angel remained very worried, she still followed Shi Feng's orders and began contacting the members of Zero Wing's battle group one after another.

Meanwhile, after tidying himself up, Shi Feng made his way to the top-floor lounge. He could wait no longer to get his hands on Xia Qingying's God Crystals.

Even though he had yet to learn a Mana Purification Technique, thanks to the Soul Blood boosting his Concentration to the Tier 6 Advanced standard, tasks such as analyzing items and restructuring mana became a lot easier for him to manage. Learning how to inscribe Intermediate Divine Engravings also wouldn't be a difficult task.

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Top-floor VIP lounge:

Inside the lounge that was as large as a basketball court, a man and a woman sat quietly on the sofa next to the window wall. Meanwhile, standing behind them were four young men and women dressed in formal wear.

Of these four young men and women, even the oldest was only 24, while the youngest was only 22. Yet, all four of them were not only two-star mental strength grandmasters, but their presence was also stronger than that of Star Lake City's vice commanders.

"You and Elder Xin have gone too far with your absurdities this time, Qingying. How could you arbitrarily have the corporation's geniuses move to Star Lake City?" The man seated on the sofa was in his forties and radiated an imposing aura, and his eyes exuded a hint of rage as he looked at Xia Qingying, who sat next to him. "I can ignore your decision to go against Silver Frost City, but I will be taking the Silver Frost Legion's former members with me. I'm sure you know of Night Watch City's current situation. Having more members in the Night Watch Legion will increase our chances of establishing a base in the city!"

"I am aware of the situation, Elder Mu," Xia Qingying unhurriedly said. "But Zero Wing's importance is no less than Night Watch City's. Also, if we lack manpower in Night Watch City, we can simply partner with Zero Wing. We can establish a foothold in Night Watch City easily with Zero Wing's help."

"Zero Wing? Are you sure you're not joking?" Elder Mu laughed when he heard Xia Qingying's words. "I've heard that Zero Wing's present situation in Star Lake City is far from optimistic. If Zero Wing can't even survive the upcoming raid by the fifteen cities, do you think it can help us establish a foothold in Night Watch City?"

Night Watch City was the fourth second-tier mobile city that the Green God Corporation had set its sights on. It was significantly stronger than Silver Frost City, and its population was three times larger than Silver Frost City's. Occasionally, it could even link up with first-tier mobile cities.

Many of the Starlight Realm's upper-ranking hegemonic powers sought to establish a foothold in Night Watch City but failed to do so. As for the Green God Corporation, it had only received an opportunity to do so thanks to one of its special connections. Even so, the chances of success weren't optimistic.

If the Green God Corporation could successfully establish a foothold in Night Watch City simply by relying on an up-and-coming Guild like Zero Wing, it would definitely be regarded as a legendary tale on the Starlight Continent.

"Do you think I would joke around with the corporation's future, Elder Mu?" Xia Qingying asked as she rolled her eyes at the imposing man beside her.

Mu Huangwu!

He was one of the Green God Corporation's few three-star mental strength grandmasters. He was also the corporation's youngest three-star grandmaster. If not for Mu Huangwu being obsessed with combat and personal improvement in God's Domain, he would have long become the number one candidate for the Green God Corporation's president.

"You might be serious, but who can guarantee Zero Wing has that capability?" Mu Huangwu responded without any reservations. "Black Flame? The person ranked eleventh on the Sacred Glory List?"

"You can rest assured on this point, Elder Mu. The strength Zero Wing has kept hidden far exceeds your imagination," Xia Qingying said confidently. "If Zero Wing fails to help us, I will personally lead a team to Night Watch City, and I won't ever leave the city until the corporation succeeds in establishing a foothold."

Xia Qingying had a very optimistic view of the Divine Engraver subclass. If Shi Feng could make good on his promise and nurture several bona fide Divine Engravers, the Green God Corporation could easily rely on these Divine Engravers to establish a foothold in Night Watch City.

While Xia Qingying and Mu Huangwu were talking, the lounge's doors suddenly opened, and in came Shi Feng.

"Apologies for the long wait, Vice President Xia," Shi Feng said when he saw that Xia Qingying had brought along with her Mu Huangwu, a famous individual from the Green God Corporation. However, although he was surprised by this development, he maintained a calm expression as he continued, "If I'm not mistaken, you seem to have something else to discuss other than our transaction."

Mu Huangwu was famous in Shi Feng's previous life. Not only was he one of the Green God Corporation's few three-star grandmasters, but he was also an incredibly talented instructor, having nurtured as many as five three-star grandmasters and one pseudogreat grandmaster for the Green God Corporation. If not for the Green God Corporation being limited on resources, these numbers might have even doubled.

"You are as straightforward as always, Guild Leader Shi." Xia Qingying faintly smiled when she saw Shi Feng walking over. "I have already brought the things you asked for.

And indeed, besides our transaction, I have another big business proposition for Zero Wing."

"A big business proposition?" Xia Qingying's words piqued Shi Feng's curiosity. "May I know what it is?"

"Night Watch City!" Xia Qingying stated as she raised her hand and sent an electronic document to Shi Feng. "Here is all the information on Night Watch City. On behalf of the Green God Corporation, I hope to seek Zero Wing's cooperation in securing a foothold in Night Watch City."

"Night Watch City?" Shi Feng immediately had his interest piqued. After all, Night Watch City was one of the few places in his previous life that auctioned Stardew regularly. "That is indeed a big business proposition."

"Night Watch City will be holding its annual membership test in a few days. I hope to borrow Zero Wing's strength to help the Green God Corporation's members join the Night Watch Legion's ace battle groups. In return, Zero Wing will receive half of the city contribution points these members receive in the future. What do you think?" Xia Qingying suggested.

"Have you lost your mind, Xia Qingying?!" Mu Huangwu was dumbfounded by Xia Qingying's offer. "Do you know how few of our members can get into the Night Watch Legion's ace battle groups?! And you want to give half of their points away?!"

Mu Huangwu was confident that two or three of the talents under his tutelage could join the Night Watch Legion's ace battle groups. As for everyone else, their chances were incredibly slim. Even with external assistance, the best they could hope for was an extra one or two members getting into an ace battle group.

While that could more or less be considered a good outcome, it was a different story if they had to give half of their members' contribution points away. They would gain nothing from this exchange and even end up with less than what they originally could have obtained.

"No problem," Shi Feng said to Xia Qingying, ignoring Mu Huangwu's rant. "I can provide assistance to the Green God Corporation and let all of your members qualify for an ace battle group. However, I want 70% of their city contributions!"

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"Seventy percent?" Xia Qingying couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in astonishment.

It was unquestionably absurd to demand a 70% cut. Even though she was aware that Zero Wing could utilize divine engravings to help many of the Green God Corporation's members join the Night Watch Legion's ace battle groups, she still found it very difficult to stomach this price.

For an official member of the Night Watch Legion to join an ace battle group, not only would they need to undergo a combat assessment, but they would also need to undergo a test for their technical standards. They couldn't just rely on powerful weapons and equipment. After all, for the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers' members seeking to join the Night Watch Legion's ace battle groups, acquiring quality weapons and equipment wasn't difficult.

"What a bold statement!" Mu Huangwu stated as he looked at Shi Feng with a hint of rage in his eyes. "Do you think all those geniuses I have nurtured can get into an ace battle group simply by having Zero Wing's help? Aren't you looking down on the Night Watch Legion a little too much? Do you think the Night Watch Legion is the same as the Star Lake Legion?"

Mu Huangwu had devoted all his efforts to nurturing a batch of geniuses to join the Night Watch Legion. He had even invested all the resources he had acquired from the Night Watch Legion into this endeavor.

But even with all that, he had only managed to get a little under twenty people into the Night Watch Legion. And out of these people, only three had a chance of getting into an ace battle group. As for those three people in question, every one of them was capable of becoming a third-tier city legion's commander.

Yet, now, Shi Feng spoke as if anyone could qualify for the Night Watch Legions' ace battle groups.

"If you are skeptical of Zero Wing's strength, how about we make a bet, Elder Mu?" Shi Feng smiled as he looked at the furious man seated next to Xia Qingying. "If I lose, Zero Wing will raise the Basic Attributes of the Green God Corporation's members in the Night Watch Legion to the Legendary standard for free. That means they'll have Basic Attributes rivaling players fully equipped with Legendary items.

"Conversely, if Elder Mu loses, you will have to help Zero Wing in cultivating some geniuses. How about it? Do you dare accept this bet, Elder Mu?"

Mu Huangwu was very reputable in Shi Feng's previous life. Many conglomerates even tried to invite him to nurture their talents.

Unfortunately, after Mu Huangwu helped the Green God Corporation produce a new generation of three-star grandmasters, he abruptly retired and stopped training people completely. Even when Zero Wing offered to compensate him handsomely, Mu Huangwu still refused. Later down the line, all traces of Mu Huangwu even vanished from the Greater World.

Now that Mu Huangwu was right before his eyes, Shi Feng naturally had to make good use of this opportunity. If he could get Mu Huangwu to nurture Zero Wing's talents, it would absolutely allow Zero Wing to progress further in this life.

"Raise their Basic Attributes to the Legendary standard?" Mu Huangwu had his interest piqued by Shi Feng's words. "Are you serious?"

The Green God Corporation might have quite a few Legendary Weapons and Equipment, but there was no way it could afford to invest all of these items into the Night Watch Legion.

As for increasing the Basic Attributes to the Legendary standard, it was similarly a distant and unachievable dream.

However, if Shi Feng was telling the truth and Zero Wing had a way to increase the Basic Attributes of all of the Green God Corporation's members in the Night Watch Legion to the Legendary standard, the number of people capable of joining the legion's ace battle groups would definitely skyrocket.

"Vice President Xia can vouch for me on this point," Shi Feng said as he turned to look at Xia Qingying.

"I can indeed vouch for this point," Xia Qingying said, nodding. But she still couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in confusion, failing to comprehend where Shi Feng was going with his proposition.

"If that's the case, I can take you up on your wager!" Mu Huangwu said, nodding after hearing Xia Qingying's assurance. Then, he looked at Shi Feng and asked, "So, what do you want to bet on?"

"Please come with me." Seeing that Mu Huangwu had taken the bait, Shi Feng smiled and stepped out of the lounge.

