

# **Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God**

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Zero Wing Residence, Guild Leader's Office:

Immediately after Shi Feng made his decision, a colorful radiance bloomed from the Silverwing inside the Origin Space. At the same time, the countless magic arrays engraved on the Silverwing's hull were broken down and reorganized, the entire process lasting over a dozen minutes. When the strengthening process concluded, a brand new Silverwing appeared before Shi Feng's eyes.

[Silverwing Flying Ship] (Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ship)

Maximum capacity: 1,000 people

Durability 70,000/70,000

Possesses Tier 6 Upper-rank Armor.

Item storage when liberated: 150,000 bag space slots and 6,000 non-bag space slots.

Additional Active Skill 1-

Holy Spirit Field: When activated, prevent all enemies within a 10,000-yard radius from utilizing their surrounding energy for 30 minutes.

No cooldown.

Each activation costs 300 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

Additional Active Skill 2-

Holy Spirit Barrier: When activated, renders all allies within a 3,000-yard radius immune to damage for one minute.

Cooldown: 30 minutes

Each activation costs 1,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

The Silverwing Flying Ship carries:

100 Spirit Destruction Cannons, each possessing power at the Tier 6 Peak standard;

28 Floating Spirit Cannons that can be used offensively and defensively;

Each possesses power at the Tier 6 Peak standard;

3 Spirit Disintegration Cannons. Their power can reach the Tier 6 Limit standard.

The Silverwing Flying Ship has a flight speed that rivals Tier 6 Legendary Flying Mounts. Each activation of the Silver Flying Ship costs 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal, and it expends 100 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal per day while in operation.

*Incredible!*

Shi Feng gasped when he saw the new Silverwing's statistical description.

An Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ship!

He had only ever seen these behemoths appearing in the war between the two races. These Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ships were also why the various apex powers could confidently traverse the frontlines. As for the exact statistics of those Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ships, they were only known to the apex powers that owned them. Everyone else could only make guesses.

But after seeing the statistics of one himself, Shi Feng could only describe Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ships as heaven-defying.

Simply the fact that the upgraded Silverwing possessed Tier 6 Upper-rank defensive armor meant that the average Tier 6 player could be utterly incapable of damaging it. Even Taboo-level experts wielding Divine Weapons would only be able to damage it slightly.

Besides that, the Silverwing's offensive capabilities were also through the roof.

It should be known that Spirit Destruction Cannons were weapons that could normally only be found in Void Fortresses, fortresses situated in the Void Sea. With 100 Spirit Destruction Cannons equipped, the Advanced Dark-Gold Silverwing could already rival the firepower of a Void Fortress.

Not to mention, there were also the Spirit Disintegration Cannons that could launch attacks close to rivaling the attacks of Ancient Gods. If a Tier 6 tank was struck by one

of these cannons without a Lifesaving Skill active, they would die on the spot, even if they were fully equipped with Legendary Equipment.

*No wonder those Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ships I've seen could single-handedly take down entire fortresses. With such firepower, even Tier 6 Gods will have to steer clear of them.* Shi Feng couldn't help but get a little emotional as he moved the brand-new Silverwing into his bag.

He had coveted Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ships greatly in his previous life. However, flying ships at the Fine-Gold rank and above could only be acquired from ancient ruins. Although Zero Wing had explored many ancient ruins, it only managed to procure several Fine-Gold Flying Ships. As for Dark-Gold Flying Ships and beyond, only the various apex powers were known to have any. Moreover, they were all acquired through many, many years of effort.

But now, Zero Wing finally had an Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ship of its own. Moreover, so long as Zero Wing had enough Seven Luminaries Crystals, it could easily produce more than what the various apex powers owned.

*But I'm going to have to get more Seven Luminaries Crystals after this...*

When Shi Feng took a look at the remaining Seven Luminaries Crystals in his bag, he couldn't help but feel helpless toward the Origin Myth.

The Origin Myth's ability was undeniably amazing, but the cost to use it was also beyond imagination.

After integrating six superpowers from his home God's Domain into Zero Wing, he had acquired a little over three million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal, bumping his stockpile to twelve million units. But after strengthening the Silverwing, his stockpile had fallen back to eight million units, which was only enough to fund the Tier 6 promotion of eighty players. Not to mention, it also cost Seven Luminaries Crystals to maintain and operate the Silverwing.

Simply put, the Seven Luminaries Crystals he currently had on hand were not at all enough for his use.

While Shi Feng was wondering whether he should laugh or cry about his situation, Gentle Snow suddenly entered his office.

"Good news, Guild Leader! Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss have successfully advanced to Tier 6!" Gentle Snow excitedly reported.

"They've succeeded?" Shi Feng was shocked.

Before Shi Feng left for his home God's Domain, Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss had already received the Primordial Chaos Body's Legacy and began their challenge to construct a Superior Divine Body in the Residence's underground secret room.

However, if asked whether the two could succeed, Shi Feng couldn't actually say for certain. After all, there shouldn't be more than a few players who had successfully constructed a Superior Divine Body across the entire Greater God's Domain.

Even in his previous life, Shi Feng had only successfully constructed a Superior Divine Body because he was lucky enough to obtain a Primordial God Legacy that provided the complete procedure to construct a specific Superior Divine Body. However, the Primordial Chaos Body's Legacy only showed players a general guideline. If players wished to construct a Superior Divine Body through the Primordial Chaos Body, they would need to have incredibly high mastery over World Laws and magic arrays.

"Mhm. Both of them say they have succeeded," Gentle Snow said, nodding. She understood Shi Feng's shock as she knew that Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss had been constructing Superior Divine Bodies for their Tier 6 promotion.

"Good! Have them get ready. We'll be heading to the World Ark in a moment," Shi Feng said with a smile.

"You're bringing them as well?" Gentle Snow couldn't help but grow worried. "They've been busy with their promotion all this time, so they aren't even at Level 170 right now. They're at least ten levels behind the players operating at the World Ark. How about we let them level up a little first before sending them to the World Ark?"

Though a ten-level gap wouldn't make much of a difference between players and monsters under Level 200, Zero Wing's opponents in the World Ark weren't monsters but Holy Race players instead. Meanwhile, a ten-level gap would give the Holy Race players a considerable advantage in weapons and equipment. Unless Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss faced opponents with inferior combat standards, they'd fare no differently than cannon fodder.

"Don't worry. They can overcome a ten-level gap with their standards," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

The fact that Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss had constructed a Superior Divine Body for their Tier 6 promotion meant they would have a significant advantage over the average Tier 6 player in Basic Attributes, Physique, and Mana. They were also experts who were equipped with Legendary items and had mastered the Advanced Bronze Mana Purification Technique.

Even if they were ten levels behind the other Tier 6 players operating in the World Ark, they could easily bridge the gap if they equipped the Eternal Magic Armor and Dragon's

Fury Secret Treasure Set. Not to mention, both were experts who had mastered an Advanced Law.

“Alright, then. I will notify them,” Gentle Snow said.

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## **Chapter 3652: Alternate Ending 726 - Guild War**

### **Chapter 726 – Guild War**

World Ark, Soul Lake:

Ever since the Seven Luminaries Alliance lifted restrictions on the World Ark’s inner area, the inner area’s resurrection camps had become a gathering place for the Eternal Realm’s various powers and independent players.

The Soul Lake Resurrection Camp under Zero Wing’s ownership was especially popular. This was because the Soul Lake, the map the resurrection camp was situated on, was a Level 175-plus map that had a much lower population of monsters compared to other maps. This made it an ideal place for players seeking to get some rest. As icing on the cake, the Soul Lake was also close to the core area’s Holy Ring City.

Due to these reasons, even though the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp charged an exorbitant fee of 20 Eternal Silver per person per day and would occasionally come under attack by the Sun Dynasty’s forces, tens of thousands of players still flocked to it. This, in turn, allowed Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation to generate significant amounts of wealth.

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Inside one of the Advanced Tents in the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp...

“Elder Sword, according to our scouts, Zero Wing has already started to gather its forces in the Crystal City and is preparing to reinforce its resurrection camp with more Tier 6 experts,” a five-meter-tall young man carrying a towering shield said to Nineteenth Sword respectfully after he entered the tent.

Meanwhile, following this behemoth of a Level 178 Guardian Knight’s appearance, the 20-plus Tier 6 experts resting in the camp immediately felt a powerful pressure falling onto their shoulders.

Heavy Shield Titan!

A veteran expert on the Divine Glory List!

Although Titan had died once while assisting the Seven Luminaries Alliance, the Alliance compensated him handsomely after he was resurrected. As a result, not only did his strength not fall, but it even increased as he managed to grasp his third Gold Combat Technique.

“Zero Wing’s actions are futile,” Nineteenth Sword said nonchalantly. “This resurrection camp is generating 6,000 Eternal Gold Coins every day. Do you think the Sun Dynasty will simply sit back and watch as Zero Wing grows stronger?”

“But the Sun Dynasty’s recent attacks haven’t significantly damaged Zero Wing, Azure Fang, or the Red Dragon Nation, Elder Sword.” Scratching his head in confusion, Titan asked, “Could there be new movements from the Sun Dynasty?”

Thus far, the Sun Dynasty had only sent one 100-man Tier 6 team to attack the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. Although this team could always kill several hundred of the camp’s defenders, the damage to Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation wasn’t particularly severe, as their Tier 6 experts had only died a couple of times.

Not to mention, Zero Wing had the ability to summon Tier 6 War Goddesses. So long as the six Tier 6 War Goddesses appeared on the battlefield, the Sun Dynasty’s experts would scatter like frightened rabbits, none daring to clash with the War Goddesses head-on.

Besides the War Goddesses, Zero Wing’s Gentle Snow had also distinguished herself in the fights with the Sun Dynasty. At one point, she had single-handedly killed 26 of the Sun Dynasty’s Tier 6 experts, instantly earning her recognition as a God-ranked expert from the various powers.

Even as a veteran expert on the Divine Glory List, Titan dared not say he could beat Gentle Snow in a duel.

With the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp already having such powerful defenders, if Zero Wing’s Black Flame joined in the defense, the Sun Dynasty’s 100-man Tier 6 team would become utterly powerless against the resurrection camp.

“Do you truly think the Sun Dynasty lacks the strength to deal with Zero Wing’s resurrection camp?” Nineteenth Sword sneered. “The only reason the Sun Dynasty has turned a blind eye to Zero Wing until now is because the other Holy Race powers were keeping it busy. But now, the Sun Dynasty has already declared to the Seven Luminaries Alliance that unless Zero Wing returns the Sunlight Blade and begs for forgiveness, it will mobilize its Holy Guard to eradicate all of the World Ark’s resurrection camps!”

“The Holy Guard?!” Titan was shocked by this revelation. “Isn’t that one of the Sun Dynasty’s five conquest legions?!”

According to the information the Seven Luminaries Alliance provided to the various powers, the Sun Dynasty had established five conquest legions to combat the other royal powers operating in the Eternal Realm. Meanwhile, the Holy Guard was one of these five legions.

The Holy Guard was a legion with 12,000 members, and it could be further categorized into six hundred 20-man teams. Even the weakest member was a fifth-floor standard, while team leader-level individuals were all God-ranked experts. When working together, each team could put up a good fight against even Taboo-level existences. Not to mention, the Holy Guard also had various war weapons at its disposal.

If the Sun Dynasty truly mobilized the Holy Guard, even if it was only a portion, it would be enough to make the Seven Luminaries Alliance suffer. Flattening the resurrection camps on the human side would also be a simple task.

“Indeed, which is why we have gathered here,” Nineteenth Sword said, nodding. Then, a cold glint flashed in his eyes as he continued, “Now that the Sun Dynasty has threatened to mobilize its Holy Guard, even the Seven Luminaries Alliance can no longer afford to protect Zero Wing. It might be if Black Flame capitulates, but if he doesn’t, it will be the perfect opportunity for us to claim this resurrection camp for ourselves!”

“I understand. I will contact Milia and have her transfer more manpower over from the royal capital,” Titan said with an excited look.

Although Zero Wing was much stronger than Nineteenth Sword expected, it remained a fact that it had offended the Sun Dynasty. With the Sun Dynasty threatening to mobilize its Holy Guard, if Black Flame refused to capitulate, Zero Wing would have to withdraw from the World Ark, leaving the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp to be claimed by others.

Considering this, many human powers had most likely already set their sights on the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. Naturally, the Skylight Association couldn’t miss such a great opportunity, either. After all, the profits the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp could generate were simply astonishing.

While the Skylight Association was preparing to capture the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, the various powers operating in the area took a similar course of action and continuously gathered their forces. This caused the player population of the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp to increase rapidly toward the 100,000 threshold.

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“What should we do, Vice Guild Leader Frey?” Garut, one of Azure Fang’s Two Great Vice Guild Leaders, asked as he paced around the tent in annoyance. “These powers aren’t even trying to hide that they’re waiting for our destruction. Yet, the Seven Luminaries Alliance still hasn’t given us any feedback.”

The Star Lake Resurrection Camp was a cash cow. Even though Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation only received 30% of the profits each, they still had a daily income of more than 2,000 Eternal Gold. Moreover, their daily income could easily increase tenfold in the future as more players enter the World Ark.

But now...

“There’s no point asking me,” Frey said, snapping out of her daze and revealing a wry smile. “I only know that the Seven Luminaries Alliance has already sent someone to the Crystal City to contact Guild Leader Black Flame. By the looks of things, the Alliance wants to get Zero Wing’s response before deciding what to do.”

Thinking of the Sun Dynasty’s Holy Guard, Frey felt powerless and could only place her hopes on the Seven Luminaries Alliance. If even the Seven Luminaries Alliance refused to help, Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation would most definitely lose the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp.

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## **Chapter 3653: Alternate Ending 727 - To Arms!**

Chapter 727 – To Arms!

Eternal Realm, Crystal City of Secrets:

Due to the Underground Crystal Palace’s existence, the Crystal City of Secrets had become one of the ten most populated cities on the human players’ side in the eternal Realm. The city’s player population exceeded 60 million, and it could be considered a highly populated city even in other Realms.

At this time, a commotion was taking place in the Crystal City due to the Sun Dynasty’s sudden declaration of war.

“Zero Wing really knows how to find trouble, provoking a royal power from the Holy Race of all things. Not even the Seven Luminaries Alliance can save Zero Wing now.”

“Zero Wing’s fall won’t just stop at the World Ark, either. If Zero Wing refuses to return the Divine Artifact it took, the Sun Dynasty will target the other powers operating in the World Ark as well. At that time, those powers will definitely find trouble with Zero Wing.



From what I heard, many of those who joined Zero Wing are regretting their decision right now.”

“I wonder how Zero Wing’s Guild Leader is going to respond? It might be fine if he apologizes and returns the Divine Artifact, but if he refuses to capitulate, Zero Wing will probably have to part ways with its Advanced Residence.”

“It’s a pity that Zero Wing is only an emerging power. If its manpower and resources were spread across the Eternal Realm like the various pseudo-apex powers, it could still thrive even without relying on the World Ark.”

The players resting and chatting in the bars and restaurants of the city couldn’t help but sympathize with Zero Wing as they discussed the Guild’s predicament. They never thought the Guild that had over 200 fifth-floor experts and the potential to become a pseudo-apex power would dare to provoke the Sun Dynasty, an existence that even the Seven Luminaries Alliance was unwilling to provoke.

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While the Crystal City’s various powers and players were wondering how Zero Wing’s Guild Leader Black Flame would respond, Zero Wing’s Residence had become incredibly lively. This was because many guild members who had gone offline to rest had come rushing back after learning of the Sun Dynasty’s declaration of war.