What is he trying to do??Xia Qingying wondered as she looked at Shi Feng's departing figure in confusion.

Initially, she thought Shi Feng would set the topic of his wager as whether Zero Wing could help improve the Basic Attributes of the Green God Corporation's members join the Night Watch Legion's ace battle groups. Then, he would handily win the bet by using his divine engravings to enhance the weapons and equipment of those members.

But Shi Feng didn't intend to make such a one-sided wager by the looks of things. Moreover, he seemed incredibly confident in whatever he had planned.

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Zero Wing Training Center, top-floor advanced combat simulation room:

Currently, nineteen of Zero Wing's battle group members were training in the simulation room half the size of a sports stadium. Among them, some were formerly members of the Silver Frost Legion, such as Fire Dance and Jun Luosha. Now, though, they were officially members of the Star Lake Legion thanks to Red Frost's authorization.

"What do you think of Zero Wing's battle group, Elder Mu?" Shi Feng asked as he pointed at the individuals training in the room. "Do you think they can win the Tier 5 match against the fifteen cities later on?"

Mu Huangwu started to scrutinize the Zero Wing battle group members training in the room.

"Not a chance," Mu Huangwu stated without hesitation. Then, he pointed at two women and continued, "Apart from Fire Dance and Jun Luosha, only that Assassin and Berserker are adequate. Everyone else's standard is abysmal. None of them are even one-star grandmasters. They might do fine if they only have to go against one of the fifteen cities, but against all fifteen cities simultaneously? They might as well not even show up for the match."

"Guild Leader Shi Feng, you can't be thinking of..." At this time, Xia Qingying started to have an idea where Shi Feng was going with his bet, and she couldn't help but be surprised.

"You guessed correctly, Vice President Xia. Since Elder Mu doubts Zero Wing's ability to nurture talents, I naturally have to bet on it with Elder Mu," Shi Feng said, chuckling. Then, he looked at Mu Huangwu and continued, "Seeing as Elder Mu doesn't think Zero Wing's battle group can win against the fifteen cities in the Tier 5 match, I will bet on Zero Wing's battle group winning the Tier 5 match!"

"Deal! I accept your bet! You best not regret it!" Mu Huangwu said, elated by Shi Feng's words. Although he didn't know what kind of capabilities Zero Wing possessed, even if

Zero Wing managed to fully equip all of its battle group's members with Legendary Weapons and Equipment, it still wouldn't be possible for them to win the Tier 5 match against the fifteen cities.

Before coming to Star Lake City, he had already learned about the fifteen cities' situation, so Mu Huangwu knew that the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord was behind all of this. He also knew that Xiao Quan had hired at least ten Tier 5 fifth-floor experts. In comparison, Zero Wing's battle group had, at most, five fifth-floor experts.

Not to mention, apart from having a numerical advantage in fifth-floor experts, the fifteen cities could also afford to utilize large-scale magic barriers and battle arrays.

"In that case, we'll have Vice President Xia serve as our witness," Shi Feng said before tapping on his quantum watch and hashing out a betting agreement.

According to the agreement, so long as Zero Wing's battle group won against the fifteen cities in the Tier 5 match, Mu Huangwu would do his best to help Zero Wing train its talents. Conversely, if Zero Wing's battle group lost the Tier 5 match, Zero Wing would assist the Green God Corporation establish a foothold in Night Watch City at no cost.

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"Is your Guild Leader crazy, Luosha?" Fire Dance couldn't help but be confused when she saw Shi Feng and Mu Huangwu signing a betting agreement with each other. "Elder Mu's insight and information network are extraordinary. Since Elder Mu dares to take the bet, the fifteen cities must have a numerical advantage over us in terms of fifth-floor experts. Yet, your Guild Leader Shi doesn't plan to call for Zero Wing's other experts to help and only plans to have our group fight?"

After training with some of Zero Wing's members in the advanced combat simulation room, Fire Dance learned that Zero Wing had many fifth-floor experts under its command. Moreover, this number exceeded 100. It was just that the people of Star Lake City were unaware of this fact.

Now that the fifteen cities would soon arrive, Shi Feng could have easily called upon these fifth-floor experts to win the upcoming city battle. Yet, instead of doing so, he intended to rely only on Zero Wing's battle group to fight. His actions were simply incomprehensible.

"I don't know." Nonchalantly, Jun Luosha said, "But I'm sure Guild Leader Shi has a solution.

"Solution? What solution? That's a force of three thousand we are talking about!" Fire Dance exclaimed, exasperated by Jun Luosha's response.

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After Mu Huangwu's group left, Shi Feng turned around and walked over to Fire Dance and the others. Then, he pulled up a file on his quantum watch and shared it with everyone present.

The file was a detailed report on Mana Purification Techniques. Upon reading the report, Fire Dance and the others promptly fell silent.

"We still have a little more than ten hours before the battle with the fifteen cities begins. I have already sent each of you a Bronze Mana Purification Technique, so try to learn as much as you can within this time. I will also reward anyone who succeeds in learning it with an even better Mana Purification Technique," Shi Feng said. Then, he swept his gaze across the stunned individuals in the room before leaving.

Chapter 3522: Alternate Ending 596 - Cities Gather

Chapter 596 – Cities Gather

"What?! I thought only special weapons and equipment could increase mana strength!"

"I must be seeing things! According to the instructions, so long as I master this Bronze Mana Purification Technique, my Tier 5 mana can be strengthened to the standard of Tier 6 NPCs!"

"This is crazy! Where did Guild Leader Shi even get something like this?! If news of this gets out, the various apex powers will definitely lose their minds!"

Apart from Gentle Snow, Hidden Soul, and Jun Luosha, everyone else in the room fell into a frenzied state after reading the detailed report on Bronze Mana Purification Techniques. Aside from feeling ecstatic, they also couldn't help but find the report hard to believe.

Fire Dance, in particular, couldn't help but suspect Shi Feng was playing a joke on them when she finished reading the information on the Bronze Mana Purification Technique.

Normally, the strength of players' mana would only increase with their tier. It was common knowledge in God's Domain, and no power or player had ever broken this norm. Even the mighty apex powers were no exception.

However, the Mana Purification Technique described in the report shattered this notion. So long as players successfully learned a Bronze Mana Purification Technique, they could elevate the strength of their mana by up to one tier, which was simply unbelievable.

It should be known that the improvement of one's mana wouldn't lead to just an improvement in strength. It would also reduce the difficulty of constructing Mana Bodies and Divine Bodies.

What was even more unbelievable was that according to Shi Feng, once they learned the Bronze Mana Purification Technique he sent them, he would reward them with an even better Mana Purification Technique.

"Why do you seem unsurprised by all this, Luosha?" Fire Dance asked when she noticed the girl beside her looking as cool as a cucumber. "We are dealing with a technique that can increase the strength of our mana here. It is probably unique in the entire God's Domain. Don't tell me you already knew about it long ago?"

In response, Jun Luosha frankly nodded and said, "The Guild Leader previously said that this was information classified to core members and above, so I never told you about it, Big Sis Fire."

"Core members already knew about this secret previously?" Fire Dance couldn't help but look at Jun Luosha in astonishment.

Previously, she hadn't thought much about becoming a core member of Zero Wing. After all, in her opinion, she already knew everything there was to know about Zero Wing.

But now, she realized that she knew nothing about Zero Wing.

The Mana Purification Technique's existence could shake the entire Greater God's Domain. If the various powers got their hands on it, they would probably ensure only their core executives knew about it.

Yet, now, Zero Wing had not only shared this secret with elite members like her and the others in the room, but it had also allowed them to learn this precious technique. Unless Zero Wing was led by fools, there could only be one reason the Guild would do such a thing—it had secrets far more valuable and important than the Mana Purification Technique.

However, no matter how Fire Dance racked her mind, she simply couldn't imagine what secrets Zero Wing could have that surpassed the Mana Purification Technique.

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While Zero Wing's battle group members began studying the Bronze Purification Techniques, Shi Feng promptly sent a copy of the Bronze Purification Technique to Red Frost and logged back into God's Domain. Xia Qingying had already sent him 200 God Crystals, so he intended to utilize the Nameless City's superior environment to start learning how to inscribe an Intermediate Divine Engraving.

Fortunately, as Shi Feng expected, the dense Eternal Energy that filled the Nameless City created an excellent learning environment. Even though he had yet to learn a Mana Purification Technique, he only had to spend 150 God Crystals, which was equivalent to three learning attempts, to grasp the Intermediate Enhancement Engraving.

The cost of learning an Intermediate Divine Engraving is truly extravagant.? Shi Feng winced in pain when he inspected his bag space.

The expenditure of God Crystals was only to let him experience the inscription process. Besides that, he also had to expend Seven Luminaries Crystals to put his knowledge into practice.

Previously, when he was learning how to draw the Basic Enhancement Engraving, he had expended tens of thousands of units' worth of Seven Luminaries Crystals to expedite the learning process. Now, in order to learn how to inscribe the Intermediate Enhancement Engraving quickly, he had expended over 500,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. The learning cost had increased by nearly tenfold.

Fortunately, he had entrusted the development of Divine Engravers to Xia Qingying. If it were left to Zero Wing alone, it would have been impossible with the Guild's lack of foundation in the Greater God's Domain.

Even so, with how costly it was to nurture Divine Engravers, the best the Green God Corporation could do was nurture a batch of Apprentice Divine Engravers. After all, the cost of inscribing an Intermediate Divine Engraving was on a completely different level than that of a Basic Divine Engraving.

The Basic Enhancement Engraving was only composed of three divine patterns. Although the cost of inscribing divine patterns would double with each additional divine pattern inscribed, with the first pattern costing 10 units, the second pattern costing 20 units, and the third pattern costing 40 units, it would only cost 70 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to inscribe all three divine patterns,

In comparison, the Intermediate Enhancement Engraving required the inscription of six divine patterns. The sixth divine pattern alone cost 320 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to inscribe. This simply wasn't an expenditure an ordinary power could afford on a large scale.

Thank goodness I found a treasure like this Nameless City. Otherwise, it would be impossible to nurture Divine Engravers in the future,? Shi Feng inwardly celebrated when he saw nearly half of his stockpile of Seven Luminaries Crystals had disappeared.

Players needed to expend Seven Luminaries Crystals to inscribe divine engravings because their mana lacked purity. Unless players had mana nearing the standard of Tier 6 Gods, they could not use their mana to inscribe divine engravings. They could only rely on external mana sources such as Seven Luminaries Crystals to do so. In a

way, one could say that the art of inscribing divine engravings was not something players of the current era could learn.

Fortunately, he had discovered Mana Purification Techniques. With the help of Mana Purification Techniques, players could achieve the mana of Tier 6 Gods with relative ease. At that time, players would no longer have to rely on Seven Luminaries Crystals to inscribe divine engravings. Instead, they could accomplish the task using their own mana, even if it was just barely.

At the same time, Shi Feng also had to admit that, while Intermediate Enhancement Engraving was costly to produce, its effects were leagues above the Basic Enhancement Engraving.

The Basic Enhancement Engraving only increased the Basic Attributes of the inscribed weapon or equipment by 10%, whereas the Intermediate Enhancement Engraving increased Basic Attributes by 30%. It should be known that this increase wasn't simply included in the modifiers that came with the inscribed item. Instead, it directly enhanced the Basic Attributes of the inscribed item. Later on, the inscribed item's inherent modifiers could further improve these additional Basic Attributes.

If a player were to be fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items inscribed with the Intermediate Enhancement Engraving, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that they were fully equipped with Legendary items.

At this point, Shi Feng couldn't even imagine how much of an improvement an Advanced Divine Engraving could bring.

Regardless, now that Shi Feng had learned how to inscribe the Intermediate Enhancement Engraving, he had officially graduated as an Apprentice Divine Engraver and was now a true Divine Engraver. So, he promptly began producing Intermediate Enhancement Engraving Scrolls.

Each production attempt cost 630 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal, and Shi Feng's failure rate was about 50%. In other words, the cost of each Intermediate Enhancement Engraving Scroll he produced was a whopping 1,260 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

At this price, it would cost him about 15,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to fully inscribe a player's equipment. And if he were to translate that into a 20-man team, the total cost would be roughly 300,000 units...

Subsequently, time quickly passed.

Before Shi Feng knew it, he had already finished making enough Intermediate Enhancement Engraving Scrolls to inscribe two 20-man teams fully. Although he managed to raise his success rate as his proficiency grew, he still spent most of his Seven Luminaries Crystals. Now, he was only left with a little over 50,000 units, which wasn't even enough to create a Tier 6 Divine Body.

Just when Shi Feng was planning to use his remaining time to learn the Advanced Bronze Mana Purification Technique, he suddenly received an emergency notification from his virtual gaming cabin.

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At the same time as Shi Feng received the emergency notification, an alarm blared throughout Star Lake City, causing everyone in the city to stop what they were doing and look up at the sky.

At this time, fifteen enormous holographic screens appeared above Star Lake City. Each screen displayed a different mobile city approaching Star Lake City, and these fifteen cities had Star Lake City completely surrounded.

Faintly, everyone also saw numerous individuals standing atop the walls of these mobile cities, and all of these individuals revealed excited expressions as their respective cities neared Star Lake City.

Shortly afterward, the entirety of Star Lake City started to get virtualized, and a holographic timer covering half of the city's sky began counting toward the start of the imminent city battle.

Chapter 3523: Alternate Ending 597 - Divine Glory Expert

Chapter 597 – Divine Glory Expert

"They're here!"

"The fifteen cities still came in the end..."

"What is the City Lord thinking? So many of the cities' powers have already stated that we won't have to fight the fifteen cities so long as he removes Zero Wing from the city."

"The City Lord must have lost his mind. What benefits did Zero Wing offer for him to go to such lengths? Is he really not worried Star Lake City might cease to exist?"

Despair and frustration filled the inhabitants of Star Lake City when they saw the countdown timer above the city.

Star Lake City had just secured its fifth set of power furnace fuel not long ago, so it was the perfect opportunity for development. And if everything went well, they, the inhabitants of Star Lake City, could expect to see a rise in their status and living standards in the Greater World.

But now, rather than an improvement in living standards, they should be expecting a drastic degradation instead, as Star Lake City was effectively doomed.

Fighting against one city and multiple cities in a city battle were two entirely different matters. If a city lost a city battle against multiple cities, it wouldn't lose just one set of fuel. Instead, the number it lost would depend on the number of cities it lost to in points.

So long as Star Lake City's total points was lower than one of the fifteen cities, it would have to compensate the other party with one set of fuel. This also meant that Star Lake City could potentially lose all of its fuel.

And if Star Lake City didn't have enough fuel to settle its debt, it would be forced to dissolve, and its remains divided by the cities that did not receive any fuel. At that time, Star Lake City would also cease to exist.

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Different from Star Lake City's general populace, the city's various powers and influential families reacted in excitement and joy when they saw the countdown timer in the sky.

"As per our agreement with Xiao Quan, he will leave us with all of Star Lake City's fuel after the city battle, and we will all have a chance to vie for the position of City Lord! Our family will be the one to rule over Star Lake City!"

"We really have to thank Zero Wing for this. Otherwise, who knows how long we would have had to wait for our corporation to have a chance at competing for the City Lord position."

When the executives of Star Lake City's various corporations and influential families saw less than one-third of the Star Lake Legion's usual members gathered atop Star Lake City's city wall, they couldn't help but reveal delighted smiles.

Typically, it was very rare for third-tier mobile cities to see a change in ownership. After all, the city legions of the various third-tier mobile cities were roughly equal in strength, so the chances of a third-tier city winning or losing in a city battle were usually 50-50. Because of this, most third-tier cities could usually maintain their fuel at a certain volume. Not to mention, if a city was lucky, it might even come across a newly born fuel source to blanket its losses.

But it was a different story now that Xiao Quan, the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord, was spearheading an attack on Star Lake City.

Under normal circumstances, third-tier mobile cities would never join forces. The fifteen cities had only agreed to do so to please Xiao Quan. Meanwhile, the result of this collaboration was that the fifteen cities would be able to easily overwhelm Star Lake City with their numbers and deprive Star Lake City of all its fuel in one fell swoop, forcing it into dissolution. And once Star Lake City dissolved, the position of Star Lake City's City Lord would naturally cease to exist, and the city's future would be determined by the fifteen cities that had conquered it.

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Currently, fewer than one thousand people could be seen standing atop Star Lake City's city wall. And although these people were members of the Star Lake Legion, most of them didn't officially belong to a battle group. It was just that the legion's personnel shortage was so severe that it had no choice but to include its reserve members to fill the numbers. After all, unlike in God's Domain, players needed to expend their mental strength to maintain their weapons and equipment in a city battle. Moreover, the better the weapon and equipment a participant materialized, the greater the toll on their mental strength would be.

Hence, in a city battle, the addition of every participant could bring about a significant impact.

While the Star Lake Legion's participants were preparing their respective simulation cabins, an elderly man exuding a dignified aura arrived atop the city wall with a group of young men and women.

Following the arrival of this elderly man, both the various powers' executives and the city's inhabitants couldn't help but be surprised.

The elderly man was Feng Yiqing, the City Lord of Star Lake City. It had already been several decades since he had taken on the position of the Feng family's head and Star Lake City's City Lord. It had also been several decades since he had become a three-star grandmaster. At present, it was rumored that he was already a pseudo-great grandmaster, and he was only one step away from reaching the great grandmaster standard.

"For him to bring his family guards... It seems even Feng Yiqing is unnerved by this situation," Mu Huangwu, who was quietly sipping tea on Star Lake City's spectator stands, commented when he saw Feng Yiqing arriving atop the city wall. "All twenty of those youngsters are one-star grandmasters. One of them has even reached the fifth-floor standard. As expected of the family that has ruled over Star Lake City for so many years."

"They're also equipped with the Feng family's family heirloom, so it shouldn't be difficult for them to defend two or three capture points in the Tier 6 match," Xia Qingying commented when they saw that all twenty of the youths were equipped in standardized equipment sets. She also couldn't help but admire the Feng family's foundations.

It was an incredibly difficult task to nurture a young fifth-floor expert, even for upperranking hegemonic powers in the Greater God's Domain. For a family in the Greater World, the difficulty would only be greater.

As for the equipment sets the twenty youths wore, they were Fragmented Legendary Battle Array Equipment Sets that could be used to form a small battle array.

Fragmented Legendary Battle Array Equipment Sets were exceedingly rare. They were so rare that players were more likely to encounter a player fully equipped with Legendary items than a player equipped in a Fragmented Legendary Battle Array Equipment Set. And although the bonuses the battle array provided could not even match the bonuses provided by one Legendary Weapon, a Fragmented Legendary Battle Array Equipment Set was easily worth as much as twenty Legendary Weapons.

The reason for this lay in the effects Fragmented Legendary Battle Array Equipment Sets had on real-world city battles.

Unlike Legendary Weapons and Equipment, Fragmented Legendary Battle Array Equipment Sets placed very little burden on the wearer's mental strength. On top of that, they also allowed their wearers to form a battle array, which would increase their wearer's Basic Attributes by one piece of Legendary Equipment's worth and allow the sharing of senses between wearers.

Because of these effects, should the Feng family's family guards stick together during the city battle, they would be akin to an impregnable fortress. Not even a 20-man team equipped with Legendary Weapons could take them down.

"That's not necessarily true," Mu Huangwu said, shaking his head. Then, he pointed toward Myriad Forest City, which vaguely looked like it was the leading force of the fifteen cities, and continued, "Do you see that masked giant standing on the Myriad Forest City's side? Don't you find him familiar?"

"Masked giant?" Xia Qingying followed Mu Huangwu's finger and focused her gaze on the Myriad Forest City. Then, her eyes quickly widened as she gasped and exclaimed, "How is this possible?! How did Xiao Quan enlist the help of the Hundred-Armed Giant?!"

The "masked giant" Mu Huangwu pointed out was a three-meter-tall masked man. Even with the man's face being hidden, Xia Qingying still recognized him at first glance.

—Hundred-Armed Giant, the 92nd-ranked player on the Divine Glory List.

Unlike the Luminous Glory and the Sacred Glory Lists, the Divine Glory List was a powerhouse ranking list recognized by all, while experts ranked on the Divine Glory List were experts standing at the apex of the various Realms. The Divine Glory List had 1,000 spots. Among them, the top 100 spots served as a major dividing line.