Meanwhile, when the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s representatives stepped into the Guild Hall, the Zero Wing members in the building looked at these representatives with emotions of anxiety, anger, and expectation.

“What do you think the Guild Leader will do, Boss Samsara?” a Level 176, Tier 5 Swordsman asked as he looked at Fervent Samsara.

Hearing the Swordsman’s question, the other Zero Wing members nearby all looked toward Fervent Samsara, who was currently a Level 167, Tier 6 Berserker God.

Fervent Samsara was one of Zero Wing’s Three Overlords. While not a guild executive, his influence in the Guild surpassed even the Vice Guild Leaders. He was also acknowledged as one of the five strongest experts in the Guild.

“Is there even a need to ask? Of course we will be giving the Sun Dynasty a fight. Even if we lose, we will simply withdraw from the World Ark. I doubt there is anything the Sun Dynasty can do to us outside the World Ark,” a young Elementalist said, fighting spirit brimming in his eyes.

“It’s not so simple,” Fervent Samsara said, shaking his head when he heard the young Elementalist’s words. Then, with a serious look on his face, he continued, “We can fight, but we absolutely cannot abandon the World Ark. Otherwise, we will quickly get

overtaken by the other powers in the Crystal City. After all, the Mythical Races will be of great help to the various powers in exploration.”

Originally, Fervent Samsara had been feeling quite happy after he successfully advanced to Tier 6. However, his happy mood quickly disappeared as news of Zero Wing’s predicament greeted him as soon as he left the underground secret room.

While Fervent Samsara was wondering how Shi Feng would respond to the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s representatives, he suddenly noticed a group of cloaked players through the corner of his eyes. Although these players had hidden all their personal information with their Black Cloaks, the six-winged emblem they wore on their cloaks showed that they were Zero Wing members.

“Abyss, do you know who those cloaked people are?” Fervent Samsara whispered to the female knight in ice-blue armor sitting beside him.

Fervent Samsara was familiar with most of Zero Wing’s members, and he was certain he had never seen anyone from the group of cloaked players. His sixth sense also told him that these individuals were not simple. It was especially so for the dozen or so players sitting at the head of the group. He actually got goosebumps looking at them. This was the first time he had experienced such a situation in the Eternal Realm.

“I’m not sure, either. I heard they joined Zero Wing not long ago, and they were even personally welcomed by the Guild Leader,” Heavy Abyss said, shaking her head. Then, looking at the group of cloaked players with a serious gaze, she continued, “But I can feel that those people are no weaker than you and I.”

“Just how many secrets does our Guild Leader have?” While looking at the supposed leaders of the cloaked players, Fervent Samsara had his curiosity toward Shi Feng piqued.

Now that Fervent Samsara had constructed a Superior Divine Body, he dared say he was one of the strongest players in the Eternal Realm. He would even dare to clash against players with Divine Artifacts.

Yet, of the group of cloaked players, about a dozen gave him a feeling of danger. This situation was simply unbelievable.

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Zero Wing’s Guild Hall, third-floor VIP lounge:

“The Seven Luminaries Alliance has already conveyed the Sun Dynasty’s intention to you, Guild Leader Black Flame,” Verdant Rainbow, who was currently at Level 182, said to Shi Feng while wearing a serious expression. “The Alliance currently has most of its

forces occupied fighting another royal over in the core area, so only the forces I oversee in the inner area are available to help you.

“After discussion, the Alliance hopes Zero Wing can withdraw from the Soul Lake temporarily. Once the Sun Dynasty transitions into the core area and becomes occupied fighting the other royal power, it won’t be able to spare much of its forces to target Zero Wing. Zero Wing can return at that time, and the Alliance will also assist Zero Wing in defending its resurrection camp.”

In reality, the Seven Luminaries Alliance was infuriated by the contempt the Sun Dynasty had shown. Unfortunately, there was nothing the Alliance could do about the Sun Dynasty’s threat, as it just so happened that the Alliance had started a territorial clash with another royal power in the World Ark’s core area.

“I am grateful for the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s goodwill, Miss Verdant,” Shi Feng said. “But now that the Sun Dynasty has declared war on Zero Wing, it would not make sense for Zero Wing to retreat without a fight.”

“Are you really going to do this, Guild Leader Black Flame?” Verdant Rainbow couldn’t help but sigh when she heard Shi Feng’s answer. “The Holy Guard isn’t some second-rate legion like the ones the Sun Dynasty sent to attack us initially. It is a force established specifically to deal with other royal powers, and every member is currently a bona fide Tier 6 player. If it comes down to a fight, even a Taboo-level existence like yourself might die.”

“Is that so? Well, they are more than welcome to try!” Shi Feng said, a cold glint flashing in his eyes.

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## **Chapter 3654: Alternate Ending 728 - World Ark in Turmoil**

Chapter 728 – World Ark in Turmoil

Crystal City of Secrets, Airport:

“Lunatic! He’s simply a lunatic! Is he trying to bring his entire Guild down with him?!”

Looking out the window of the flying ship they were on, the Outer Elder who had accompanied Verdant Rainbow to Zero Wing couldn’t help but be shocked as he looked at the players gathering inside Zero Wing’s Residence.

The fact that the Seven Luminaries Alliance had sent Verdant Rainbow, the Alliance's rising star, to communicate with Black Flame was already enough to show how much it valued Zero Wing. Normally, not even the Guild Leaders of pseudo-apex powers would receive such a treatment.

As if that wasn't enough, the Seven Luminaries Alliance had even promised that so long as Zero Wing temporarily withdrew from the World Ark this time, it would help Zero Wing reestablish itself in the World Ark in the future. This was an opportunity that many powers could only dream of obtaining, yet Black Flame had turned down this offer and insisted on fighting the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard with only Zero Wing's strength...

"Although Black Flame is indeed a little crazy, Zero Wing shouldn't be underestimated, either," Verdant Rainbow said as she looked at Zero Wing's Residence. "When we first arrived inside the Guild Hall, I sensed at least ten experts who could threaten me."

"Ten?!" The Outer Elder couldn't help but look at Verdant Rainbow in astonishment. "How can a new Guild possibly have so many Taboo-level existences?!"

It should be known that Verdant Rainbow was a new generation chosen one of the Seven Luminaries Alliance. Her combat standard was through the roof. Paired with the World String, although she still wasn't at the standard of the Alliance's veteran Taboo-level existences, she could still be considered mid-tier among all Taboo-level existences in the Greater God's Domain.

Hence, anyone who could make Verdant Rainbow feel threatened should be a Taboo-level existence at the very minimum.

But how could Zero Wing possibly have ten Taboo-level existences?

"I don't know." Verdant Rainbow shook her head. Then, thinking of the Holy Guard she had previously encountered in the World Ark's core region, she sighed and said, "But it doesn't matter whether Zero Wing has ten or twenty Taboo-level existences. None will matter in front of the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard."

The Sun Dynasty's strength far exceeded the Seven Luminaries Alliance's imagination. Of the Holy Guard's 12,000 members, over 600 were considered team leaders. All of them were also battle-hardened individuals who had clashed against the Holy Race's other royal powers for many years.

So long as these team leaders formed a 20-man team with the Holy Guard's weaker members, they could trade blows with Taboo-level existences. With the Holy Guard having 12,000 members, it meant that the legion had 600 teams that could trade blows with Taboo-level existences.

Ten against six hundred?

With such a huge disparity in numbers, even a layman could tell Zero Wing's chances of victory were non-existent. This was also why the Sun Dynasty dared declare that it would eradicate all of the human race's resurrection camps in the World Ark.

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While Verdant Rainbow and her entourage were leaving the Crystal City of Secrets, news of Zero Wing's intention to fight the Sun Dynasty quickly spread like wildfire, and every player and power who received news of this matter couldn't help but be shocked by Shi Feng's decision.

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World Ark, Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, Skylight Association's Advanced Tent:

"Black Flame is truly insane." Titan couldn't believe his eyes when he read the report from his subordinate.

"Isn't that good news?" Milia the Mjolnir smiled. "We will now have a stable source of income to fund the construction of a Guild Town."

After seeing the fortune the Blaze Conglomerate was raking in thanks to its Guild City, many powers had already started to prepare for the construction of their own Guild Town, and the Skylight Association was no exception. However, constructing a Guild Town in the Eternal Realm was easier said than done. Aside from requiring a Building Order, astronomical funding was also needed.

Fortunately, the Skylight Association could easily solve this problem so long as it took over the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp.

Originally, had Zero Wing chosen to make peace with the Sun Dynasty, it could have easily defended the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp with the help of Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation. But now, Zero Wing had willingly chosen to fight the Sun Dynasty to the death...

Titan nodded in agreement with Milia's words. Many powers were eyeing the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp due to its economic value. Fortunately, Zero Wing had chosen to send itself into the jaws of death and give everyone a chance to lay claim to the resurrection camp.

"How is the gathering of our forces coming along?" Nineteenth Sword interrupted.

"The 42 Tier 6 experts stationed in the capital are already making their way here," Milia answered, smiling after checking the latest update report. "Once they arrive, we will have 70 Tier 6 experts here, far exceeding the Scarlet Merchant Alliance and Flaming Bee. At that time, not even the Star Dynasty can clash with us."

“Good! Have them hurry up a little,” Nineteenth Sword said, nodding. “If we don’t have enough forces by the time the Sun Dynasty starts its attack, those other powers might get the upper hand over us.”

“You can rest assured, Elder Sword,” Titan said. “According to our scouts, the Sun Dynasty seems to have learned of Zero Wing’s intention and is enraged by it. Originally, the Sun Dynasty had already stopped amassing its forces after gathering 4,000 players. But now, the Sun Dynasty has changed its mind and is looking to gather all Holy Guard members. This process will take at least a day. Our reinforcements would have long arrived by then.”

“Zero Wing truly has dug a hole for itself.” Even Nineteenth Sword couldn’t help but be stunned when he heard Titan’s report.

Originally, Nineteenth Sword estimated the Sun Dynasty would only send three or four thousand members of its Holy Guard. Even then, he would consider it an overestimation of Zero Wing’s strength. Yet, because of Zero Wing’s bold declaration to fight back, the Sun Dynasty was now looking to mobilize the entire Holy Guard against Zero Wing.

It should be known that the Holy Guard had 12,000 members. This was three times the original force the Sun Dynasty was going to use to attack the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. Zero Wing had truly dug a hole for itself this time.

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Crystal City of Secrets:

“All of our members are ready, Guild Leader. We can set off at any time,” Gentle Snow reported to Shi Feng with slight trepidation as she looked at the near-one thousand Zero Wing members who were brimming with fighting spirit.

Of the Zero Wing members gathered, all of them were fifth-floor experts. Many were also experts who had mastered Saint-ranked Mana Techniques. They were already the strongest combatants Zero Wing could muster. If these experts were annihilated, Zero Wing would be truly finished.

“Good! Let’s set out!”

After looking at everyone’s eager expressions, Shi Feng took out the Silverwing from his bag.

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## **Chapter 3655: Alternate Ending 729 - Steel and Iron**

## Chapter 729 – Steel and Iron

Crystal City of Secrets, Zero Wing's Residence:

"What is the Guild Leader doing?"

"It looks like he's retrieving something from his bag."

When the Zero Wing members gathered in the Residence's courtyard saw Shi Feng chanting an incantation at his bag, they couldn't help but grow curious.

Seeing as Shi Feng had gathered so many of Zero Wing's experts today, it was clear that they would be going to reinforce the Guild's resurrection camp in the World Ark. Yet, rather than hurrying over to the World Ark, Shi Feng was taking his time retrieving something from his bag.

While everyone was wondering what Shi Feng was retrieving, a gigantic spatial magic array suddenly appeared above the Residence.

The silver spatial magic array covered the entire Residence, its appearance causing a commotion both inside and outside the Residence.

A moment later, a flying ship forged entirely from iron and steel emerged from the magic array. The ship spanned over a thousand meters from bow to stern, and its gradual descent cast a dark shadow over the land beneath it. At first glance, the ship was akin to a floating mountain, and its appearance dumbfounded the Zero Wing experts in the courtyard.

"Is that a flying ship?"

"What's going on? Since when did our Guild have a flying ship?"

"Heavens! How can there be a flying ship this massive?! It's at least 1,200 meters long!"

At this time, even Fervent Samsara, who was familiar with many of the Greater God's Domain's secrets, couldn't help but be shocked by the sight of the Silverwing Flying Ship.

It should be known that the average flying ship in God's Domain only measured about one or two hundred meters long. Even the various pseudo-apex powers' prided Fine-Gold Flying Ships only measured about eight hundred meters long.

However, if placed beside the Silverwing, even Fine-Gold Flying Ships would look no different from infants standing beside an adult.



“Is this flying ship really the Silverwing, Guild Leader?” Gentle Snow asked. She couldn’t help but rub her eyes in doubt as she looked up at the flying ship above her.

Gentle Snow knew of Shi Feng’s intentions to modify the Silverwing. She had also seen the Silverwing’s original appearance.

Originally, the Silverwing was only a 500-meter-long flying ship armed with thirty cannons. Yet, the current Silverwing had not only tripled in size, but its armaments had also quadrupled in number. The ship’s three main cannons were especially noteworthy. Merely the mana fluctuations they naturally radiated were enough to make her heart palpitate.

It should be known that she was currently strong enough to rival Tier 6 Gods of the same level. There should be very few existences in the current Eternal Realm that could threaten her. Yet, she was now feeling the threat of death coming from a flying ship’s main cannons...

“Naturally,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “Only, the current Silverwing is at the Advanced Dark-Gold rank.”

“Advanced Dark-Gold?! Doesn’t that put it on the same level as *the* Obsidian?!” Gentle Snow exclaimed.

The Obsidian. It was currently the strongest known flying ship in the Greater God’s Domain, and it was owned by the Seven Luminaries Alliance. The Obsidian was without a doubt a strategic weapon for war, and it was rumored that one Obsidian Flying Ship had enough firepower to rival a God-ranked Fortress. Hence, Gentle Snow couldn’t help but be astonished to hear that the Silverwing was now equal to the Obsidian.

While watching the Silverwing gradually descend, Shi Feng asked Gentle Snow, “By the way, you’ve already had the selected 114 fifth-floor members sign a confidentiality contract, right?”

“All 114 members have signed it already. If they dare leak any information on the God Slayer Combat Puppet or transfer their assigned unit to a third party, they will permanently lose the ability to log into God’s Domain,” Gentle Snow said with certainty.

“Good.” Shi Feng nodded. Then, he instructed, “Also, before I give the command, tell them not to take out the God Slayer Combat Puppets under any circumstances.”

The Soul Lake Resurrection Camp was of utmost importance to Zero Wing. Not only was it an important source of income, but it also served as an assurance for the Guild to recruit Tier 6 experts in the Crystal City of Secrets.

With the Holy Race army being several times or possibly even dozens of times larger than the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp’s forces, the God Slayer Combat Puppets would

become one of the resurrection camp's primary trump cards. Hence, it was imperative that the Holy Race army remained ignorant of the God Slayer Combat Puppet's existence before the war began. Otherwise, their effectiveness in battle would plummet.

Combat puppets were often used as trump cards in wars between the various powers. When deployed at opportune moments, they could often achieve amazing results. It was especially so for Dark-Gold Combat Puppets.

Dark-Gold Combat Puppets came with Large Destruction Spells that could match Tier 6 Destruction Curses cast by Tier 6 Mage Gods. Even when operated by Tier 0 players who hadn't reached the Refinement Realm standard, Dark-Gold Combat Puppets could act as a mobile cannon and devastate battlefields. Naturally, in the hands of experts, Dark-Gold Combat Puppets could display even greater combat effectiveness.

Oftentimes, even a handful of Dark-Gold Combat Puppets were more than enough to turn the tides of a battle involving tens of thousands of experts. So, one could imagine just how terrifying a force of 114 Advanced Dark-Gold Combat Puppets manipulated by fifth-floor experts could be.

During the war between the two races in Shi Feng's previous life, even though the Holy Race had an overwhelming numerical advantage over the human race, human players still managed to hold their ground and put up a good fight. Ultimately, they even managed to stop the Holy Race army's advance in the Eternal Realm. Meanwhile, apart from the few monstrously powerful experts, the reason the human race managed to accomplish such a feat was largely due to war weapons.

Of course, war weapons were not without their flaws. It was especially so for Advanced Dark-Gold Combat Puppets like the God Slayer Combat Puppet. Simply powering up a God Slayer Combat Puppet already cost 500 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal, while every use of its Large Destruction Spells cost 50 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

If a Guild didn't have a sufficiently large stockpile of Seven Luminaries Crystals, it wouldn't matter how many war weapons it possessed. It wouldn't be able to afford to use them.

"Rest assured, Guild Leader. They won't make a move without your command. Moreover, to ensure they have sufficient firepower, I have assigned each of them 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. That should be enough to last them through the entire battle," Gentle Snow said excitedly.

Before Shi Feng's return, Gentle Snow could only despair whenever she considered facing the Sun Dynasty's encirclement. However, after seeing the 114 God Slayer Combat Puppets Shi Feng brought back, she immediately gained the confidence to trade blows with the Sun Dynasty.

Subsequently, Shi Feng had the near-1,000 experts gathered in the courtyard board the Silverwing. Then, under the gaze of the Crystal City's players, the Silverwing transformed into a silver glow as it flew toward the World Ark, its speed vastly superior to the flying transport ships docked at the city's airport.

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World Ark, Soul Lake:

As the battle between Zero Wing and the Sun Dynasty drew closer, the various powers' members and independent players started distancing themselves from the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, leaving only the members of Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation.

"It's been nearly a day, yet Zero Wing's forces have yet to show up."

"They probably got scared. I heard that many of the Sun Dynasty's subordinate powers have decided to join the crusade against Zero Wing because of the bounty the Sun Dynasty is offering. Even excluding the Sun Dynasty's forces, their forces totaled over 200,000 players. By now, they have already blocked the paths leading to the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, and even the Seven Luminaries Alliance's teams will have trouble reaching the camp."

"Quick, look! There's a flying ship approaching from over there!"

"Isn't that Zero Wing's six-winged emblem?!"

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## **Chapter 3656: Alternate Ending 730 - Unsheathed Sword**

Chapter 730 – Unsheathed Sword

Soul Lake, Resurrection Camp:

Although many players and powers had distanced themselves from the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp due to the upcoming war, the camp's player population hardly decreased. This was because Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation had gathered over 100,000 members at the camp.

In addition, Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation had also set up multiple large magic barriers and top-tier Magic Elven Cannons around the camp. The Magic Elven Cannons numbered as many as 300, and each could exhibit power at the Tier 6

standard. In static defenses alone, the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp was already superior to many of the Eternal Realm's fortresses.

"As expected of pseudo-apex powers. I didn't think you would manage to gather so many Tier 5 elites and war weapons on such short notice," Shi Feng said as he scanned the players in the resurrection camp.

At a glance, he could see that all of the Tier 5 experts in the camp were fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items and Common Secret Treasures. Some of them were even equipped with Combat Secret Treasures. Not even Zero Wing could equip so many players to such a standard.

"Unfortunately, this is still far from enough. As we are right now, we are far behind even the Sun Dynasty's three subordinate Guilds, let alone the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard," Frey said, shaking her head.

For the sake of defending the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, she had pulled all the strings she could and gathered 70,000 experts from the Red Dragon Nation. She would have preferred to gather even more experts if it was possible. Unfortunately, this was already most of the experts the Red Dragon Nation had operating in the Eternal Realm.

It was the same for Azure Fang. Only, Azure Fang managed to gather a little more experts than the Red Dragon Nation, its forces totaling 80,000.

Although the combined forces of Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation reached 150,000, they were still numerically disadvantaged compared to the 200,000-plus players the Sun Dynasty's three subordinate Guilds managed to gather. In a frontal confrontation, their chances of victory would be slim.

"Do you have any suggestions for the upcoming siege, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Garut asked.

Garut was honestly surprised that Zero Wing had only decided to mobilize about 1,000 players. Originally, he thought Zero Wing would at least send tens of thousands of Tier 5 experts to aid in the defense. That way, they wouldn't be too far behind in numbers compared to the Holy Race's side.

Yet, Zero Wing had only sent close to a thousand players. Although there were over a dozen Tier 6 experts among them, and some Tier 5 experts were equipped with the Eternal Magic Armor Equipment Set, they would be of little use in a battle involving hundreds of thousands of Tier 5 and Tier 6 Holy Race players.

The fact that Zero Wing had brought the behemoth known as the Silverwing didn't matter, either. Their chances of victory were still slim. After all, the Holy Race army attacking them had over 10,000 Tier 6 experts. Moreover, these were all experts trained to fight against other royal powers. They were much more superior compared to the

Holy Race players who had attacked the Seven Luminaries Alliance's resurrection camps previously.

"Rather than be on the defense, I am considering taking the fight to them. No matter what, a resurrection camp is not a stronghold. Even if you strengthen its defenses with magic barriers and arm it with various war weapons, once the battle begins, we will fare no differently than if we clashed with the enemy on an open field," Shi Feng said. "On the other hand, if we ambush the enemy's scattered Tier 6 combatants with small but elite assault teams, we can greatly reduce the enemy's top combatants before the main event."

The use of Tier 5 players in the upcoming battle would be limited, and Tier 6 players would be the main fighting force for both sides. If one side's Tier 6 players suffered annihilation, its remaining forces would be powerless to resist the other side's Tier 6 players.

Previously, in the defensive war led by the Seven Luminaries Alliance, they couldn't let too many Holy Race players enter the Alliance's resurrection camps as it would disrupt the occupation process. Hence, they had to stay in the camps to prevent anyone from sneaking through.

Now, though, the Sun Dynasty's goal was to target Zero Wing and eliminate all the forces stationed in the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. In such a situation, it would be foolish for them to stay inside the resurrection camp. It was especially so now that he had brought a bunch of Level 200-plus experts from his home God's Domain to the Eternal Realm.

In a defensive siege, the combat effectiveness of these Level 200-plus experts would be limited. However, if they were put in a field battle involving only tens of thousands of players, their strength would be overwhelming.

Of course, this was a secret Shi Feng did not plan on sharing with outsiders like Frey and Garut.

"Reducing their combat power before the main battle is indeed a good idea, but with our current forces, it really isn't ideal to do such a thing..." Frey said after pondering over Shi Feng's suggestion. "Based on the intelligence I've received, the Sun Dynasty's three subordinate Guilds are no pushovers. Each Guild has several hundred Tier 6 experts under their command. Even if they are scattered across the Soul Lake, each group should still have over a hundred Tier 6 experts. Meanwhile, the total number of our Tier 6 combatants is only a little over a hundred. We will need to concentrate all of our Tier 6 combatants into one team if we want to eliminate any of their teams within a short time."

"I agree. Even with your current strength, we can, at most, afford to form two assault teams, Guild Leader Black Flame," Garut said, nodding in agreement with Frey. "But if it

is just two assault teams, the damage we can do to the enemy will be negligible. We will also expose our top combatants, making it easier for the enemy to counter us.”

“One or two teams might not do the trick, but what about ten?” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

“Ten assault teams?”

Frey and Garut couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in confusion. They failed to understand what was going through Shi Feng's head.

Their three Guilds only had a little over a hundred Tier 6 experts. If they were to form ten assault teams, each team would only receive about a dozen Tier 6 experts. They'd be sending their forces straight into the jaws of death if they tried pitting a dozen Tier 6 human experts against a hundred Tier 6 Holy Race experts.

“You two don't have to worry about this. Zero Wing's members will take on the responsibility of attacking the enemy's Tier 6 experts. I only need you to send some scouts to determine the positions of the enemy forces,” Shi Feng said, not bothering to explain himself. “If there are no more problems, let's quickly get things into motion. The enemy's Tier 6 experts will start to group up if we drag our feet for too long.”

Shi Feng's words stunned Frey and Garut. However, since they couldn't think of a good reason to object to Zero Wing shouldering all responsibilities for attacking the enemy, they agreed to provide several hundred scouts for reconnaissance. Even if these scouts were annihilated, it wouldn't result in much losses to their two Guilds.

Subsequently, Shi Feng had Phoenix Rain and the other players from his home God's Domain form nine assault teams and scattered them across the Soul Lake. Then, he hopped onto the Silverwing with Zero Wing's main force members and flew to the border connecting the Soul Lake with the frontline maps.

It was already known that the Holy Race army was continuously gathering their forces at the border, so they would definitely find some enemies there.

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Meanwhile, shortly after Zero Wing arrived at the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp with the eye-catching Silverwing, news of Zero Wing's arrival quickly reached the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard.

“Zero Wing's Guild Leader has arrived at the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, Your Highness,” Heavenly Ape Saint, who was currently a Level 181, Tier 6 player, cautiously reported to a woman with a stunning appearance and slender figure. “However, it doesn't look like he is as tough as he makes himself out to be. According to our investigations, Black Flame only brought a thousand players to reinforce the resurrection camp. It is obvious he is afraid we will wipe out Zero Wing's forces. As



things stand, the three Guilds' armies will be more than enough to destroy the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp."

"I thought the person who killed my foolish little brother would be someone incredible, but it seems I have overestimated him." After hearing Heavenly Ape Saint's report, the woman named Daystar nonchalantly commanded, "Let's not waste any more time, then. Have our gathered forces move out immediately. I want to be back in the core area in half an hour."

"Understood!"

Heavenly Ape Saint respectfully withdrew and began instructing the gathered members of the Holy Guard to advance on the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp immediately.

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## **Chapter 3657: Alternate Ending 731 - Zero Wing's Elites**

### **Chapter 731 – Zero Wing's Elites**

Following the news of Zero Wing's Silverwing arriving at the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, the three Holy Race Guilds that had entered the Soul Lake quickly went into action.

The Sun Dynasty was a royal power of the Holy Race, so although the three Guilds were subordinates of the Sun Dynasty, they were still vastly superior to the average human Guild. Presently, each of the three Guilds had gathered around 90,000 experts to encircle and attack the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, their combined forces exceeding 270,000. In addition, they had close to 1,500 Tier 6 experts in total. With these forces, they wouldn't fear clashing against even the Seven Luminaries Alliance.

"Of all the places the Vice Guild Leaders could have assigned us to, why did they assign us to receive the new arrivals? What rotten luck we have! By the time we move out, we'll probably have nothing left to do."

"I know, right? I can only hope that Zero Wing will last a little longer. Otherwise, we'll earn barely any Guild Contributions on this trip."

At the entrance to the Soul Lake, a group of Tier 6 Holy Race experts stood atop a mountain, watching team after team of Holy Race players cross the canyon below. The canyon served as the gateway to the Soul Lake, and these experts were assigned by the three Holy Race Guilds to watch over it. However, as they watched their allies cross the canyon and disappear into the Soul Lake, they couldn't help but feel envious.



The reason for their behavior was the generous bounty the Sun Dynasty had placed on Zero Wing. Anyone who successfully killed a Zero Wing member would earn Guild Contribution Points from the Sun Dynasty, which was a huge opportunity for Holy Race players.

In the Holy Race's Greater God's Domain, the ten royal powers had monopolized 99% of all precious resources. Their monopoly over high-ranking Holy Arts and materials needed to repair Legendary Weapons and Equipment was especially firm. This made it incredibly difficult for other powers to get their hands on these resources. If they wished to get their hands on these precious resources, their only options were to either become strong enough to replace a royal power or subordinate themselves to a royal power.

Of course, even after a Guild subordinated itself to a royal power, things wouldn't be smooth sailing for all its members. As royal powers would only grant their subordinate Guilds a limited amount of precious resources, the members of a subordinate Guild typically had to use an exorbitant amount of the Guild's Contribution Points to exchange these resources. The types of resources they had access to were usually very limited as well.

But now, they had an opportunity to earn the Sun Dynasty's Guild Contribution Points directly, and all they needed to do was kill members of Zero Wing. Not only did this mean that they could exchange precious resources at a significantly cheaper price, but the variety of items they could exchange would also be much greater. They could even make a fortune by reselling the items they exchanged.

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Inside a certain tent on the mountaintop...

"How are preparations coming along on your side, Locust? The Holy Guard has already moved out. Once Her Highness Daystar takes action, there won't be anything left for us to do," a giant of a man who was ten meters tall, covered in holy patterns, and had messy hair said to the elegant middle-aged man resting beside him. "If the rumors about Black Flame killing Chalk Splendor are true, he should be able to rank in the Transcendent List. You know how hard it is to find opportunities to fight such experts. It'd be a pity if we don't even get to fight him."

The Holy Race's Transcendent List was similar to the Divine Glory List published by the Seven Luminaries Alliance. All those on the list were experts who would be remembered by history. They were also qualified to establish training centers and recruit disciples in the real world. Most importantly, they would qualify to live in the Holy Land, which was the dream of countless Holy Race players.

Unfortunately, 90% of the Transcendent List was monopolized by experts from royal powers, and no expert from other powers would ever dare to challenge these individuals. After all, the act of doing so was a provocation to the royal powers.

As a result, those not belonging to a royal power could only challenge the remaining 10% if they wanted to secure a place on the Transcendent List. However, there were so many players seeking to challenge the remaining 10% that the current waiting list was over a century. Unless they could come across one of these few Transcendent experts alone out in the fields, it would be nearly impossible for them to get into the Transcendent List.

But now, a new opportunity known as Black Flame had appeared.

It should be known that Chalk Splendor was a reserve candidate for the Transcendent List, and many powers had deemed it likely he could enter the Transcendent List in the future. Yet, Chalk Splendor had died in the hands of Black Flame, which meant that Black Flame was stronger than him. This meant that so long as someone could kill Black Flame, there was a high chance they could be put on the Transcendent List and skip the trouble of having to defeat an existing Transcendent expert.

“Black Flame is indeed strong, but it is an exaggeration to say that he has the strength to enter the Transcendent List,” the elegant man named Locust said contemptuously. “Don’t forget that the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s Verdant Rainbow was helping Black Flame when he killed Chalk Splendor.”

“Even so, it is still an incredible feat. If we can kill such an expert, we will get nominated for a reserve candidate spot at the very least,” the giant of a man said excitedly.

“Six Fingers has a point,” a woman with her eyes closed said. The woman sat alongside the giant and the elegant man, and she carried two sabers on her back. “If you’re not interested, Locust, leave Black Flame to me later on. I was originally planning to challenge one of the royal powers’ reserve candidates, but it will save me a lot of trouble if I can come across Black Flame.”

Locust was rendered speechless when he heard the woman’s words.

Sky Pillar Saintess, Myriad Blades!