Every expert in the top 100 of the Divine Glory List had mastered at least two or more Gold Combat Techniques. Additionally, each of them was fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment. In the presence of these individuals, the average fifth-floor expert couldn't even compare.

Chapter 3524: Red Frost's Peak Condition

Chapter 598 – Red Frost's Peak Condition

"Mr. Hundred-Arm, as per our agreement, we will leave Feng Yiqing's family guards to you," Myriad Sky, the Myriad Forest Legion's commander, calmly said to the resting three-meter-tall giant before her in an alluring tone. However, despite her calm manner of speech, hints of fear and awe could be seen in her eyes.

Of the fifteen cities attacking Star Lake City this time, Myriad Forest City could be said to be the strongest. It was also the closest to becoming a second-tier city out of all third-tier cities operating in this region.

Currently, not only did Myriad Forest City have enough fuel to operate seventeen power furnaces, but its size was also close to matching that of second-tier cities. There were even three upper-ranking hegemonic powers based in the city.

Normally, Myriad Forest City would have never entertained Xiao Quan's willful demand to attack Star Lake City. However, when Xiao Quan showed up in Myriad Forest City with? the? Hundred-Armed Giant in tow, the city had no choice but to reevaluate its opinion of the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord.

Anyone capable of ranking on the Divine Glory List was, without a doubt, an apex existence in the Greater God's Domain. As for those ranked within the Divine Glory List's top 100, they were monsters capable of bringing about the doom of an upper-ranking hegemonic power so long as they desired.

"Sure. Leave them to me," Hundred-Armed Giant said, nodding as he glanced at the holographic screen above Myriad Forest City.

Myriad Skys breathed a sigh of relief when she heard Hundred-Armed Giant's response. For a moment, she was honestly worried the Divine Glory expert might refuse to listen to commands.

When it came to the Star Lake Legion, it was of little significance in the eyes of Myriad Forest City and its city legion. However, it was a different story for Feng Yiqing. After all, Feng Yiqing was rumored to be a half-step great grandmaster who was close to crossing the final threshold. The family guards he nurtured naturally wouldn't be pushovers.

If it was only a matter of defeating Star Lake City in a city battle, Myriad Forest City could easily complete its part. However, the fifteen cities' goal this time was the destruction of Star Lake City. They needed to ensure Zero Wing did not have a place to call home.

Currently, there were two major threats in the Star Lake Legion.

The first threat was the legion's commander, Red Frost. The second threat was Feng Yiqing's family guards.

Star Lake Legion would have ten capture points it needed to defend. If it managed to defend two or three capture points in the Tier 6 match, there was a chance it could continue to exist. This was not an outcome Myriad Forest City wished to see. After all, Myriad Forest City had already agreed with Xiao Quan that as long as Star Lake City perished, Hundred-Armed Giant would offer his help to Myriad Forest City once.

If Myriad Forest City could gain the help of the 92nd-ranked Divine Glory expert when competing for its 20th set of fuel in the future, its victory would be assured, and it would finally become a second-tier mobile city.

"Preparations on Moon Trail City's side are complete. We can move out whenever, Commander Sky!"

"Hidden Leaf City is ready as well. We only await your command, Commander Sky."

When the countdown timer for the city battle's Tier 6 match reached zero, the various city legions surrounding Star Lake City promptly expressed their readiness to attack Star Lake City.

"Good! Everyone, move according to plan! Each city's battle groups will be responsible for one capture point! Do not give the enemy any chance to group up!" Myriad Sky commanded when she saw that the other fourteen cities' city legions were ready to move.

Immediately, 150 battle groups consisting of 3,000 individuals began surging out of the fifteen cities. Then, each city's battle groups gathered under one command before quickly making their way toward Star Lake City.

Each of the fifteen cities had ten battle groups consisting of 200 Tier 6 experts. Even if one of these cities was unfortunate enough to encounter the entirety of the Star Lake

Legion shortly after entering Star Lake City, it was unlikely to suffer destruction within a short time.

On the contrary, as the battle dragged out, more and more of the other cities' battle groups would gather, making it even more impossible for the Star Lake Legion to accomplish anything. The Star Lake Legion would even suffer annihilation once enough reinforcements arrived.

As for the possibility of the Star Lake Legion fleeing into the fifteen cities, it wouldn't matter even if that happened. Whether the Star Lake Legion decided to split up and attack multiple cities or concentrate all of its forces into one city, the Star Lake Legion's battle groups were bound to come across the battle groups of the cities they decided to attack. Ultimately, they still couldn't avoid being surrounded and annihilated.

Meanwhile, when Star Lake City's inhabitants saw this sight through the holographic screens above the city, they couldn't help but gasp. Even the Star Lake Legion's veteran members felt their scalps going numb at this sight.

It was obvious that the fifteen cities intended to bring ruin to Star Lake City without giving it any opportunities to resist.

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Less than ten minutes later, the fifteen cities' battle groups entered Star Lake City from multiple directions. Then, they began searching for the Star Lake Legion's members and capture points.

"We've arrived at Capture Point 3! We discovered nobody here!"

"Capture Point 1 is undefended as well!"

"Same with Capture Point 8!"

When the various cities' battle groups started to occupy Star Lake City's capture points one after another, the various cities were surprised to discover that the Star Lake Legion was defending none of these capture points.

"Sure enough, they've chosen to concentrate their forces..." Myriad Sky muttered when she heard the reports from the various city legions. However, she wasn't surprised by this development. She would have made a similar decision if she had been in charge of the Star Lake Legion.

"A 20-man battle group is approaching us from the front, Commander Sky!" the Tier 6 Ranger beside Myriad Sky suddenly reported. "They're still over a kilometer away, and we'll encounter them in twenty seconds."

"Are you sure it's just one battle group?" Myriad Sky was a little surprised by this situation.

A full battle group of 20 participants might be an adequate force in a city battle between two cities, but it was far from sufficient when the opponent consisted of fifteen cities. Not to mention, with the fifteen cities' current distribution of forces, even if the Star Lake Legion had only split its forces into two teams of 100 participants, it would still be a very foolish decision.

"That's right. It's just one battle group of twenty," the Ranger affirmed. "They look like they are deliberately coming to us, and the person leading the battle group seems to be the Star Lake Legion's commander, Red Frost!"

"The Sky Piercer is coming?" Hundred-Armed Giant, who was walking alongside the Myriad Forest Legion, suddenly revealed a look of interest. "I heard rumors saying she had the potential to enter the top 100 during her peak."

"Do you think this might be a trap of the Star Lake Legion, Mr. Hundred-Arm?" Myriad Sky asked. She couldn't help but feel something was amiss when she heard her subordinate's report.

Less than 1,000 meters separated both sides currently. At this distance, Tier 6 players using Scouting Skills could easily discover each other. So, it shouldn't be a mistake to say that Red Frost had already discovered the Myriad Forest Legion.

But with only twenty participants on her side, why would Red Frost take the initiative to approach the Myriad Forest Legion's 200-man team?

"So what if it's a trap?" Hundred-Armed Giant said in disdain. "Setting aside the fact that Red Frost is no longer at the peak, even in her prime, she only had a chance to break into the top 100. Even with the support of Feng Yiqing's family guards, what can they do against me?"

Hearing this, Myriad Sky couldn't help but agree with Hundred-Armed Giant.

Hundred-Armed Giant was an expert currently ranked among the Divine Glory List's top 100, whereas Red Frost the Sky Piercer only had a chance of breaking into the top 100 during her peak. The two were on completely different levels. Not to mention, the Myriad Forest Legion had a massive numerical advantage over Red Frost's battle group.

About twenty seconds after the Tier 6 Ranger reported his findings, a group of participants appeared before the Myriad Forest Legion. The group consisted of 20 participants, and it was led by a long-haired woman clad in white holy armor and armed with a crimson spear.

At the same time as this battle group appeared, Myriad Sky couldn't help but shudder. It was especially so when she felt the presence of the goddess-like woman. It felt as if she was standing before a Tier 6 God, and this realization filled her mind with doubts.

Was the Red Frost before them still not in her peak form?

Chapter 3525: Divine Downfall

Chapter 599 – Divine Downfall

"What kind of terrible luck does Commander Red Frost have? Why did she have to come across Hundred-Armed Giant right off the bat?"

"Hundred-Armed Giant came in 92nd on the latest Divine Glory List. I recall the last time he took action was when he stole from the Red Dragon Nation. At the time, the Flame Dragon Legion, led by the Red Dragon Nation's First Vice Guild Leader, was raiding a World Boss called the Evil Void Dragon. The raid had proceeded smoothly from start to finish, but as soon as the Boss died, Hundred-Armed Giant suddenly appeared and snatched the Void Axe, a Fragmented Divine Artifact, that dropped."

"I also heard about that incident. Although the Flame Dragon Legion tried to hunt him down, Hundred-Armed Giant ultimately got away after killing several dozen of the Flame Dragon Legion's experts. Also, strangely enough, the Red Dragon Nation didn't try to escalate the matter afterward."

When Star Lake City's inhabitants saw the encounter between Red Frost's battle group and Hundred-Armed Giant, they couldn't help but grow anxious. Even the Star Lake Legion's spectating vice commanders were no exception.

Hundred-Armed Giant was incredibly famous in the Greater God's Domain, and it would be rare to find somebody who hadn't heard about him and his recent achievement.

The Flame Dragon Legion was the pseudo-apex power Red Dragon Nation's trump card legion. It consisted of 1,000 Tier 6 experts, and all of its team leaders were fifth-floor experts, while its vice commanders were Saint-ranked experts. Under the effects of the legion's battle array, they were a force that was beyond the comprehension of anyone in Star Lake City.

The Flame Dragon Legion was so powerful that, even if the fifteen city legions currently attacking Star Lake City were to band together, these fifteen legions still wouldn't fare any better than a baby would in a fight against an adult.

Yet, Hundred-Armed Giant had not only successfully escaped from the pursuit of the Flame Dragon Legion, but he had even killed dozens of the legion's experts in the

process. His strength was already beyond description. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that Hundred-Armed Giant alone was more challenging of an opponent than the entirety of the fifteen cities' 3,000-man army.

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"Hahaha! Wonderful! Let's see how our mighty commander can continue acting arrogantly in Star Lake City after this!" Chen Qilin, a former Star Lake Legion vice commander, reacted in joy and excitement when he saw Red Frost meeting Hundred-Armed Giant.