She was a chosen one of the Sky Pillar Guild’s latest generation. Both she and Six Fingers, the giant of a man, were his rivals when it came to competing for a spot on the Transcendent List. If he allowed either of them to kill Black Flame, his entry into the Transcendent List would be delayed even further.

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While Locust, Myriad Blades, and Six Fingers were chatting inside their tent, the Silverwing had stealthily arrived within a thousand yards of the canyon’s entrance. Currently, the Silverwing was concealed with a Tier 5 Invisibility Scroll, and Shi Feng stood on its deck as he observed the Holy Race army stationed above the canyon.

"I'm done analyzing the energy fluctuations, Guild Leader. I detected over 30,000 energy signatures, and 414 of them are Tier 6," Fiery Heart, a Tier 5 Grand Wizard equipped with the God Chaser Set, reported through the team chat with certainty.

"That's quite a lot of Tier 6s. It seems we were right to come here first," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "Is everyone in position?"

For the current Eternal Realm's human powers, a force of 400-plus Tier 6 Holy Race experts would be considered a huge threat. However, it was a different story for the Tier 5 and Tier 6 experts from his home God's Domain, as well as Tier 6 experts like Gentle Snow.

"Everyone's in position and ready to take action!"

"Guild Leader, give us the command!"

Hidden Soul, Fire Dance, and four Level 200-plus, Tier 5 Assassins responded one after another to Shi Feng's question, each positioned next to a tent occupied by the Holy Race army's Tier 6 experts.

"Attack!"

After seeing that everyone was in position, Shi Feng promptly gave the command to attack.

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TL Notes:

[1]Sky Pillar Priestess:

I am unsure if this should be Holy Child, Holy Daughter, or Priestess. I might come back to make changes in the future.

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## **Chapter 3658: Alternate Ending 732 - Celebrity Black Flame**

Chapter 732 – Celebrity Black Flame

TL Notes:

Made a fix to Chapter 731:

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Subsequently, Shi Feng split Zero Wing's members into ten assault teams, making sure to evenly distribute Phoenix Rain and the other experts from his home God's Domain across the ten teams. Then, scattered the ten teams across the Soul Lake.

As for Shi Feng himself, he hopped onto the Silverwing with Zero Wing's main force members and flew to the border connecting the Soul Lake with the frontline maps. It was already known that the Holy Race army was continuously gathering their forces at the border, so they would definitely find some enemies there.

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Subsequently, Shi Feng had Phoenix Rain and the other players from his home God's Domain form nine assault teams and scattered them across the Soul Lake. Then, he hopped onto the Silverwing with Zero Wing's main force members and flew to the border connecting the Soul Lake with the frontline maps.

It was already known that the Holy Race army was continuously gathering their forces at the border, so they would definitely find some enemies there.

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Basically, it means that Zero Wing has only formed ten assault teams in total instead of eleven.

Upon receiving Shi Feng's command, Fire Dance and the others promptly took action against the tents they were stalking. Although the Advanced Tents used by the three Holy Race Guilds were protected by an energy barrier that could normally withstand multiple Tier 6 attacks, Fire Dance and the others shattered the barriers standing in their way with just a single attack.

Subsequently, before any of the Tier 6 Holy Race experts resting in the targeted tents could react, Fire Dance and the others swiftly brandished their daggers and short swords, stabbing their hearts and slitting their necks.

Each of the targeted tents housed between five and six players. Even though Holy Race players inherently possessed a lot of HP and Defense, they still died instantly to the attacks of Fire Dance and the others, which were close to rivaling the attacks of Tier 6 Gods.[1]

In the blink of an eye, six Advanced Tents were ambushed, and 31 Tier 6 Holy Race experts were killed.

"Ambush! Human Assassins are ambushing us!"

At the same time as Fire Dance and the others took action, a Tier 5 Holy Race expert patrolling nearby noticed their presence and promptly shouted to alert the others.

All of the Holy Race experts assigned to this location were battlefield veterans. The moment they heard someone alerting an ambush, whether it was those resting in tents or chatting somewhere, everyone promptly dropped what they were doing and rushed in the direction of Zero Wing's six Assassins. They even erected an energy barrier that covered the entire campsite, ensuring that the six Assassins could not escape.

"Commander Six! Emergency! Zero Wing's members have ambushed us! We have activated the Holy Power Barrier and trapped them in the campsite already!" a Tier 6 patrol reported urgently after entering the camp occupied by the three Guilds' army commanders.

"Zero Wing ambushed us?" Six Fingers couldn't help but be stunned by his subordinate's report. "Are you sure you're not mistaken?"

It should be known that their three Guilds already regarded Zero Wing as a fish on a chopping block. After all, according to their investigations, Zero Wing only had a little over one hundred Tier 6 experts defending its resurrection camp. That was only a fraction of what they had.

With so few Tier 6 experts, Zero Wing would have great difficulty even defending its resurrection camp. How could Zero Wing possibly take the initiative to attack their campsite, which had over four hundred Tier 6 experts?

However, before the Tier 6 patrol could answer Six Fingers, Locust had already put away the tent, revealing the sight of the aforementioned holy energy barrier shattering and several dozen figures descending from the sky.

"Black Flame!"

"That person is Zero Wing's Guild Leader Black Flame!"

The instant the several dozen figures appeared in the sky, many of the Holy Race players in the campsite immediately recognized Shi Feng and began shouting frantically. It was like Shi Feng was a candle in the dark, his presence being extraordinarily eye-catching.

"Since when did you become so famous among the Holy Race, Guild Leader?" Gentle Snow asked. She couldn't help but be stunned when she saw the Holy Race army down below behaving like a bunch of mortals who had just seen God descend upon them.

It should be known that just a moment ago, the Holy Race players in the campsite were in the middle of encircling Fire Dance's group of six. Yet, now, all of them were focusing

their attention on Shi Feng, behaving as if they had completely forgotten about the 31 Tier 6 experts Fire Dance's group had killed...

"I have no idea." At this time, even Shi Feng found this situation confusing.

Did he really have such a striking appearance?

It should be known that he was wearing a dark gray cloak that hid his equipment and weapons. He did not reveal any distinguishing features. Paired with his face, he should look the most inconspicuous of everyone on his team.

However, what Shi Feng did not know was that after he had killed Chalk Splendor, many Holy Race powers had deemed him an expert worthy of the Transcendent List.

Meanwhile, the Transcendent List was a ranking list known by all among the Holy Race. Even those who merely have the potential to enter the Transcendent List would have their faces memorized by most Holy Race players. Hence, the three Guilds' members had long memorized Shi Feng's appearance. And as experts who had developed their minds to a great extent, it was very easy to single out Shi Feng from his teammates.

"Tier 5 members, stay at least a thousand yards away from Black Flame!" Locust of the Leisure Prison Guild commanded sternly upon learning of Shi Feng's presence. "He's already stronger than Tier 6 Gods. Those weaker than Tier 6 Gods should prioritize targeting Zero Wing's other experts!"

At Locust's command, all the Holy Race experts obeyed without hesitation, solemn expressions on their faces. No one dared to underestimate Shi Feng. Treating him like a World Boss, they had only their core experts face him head-on while everyone else supported them from behind.

In only a moment, 23 Level 180-plus, Tier 6 Holy Race experts stepped forward, each strong enough to rival the human race's Tier 6 Gods. They then charged toward Shi Feng's landing location. As for the other Tier 6 Holy Race experts, they charged at the other Zero Wing members.

"How cautious of you all," Shi Feng said, still slightly surprised as he looked at the 23 experts standing before him.

As far as he could remember, Holy Race experts held great contempt for human experts. If Holy Race experts encountered human experts out in the fields, most would choose to fight one-on-one duels, even when they had the numerical advantage.

Yet, the campsite's 23 strongest Holy Race experts had chosen to attack him together. This was a situation far beyond the norm.

“Cautious?” Looking down at Shi Feng’s comparatively small figure, Six Fingers grimly said, “I don’t think so. When dealing with Limit Breakers like yourself, no amount of caution is excessive.”

In the Holy Race’s Greater God’s Domain, the term Limit Breaker was used to describe monstrously powerful players. More specifically, Limit Breakers were all monsters capable of ranking on the Transcendent List!

Previously, Six Fingers was partially convinced by Locust’s opinion that Shi Feng had only managed to kill Chalk Splendor thanks to the assistance of the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s chosen one. However, after seeing Shi Feng’s extraordinary use of the surrounding energy, Six Fingers immediately understood that Shi Feng wasn’t someone who needed to rely on others to kill Chalk Splendor.

If they wished to go against such a monster, they would have to gather all of their campsite’s strength to have any chance at victory.

“Locust and I will distract him, Six,” Myriad Blades whispered to Six Fingers and the others as she cautiously approached Shi Feng with Locust. “Take any opportunity you see, even if it means our deaths.”

After saying so, Myriad Blades unsheathed her sabers and charged at Shi Feng.

TL Notes:

[1]they still died instantly to the attacks of Fire Dance and the others, which were close to rivaling the attacks of Tier 6 Gods:

In this scenario, I believe that the attacks of the Level 200-plus, Tier 5 Assassins rival the attacks of Tier 6 Gods that are at Fire Dance and Hidden Soul’s level. So, somewhere around Level 180, considering that Gentle Snow is Level 180 as of Chapter 723.

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## **Chapter 3659: Alternate Ending 733 - Black Flame's Sword**

Chapter 733 – Black Flame’s Sword

“It’ll all be up to you, Six. I doubt Myriad and I can create many opportunities.”



When Locust saw Myriad Blades charging at Shi Feng, he put on a determined expression and raised the thorny wooden staff he wielded. Immediately, countless holy patterns started to form around him.

“Don’t worry. I understand.” Six Fingers solemnly nodded.

Logically, Six Fingers should have been the one to engage and distract Shi Feng since his ten-meter-tall body would make him the best fit for melee combat out of everyone present. Yet, Myriad Blades and Locust had chosen to take on this role instead.

As for why they had made such a decision, it was because Six Fingers owned an astonishingly destructive Holy Art called Heavenly Strike.

Heavenly Strike was a mysterious Holy Art Six Fingers had found in an ancient ruin, and it could exhibit power rivaling Holy Ancestor-ranked Holy Arts. Paired with his Fragmented Divine Artifact Radiance, he could overwhelm the defenses of even Ancient Gods of the same level. Hence, Myriad Blades and Locust had chosen to create opportunities for him to land attacks on Shi Feng.

Otherwise, if they tried to trade blows with a Limit Breaker like Shi Feng, the latter would eventually whittle them to death.

At the same time as Six Fingers nodded, Myriad Blades brandished her sabers and summoned a thousand holy armaments. These armaments came in various forms, such as sabers, spears, swords, axes, shields, and whips. Each armament had its respective strengths, and they all carried power at the Tier 6 God standard.

When Myriad Blades willed all of these holy armaments to attack Shi Feng, it was as if a thousand Myriad Blades were attacking Shi Feng together. Moreover, none of these holy armaments were restricted by HP, so they remained unfazed even when attacked.

Fusion Holy Art, Thousandfold Mirage!

Thousandfold Mirage allowed Myriad Blades to become a one-man legion, and it was the primary reason behind her confidence in challenging a royal power’s reserve candidate for the Transcendent List.

In the meantime, the elegant Locust suddenly revealed a ferocious expression, his eyes turning crimson as the wooden staff he wielded merged with his body. His body also became withered like dead wood and shrunk by several sizes. Then, once his transformation was complete, he turned into a stream of light as he charged at Shi Feng, his speed so fast that he could put Tier 6 Assassins to shame.

Fusion Holy Art, Sanguine Ascension!

Sanguine Ascension was the ultimate desperation move Locust had developed by combining a Holy Art with one of his Legacy Skills. When used, it allowed his Movement Speed and Attack Speed to achieve a qualitative leap, and nobody could keep up with him under the same tier. However, in exchange for this overwhelming speed, he would fall into a heavily injured state for a considerable time after using the Fusion Holy Art.

When Zero Wing's members saw Myriad Blades' and Locust's display of strength, they couldn't help but be shocked.

*Are those two monsters?*

Fervent Samsara was similarly shocked when he saw Myriad Blades' swarm of holy armaments and Locust's impossibly fast speed. Although he could keep up with Locust's speed thanks to his sixth sense, his body couldn't, especially not when Locust was constantly changing his attack and movement trajectories.

As of present, Fervent Samsara was certain he stood no chance against Myriad Blades and Locust, even in one-on-one situations.

*Thousandfold Mirage and Sanguine Ascension? Is the other one Heavenly Strike?* Shi Feng suddenly thought of three names when he saw the moves executed by Myriad Blades and Locust.

During the war between the two races in his previous life, many Holy Race experts had become famous in the human race's Greater God's Domain due to their feats. Among them, three were particularly outstanding, and they were Myriad Blades the Sky Pillar Saintess, Locust the Fleeting Wraith, and Heavenly Strike Six Fingers. Or, more specifically, their trademark moves were very well-known.

In the Sky Pillar Saintess's case, she had slaughtered an apex power's Holy City with her Thousandfold Mirage.

As for the Fleeting Wraith, he had single-handedly distracted Death Wind, one of Demon's Gate's Nine Great Experts. It should be known that Death Wind not only wielded a Divine Weapon but was also equipped with Divine Equipment. Under normal circumstances, even Shi Feng would not dare to fight Death Wind for too long. Yet, Locust had distracted Death Wind for half a day and safely retreated.

Similar to the other two, Six Fingers had accomplished an incredible feat that made him famous throughout the human race's Greater God's Domain. The feat in question involved killing one of the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Taboo existences with one almighty strike from his hammer, which instantly scared the million-strong army led by said Taboo existence into fleeing.

In his previous life, Shi Feng rather admired these three individuals. After all, these three individuals all dared to stand against the human race's apex powers by themselves. Only, he never thought he would face all three of them together right now.

"Black Flame! Let me see just how strong you are!"

Manipulating her holy armaments, Myriad Blades bombarded Shi Feng from all sides. Although it was a chaotic bombardment with no skill involved, it was the most effective method to deal with Limit Breakers like Shi Feng.

Limit Breakers of the human race were individuals who had gotten ahold of Primordial God Legacies and achieved strength beyond the limit in one aspect. When facing such overwhelming strength, techniques no longer mattered. In Myriad Blades' case, she could only rely on having an overwhelming numerical advantage to fight Shi Feng.

"Die!"

Despite seeing Myriad Blades' bombardment, Locust did not hesitate to join the fight. With his focus on Shi Feng's back, Locust kept moving around erratically in mid-air at extreme speeds. Even experts who had made significant progress in the Extrasensory Realm would have difficulty reacting to his movements.

If Chalk Splendor was currently standing in Shi Feng's position, even if he still had the Sunlight Blade with him, he would probably lose his life to the duo if he did not activate Sunlight Body preemptively. He might even die before he could even put up any form of defense.

*Bring it on!*

Seeing the display of raw power happening before him, Shi Feng started to feel a sense of danger. Immediately, he unsheathed and brandished the Winter of Eternal Night and Shadow Incinerator.

World of Frost!

Scorching Flame!

Sword's Orbit!

Flowing Light!

Suddenly, Shi Feng's level fell by one, and one hundred frost swords appeared around him. Although the frost swords were still vastly outnumbered by the holy armaments, when Shi Feng executed Sword's Orbit with them, the miniature stars they created instantly turned the tables on the holy armaments. Moreover, scorching flames

enveloped each star, and the rotation of the stars created a bright and scorching galaxy within a 1,000-yard radius of Shi Feng.

Subsequently, scorching stars and holy armaments clashed, causing powerful explosions and creating cracks in the Eternal Realm's space. Over ten thousand collisions took place in a mere moment, each collision sending a holy armament flying and leaving cracks in it.

At the same time, Shi Feng was constantly moving about in the air, and try as Locust might, he simply couldn't catch up to Shi Feng's constantly shifting position. All the while, Myriad Blades and Locust saw their Stamina and Concentration draining rapidly because of their ultimate moves.

*This... How is this possible?!*

*Aren't Limit Breakers supposed to have exceeded the limit in only one aspect?*

Whether it was Myriad Blades or Locust, they couldn't help but be dumbfounded by this situation. Not only did they fail to match Shi Feng in a clash of Strength, but they also failed to match him in speed.

For a moment, they even wondered if Shi Feng was human.

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## **Chapter 3660: Alternate Ending 734 - One-Hit Asura**

Chapter 734 – One-Hit Asura

“How strong!”

“That's the Sky Pillar Saintess and Fleeting Wraith we are talking about! How can Black Flame still hold the upper hand when fighting both of them?!”

“Is that guy a monster?”

As the intensity of the battle between Shi Feng and Myriad Blades and Locust grew, the Tier 6 Holy Race experts waiting for an opportunity to strike couldn't help but be astonished.

They had heard of Black Flame before. They also understood how powerful a Limit Breaker could be.

However, it should be known that Myriad Blades and Locust were not a couple of nobodies in the Holy Race. Despite not being members of a royal power, they were strong enough to put up a fight against experts on the Transcendent List. If given the opportunity, they could very well become experts on the Transcendent List.

Normally, if the two went all-out and worked together, even Divine Artifact owners would have a headache dealing with them.

Yet, Myriad Blades and Locust were being overwhelmed right now. Myriad Blades' holy armaments were constantly being struck down, while Locust couldn't even close the distance on Shi Feng, let alone find an opportunity to attack him. They could only watch as Shi Feng gradually wore down the holy armaments.

"Are you still not ready, Six? Myriad can't hold on for much longer!" Locust said anxiously through the team chat when he saw that Myriad Blades could only use her holy armaments for defense and nothing else.

Originally, Locust thought that with his extraordinary speed and reactions, paired with Myriad Blades' incredible control, Shi Feng should be rendered helpless in no time. But now, whether it was the speed he prided himself in or Myriad Blades' incredible attack rate, both were inferior to Shi Feng. Shi Feng's physical parameters were simply monstrous.

Now, only six seconds after their exchange began, they had already fallen into a complete disadvantage. In fact, he could already foresee Myriad Blades' holy armaments crumbling apart completely in a few seconds. Once that happened, it would take no more than an instant for him and Myriad Blades to die.

"Don't worry. I'm ready," Six Fingers responded with a grim chuckle. "Don't fault me if you die."

Upon hearing Six Fingers' response, Locust and Myriad Blades immediately noticed a gigantic phantom appearing a thousand yards away from them.

The phantom was in the image of Six Fingers, and it was several thousand meters tall. At this time, the phantom had already raised the mountainous hammer it wielded and smashed it down toward the area where they were fighting.

As the hammer descended, it cast a dark shadow over a 1,000-yard radius. At the same time, Fervent Samsara and the other Zero Wing members, who were fighting against the Holy Race's Tier 6 experts in the distance, felt a chill run down their spines.

The power of Taboos!

This was undoubtedly the power of Taboos!

The average Tier 6 player would be at risk of permanent death if they were so much as scratched by this attack, let alone getting hit directly.

“Die!”

Six Fingers bellowed with all his might as he glared at Shi Feng. At the same time, the phantom hammer accelerated its descent even further.

Heavenly Strike!

*Black Flame! You'll be dying with us here!* When Locust saw the descending hammer, he turned to look at Shi Feng with a sneer on his face.

Six Fingers' Heavenly Strike was not only powerful, but it also had a large attack radius. Even if Shi Feng had astonishing speed, there was no way he could get out of Heavenly Strike's 1,000-yard AOE in time. Not to mention, he still needed to deal with their distraction.

*Boom!*

A dazzling beam of light shot into the sky, reaching a height of 10,000 meters before stopping. When the beam of light faded, the mountain the Holy Race army had set up their campsite on had disappeared, and taking its place was a bottomless abyss.

“Is this Lord Six Fingers' Heavenly Strike?”

“Crap! Aren't we in the World Ark right now? How can an attack deform the World Ark's terrain to such an extent?!”

“I doubt even Black Flame can survive such a frightening strike.”

The three Holy Race Guilds' members gasped when they saw the devastation caused by Six Fingers' Heavenly Strike.

The World Ark was one of the few World Mode Regional Dungeons in the Eternal Realm. Its terrain was extremely sturdy, and even Tier 6 players would have difficulty damaging it. Yet, Six Fingers had erased an entire mountain in a single strike, effectively turning the entrance canyon into a basin. On top of that, he had also left behind a bottomless pit with a 1,000-yard radius. The power of his attack was simply unheard of.

*What a tough opponent Black Flame is. Had I come across him by myself, I would have no choice but to run.* Looking at the smoke rising from the bottomless abyss before him, Six Fingers couldn't help but feel fortunate he had Myriad Blades and Locust to keep Shi Feng distracted.

Although Heavenly Strike had astonishing power, Six Fingers needed a long time to conjure the required phantom. Without someone to distract his targets for him, in the six seconds it took him to conjure his phantom, even Tier 5 experts could easily move out of his attack range, let alone Tier 6 experts. If his opponents were confident in their strength, they could even attack and kill him while he was occupied. And seeing Shi Feng's astonishing speed and control, he did not doubt Shi Feng could kill him in six seconds.

While Six Fingers was thinking of commanding the surviving Tier 6 God-ranked experts to clean up the rest of Zero Wing's members, something amidst the dispersing smoke clouds caught his attention.

*Impossible!* Six Fingers was dumbfounded by the sight before him.

At this time, with one of his swords raised, Shi Feng could be seen holding back the mountainous phantom hammer, thoroughly preventing it from descending any further. Not only that, but he still had over 95% of his HP remaining...

"He's not dead?!"

"How can he still be alive?!"

The three Holy Race Guilds' members who were just about to rejoice were similarly dumbfounded by this situation, none willing to believe what they were seeing.

"Your attack is indeed extraordinary, but you chose the wrong opponent!"

Shi Feng did not bother to offer any explanations when he saw Six Fingers' look of shock. While using the Winter of Eternal Night to hold back the phantom hammer, he swung the Shadow Incinerator at Six Fingers, who stood over a thousand yards away.

Third Sword, Holy Annihilation!

Immediately, a tide of flames swept toward Six Fingers, the speed of the flames so fast that time in the surrounding area had seemingly stopped flowing as they moved.

"I won't let you kill me that easily!"

Six Fingers was no ordinary Holy Race expert. Almost at the same time as Shi Feng executed his attack, his powerful sixth sense made him lift his hammer to defend himself.

*Boom!*

The instant the scorching flames and hammer collided, Six Fingers' body flew away like a kite with its string severed, and his HP bar began to deplete at a visible rate.



60%... 30%... 10%...

When Six Fingers crashed into the mountain on the other side of the former canyon, his HP fell to zero, and he wore an astonished look as his body gradually dispersed into particles of light.

“Guild Leader?”

At this time, the three Holy Race Guilds’ members weren’t the only ones in shock. Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and the other Zero Wing members fighting against the Holy Race’s Tier 6 experts were similarly dumbfounded.

It should be known that even with their current strength, they wouldn’t dare say they could defeat someone as mighty as Six Fingers. Yet, this seemingly mighty individual failed to survive even one attack from Shi Feng...

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## **Chapter 3661: Alternate Ending 735 - Beams of Destruction**

Chapter 735 – Beams of Destruction

“Six Fingers is dead?”

“Impossible! This is Six Fingers we are talking about!”

“How can Lord Six Fingers die to one attack from a human Swordsman? Could there be some kind of bug in the World Ark?”

When the several hundred Tier 6 Holy Race experts present saw Six Fingers’ body fading away, they couldn’t help but be in disbelief.

It was bad enough that Six Fingers’ mighty Heavenly Strike had failed to kill Shi Feng, but the fact that Six Fingers couldn’t withstand one attack from Shi Feng was truly beyond their comprehension. It even challenged their understanding of God’s Domain.

If speaking purely in terms of Strength, Six Fingers was second to only Divine Artifact users. His Strength was so overwhelming that not even experts like Locust and Myriad Blades would dare to face him head-on. No matter how they thought about it, they simply couldn’t understand how this situation had come to be.

“Don’t just stand there!” When Shi Feng saw that Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and the others were still in a daze, he quickly reminded them, “The three army commanders

have been eliminated, so quickly take care of the remaining Tier 6 Holy Race experts! We don't have much time to waste here!"

The Sun Dynasty's three subordinate Guilds had mobilized nearly 300,000 players this time, of which about 1,500 were Tier 6 experts. Currently, these Tier 6 experts were scattered across the Soul Lake, so it was Zero Wing's best opportunity to eliminate them before the main battle. But now that they had attacked the entrance campsite, it went without saying news of their actions would reach the rest of the three Holy Race Guilds' forces.

If they wished to eliminate more Tier 6 experts before the main battle, they had to act quickly. Otherwise, once these Holy Race armies were prepared, the difficulty of dealing with them would increase exponentially.

Upon hearing Shi Feng's words, Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and the others quickly snapped out of their daze and started killing the Tier 6 Holy Race experts.

Out of all the Zero Wing members present, only Fiery Heart, who had just arrived in the Eternal Realm recently, remained unfazed by Shi Feng's strength. Before Shi Feng even voiced his reminder, she had already cast a Tier 5 Curse at a group of Level 180-plus, Tier 6 Holy Race experts.

Although Six Fingers was astonishingly powerful, he was only a Level 182 player. Even if he possessed Strength superior to Tier 6 Gods of the same level, it should be known that Shi Feng could already contend with Level 200, Tier 6 Gods when he first returned to their home God's Domain.

Level 200 was a massive turning point in God's Domain. Going from Level 199 to Level 200 would be akin to achieving a one-tier advancement. So, even before Shi Feng returned to their home God's Domain, his Strength was already superior to that of the current Six Fingers. After killing the First Generation Saint Ukarius, he had even leveled up to Level 191, his Basic Attributes improving by two minor thresholds.

In Shi Feng's current state, his attack could cause even Level 200, Tier 6 Gods to stumble. So, Fiery Heart didn't find it surprising that Six Fingers had died so abruptly.

While Zero Wing's members were cleaning up the Tier 6 Holy Race experts, someone from the three Holy Race Guilds quickly called for a retreat.

"Retreat! Retreat quickly!"

"We are no match for Black Flame! Only by gathering all of our Tier 6 experts and using a Large Combination Holy Art can we fight him!"

Suddenly, all of the Holy Race experts present began to flee in all directions, nobody having any intention of fighting Shi Feng's team to the death.

Seeing this, Gentle Snow and the others experienced a headache. Setting aside the 30,000-plus Tier 5 Holy Race experts, if the 400-plus Tier 6 Holy Race experts were determined to flee, they wouldn't be able to prevent more than a few from escaping.

"Have the ship's spirit cannons finished charging, Rampant?" When Shi Feng saw the Holy Race experts scattering, he promptly posed a question to Rampant Blade, who had stayed behind to pilot the Silverwing.

In reality, Shi Feng was more than capable of killing Locust, Myriad Blades, and Six Fingers as soon as their fight began. The reason he didn't do so was out of concern that he might frighten the three Holy Race Guilds' members into fleeing. If that happened, even he wouldn't be able to kill more than a couple of Tier 6 Holy Race experts before all of them escaped.

Hence, before getting off the Silverwing, Shi Feng had instructed Rampant Blade to begin charging the flying ship's one hundred Spirit Destruction Cannons and eight Floating Spirit Cannons.

The attacks of the Spirit Destruction Cannons and Floating Spirit Cannons were Destruction Spells with massive AOE's. Although the power of these cannons was inferior to his attacks, it still wasn't something ordinary Tier 6 experts could afford to receive recklessly.

If all 128 Spirit Cannons fired together, their combined effect would be many times greater than if he were to use Holy Annihilation or Dark Moon many times in quick succession.

"All 128 Spirit Cannons are fully charged, Guild Leader!" Rampant Blade reported excitedly as he looked at the charging indicators on the 100 Spirit Destruction Cannons and 28 Floating Spirit Cannons.

"Good! Fire!" Shi Feng commanded without hesitation.

*Boom! Boom! Boom!*

Immediately, all of the Spirit Destruction Cannons and Floating Spirit Cannons aboard the Silverwing fired simultaneously, each unleashing a beam covering a 3,000-yard radius onto the fleeing Holy Race players. If caught in the middle of these beams' striking radius, not even Tier 6 players could run to safety in time, and they'd have no choice but to defend against the destructive beams.

When all 128 beams descended, a blinding light enveloped the Soul Lake's entrance, covering a radius of tens of thousands of yards. From a distance, it looked as if the land was being purified.

None of the Tier 5 Holy Race experts could resist the Spirit Destruction Cannons, all of them vaporized the instant they made contact with the beam attacks. As for the Tier 6 Holy Race experts, although one beam was not enough to kill them, each beam still shaved off a visible chunk of their HP. After suffering 128 beam attacks, even the Holy Race experts who could rival Tier 6 Gods of the same level were reduced to ashes.

After the beams of destruction dissipated, the three Holy Race Guilds' campsite had become a barren wasteland. Apart from a few Holy Race experts who managed to escape with the help of lifesaving tools, the rest were all dead.

*Is this the power of an Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ship?*

Gentle Snow couldn't believe her eyes as she looked at the vast expanse of scorched earth before her. Of the 30,000-plus Holy Race experts stationed at this campsite, 99% were killed in an instant. Even God-ranked Holy Race experts were no exception.

Over a dozen Tier 6 God-ranked experts!

Apart from apex powers, no other human power could go up against such a force in the current Eternal Realm. Yet, in front of the Silverwing, these God-ranked experts were no different than cannon fodder.

Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss were similarly shocked by this development. Although they had long known that the Silverwing was a high-ranking flying ship, they never thought it could be *this* frightening. The firepower of this flying ship was even greater than that of a Void Fortress.

"Guild Leader, nearly 100 Tier 6 Holy Race experts escaped before the attack connected," Rampant Blade reported the information he got from the Silverwing's exploration magic array.

"So be it. Everyone, back on the ship! We must eliminate as much of the Holy Race army's forces as possible before news spreads!"

Shi Feng wasn't particularly surprised by Rampant Blade's report. Immediately, he commanded everyone to return to the Silverwing and head for another campsite the Red Dragon Nation and Azure Fang had discovered.

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While Shi Feng's team was making its way to another campsite, Zero Wing's nine other assault teams also began their attack on the Holy Race army one after another.

"The Holy Race army's campsite is just ahead. Are you sure you want to attack it, Vice Guild Leader Phoenix?" Unrestrained Lionheart, the vice commander of the Red Dragon

Nation's main force, couldn't help but ask Phoenix Rain as he looked at the Holy Race's campsite in the distance.

Truth be told, Unrestrained Lionheart was full of apprehension as he followed Phoenix Rain, Zero Wing's newly appointed Vice Guild Leader, to attack the Holy Race army. This was because he had never heard of Phoenix Rain until today. Moreover, most of the players in Phoenix Rain's team were only Tier 5 players.