In the past, be it in prestige or strength, nobody in Star Lake City could challenge Red Frost. She held so much influence in the city that she could deprive him of his position as a vice commander with only a few words, turning him into an absolute joke in the city. Moreover, he had no choice but to endure the humiliation, as there was nothing he could do against a pseudo-great grandmaster like Red Frost.

But now, he would finally get to see Red Frost suffering defeat.

The current Star Lake Legion was a far cry from before. Because of many experts withdrawing, the legion couldn't even field ten full Tier 6 battle groups for the city battle. And although the City Lord had included his family guards at the last minute, the Star Lake Legion still only managed to field a little over 60 participants for the Tier 6 match, of which nearly one-third were with Red Frost.

Normally, had Red Frost managed to flee into one of the other mobile cities with the City Lord's family guards and conducted guerilla warfare, it would have still been possible for Star Lake City to earn some points from the Tier 6 match. However, now that Red Frost had encountered Hundred-Armed Giant, the Tier 6 match was as good as over.

While Red Frost might be a Divine Glory expert in the past, it should be known that Hundred-Armed Giant was currently ranked 92nd on the Divine Glory List. Ignoring the fact that Red Frost was no longer at her peak, even if she were still in her prime, she still wouldn't be a match for Hundred-Armed Giant.

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Meanwhile, as Red Frost's battle group moved closer and closer to the Myriad Forest Legion, to everyone's surprise, Red Frost suddenly charged ahead of her battle group. It did not look like she intended to work with her allies to break the Myriad Forest Legion's defensive line.

Not bad. As expected of someone who had the potential to enter the top 100. When Hundred-Armed Giant saw Red Frost charging ahead with her crimson spear, a look of interest surfaced on his face. Then, he commanded, "Leave her to me! You guys get rid of the others!"

"We'll have to trouble you with that, then, Mr. Hundred-Arm," Myriad Sky said, sighing in relief.

In Myriad Sky's opinion, the current Red Frost felt no different than a Tier 6 God, and she highly doubted the Myriad Forest Legion could take Red Frost on. Without Hundred-Armed Giant's assistance, the fifteen cities would have to concentrate all of their forces and erect magic barriers to be able to kill Red Frost.

So, it was naturally good news that Hundred-Armed Giant was willing to take action.

Following Myriad Sky's response, Hundred-Armed Giant's three-meter-tall frame suddenly vanished. Then, he reappeared within 20 yards of Red Frost, his speed stunning many of the Tier 6 experts present.

"He's so fast! Is this the famous Space-Crossing Steps?"

"Didn't they say that even three-star grandmasters would have difficulty executing Gold Combat Techniques in simulation warfare? How did he manage it so easily?"

"Is this the strength of the top 100 Divine Glory experts?"

Many gasped when they saw Hundred-Armed Giant's lightning-quick maneuvers. Even Myriad Sky couldn't help but widen her eyes in shock.

Unlike in God's Domain, players would have their physical strength heavily suppressed in simulation warfare. Not to mention, players also needed to expend mental strength to maintain their weapons and equipment in simulation warfare. Because of these two factors, it was incredibly challenging for players to execute complex maneuvers such as Gold Combat Techniques.

Yet, Hundred-Armed Giant had executed Space-Crossing Steps, which was a Gold Combat Technique and his trademark move, with little to no stress. It was simply unbelievable.

Meanwhile, at the same time as Hundred-Armed Giant appeared before Red Frost, a dark-gray axe appeared in his hand. The instant the axe appeared, the intensity of the aura Hundred-Armed Giant radiated increased substantially, causing many of the Tier 6 experts present to shudder involuntarily.

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"Is that the Void Axe?" Mu Huangwu, who was spectating the match from inside the city, couldn't help but marvel at the dark-gray axe decorated by electric arcs. "With that Fragmented Divine Axe in hand, Hundred-Armed Giant can probably trade blows with the various pseudo-apex powers' Taboos. Even if that madwoman is still at her peak right now, I doubt she can last more than five moves against him..."

Sitting next to Mu Huangwu, Xia Qingying revealed a grim look when she saw Hundred-Armed Giant taking out the Void Axe.

The Tier 6 match took up a significant portion of the city battle's points. If Star Lake City lost the Tier 6 match to a miserable extent, it wouldn't matter how well the city did in the Tier 4 and Tier 5 matches. There would be no salvaging the situation anymore.

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While everyone was distracted by the Void Axe, Hundred-Armed Giant attacked Red Frost without hesitation, executing his other trademark move, the Gold Combat Technique Meteoric Laceration.

In only an instant, Hundred-Armed Giant had executed over a hundred slashes from various angles, creating a web of rapid attacks that gave Red Frost neither time nor space to evade. He was fully committed to eliminating the Star Lake Legion's commander as quickly as possible.

At this moment, even though they weren't the actual target of Hundred-Armed Giant's Meteoric Laceration, everyone present could feel the threat of death descending looming over them.

Good! You'll serve as a good test subject for the fruits of my research! Red Frost did not grow flustered in the face of Hundred-Armed Giant's attack. On the contrary, she revealed a look of excitement as she entered a stance and gathered the surrounding mana to the tip of her spear. Then, she charged forward and executed the Forbidden Technique she had spent years studying.

Forbidden Technique, God's Return!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sound of metal colliding echoed throughout Star Lake City time and again as axe and spear clashed, the intensity of the collisions creating shockwaves that spread over a thousand yards.

Before anyone could react, a figure suddenly shot out from the epicenter of the shockwaves and crashed into a nearby metal building, the HP bar above the figure's head shrinking one-third in size. Then, upon getting a clear look at this figure, everyone's jaws fell wide open.

This was because the figure in question belonged to none other than the 92nd-ranked Divine Glory expert, Hundred-Armed Giant!

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TL Notes:

[1]Forbidden Technique:

I have no idea if Forbidden Technique(禁忌战法) is an extension of the "combat technique(战技)" category, "Mana Technique(魔力战法)" category, or if it's something entirely new.

For the time being, it looks like it is either an extension of the Mana Technique category or something entirely new.

Chapter 3526: Complete Victory!

Chapter 600 - Complete Victory!

Hundred-Armed Giant Lost?

When Myriad Sky saw the familiar figure embedded in the nearby building, she revealed a bewildered look. Her mind failed to process what had just happened.

It should be known that Hundred-Armed Giant had executed Meteoric Laceration, a Gold Combat Technique. Moreover, he had done so using the Void Axe, a Fragmented Divine Artifact. Even a Tier 6 God of the same level wouldn't be able to withstand his attack head-on and take evasive measures.

Yet, Red Frost, the Sky Piercer who was no longer in her prime, had managed to overpower Hundred-Armed Giant in a direct confrontation?

"I must be hallucinating!"

"How can that Hundred-Arm Giant lose?!"

At this moment, Myriad Sky and the Myriad Forest Legion's members weren't the only ones in disbelief. This development similarly dumbfounded the spectators of Star Lake City and the fifteen cities.

It was especially so for Star Lake City's various powers, Chen Qilin, and the other former Star Lake Legion members. Their eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

While none of them had ever seen Red Frost fighting with her full strength, Chen Qilin and the others still had a general idea of her strength. In their opinions, Red Frost was,

at most, close to the standard of Tier 6 Gods. Otherwise, there wouldn't have been a need for her to retire in a measly third-tier city.

So, how exactly did she manage to defeat Hundred-Armed Giant in one exchange?

Impossible! Even if Red Frost is still at her peak, she only has the potential to enter the Divine Glory List's top 100, whereas Hundred-Armed Giant is a genuine top 100 expert! How could he have lost to her after just one exchange?!

Chen Qilin jumped out of his seat when he saw the scene displayed above the city.

No matter the place, experts ranked among the Divine Glory List's top 100 were existences capable of single-handedly turning the tides of battle. If Red Frost had the strength to topple the 92nd-ranked Divine Glory expert in just one exchange, then...

The course of the entire city battle would change because of Red Frost.

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Meanwhile, on the battlefield, after Hundred-Armed Giant fell out of the dent he created in the metal building, he couldn't help but look at Red Frost with a tinge of fear in his eyes.

"It seems all of those rumors of you getting cursed in a Sanctuary and losing your strength were nonsense. You did acquire that ruin's Legacy," Hundred-Armed Giant said as he drank a Grandmaster Regeneration Potion. Then, after recollecting himself, he continued, "But! Even if that move of yours has already reached the level of Taboos, you still have a long way to go if you want to win this match!"

After saying so, Hundred-Armed Giant turned his gaze toward Myriad Sky.

"Commander Sky, have all your healers assist me in distracting Red Frost. That move she used expends a lot of mental strength, so she cannot sustain it for long," Hundred-Armed Giant commanded without caring for his reputation. "While I'm distracting her, the rest of you take care of the others. Also, have all other cities' battle groups gather toward us. Even if Red Frost is already at the standard of Taboos, we can still wear her down!"

If he had encountered Red Frost in the Greater God's Domain, he would have turned around and fled without hesitation. But now that he had a force of 3,000 to work with, defeating Red Frost wasn't out of the question.

"Okay!" Myriad Sky agreed. After snapping out of her daze, her unsettled heart quickly calmed down.

As Hundred-Armed Giant stated, even if Red Frost was strong enough to rival Taboos, existences who were equipped with Divine Artifacts, there was a limit to her strength in a city battle environment. With their overwhelming numerical advantage, they could most certainly whittle her down. Not to mention, they had Hundred-Armed Giant, an existence capable of trading blows with Red Frost, on their side.

Immediately, the Myriad Forest Legion split into two groups under Myriad Sky's arrangement. Among them, one group consisted of 26 healers responsible for supporting Hundred-Armed Giant. Red Frost shouldn't think of killing Hundred-Armed Giant now unless she could kill him within an instant.

As for the remaining 172 players, Myriad Sky led them into a charge against the 19 other members of Red Frost's battle group. If they could eliminate these 19 players before the City Lord's family guards arrived, it would reduce the amount of support Red Frost could receive.

"How decisive of you." When Red Frost saw Hundred-Armed Giant seeking help from the Myriad Forest Legion, she couldn't help but admire the other party. "I thought a solo expert like yourself would refuse to work with others no matter what."