It should be known that the campsite they were targeting housed over 10,000 Holy Race players, of which over a hundred were Tier 6 players. Yet, Phoenix Rain was looking to attack it with only a team of ten...

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## **Chapter 3662: Alternate Ending 736 - Frightened Holy Race**

### **Chapter 736 – Frightened Holy Race**

“Naturally.”

Standing amidst a primordial forest with an Advanced Black Cloak concealing her information, Phoenix Rain responded confidently to Unrestrained Lionheart's anxiety.

Before Phoenix Rain came to the World Ark, Shi Feng had already informed her of the general situation of the Eternal Realm and Zero Wing, so she knew that Zero Wing needed to defend its resurrection camp at all costs. Otherwise, Zero Wing would lose access to Holy Ring City, and its development would lag behind the other powers over time.

It should be known that most powers operating in the Eternal Realm had scattered large amounts of manpower across the Eternal Realm's various NPC Cities. Not only were these NPC Cities gathering places for a large number of players during the Eternal Realm's initial stages, but the real estate of these NPC Cities was also an opportunity for the various powers to generate astronomical wealth.

With Zero Wing's current development being limited to just one city, it wouldn't matter how well Zero Wing fared in the Eternal Realm. At the end of the day, Zero Wing still couldn't generate enough wealth to compete against the various powers that were operating in numerous NPC Cities.

To make matters worse, Zero Wing had very few Tier 6 experts under its command presently. This, in turn, limited how many resource nodes it could occupy in the Eternal Realm. Even if Zero Wing currently possessed the ability to increase a player's chances

of advancing to Tier 6, the Guild would still need experts with the potential to reach Tier 6 before it could start to produce Tier 6 experts.

Although the Crystal City of Secrets had a large player population, it was still just one city. Compared to the players populating the many NPC Cities across the Eternal Realm, the Crystal City's player population was minuscule. At this rate, it wouldn't be long before the various powers would have more Tier 6 experts than Zero Wing. Once that happened, there would be very little Zero Wing could do to catch up.

If Zero Wing wished to stand a chance against the various conglomerates and pseudo-apex powers, its only hope now was to defend its resurrection camp and rely on it to generate wealth and expand Zero Wing's territory.

"If you insist... But please be careful, Vice Guild Leader Phoenix." Hearing Phoenix Rain's determined response, Unrestrained Lionheart reminded, "According to our scouts, the campsite has at least three God-ranked experts. If you find yourself not a match, retreat as soon as possible. If your Tier 5 teammates get killed by any of those three, they might permanently lose access to God's Domain."

"At least three God-ranked experts?" Sinful Flame, a legendary individual and an Elder of the Azure Chamber of Commerce, licked the edges of his mouth in excitement when he heard Unrestrained Lionheart's words. "I never thought I would get an opportunity to become a challenger at my age."

"You better not hog them all to yourself, Elder Flame. At least leave some for me," Phoenix Rain said, chuckling when she saw Sinful Flame's enthusiastic behavior.

Due to the limited number of Tier 6 experts and fourth-floor experts in their home God's Domain, she had very few opponents she could spar with ever since she advanced to Tier 6. However, that was no longer the case now that she had arrived in the Eternal Realm.

Meanwhile, similar to Sinful Flame, she wanted to spar with as many Tier 6 experts as she could. It would be even better if they were fourth-floor experts and above. Whether she won or lost these fights, she would benefit from them massively.

"No can do. Also, we must agree to a first come, first served basis. Nobody is allowed to interfere with each other's fights," Sinful Flame said, rolling his eyes at Phoenix Rain. He showed no intention of making concessions to his juniors.

"Fine." Phoenix Rain helplessly nodded.

Meanwhile, Unrestrained Lionheart was exasperated when he heard the conversation between Sinful Flame and Phoenix Rain.

Arrogant!

These two individuals were wildly arrogant!

God-ranked experts were respected and feared by the various upper-ranking hegemonic powers in the Greater God's Domain. Yet, Sinful Flame and Phoenix Rain regarded God-ranked experts as merely sparring partners. It should be known that these two individuals were merely fourth-floor experts. They were leagues inferior to the Holy Race's God-ranked experts.

Even if Sinful Flame and Phoenix Rain worked together, they would stand no chance against a God-ranked expert from the Holy Race. In fact, they would still lose even if the God-ranked expert gave them a handicap of an arm and a leg. Yet, they were now boldly claiming that they were going to challenge multiple God-ranked experts by themselves...

"Everyone, move out!"

When Phoenix Rain saw one of the Holy Race's Level 181 God-ranked experts emerging from an Advanced Tent, she suddenly issued a command to move out before charging forward by herself, behaving nothing like a proper leader.

"You shameless little girl!" Sinful Flame stamped his feet angrily at Phoenix Rain's behavior. However, when he saw that Phoenix Rain had already gained a head start of several hundred yards, he promptly charged at the Advanced Tent that the Level 181 God-ranked expert had emerged from.

As for the eight Tier 5 Zero Wing members on Phoenix Rain's team, they charged forward in a frenzy. As if afraid they wouldn't be noticed, they even went as far as to shout a battle cry as they advanced on the Holy Race army.

*Lunatics! These people are a bunch of lunatics!* Unrestrained Lionheart was dumbfounded when he saw Zero Wing's team initiating a frontal confrontation.

Weren't they supposed to ambush the enemy?! How was this anything like an ambush?!

At this time, aside from Unrestrained Lionheart, the Red Dragon Nation's scouts, who were observing the Holy Race's campsite from afar, were similarly stunned by this situation.

If they didn't know any better, they would think that Zero Wing's 10-man team was secretly backed by a 100,000-man army. After all, these Zero Wing members behaved nothing like a 10-man team would when advancing on a 10,000-man army.

Naturally, Zero Wing's unrestrained shouting caught the attention of the Holy Race army in no time. Immediately, the Holy Race players stationed in the campsite emerged from



their tents and quickly grouped into parties, intending to use Combination Holy Arts to retaliate against the attacking enemy.

“What’s going on? Why are there only ten players?”

“Are these human players playing a joke on us?”

After the Holy Race players got into positions, they couldn’t help but doubt their eyes when they saw the approaching Zero Wing members.

Ten players!

A team of ten players actually dared to charge at their army of 10,000! Not only that, but only two among these ten players were Tier 6 experts! If they didn’t know any better, they’d think they were being attacked by a team of God-ranked experts armed to the teeth!

While the Holy Race players were pondering how they should deal with Zero Wing’s deranged members, Phoenix Rain suddenly raised her staff into the air. Immediately afterward, a twofold magic array for a Tier 6 Curse that covered the entire campsite suddenly appeared, shocking all of the Holy Race players in the campsite.

However, what shocked the Holy Race players wasn’t the fact that Phoenix Rain had double-cast a Tier 6 Curse, but the mana that was being used to power the Tier 6 Curse!

Phoenix Rain’s mana was as solid as steel, and not even the mana of Tier 6 Gods could compare!

Upon sensing the mana in the twofold magic arrays, even the Holy Race’s God-ranked experts, who were initially thinking of ridiculing Zero Wing’s members, shuddered involuntarily.

“She’s beyond Gods?”

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## **Chapter 3663: Alternate Ending 737 - Silent Battlefield**

Chapter 737 – Silent Battlefield

TL Notes:

I previously mentioned that the raws I received for Chapter 505 were missing a section. Well, I've found the completed version and made the necessary changes.

Original:

The only problem was that these undeveloped lands were located far from any NPC strongholds, and reaching them required a lot of time, even with the help of Legendary Flying Mounts. It might not be a problem if players only needed to travel to these places once, but the time players wasted on travel would quickly pile up if they had to make multiple trips.

This was where Guild Cities came in. To establish a Guild City in the Eternal Realm, players would need to have the City Building Order, and to obtain a City Building Order, players would need to explore and raid the Hundred Eyes Canyon.

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Edited:

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However, establishing a Guild Stronghold in the Eternal Realm was a challenging task. Not only did the construction of a Guild Stronghold require an astronomical amount of Eternal Gold Coins, but a City Building Order was also needed.

To make matters worse, it was incredibly difficult to obtain a Lord's Certificate. Even the pseudo-apex powers in the current Eternal Realm would need to mobilize all their forces to acquire one. Meanwhile, the Hundred Eyes Canyon was one of the few places where players could obtain City Building Orders.

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Also, "Lord's Certificate" changed to "City Building Order."

Tier 6 Curse, Endless Requiem!

This was the only Large-scale Destruction Spell in Phoenix Rain's repertoire. Even with the powerful suppression that the World Ark's environment placed on mana, Endless Requiem could still cover a 1,000-yard radius in a deathly gale that eroded all life.

Of course, Endless Requiem wasn't all-powerful. Setting Tier 5 players aside, any decently equipped Tier 6 player caught within the Tier 6 Curse's AOE should have no trouble surviving it under normal circumstances.

However, it should be known that Phoenix Rain was currently Level 212 and equipped with the God Chaser Set. In terms of power, her Endless Requiem would be stronger than even that of Level 200, Tier 6 Gods. It was no longer a Large-scale Destruction Spell that players under Level 200 could withstand.

"Dammit! Stop her!" one of the Holy Race army's leaders shouted as he pointed at Phoenix Rain.

Almost immediately, the four God-ranked Holy Race experts stationed in the campsite charged at Phoenix Rain. They understood what they needed to do, and they did not hesitate to take action for even a moment.

On the other side, Phoenix Rain naturally noticed the four Level 180-plus God-ranked experts charging at her. However, even when the four God-ranked experts arrived within 500 yards of her, she did not stop channeling her Endless Requiem. Instead, she simply raised her free hand at the four experts.

Triple speed-casting, Tier 6 Spell, Thunder Dragon's Halberd!

Suddenly, three crimson lightning bolts shot out from Phoenix Rain's hand and targeted three of the four approaching God-ranked experts. Each lightning bolt also split into countless branches as they closed in on its target, covering a much greater area and making evasion impossible. As a result, the three targeted God-ranked experts could only gather their Holy Aura to defend themselves.

*Boom!*

Following a loud explosion, the three Level 181, Tier 6 God-ranked experts were sent flying back over a hundred yards, and their HPs fell by nearly 50%. One of them even had his arm crippled because he had failed to deflect Phoenix Rain's attack completely.

"Who is she?"

The Holy Race players in the campsite felt their worldview challenged when they saw this development.

Just by raising her hand, Phoenix Rain, a human Mage God, had crippled one God-ranked expert and injured two...

While the Holy Race players in the campsite were in shock, the fourth God-ranked expert had arrived within 50 yards of Phoenix Rain. However, before he could attack Phoenix Rain, a gray-clad old man suddenly appeared before him and swung a knight's

sword at his neck. This situation left him with no choice but to try to block and deflect the attack.

*Clang!*

When both sides clashed, a crisp sound echoed across the battlefield. Immediately afterward, the Holy Race army's fourth God-ranked expert could be seen being sent flying like a cannonball. It was also obvious that the God-ranked expert had sustained serious injuries as even after crashing into the ground, he failed to get up right away.

An existence beyond Gods!

It was another existence beyond Gods!

In a mere team of ten, there were actually two experts who were above Gods!

Before the Holy Race players in the campsite could wrap their minds around this mind-boggling situation, the remaining eight members of Zero Wing's assault team also began their attack, bombarding the campsite with a series of arrows and Spells.

Although these eight Zero Wing members were only Tier 5 players, they were all at Level 210 and equipped with the Epic God Chaser Set. The power of their attacks could rival Level 180, Tier 6 Gods. With their opponents being only a bunch of Level 180 players, it went without saying they could deal devastating damage.

Subsequently, the attacks of eight Tier 5 Zero Wing members could be seen obliterating any Tier 5 Holy Race player they came into contact with. As for the Tier 6 Holy Race experts struck by these attacks, although they didn't die on the spot, they still sustained heavy injuries, proving that they weren't strong enough to confront the attacks directly.

The eight Tier 5 Zero Wing members were effectively invincible as they clashed with the Holy Race army, killing several dozen Tier 5 Holy Race experts with their every attack and heavily injuring Tier 6 Holy Race experts. As for the Tier 6 Shadow Knight Sinful Flame, he was akin to the Grim Reaper on the battlefield, eliminating every Holy Race expert in his path without fail.

In only three seconds, Sinful Flame and the eight Tier 5 Zero Wing members had already killed over a thousand Holy Race players, reducing the campsite's population by nearly 10%...

*Am I hallucinating?*

Unrestrained Lionheart couldn't help but rub his eyes as he watched the slaughter before him. He seriously suspected he was hallucinating.

It was already unbelievable that Zero Wing's 10-man assault team had two Taboo-level existences. Yet, as if that wasn't enough, the remaining eight members of the team were also existences slightly stronger than the average God-ranked experts[1]. Most importantly, these eight individuals were only Tier 5 players.

It should be known that Unrestrained Lionheart was an Elder of the Red Dragon Nation. However, even after ascending to Tier 6, he was still much weaker compared to God-ranked experts of the same level. Unless he could gather a full set of Legendary Equipment for himself, he could never hope to fight God-ranked experts of the same level.

Yet, Zero Wing's eight Tier 5 members could not only fight God-ranked experts, but they were even winning with an overwhelming advantage...

As Unrestrained Lionheart grappled with reality, the Holy Race army suffered another thousand casualties. The Holy Race army, once a symbol of fear for the various human powers, was now crumbling apart like a house of cards before the relentless onslaught of Zero Wing's assault team.

*With such frightening teams under his command, it's no wonder Black Flame can hold the Skylight Association's partnership offer in contempt. If Nineteenth Sword learns of this, he'll probably regret ever making an enemy out of Zero Wing.*

When Unrestrained Lionheart saw how easily Phoenix Rain's team was massacring an army of 10,000-plus Holy Race players, he suddenly started to pity Nineteenth Sword.

It should be known that Zero Wing had dispatched ten assault teams to ambush the Holy Race army scattered across the Soul Lake. Even if the other teams were slightly weaker than Phoenix Rain's team, the difference shouldn't be significant.

With such a force under Zero Wing's command, even if all of the pseudo-apex powers currently operating in the World Ark joined forces, they still couldn't afford to provoke Zero Wing. Yet, the Skylight Association's Nineteenth Sword had declared he would make it impossible for Zero Wing to survive in the World Ark...

"Everyone, gather on me! I'm activating the Holy Aegis!"

As Zero Wing's assault team members continued their slaughter, the Holy Race army's commander took out a holy totem from his bag and chanted an incantation. Subsequently, numerous protective screens made of holy power formed around the campsite, isolating the Holy Race army from Zero Wing's members. At the same time, a barrier covering a 1,000-yard radius formed around Zero Wing's members, trapping them inside.

“Someone, contact the rest of the army! Inform them that Zero Wing’s main force is attacking us and that we have trapped them here! Have them send reinforcements immediately!” the army commander commanded.

Now, they only had to wait for reinforcements from the rest of the army to eliminate Phoenix Rain and the others.

Admittedly, Phoenix Rain and her teammates were very strong. On a battlefield involving only ten thousand players, they could exhibit heaven-defying strength. However, their strength would become insignificant when faced with the three Holy Race Guilds’ army of 200,000-plus experts.

The three Guilds had gathered over a hundred God-ranked experts this time, so annihilating eight God-ranked experts would be child’s play. They also had Large-scale Combination Holy Arts that, when executed by a hundred Tier 6 God-ranked experts, could obliterate even Taboo-level existences.