There were countless experts in the Greater God's Domain. Among them, solo experts capable of entering the Divine Glory List typically disliked cooperating with others in a fight. It was especially so when they were facing lone opponents. In such scenarios, solo experts would prefer a one-on-one fight and forbid others from interfering.

Firstly, it was because one-on-one battles allowed for better honing of their skills. Secondly, it was rare for solo experts to find opportunities to fight equally skilled opponents in a one-on-one scenario, so every opportunity had to be cherished.

"I don't have a choice. If it were possible, I wouldn't want to do this either," Hundred-Armed Giant calmly replied when he saw Red Frost showing no signs of resuming their fight right away. "Don't go saying that I'm despicable for relying on numbers, either. If you have to blame someone, blame yourselves for provoking someone you shouldn't have provoked!"

While Hundred-Armed Giant was speaking, Myriad Sky and the players she led had already started to attack the members of Red Frost's battle group.

The 172 players Myriad Sky led were all titled experts fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items. For the sake of this city battle, Myriad Forest City had even loaned a Legendary Weapon to every team leader of the Myriad Forest Legion. When facing titled experts without Legendary Weapons, it would be a piece of cake for these team leaders to go one-on-ten while relying on their advantage in Basic Attributes. Only fifthfloor experts could possibly defeat them.

"Despicable?" Red Frost laughed when she heard Hundred-Armed's words. "Why would I? On the contrary, I should be the one saying those words to you."

"What?" Hundred-Armed Giant couldn't help but be puzzled by Red Frost's words. It was especially so when he saw that Red Frost still had no intentions of moving and was simply watching Myriad Sky's group take action against her battle group members.

Admittedly, Red Frost's battle group members were strong, each being a one-star grandmaster or higher. However, none of them were fifth-floor experts, so there was no way they could win against Myriad Sky's group.

"I originally planned to mess with you for a bit, but now it seems that won't be possible," Red Frost said. Then, she looked toward the confidants she led and calmly said, "You guys can stop suppressing yourselves. It's time to show these people what happens when they provoke the wrong person!"

As soon as Red Frost said so, a mighty aura that closely rivaled Red Frost's started to spread from the 19 members of her battle group. Suddenly, it felt as if 19 Tier 6 Gods had descended upon the battlefield...

Chapter 3527: First-Tier Mobile City

Chapter 601 – First-Tier Mobile City

Impossible!

When Red Frost's battle group members unleashed their auras, everyone from the Myriad Forest Legion was dumbfounded. Even Hundred-Armed Giant's jaw had fallen a little.

Setting aside Red Frost's combat standards, it should be known that in terms of Basic Attributes alone, she already rivaled Tier 6 Gods. So, the fact that Red Frost's battle group members radiated an aura closely matching that of Red Frost meant that aside from Red Frost, there were 19 other Tier 6 Gods in Red Frost's battle group!

Tier 6 Gods!

Nineteen Tier 6 Gods!

Tier 6 Gods were already considered apex existences throughout the entire Greater God's Domain. Even the existence of just one Tier 6 God was enough to warrant great caution from an upper-ranking hegemonic power. If Tier 6 players weren't fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment, they would have difficulty putting up any form of meaningful resistance.

As for a force of 19 Tier 6 Gods, that was more than enough to destroy an empire in the Greater God's Domain, let alone the fifteen cities' city legions.

At this time, even the Star Lake Legion's spectating members couldn't help but be stunned by this unexpected revelation. They never thought their legion would have kept such strength hidden.

"Dammit! Everyone, retreat!" Myriad Sky instinctively commanded after sensing the auras of the nineteen players before her exploding in intensity.

In the face of players with Basic Attributes nearing Tier 6 Gods, even the Myriad Forest Legion's team leaders, who were each equipped with a Legendary Weapon, could last no more than a few exchanges before getting killed. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that just one of Red Frost's battle group members was enough to take on all of the Myriad Forest Legion's team leaders. Needless to say, the members without Legendary Weapons would fare even worse.

In that case, how were they supposed to go up against Red Frost's 19 battle group members?

Unfortunately, Myriad Sky's command was of little use as Red Frost's battle group members had already started attacking the Myriad Forest Legion's members as soon as they stopped suppressing themselves.

Even without the use of powerful Gold Combat Techniques, Tier 6 Curses, or Tier 6 Taboo Skills, Red Frost's battle group members could easily claim the lives of several Myriad Forest Legion members with every Bronze Combat Technique, Tier 6 Skill, or Tier 6 Spell they used. Only the Myriad Forest Legion's team leaders, equipped with Legendary Weapons, could barely resist. Even so, they would still get sent flying and lose a significant portion of their HP.

In no time at all, the Myriad Forest Legion had already lost more than fifty members.

How is this possible?! Hundred-Armed Giant couldn't help but look at Red Frost's battle group members in confusion. Even if Star Lake City managed to find a backer and acquire a large number of Legendary items, only three-star grandmasters could materialize a full set of Legendary items! Where did Star Lake City find so many young three-star grandmasters?!

Three-star mental strength grandmasters were incredibly rare, and it was even more so for three-star grandmasters of such a young age. Even conglomerates would only have a handful of such talented individuals. In order to gather so many young three-star grandmasters, the full support of a pseudo-apex power would be required at the very least.

However, before Hundred-Armed Giant could figure out the situation, Red Frost had already raised her spear and thrust the weapon at him.

In a situation where the Star Lake Legion didn't even have 100 members participating in the Tier 6 match, the first thing the legion needed to accomplish to ensure its victory would be to eliminate the greatest threat—Hundred-Armed Giant. Then, the Star Lake Legion would have to quickly eliminate the fifteen city legions one after another before they managed to respond.

Otherwise, with the fifteen city legions' numerical advantage, they could easily have half of their forces keep the Star Lake Legion pinned with magic barriers while the rest of their forces occupied Star Lake City's capture points. The fifteen city legions could even opt to conduct guerilla warfare since, with the disparity in numbers, it would be impossible for the Star Lake Legion to occupy too many capture points.

Regardless of which option the fifteen cities chose, Star Lake City would ultimately lose.

Meanwhile, Hundred-Armed Giant quickly realized this point and tried to escape. Unfortunately, Red Frost didn't give him such an opportunity and repeatedly executed God's Return with her spear. Even with more than twenty healers healing him, Hundred-Armed Giant had no choice but to commit everything to defense. Otherwise, if he allowed Red Frost's attacks to connect with his body, not even a force of 20-plus healers could keep him alive.

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"It's over."

When the fifteen cities' spectators saw Red Frost picking off Hundred-Armed Giant's healers one after another and ultimately finishing off the 92nd-ranked Divine Glory expert, their hearts could no longer remain calm. They couldn't find any words to comment on the situation, either, as none of them had expected such an outcome.

Even so, with Hundred-Armed Giant's death and the Myriad Forest Legion's annihilation, even if the remaining fourteen city legions managed to group up to a certain extent afterward, it was unlikely they could put up any meaningful resistance against Red Frost's battle group.

Indeed, as everyone expected, in the following two hours, Red Frost's battle group swiftly annihilated or crippled eleven out of the fifteen city legions before they managed to react. Then, the 20-man battle group split up and took independent action as the remaining four city legions could no longer pose a significant threat to them.

Even though the remaining four city legions eventually chose to conduct guerilla warfare, the Star Lake Legion still managed to occupy over 50 capture points. Moreover, the Star Lake Legion occupied at least three capture points from each city.

So, unless the fifteen cities could annihilate the Star Lake Legion in the subsequent Tier 5 and Tier 4 matches, all fifteen cities would have to lose one set of power furnace fuel.

Meanwhile, following the conclusion of the Tier 6 match, all of Star Lake City's inhabitants celebrated in joy.

With the Star Lake Legion's massive victory in the Tier 6 match, so long as the legion didn't lose too miserably in the Tier 4 and Tier 5 matches, Star Lake City could acquire several more sets of fuel. This would undoubtedly propel Star Lake City's development to the next level.

At the same time, though, many who had withdrawn from the Star Lake Legion couldn't help but regret their decisions.

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Myriad Forest City:

In a viewing room situated on the top floor of the city's tallest building, the City Lords of the fifteen cities and the executives of numerous powers were currently gathered here. However, be it the fifteen City Lords or the various powers' executives, everyone wore cautious looks as they sat around a gloomy young man, their behavior making it seem like the young man was the top figure in the room.

Apart from the gloomy young man, the twenty young men and women who sat around him were also targets of caution for the various City Lords and executives. This was because half of these twenty youths were two-star grandmasters, while the other half were three-star grandmasters.

Though, compared to the mental strength of these youths, what struck fear in everyone present was their status.

They were members of a Tier 5 ace battle group from Skystar City, a first-tier mobile city!

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that these twenty youths were far out of the reach of any of the City Lords present. Normally, these City Lords would only get to see these youths when they spectated first-tier city battles. At other times, they wouldn't be able to get acquainted with these youths, even if they wanted to.

"It seems I will have to rely on you in the next match, Brother Tianhao," Xiao Quan said to the gloomy young man beside him.

"No problem," the gloomy young man nonchalantly replied. "As per our agreement, it will cost you 4,000 Eternal Gold if we take action!"

"Naturally." Xiao Quan nodded. "So long as you can annihilate Zero Wing's members, I will send the money to you in no more than two days, Brother Tianhao."

"Alright, leave it to us," the gloomy young man said, smiling. "I kept hearing Frey talk about how formidable Zero Wing is. Let's see if Zero Wing really is as extraordinary as Frey claims!"

Chapter 3528: Zero Wing Takes the Field

Chapter 602 – Zero Wing Takes the Field

Inside the viewing room...

When the gloomy young man going by the name of Luo Tianhao finished speaking, he left the room with his subordinates to participate in the upcoming Tier 5 match. Meanwhile, it was only after the youths from Skystar City had left did everyone in the room dare to start breathing normally.

"What should we do next, Young Master Xiao Quan?" Myriad Forest City's City Lord asked respectfully after approaching Xiao Quan.

Hearing Myriad Forest City's City Lord's question, the other City Lords also respectfully looked toward Xiao Quan, none of them exuding the majesty and dignity of a City Lord.

Initially, the main reason they had agreed to go along with Xiao Quan's willfulness was so that they could get into Silver Frost City's good graces. But after seeing the forces Xiao Quan had brought with him to Silver Frost City, they no longer cared about buttering up to Silver Frost City. Instead, they felt that it would be much more worthwhile to gain the favor of Xiao Quan himself.

First, it was Hundred-Armed Giant, the 92nd-ranked expert on the Divine Glory List. Now, it was one of the Tier 5 ace battle groups of Skystar City, a first-tier mobile city. Logically, whether it was Hundred-Armed Giant or Skystar City's ace battle group, neither should be within reach of the son of a second-tier city's City Lord. The fact that Xiao Quan could get these two forces to work for him meant that there was more to his identity than meets the eye.

"You don't have to be nervous. All you need to do is have your forces cooperate with Brother Tianhao in the Tier 5 match. Leave everything else to Brother Tianhao," Xiao Quan said, chuckling nonchalantly.

"Understood!"

The various City Lords responded unanimously. Then, they promptly contacted the city legions under their command.

Meanwhile, a smirk appeared on Xiao Quan's face as he looked at the distant Star Lake City and thought, Qingying, you might think you have found yourself a powerful backer, but you simply have no idea what kind of existence Shi Feng has provoked.

A few days ago, a development unbeknownst to him must have occurred, as his superior had abruptly allowed him to utilize Demon's Gate's forces on the Starlight Continent. Meanwhile, the command he received was to permanently erase Zero Wing from the Greater World.

When he received this command, he decided to use this opportunity to thoroughly show Xia Qingying the consequences of offending him.

Although a minor accident had occurred with the arrangements he made for the Tier 6 match, what truly mattered was the upcoming Tier 5 match. To ensure Star Lake City's defeat in the Tier 5 match, he had even paid a heavy price to get one of Skystar City's Tier 5 ace battle groups to serve as reserve members for the Myriad Forest Legion.

As for the battle group Luo Tianhao led, it stood among the apex of all Tier 5 battle groups on the Starlight Continent. There was no way Zero Wing's recently-established battle group could compete against it.

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Time passed quickly. Ten minutes after the Tier 6 match concluded, the Tier 5 participants of all sixteen cities began entering their simulation cabins one after another. However, when the Myriad Forest Legion's Tier 5 participants made their initial appearance, an uproar immediately occurred among the sixteen third-tier mobile cities.

"Heavens! Why do those participants from the Myriad Forest Legion look like they're Skystar City's ace battle group members?!"

"They don't just look like them! They are them! They represented Skystar City in the most recent first-tier city battle!"

Everyone was surprised to see Luo Tianhao and his battle group appearing on Myriad Forest City's side. Even Mu Huangwu and Xia Qingying, who were spectating from Star Lake City's spectator stand, were shocked by this development.

"What did Xiao Quan do? How did he get one of Skystar City's ace battle groups to help him?" Confusion filled Xia Qingying's eyes as she looked at the holographic screen displaying the Myriad Forest Legion's Tier 5 participants. "Since when did first-tier cities interfere with the struggles of second- and third-tier cities?"

On the Starlight Continent, first-tier cities were essentially unattainable existences for the various second- and third-tier cities. Normally, first-tier cities would find it beneath themselves to even meddle with the struggles of top-ranking second-tier cities, let alone third-tier cities.

After all, the two stood on completely different playing fields. Aside from a significant difference in equipment standards, there also existed a massive difference in mental strength standards.

In a second-tier city legion, three-star grandmasters were extremely rare. But in a first-tier city legion, three-star grandmasters were very common. They were so common that every battle group would have a three-star grandmaster leading it.

As for ace battle groups, while not all members would be three-star grandmasters, they would be, at the very least, two-star limit grandmasters. Additionally, all of them were fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment, and they were even capable of materializing all of their equipment in battle. This was a stark contrast to the ace battle group members of second- and third-tier legions, where many of them couldn't materialize Legendary items, even if they possessed some.

As for the combat standards of a first-tier legion's ace battle group members, they were all at the fifth-floor standard at the very least.

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At this moment, Xia Qingying wasn't the only one shocked by this development. Even Red Frost, who had relaxed after winning the Tier 6 match, couldn't help but look at Myriad Forest City's screen with twitching eyes.

Exactly what kind of existence did our mighty Guild Leader of Zero Wing offend?

Previously, Red Frost was still rather confident in Shi Feng's ability to win the Tier 5 match. However, after seeing one of Skystar City's ace battle groups appearing in the Myriad Forest Legion, she couldn't help but grow worried.

Even if they were talking about the Tier 6 match, a battle group of Tier 5 fifth-floor experts fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment could probably win against the fifteen cities. Placing such a battle group in the Tier 5 match of a third-tier city battle was simply cheating.

With such a frightening battle group present, how was Zero Wing supposed to win the Tier 5 match?

Apart from Shi Feng, Zero Wing's battle group had, at most, four other fifth-floor experts. Even if they were fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items strengthened by Intermediate Divine Engravings, their Basic Attributes would still be

slightly inferior to players fully equipped with Legendary items. Not to mention, they wouldn't have access to the other bonuses and abilities of Legendary items.

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While everyone was discussing Skystar City's ace battle group, the bell signaling the start of the Tier 5 match sounded.

Following the start of the Tier 5 match, the fifteen city legions promptly gathered at one location, as previously discussed. They did not give the Star Lake Legion any opportunities as their comrades did in the Tier 6 match.

After gathering, the army of 3,000 marched toward Star Lake City. Then, after dedicating 1,000 players to constructing a magic barrier, the rest of the army began systematically searching for the Star Lake Legion's members.

"Xiao Quan is such a cautious person, Leader. We can't even demonstrate our strength to Zero Wing with such a setup," a graceful female Elementalist from Luo Tianhao's battle group said, frowning as she watched the fifteen cites' members erecting a large barrier that enveloped the entire army. "Once this barrier is completed, I doubt we will get to even see Zero Wing's members."

Once the large magic barrier constructed by 1,000 players took shape, it would encompass more than half of Star Lake City. And if it was settled in the heart of the city, it could cover at least 70% of the city. In such a situation, there was no way the Star Lake Legion or Zero Wing's battle group would think of contesting for the capture points covered by the barrier.

"Isn't that better?" Luo Xiaohao chuckled. "Not only do we get to make a large sum of Eternal Coins without doing anything, but we can also let Frey know the Zero Wing she mentioned is an insignificant coward. If Zero Wing doesn't even dare to fight us, what qualifications does it have to partner with the Galaxy Conglomerate?"

"Someone's approaching us from in front, Leader!" a Tier 5 Ranger from the same battle group suddenly reported. "They're very fast! They'll reach us in ten seconds!"

"It seems they're smart and know that this is their only chance to get close to us," Luo Tianhao said, unsurprised by the report. After all, once the barrier was completed, Star Lake City was as good as theirs. "How many people do they have?"

"There seems to be only...five," the Tier 5 Ranger awkwardly said.

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Chapter 3529: Lunacy!

Chapter 603 – Lunacy!

"Is he insane?! Why did he send only five people?!"

Over at Star Lake City's spectator stands, Xia Qingying stood up and exclaimed in a somewhat ear-piercing voice when she saw only five figures appearing before the fifteen cities' army, confusion and disbelief filling her eyes.

As Zero Wing's partner, Xia Qingying was more or less aware of Zero Wing's situation.

While Zero Wing might have very few capable experts based in Star Lake City, it definitely wasn't so short on manpower that it could only have five people participate in the Tier 5 match. Not to mention, Shi Feng had even shown Zero Wing's battle group to Mu Huangwu previously. That was undoubtedly a full battle group.

Moreover, Shi Feng always had the option of seeking reinforcements from Zero Wing's other members in God's Domain. While external reinforcements might experience a delay in controlling their bodies, fifth-floor experts could still display combat standards vastly superior to titled experts nonetheless. Combined with weapons and equipment enhanced by Intermediate Divine Engravings, these fifth-floor experts could put up a fight against even Skystar City's ace battle group.

Yet, Shi Feng had chosen to participate in the Tier 5 match with just five people. Now, not only would it be impossible to defeat Skystar City's ace battle group, but even winning against the fifteen city legions would be an insurmountable challenge.

At this time, Mu Huangwu also nodded in agreement with Xia Qingying. He felt that Shi Feng had already given up on the Tier 5 match. Otherwise, there would be no reason why he would have only five people participate. No matter how futile the Tier 5 match might seem, he should have mobilized at least twenty people. After all, every additional participant counted in a city battle.

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"Are you all Zero Wing's members?" Luo Tianhao asked out of curiosity as he looked at the five people approaching him.

Luo Tianhao had only heard a little about the Guild named Zero Wing, and most of it had come from Frey. However, based on Frey's description, Zero Wing was supposedly an amazing Guild, so much so that she strongly recommended the Galaxy Conglomerate to establish deeper ties with it.

"That's right," Shi Feng responded, a look of surprise flashing in his eyes as he looked at Luo Tianhao and his battle group.

In his previous life, Luo Tianhao's battle group was considerably famous on the Starlight Continent. The battle group had helped Skystar City achieve consecutive victories and zero defeats in the Tier 5 matches against other first-tier cities. Somewhere down the line, the battle group even won a match for a transcontinental special-tier city, instantly solidifying the Galaxy Conglomerate's position in the city.

However, despite Luo Tianhao's achievements and status as the Galaxy Conglomerate's Sixth Successor, Shi Feng never really paid much attention to him. This was because most major struggles in the Greater God's Domain only involved Tier 6 players, while Luo Tianhao and his battle group only focused on Tier 5 matches.

"Good!" Luo Tianhao nodded as he looked at Shi Feng. "Since you have the courage to stand before us, we won't bully you with numbers. Instead, we'll have a five-on-five match. If you win, my battle group will stay out of Star Lake City. If we win, you must personally tell Frey that Zero Wing isn't worthy of collaborating with Galaxy. How about it?"

Upon hearing Luo Tianhao's words, the fifteen city legions' members promptly grew anxious.

In this Tier 5 match, Luo Tianhao's battle group was the main force for their side, while everyone else was only here as support. While they might be able to kill Shi Feng's group if they finished constructing their magic barrier, they would be in a bind if Shi Feng's group fled to another city.