*Have these Guilds lost their minds?! Why would they use a defensive treasure like Holy Aegis here?!* Unrestrained Lionheart revealed an ugly look when he saw the protective screens that had formed around the Holy Race army’s campsite.

Holy Aegis was a famous single-use tool among the Holy Race as it could withstand many attacks from even Taboo-level existences. However, due to its rarity, each Holy Aegis was worth as much as a Legendary Weapon, and even the Holy Race’s royal powers did not have many, let alone the subordinates of royal powers.

If Phoenix Rain’s team couldn’t break out in time, their fates would be sealed once the rest of the Holy Race army arrived.

While Unrestrained Lionheart was having a panic attack, the members of the three Holy Race Guilds calling for reinforcements inside the Holy Aegis suddenly revealed dumbfounded expressions.

“Requesting reinforcements! Our coordinates are 154.445! We have discovered Zero Wing’s Taboo-level main force members!”

“Screw you! We have also discovered Zero Wing’s Taboo-level main force members! There are three of them here! We have already trapped them using Holy Aegis, so hurry up and send reinforcements!”

TL Notes:

[1]...slightly stronger than God-ranked experts:

This line is written in Unrestrained Lionheart’s perspective, so the “God-ranked experts” here are referring to Level 180, Tier 6 God-ranked experts. Phoenix Rain and the others

are equipped with the Advanced Black Cloak, so Unrestrained Lionheart is unaware of their actual levels.

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## Chapter 3664: Alternate Ending 738 - New Legend

### Chapter 738 – New Legend

World Ark, Soul Lake Resurrection Camp:

Following the arrival of Zero Wing's reinforcements, the atmosphere in the resurrection camp became incomparably tense and gloomy. It was especially so for the Red Dragon Nation's and Azure Fang's members. Although they kept setting up magic arrays and war weapons around the camp's perimeter, they wore grim expressions as they did so.

After all, their opponents this time were the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard and an army of 200,000-plus Holy Race experts formed by the Sun Dynasty's three subordinate Guilds. Not even the Seven Luminaries Alliance's resurrection camps could defend against such a force. So, even though the Red Dragon Nation, Azure Fang, and Zero Wing worked together, their chances of successfully defending the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp were slim.

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"What do you think Zero Wing is trying to do, Milia? I thought they were sending their flying ship to aid in the defense, but it left again shortly after arriving. The Red Dragon Nation and Azure Fang also sent out a bunch of scouts to investigate the Holy Race army. Could they be planning an ambush?" Titan asked out of curiosity as he observed the situation inside the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp with the help of a Magic Mirror. "I've also heard other Guilds saying that Black Flame has gone toward the three Holy Race Guilds' campsite with a small team. Does he really think he can turn this Guild War around all by himself?"

"How should I know?" Milia answered, shaking her head. Then, a solemn look suddenly appeared on her face as she continued, "But based on our scouts' reports, the forces the three Holy Race Guilds have scattered across the Soul Lake seem to be in disarray right now."

"Did Black Flame really initiate an attack on them?" Titan asked, revealing a look of interest. "If that's the case, we should go over and take a look. The Seven Luminaries Alliance has placed Black Flame on the latest edition of the Divine Glory List. He's even ranked among the top 300 despite having only reached Tier 6 recently. This is the same



treatment Spear Paradise received when he debuted after killing a Level 200-plus Ancient God.”

By now, Black Flame had already become a hot topic for many players in the Greater God’s Domain, and the cause behind it was the latest edition of the Divine Glory List.

The Divine Glory List was a ranking list that recorded the Greater God’s Domain’s apex powerhouses. Although it wasn’t perfect, it was still very reliable, and it held vastly greater influence in the Greater God’s Domain than the Luminous and Sacred Glory Lists.

As for why everyone was discussing Black Flame specifically, it was because he had debuted on the Divine Glory List. Not only that, but he had also debuted with a ranking in the top 300, even though Black Flame had only advanced to Tier 6 recently. This was a treatment the Seven Luminaries Alliance had rarely offered in the past century.

It should be known that anyone capable of entering the Divine Glory List would be an existence capable of trading blows with a Level 200, Tier 6 God at the very least.

In addition, the Seven Luminaries Alliance would rarely assign debutants a high ranking on the Divine Glory List. For example, although there were some debutants who had proven themselves capable of trading blows with Ancient Gods, most of them had only debuted with a ranking in the top 500.

As for why the Seven Luminaries Alliance would do so, it was to ensure the accuracy of the Divine Glory List. After all, a single battle wasn’t enough to give a full picture of a player’s strength. It was entirely possible that the player just so happened to have performed outstandingly in that particular battle. It could also be that they had taken advantage of unique circumstances, such as the enemy being weakened prior to the battle. Only by evaluating players across multiple battles could the Seven Luminaries Alliance make an accurate evaluation.

Of course, this didn’t mean that the Seven Luminaries Alliance was arbitrary in its decision to give Black Flame his current rank. The Alliance had clearly indicated on the Divine Glory List that Black Flame had received his ranking because of his achievement of killing Chalk Splendor, a Holy Child of the Sun Dynasty. The Alliance had also indicated that Chalk Splendor was wielding the Sunlight Blade, a Divine Weapon, at the time.

With the achievement of slaying a Taboo-level existence under his belt, nobody would question Black Flame’s qualifications to be on the Divine Glory List. After all, Taboo-level existences were few and far between in the Greater God’s Domain. Moreover, most, if not all, belonged to the various apex powers and pseudo-apex powers.

However, it would be a little far-fetched to say that Black Flame deserved to be ranked within the top 300 in his first evaluation. That was akin to saying that Black Flame was

on the same standard as Spear Paradise, the Great Commander of the Scarecrow Fox adventurer team.

It should be known that Spear Paradise debuted on the Divine Glory List after slaying a Level 200-plus Ancient God. Even if Chalk Splendor was wielding the Sunlight Blade when Black Flame fought him, it would be an exaggeration to say that he could compare with a Level 200-plus Ancient God. Not to mention, Black Flame had Verdant Rainbow helping him from the side. Without Verdant Rainbow's assistance, Black Flame would never have been able to kill Chalk Splendor.

For these reasons, many people felt that the Seven Luminaries Alliance was giving preferential treatment to Black Flame. Either that or the Alliance deemed that Black Flame's potential was equal to the Spear Paradise of the past, which, in turn, meant that Black Flame was qualified to stand on equal footing with lofty existences such as Nineteenth Sword, who was one of the current Ten Great Sword Gods.

Hence, Titan couldn't help but be curious about Black Flame's talent and potential.

"That's merely the Alliance showing Black Flame its appreciation for his contributions," Nineteenth Sword said contemptuously as he opened his eyes. "You're not young anymore, Titan. How can you not understand something so simple? Do you really think Black Flame is worthy of being compared with Spear Paradise?"

In Nineteenth Sword's opinion, Black Flame could indeed be regarded as a genius for mastering a Gold Combat Technique at such a young age. It was also why he praised the young man originally. However, to say that Black Flame was comparable with Spear Paradise in potential would be a gross overestimation.

Others might not be fully aware of the circumstances surrounding Spear Paradise, but Nineteenth Sword was. Spear Paradise the Divine Spear might have been a late bloomer, but as he kept growing, his strength became increasingly astonishing. He had grown so strong that he had single-handedly turned Scarecrow Fox into an adventurer team that even the various pseudo-apex powers needed to respect.

On what grounds did Black Flame deserve to be equated to someone like Spear Paradise?

"I doubt it is Black Flame fighting against the three Holy Race Guilds," Milia said, shaking her head. "According to the information I received, a mysterious power is attacking multiple of the three Guilds' campsites simultaneously, causing them severe losses. Moreover, this mysterious power has already mobilized more than ten Taboo-level existences thus far. Do you think Zero Wing has that many Taboo-level existences?"

"I guess you're right." Titan nodded.

Currently, Black Flame was the only known Taboo-level existence in Zero Wing. As for Gentle Snow the Snow Goddess, although she was strong, she was far from reaching the standard of Taboos. No matter how Titan thought about it, there was no way Zero Wing could mobilize ten Taboo-level existences.

“Can you have your people look into that power, Milia?” Nineteenth Sword asked. “It’ll be even better if you can get in touch with that power.”

There should only be a few powers capable of mobilizing so many Taboo-level existences in the Greater God’s Domain, and none were existences the Skylight Association could afford to provoke at present. So, it would naturally be good if the Skylight Association could get acquainted with this mysterious power.

“This...” Just as Nineteenth Sword asked his question, Milia received an update from one of her subordinates. Then, she suddenly grew hesitant as she turned to Nineteenth Sword and said, “That power seems to be...Zero Wing.”

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## **Chapter 3665: Alternate Ending 739 - Holy Guard Arrives**

### **Chapter 739 – Holy Guard Arrives**

“Zero Wing?” Titan revealed a surprised look when he heard Milia’s words. “You’re not joking, are you, Milia?”

Even for the various apex powers, it would be difficult for them to come up with a force of ten Taboo-level existences in the current Eternal Realm. So, how was it possible that a newly-established Guild like Zero Wing could do so?

If Zero Wing truly had such a powerful foundation, the Skylight Association’s threat to Zero Wing would become a complete joke.

“Are you certain, Milia?” Nineteenth Sword asked, similarly having difficulty believing Milia’s words.

“There should be no mistaking it,” Milia said as she solemnly looked at the report she just received. “The scouts I dispatched have already sent over several battle videos involving the Holy Race army’s campsites. You’ll know once you take a look.”

After saying so, Milia played two videos she received on the Magic Mirror for Nineteenth Sword and Titan to watch, each lasting no more than twenty seconds.

The first video showed a battle in a forest, and a large section of the forest could be seen encircled by screens made from holy power of unprecedented density.

Shortly after the video began, a cloaked woman wearing a six-winged emblem could be seen waving the staff in her hand and calling down a gale of death upon the forest. The gale dyed the forest environment in a shade of gray and repeatedly struck the energy screens, wearing them away.

In only a few seconds, the energy screens, which looked like they could withstand a long and continuous bombardment from even a Taboo-level existence, shattered. Subsequently, it took only a moment for the gale of death to annihilate the thousands of Holy Race players behind the energy screens.

The second video showed a battle taking place beside a lake. The Holy Race army in the video comprised over 10,000 players, of which more than 30 Tier 6 experts. As soon as the video began, a cloaked female Assassin could be seen reaping the lives of the Tier 6 Holy Race experts one after another. None of the Tier 6 Holy Race experts could last more than a move against the female Assassin; even God-ranked experts were not an exception.

Similar to the Elementalist in the first video, the female Assassin could be vaguely seen wearing Zero Wing's six-winged emblem.

When the second video concluded, silence enveloped the tent. Neither Nineteenth Sword nor Titan could find any words.

"What should we do now, Elder Sword?" Milia asked, breaking the silence. "If Zero Wing decides to take action against us in the World Ark, I'm afraid we will be powerless to resist."

If Zero Wing only had one or two Taboo-level existences, the Skylight Association could still hold its ground, albeit just barely. However, fighting a force of more than ten Taboo-level existences was no longer within the realm of the current Skylight Association's capabilities.

At this time, Titan also turned to Nineteenth Sword for his decision. Nineteenth Sword was the person in charge of the Skylight Association's operations in the World Ark. He was also the person who knew the Skylight Association best. If even Nineteenth Sword didn't have a way out of this predicament, the Skylight Association would most likely have to withdraw from the World Ark.

"It seems I have underestimated Black Flame. I didn't think he would have hidden so many experts who can rival Taboo-level existences." Contrasting the reaction Milia and Titan had expected, Nineteenth Sword suddenly chuckled. Then, he said, "Our plan remains unchanged. You two should just stick to it like before."

“But Zero Wing has over ten Taboo-level existences, Elder Sword!” Titan emphasized. “These Taboo-level existences alone should be enough to defend the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp from the Sun Dynasty.”

Taboo-level existences were akin to weapons of mass destruction when used against the powers operating in the current Eternal Realm. Even one Taboo-level existence could achieve astounding effects on a battlefield, let alone a force of over ten Taboo-level existences. Even the Sun Dynasty shouldn’t be capable of defeating such a force.

“Although these two people have tried their best to hide it, their actual combat standards aren’t particularly noteworthy,” Nineteenth Sword said nonchalantly as he glanced at Titan. “I don’t know what method Zero Wing has used to grant them the power of Taboos, but I can say for certain that they don’t have any Divine Artifacts equipped. They merely have incredibly high Basic Attributes. Zero Wing would be dreaming if it thinks it can defeat the Sun Dynasty’s Holy Guard with such players.”

“Is the Sun Dynasty’s Holy Guard *that* powerful, Elder Sword?” Milia asked out of curiosity. She couldn’t understand why Nineteenth Sword would be so certain Zero Wing wouldn’t be a match for the Holy Guard.

“I hadn’t told this to you two before, but I trust this information should reach the various powers soon.” Putting on a solemn expression, Nineteenth Sword said, “Two days ago, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce had sent four Divine Artifact wielders to the World Ark’s core area on a mission. However, all four of them ended up getting killed by the Sun Dynasty’s Holy Guard.”

“Four of Eternal’s Divine Artifact wielders were killed?! Impossible!” Milia exclaimed. “Did the Holy Guard mobilize in full force?”

The Eternal Chamber of Commerce was an apex power of the human race. Although it had always operated mysteriously, no power would dare to underestimate it, especially not its Divine Artifact wielders. In terms of combat standards, these Divine Artifact wielders were definitely comparable to the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s Verdant Rainbow. So, Milia found it truly hard to imagine what kind of force was necessary to kill four of such individuals.

“Full force?” Nineteenth Sword cackled. “If the Holy Guard really did attack with all its members, do you think Eternal will bother to suppress the news? A 1,000-man team! The Holy Guard mobilized only a 1,000-man team! Furthermore, that 1,000-man team only sent four of its 100-man teams to deal with Eternal’s four Divine Artifact wielders...”

“Four 100-man teams? This... How is this possible?” Titan couldn’t help but be taken aback.

Had the Holy Guard mobilized all its members to kill four Taboo-level existences, although he would still be surprised, he wouldn’t find it unbelievable. However, killing

four Divine Artifact wielders with only four hundred players sounded like a fantasy, no matter how he thought about it.

Just as Nineteenth Sword was about to say something in response, the Magic Mirror inside the tent suddenly fluctuated violently, numerous ripples spreading across the mirror's surface.

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"Powerful energy fluctuations are approaching the resurrection camp!"

"Has the Sun Dynasty arrived?"

Apart from the Skylight Association's Magic Mirror, the other powers observing the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp from a distance also saw intense reactions coming from their Magic Mirrors.

Subsequently, a moment after these Magic Mirrors started to fluctuate, the image of a gigantic eighteen-headed serpent that measured several thousand meters tall appeared on them. Thousands of Holy Race players could also be seen standing atop the serpent's eighteen heads, their standardized equipment and organized formations giving them the appearance of a well-trained army.

Apart from looking like disciplined soldiers, all these Holy Race players were at Level 182, Tier 6 or above. Among them, the team leaders were fully equipped with Legendary Equipment, and the auras they radiated could match that of Tier 6 Gods of the same level. Furthermore, standing at the forefront of each of the serpent's eighteen heads were individuals with auras as strong as the eighteen-headed serpent itself.

Aside from wearing Guild Emblems shaped like the sun, the eighteen individuals also wore white capes imprinted with a similarly shaped holy pattern.