Even if the fifteen cities were to ultimately win the Tier 5 match, so long as Shi Feng's group successfully occupied one or two capture points in another city, there was a chance the unlucky city might lose to Star Lake City in points. Not to mention, according to their intelligence, all five members of Shi Feng's group should be fifth-floor experts.

"That's a rather generous offer, Team Leader Luo." Shi Feng couldn't help but chuckle when he saw Luo Tianhao's confidence. "Unfortunately, I am not interested in it. Also, I'm afraid nobody present is qualified to discuss conditions with Zero Wing."

As soon as Shi Feng's words fell, an uproar immediately occurred among the fifteen cities. It was especially so for Star Lake City's spectators.

"Crap! Is that guy nuts?"

"How dare he provoke Skystar City's ace battle group at this critical moment? Is he not worried City Lord Feng will kick him out of Star Lake City?"

Star Lake City's spectators couldn't help but look at Shi Feng as if he was a fool. After all, Luo Tianhao's offer allowed Zero Wing to have a fair fight.

Yet, not only did Shi Feng turn down such an opportunity, but he had even provoked Luo Tianhao while he was at it...

"We're not qualified to discuss conditions with you?" Luo Tianhao laughed. At the same time, his expression gradually darkened. "I would have assumed the Guild that Frey has talked so much about would have some brains, but it seems Zero Wing is merely run by a bunch of irredeemable fools. Since you think we're unqualified, let me see how long you can last against my battle group!"

Immediately, Luo Tianhao and his battle group members materialized their Legendary Weapons and Equipment, the appearance of the items bringing along with them an aura surpassing that of the average Tier 6 player. And when everyone saw their weapons and equipment, they couldn't help but be awed.

It was very rare to see players fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment in the Greater God's Domain. Not even the executives of upper-ranking hegemonic powers would necessarily have a full set of Legendary items.

Yet, every member of Luo Tianhao's member group was fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment. With such an equipment standard, it wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say that Luo Tianhao's battle group could confront a Tier 6 God.

Meanwhile, when Fire Dance felt the astonishing aura coming off of Luo Tianhao's battle group, she looked at Shi Feng with fiery eyes and asked, "Can I have this battle, Guild Leader?"

"Ah! Not fair, Big Sis Fire!" Jun Luosha pouted. "We already agreed to share before!"

"Guild Leader! As a Vice Guild Leader, I think I should be the one to handle this fight," Gentle Snow interjected. "Fire Dance and the others can go after me if I fail.

All of a sudden, four of Zero Wing's five-man party could be seen contesting for the opportunity to take on Luo Tianhao's battle group by themselves. When everyone else saw this scene, they couldn't help but be dumbfounded, and it was especially so for Luo Tianhao and his battle group members.

Previously, it was already plenty ludicrous that Zero Wing had only dispatched five people to participate in the Tier 5 match. Yet, it seems the women around Shi Feng had also lost their minds as they now argued for a chance to fight alone.

At this time, even those familiar with Fire Dance, such as Xia Qingying and Mu Huangwu, couldn't help but question whether they were hallucinating or Fire Dance and the others had truly gone insane.

"Stop arguing," Shi Feng said with a wry smile. "If you all insist on soloing, we'll go by order of whoever mastered the Advanced Bronze Purification Technique first. That way, it'll be fair to everyone."

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Star Lake City's spectator stand:

When Xia Qingying and Mu Huangwu saw only Fire Dance stepping forward to face Luo Tianhao's battle group, they couldn't help but gasp.

"Qingying! What did Shi Feng do to Fire Dance during this period?!" Mu Huangwu demanded with rage-filled eyes. "How did she get so foolish and ignorant?!"

Fire Dance was a genius nurtured by the Green God Corporation. Hence, Mu Huangwu, as an Elder of the Green God Corporation, had a good idea of what she was capable of.

While Fire Dance might have been a vice commander of the Silver Frost Legion in the past, whether in equipment standards or mental strength standards, she was still greatly inferior to the ace battle group members of Skystar City.

Not to mention a one-on-twenty scenario, even in a one-on-one scenario, Fire Dance wouldn't necessarily emerge victorious.

Fire Dance would only be making a fool of herself in front of everyone by challenging Luo Tianhao's battle group alone. If news of her actions reached Night Watch City, she would be promptly disqualified before she could even take the Night Watch Legion's test.

Unlike third-tier cities, when second-tier cities recruited participants, they wouldn't just test the applicant's talent. They would also inspect the applicant's battle records. After all, each second-tier city ruled over upwards of a hundred third-tier cities, so they did not lack talented individuals to choose from.

It was especially so for Night Watch City, a top-ranking second-tier city. Normally, only the most excellent individuals from third-tier cities could qualify for the Night Watch Legion.

If Night Watch City was to find out about Fire Dance's foolish behavior in this city battle, she would probably get disqualified on the first round of the test. After all, strategies

were crucial in city battles. Heroic actions would only put the rest of the legion in danger.

"If Guild Leader Shi Feng has decided on this course of action, I'm sure he has his reasons," Xia Qingying responded to Mu Huangwu's questioning, albeit somewhat hesitantly.

Although Xia Qingying knew Zero Wing had the trump card known as Intermediate Divine Engravings, she still couldn't help but be confused as to why Shi Feng had decided to let Fire Dance fight Luo Tianhao's battle group alone. No matter how she looked at it, it simply wasn't a wise decision.

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Myriad Forest City's spectator stand:

"Fire Dance?"

When Xiao Quan saw Fire Dance walking toward Luo Tianhao's battle group, a hint of surprise flashed across his eyes.

As a vice commander of the Silver Frost Legion himself, Xiao Quan naturally recognized Fire Dance and had a very good idea of her strength. However, while Fire Dance might not have trouble soloing any of the fifteen cities' battle groups, it would be a completely different story if she tried to solo Luo Tianhao's battle group. She'd probably be killed in the first few exchanges.

This wasn't to say that Fire Dance's combat standard was vastly inferior to the members of Luo Tianhao's battle group. It was just that there was a qualitative difference in the equipment standards of both sides. The gap in equipment standards was also one of the main factors contributing to the powerlessness of second-tier cities in the face of first-tier cities.

"Good! Very good! If that's how you want to do it, I'll let Frey know how foolish and ignorant the Guild she has been singing praises of is!" Luo Tianhao coldly said when he saw only Fire Dance stepping forward. "Lotus! I'll leave her to you!"

Following Luo Tianhao's words, a graceful and innocent-looking female Elementalist stepped forward from behind him. And even though the Elementalist looked to be only in her early twenties, none of the other youths in the battle group were dissatisfied with Luo Tianhao's decision.

This was because the Elementalist named Lotus was not only Luo Tianhao's close confidant, but she was also the battle group's vice team leader. Moreover, although it hadn't been long since Lotus joined, she already ranked among the top five of the group in strength.

When Lotus initially joined the Galaxy Conglomerate, Luo Tianhao and Frey, two of the conglomerate's successors, had fought over her. Ultimately, Luo Tianhao only managed to win her over after offering up a premium villa in Skystar City's city center.

Skystar City was one of the few first-tier mobile cities operating on the Starlight Continent. Hence, every inch of land in the city was worth its weight in gold. As for the city center's villas, they were so limited and valuable that even the Galaxy Conglomerate's successors would only be assigned one premium villa each, and they couldn't obtain a second one without significant achievements.

However, the price Luo Tianhao paid to recruit Lotus was undoubtedly worth it.

Firstly, despite being only 22 this year, Lotus was already a three-star mental strength grandmaster. Even in the Galaxy Conglomerate, talents of her caliber were incredibly rare. Secondly, she was the owner of the Sky Saint Legacy, one of the Starlight Realm's Four Great Saint Legacies. So long as she got promoted to Tier 6, she would instantly be put onto the Divine Glory List.

"Understood!" Lotus nodded.

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After Lotus responded, she could be seen briefly disappearing from the virtualized street before reappearing within 100 yards of Fire Dance. Then, she raised her staff toward the sky.

Boom!

All of a sudden, as if all of the air in the city had been sucked away, everyone in the city experienced a feeling of suffocation.

"Is this the strength of first-tier cities?!"

When Star Lake City's inhabitants saw the threefold magic array covering a small section of the city's sky, they all felt a deep fear.

Tier 5 Super Spell, Sky Crash!

The difficulty of casting a Tier 5 Super Spell exceeded that of Tier 6 Spells, and its power was no less than that of Tier 6 Spells. Meanwhile, simply being able to silent-cast one Tier 5 Super Spell would already be considered a great achievement for Tier 5 titled experts. Yet, Lotus had managed to complete a triple silent cast. Not even veteran Saint-ranked experts could necessarily accomplish such a feat.

"It's over..." Mu Huangwu wryly smiled when he saw the threefold magic array in the sky. "That little girl's mental strength is simply monstrous!"

Sky Crash was a Super Spell that covered a radius of 3,000 yards. It was a powerful Spell that could bring forth devastating effects so long as it was completed. Normally, players could easily counter it by interrupting the caster before the Spell was completed. This was also the case, even if it was silently cast.

Although players who utilized silent casting might look as if they had instantly cast their Spells, it was a fact that they needed to go through the standard procedure of constructing the Spell's magic array. It was just that, in the case of silent casting, players would construct their Spell's magic array in their minds.

As for Sky Crash, it was an incomparably complex Spell, so a considerable amount of time would be needed to finish its magic array. Meanwhile, this time gave melee players the perfect opportunity to interrupt the caster.

But now...

Lotus had successfully completed a threefold Sky Crash!

Moreover, she had cast it while fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment!

Should the Super Spell connect, it would instantly obliterate a small portion of Star Lake City, let alone Fire Dance.

"Disperse!"

While everyone in Star Lake City was terrified, a clear and pleasant voice suddenly echoed in their ears.

Immediately afterward, a wave of mana, several times denser than what was used to fuel Lotus's Sky Crash, abruptly struck Sky Crash's magic array, causing the fully-formed magic array to disintegrate rapidly. At the same time, the same mana enveloped the fifteen cities' participants, immobilizing them. It was as if they had fallen into a quagmire made of steel, and they could move neither their bodies nor their mana in the slightest.

"What's happening?!"

"How can there be such a powerful Mana Domain?!"

"I've seen this Mana before! This is a Tier 6 God's Mana Domain!"

Following this unexpected development, everyone couldn't help but look toward the center of the Mana Domain—

Fire Dance!