Meanwhile, when the various human powers' experts saw these Holy Race players, a name automatically appeared in their minds.

The Holy Guard!

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## **Chapter 3666: Alternate Ending 740 - God-ranked Battle**

Chapter 740 – God-ranked Battle

“They’re finally here.”

“So, this is the Sun Dynasty’s Holy Guard?”

Inside the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, Frey and Garut were greatly shocked as they looked at the eighteen-headed serpent hovering outside the camp.

As Vice Guild Leaders of pseudo-apex powers, Frey and Garut were no strangers to battles of epic proportions. They had even personally witnessed Realm Wars, battles that involved billions of experts fighting in the Void Sea, before.

However, compared to the scene before them, even Realm Wars would pale...

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“A Void Leviathan?!”

Standing in the control room of a 1,000-meter-long flying ship, Verdant Rainbow instinctively uttered a name as she looked on in astonishment at the eighteen-headed serpent displayed in the Magic Mirror.

“Is this the strength of the Sun Dynasty?” The Seven Luminaries Alliance Elder standing beside Verdant Rainbow was similarly surprised.

A Void Leviathan!

A Level 193 Void Leviathan!

For most players in the Greater God’s Domain, this was likely a name they had never heard of. However, for the various apex powers’ executives and experts who had ventured to the fringes of the Void Sea, this name would be very familiar.

Although it was generally thought that the Void Sea was endless and without borders, that was only because the various powers had yet to find an end after exploring it for many years. However, one particular area of the Void Sea could be considered the Void Sea’s border. Or, more accurately, it was a place players could not approach.

As for why players couldn’t approach this so-called border, it was due to the dangers that existed there. Even Taboo-level experts equipped with Divine Weapons would fall if they dared to tread into that place.

However, for those who did tread into this borderland, the first gatekeepers they would encounter were the Void Leviathans.



Void Leviathans were a type of Ferocious Beast, and their Life Rating was so high that they could match Sacred Dragons. At the same level, even Ancient Gods would dread facing a Void Leviathan.

Void Leviathans were extremely violent, and they existed for the sake of devouring all life. Furthermore, Void Leviathans typically moved in groups of dozens or more than a hundred. It was virtually impossible to find any on their own and tame them. At the very least, no human power had ever managed to tame a Void Leviathan, let alone bring one into the Eternal Realm.

So, it was truly astonishing to see the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard using a Void Leviathan as a Flying Mount. It also showed how fearsome of a foundation the Sun Dynasty possessed.

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While the spectating human powers were looking at the Void Leviathan in shock, the Red Dragon Nation and Azure Fang members in the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp revealed ashen faces. Even Tier 6 players like Frey and Garut were no exception.

Unlike the numerous powers observing the battlefield through Magic Mirrors, Frey and Garut's attention wasn't directed towards the Void Leviathan. Instead, their gazes were fixed on the eighteen individuals standing at the forefront of each of the Void Leviathan's heads.

"Frey, do you think we still have time to run away?" Garut asked with a wry smile.

The Void Leviathan itself was already a fearsome opponent to face. Yet, as if that wasn't enough, each of the eighteen leader-like individuals standing atop the Void Leviathan's heads also radiated an aura no weaker than that of the Void Leviathan. It was especially so for the three-eyed beauty standing on the Void Leviathan's centermost head.

If the seventeen other individuals were described as harbingers of death, the three-eyed beauty was death itself.

"It seems we have severely underestimated the Holy Guard, whether it is us or the Seven Luminaries Alliance..." As Frey looked at the three-eyed beauty, she understood that their defeat was assured.

Setting aside the three-eyed beauty, simply the Holy Guard's Void Leviathan and seventeen Taboo-level experts were more than enough to flatten the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. Although Frey had already learned from Unrestrained Lionheart that Zero Wing possessed more than ten Taboo-level experts, she still didn't think they could win against the Holy Guard.

It should be known that the Void Leviathan wasn't your average Ferocious Beast. Each of its eighteen heads was akin to an independent monster. It was just that these eighteen monsters shared the same body. In other words, facing a Tier 6 Void Leviathan was akin to facing eighteen Tier 6 Dragons simultaneously. With such a force, one could easily destroy an entire kingdom, let alone a resurrection camp.

Not to mention, the Holy Guard had over 10,000 Tier 6 experts. The team leaders of the Holy Guard were also only slightly weaker than Tier 6 Gods of the same level. With such strength, not even pseudo-apex powers could afford to provoke the Holy Guard.

While everyone in the resurrection camp was in despair, a streak of silver light suddenly appeared on the horizon and shot in the camp's direction. The speed of the approaching object was so fast that, by the time the many Tier 5 experts realized what was going on, a flying ship had already appeared above the resurrection camp.

"Thank goodness they made it back in time." When Frey saw the flying ship hovering above the camp, she couldn't help but feel a little relieved.

The flying ship was none other than Zero Wing's Silverwing. Moreover, standing aboard the Silverwing were the assault teams that had gone to ambush the Sun Dynasty's three subordinate Guilds.

Although the timely return of these assault teams still wouldn't be enough to equalize the strength of the resurrection camp's defenders with the Holy Guard, they still added some hope to the camp.

"Are we really going to fight them to the death here, Guild Leader?" Gentle Snow asked, her voice wavering as she looked at the gigantic Void Leviathan.

Before returning, Gentle Snow believed that Zero Wing should have no trouble defending the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp from the Sun Dynasty. However, after seeing the Holy Guard for herself, she couldn't help but be frightened. Compared to the Holy Guard, the forces the Sun Dynasty had previously sent to attack the Seven Luminaries Alliance's resurrection camps were nothing but a joke.

Details aside, it should be known that Zero Wing currently only had 16 Taboo-level existences and 84 God-ranked experts. In comparison, the Holy Guard possessed over 10,000 Tier 6 experts, of which nearly 1,000 were God-ranked experts, and 18 were Taboo-level existences...

At first glance, even if Zero Wing could potentially emerge victorious, its chances of victory would be incredibly slim.

In this situation, the wiser move for Zero Wing to make would be to withdraw from the World Ark. After all, with Zero Wing's current strength, even without the World Ark, it

could easily thrive somewhere else in the Eternal Realm. It was unnecessary to butt heads with the Sun Dynasty.

“I’m afraid it’s too late to withdraw now,” Shi Feng said. When he looked at the Holy Guard riding on the Void Leviathan, he couldn’t help but sigh in amazement. As expected of a royal power. *I didn’t think it would be possible for anyone to have such strength so soon.*

Originally, Shi Feng thought that it shouldn’t be possible for any power to mobilize many God-ranked experts during the Eternal Realm’s early exploration stage. Even if the Sun Dynasty was a royal power from the Holy Race, he felt that the most the Sun Dynasty would have at this point in time was a hundred God-ranked experts. Hence, he felt that with the strength of his home God’s Domain’s experts, Zero Wing could easily take over the Eternal Realm.

However, he never thought that the Sun Dynasty would already have such a frightening foundation in the early stages of the Eternal Realm.

While Shi Feng was observing the Holy Guard, the three-eyed beauty standing on the Void Leviathan shifted her gaze onto him. At the same time, her three eyes turned dark purple, and faint arcs of lightning could be seen flashing in them. Wherever her eyes gazed upon, space and time froze, and even Tier 6 experts found themselves immobilized.

“Are you Black Flame? The one who took the Sunlight Blade,” Daystar asked like a superior questioning her subordinate as she gazed down at Shi Feng. Her voice rang across the sky, and it felt like the world itself was questioning Shi Feng.

“That is me,” Shi Feng answered as he met Daystar’s gaze.

Daystar, the commander of the Sun Dynasty’s Holy Guard. She was known in Shi Feng’s previous life as the Arbiter of Death. Had she not abruptly returned to the Holy Race’s Greater God’s Domain during the war between the two races, many believed the outcome would have been far less favorable to the human race.

“Good. You may die now.”

Daystar nodded. Then, she raised her hand, gesturing for the Holy Guard to attack in full force.

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## **Chapter 3667: Alternate Ending 741 - Level 212, Tier 6 Personal Guard**

## Chapter 741 – Level 212, Tier 6 Personal Guard

As Daystar's indifferent voice echoed across the battlefield, the seventeen vice commanders of the Holy Guard kicked off the Void Leviathan's heads and shot straight toward the Silverwing. As for the rest of the Holy Guard, they grouped up in their respective teams and advanced on the resurrection camp down below.

"Not even bothering with the formalities, huh?" Seeing the advancing Holy Guard, Shi Feng commanded, "Let's take action as well, then!"

Immediately, Phoenix Rain and the other Tier 6 experts from Shi Feng's home God's Domain moved to meet the Holy Guard's vice commanders in battle. Relying on the Attribute advantage provided by the God Chaser Set, Phoenix Rain, Ji Luorong, Shadow Flower, and the others easily kept the Holy Guard's vice commanders at bay.

At the same time, over a hundred metallic combat puppets emerged from the resurrection camp. These combat puppets measured over thirty meters tall, and each radiated an aura that could instill fear into even Tier 6 players. Meanwhile, as soon as these combat puppets appeared, they unleashed space-shattering destructive beams at the numerous attacks launched by the Holy Guard's members.

*Boom... Boom... Boom...*

Suddenly, the area around the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp became brightly lit. Even players operating in the surrounding maps could see a dazzling glow rising from the Soul Lake.

Meanwhile, following the initial exchange, all of the magic and holy barriers erected on the battlefield shattered, leaving both sides defenseless. This forced the two sides to engage each other in a direct confrontation.

Logically, with the Holy Guard having over 10,000 Tier 6 experts on its side, the legion shouldn't need much effort to deal with the resurrection camp's defenders, even if Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation had a combined army of over 100,000. However, the addition of Zero Wing's God Slayer Combat Puppets created a huge problem for the Holy Guard.

Each of the God Slayer Combat Puppets' attacks was akin to a Tier 6 Large-scale Destruction Curse. Against attacks of such caliber, even Tier 6 God-ranked experts could not survive getting hit more than a few times. So, when the 114 God Slayer Combat Puppets on the battlefield attacked together, nothing could stand in their way.

After only one joint attack from the God Slayer Combat Puppets, the Holy Guard had already sustained several hundred casualties. Moreover, those killed did not leave any weapons or equipment behind, as everything within a 1,000-yard radius was thoroughly disintegrated.

In contrast, although the Holy Guard's team leaders had retaliated against the God Slayer Combat Puppets, all of their attacks combined only managed to shave one point off the combat puppets' durability. For the God Slayer Combat Puppets that had 2,000 durability points, such damage was completely negligible.

As for the exchange between the rest of the Holy Guard members and the resurrection camp's defenders, although Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation suffered many more casualties due to the majority of their forces being composed of Tier 5 players, the casualty rate for both sides was roughly equal. When the various spectating powers saw this situation, they couldn't help but be flabbergasted.

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"Those combat puppets must be above the Dark-Gold rank!" Verdant Rainbow was greatly shocked as she looked at the God Slayer Combat Puppets displayed in the Magic Mirror before her. "It was surprising enough that Zero Wing's hidden experts could hold their ground against the Holy Guard's vice commanders. I didn't think they would also have so many Advanced Dark-Gold Combat Puppets hidden! No wonder Black Flame can scoff at the Sun Dynasty's threats!"

Previously, Verdant Rainbow firmly believed that Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation were severely disadvantaged in terms of army composition, primarily due to the staggering disparity in Tier 6 experts between the two sides. Even if Zero Wing's mysterious experts could distract the Holy Guard's vice commanders, the remaining Holy Guard members could easily eliminate the three guilds' forces before regrouping with their vice commanders to overwhelm Zero Wing's mysterious experts.

Although Tier 6 players possessed incredibly high physical parameters, they would still deplete their Stamina and Concentration rapidly in intense battles. It was especially so in battles against experts of a similar caliber. If both sides went all out, it wouldn't even be strange if they used up their Stamina and Concentration completely after only several dozen exchanges. Meanwhile, once out of Stamina and Concentration, it wouldn't matter if Zero Wing's mysterious experts were Taboo-level existences. They would instantly become fish on a chopping block, even to ordinary Tier 6 players.

However, Zero Wing had instantly bridged this massive gap in strength with its God Slayer Combat Puppets, the addition of these combat puppets thoroughly prevented the general members of the Holy Guard from affecting the high-level battle above ground.

"While Zero Wing's trump card is indeed surprising, you shouldn't forget that Daystar is no ordinary expert, Your Highness," the Seven Luminaries Alliance Elder standing beside Verdant Rainbow said, shaking his head. "Although the rumors say that Eternal's four Taboo-level existences had died in the hands of 400 of the Holy Guard's members, you and I both know that this is merely misinformation released by Eternal to cover up the actual situation.

“In reality, Daystar had single-handedly killed all four of those individuals while the rest of the Holy Guard merely watched from the side. Now that Daystar has even brought a Void Leviathan to the battlefield, I can only see Zero Wing’s chances of victory as slim.”

Zero Wing’s ability to mobilize over a hundred Advanced Dark-Gold Combat Puppets was indeed amazing. Even the Seven Luminaries Alliance could never imagine mobilizing so many. This was because of the difficulty of repairing war weapons of such caliber. Even if the Alliance could repair them, the materials needed to do the repairs were incredibly difficult to procure.

However, although powerful, Advanced Dark-Gold Combat Puppets were not almighty. While they might achieve incredible results when used against players, their effectiveness would plummet when used against monsters. In the case of a Ferocious Beast like the Void Leviathan, it probably wouldn’t need more than a few attacks to destroy the God Slayer Combat Puppets. With its high HP and Defense, it also wouldn’t fear the God Slayer Combat Puppets’ bombardment.

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While the Seven Luminaries Alliance Elder was speaking, the previously idle Void Leviathan had seemingly received a command from Daystar as it suddenly opened its mouths to initiate a breath attack on the resurrection camp.

Each of the Void Leviathan’s eighteen heads gathered enough energy to exceed the standard of Tier 6 Gods. If all eighteen heads attacked together, even Ancient Gods of the same level should think twice before trying to receive it.

*Is that woman crazy?* Frey, who was battling against a team leader of the Holy Guard, grew somber when she saw the Void Leviathan preparing for a breath attack.

The Void Leviathan was massive, so even Tier 6 players would likely have difficulty escaping its breath attacks’ AOE in time. If the Void Leviathan scattered its eighteen breath attacks, it could absolutely cover the entire resurrection camp.

However, apart from the members of their three Guilds, several thousand Holy Guard members were also fighting in the resurrection camp’s vicinity. In other words, if the Void Leviathan were to release its breath attacks in this situation, thousands of Holy Guard members would get killed as well...

However, the Holy Guard members embroiled in battle behaved as if they did not notice the Void Leviathan’s actions. They kept fighting in a frenzy, and some even actively prevented the camp defenders from distancing themselves from the resurrection camp. They were fully intent on perishing together.

“It seems there’s no holding back in this situation.” When Shi Feng saw the Void Leviathan’s intentions, he sighed and said, “Bring him out, Blue!”



“Understood!” Upon hearing Shi Feng’s command, Blue Phoenix promptly took out a Summon Guard Scroll and activated it.

*Boom!*

Suddenly, as if the sky was falling, a mighty aura descended upon the entirety of the Soul Lake. Then, a Dragon Knight clad in heavy armor gradually emerged from a magic array before Blue Phoenix, his presence causing the souls of everyone on the battlefield to shudder.

“A Level 212, Tier 6 Personal Guard?”

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## **Chapter 3668: Alternate Ending 742 - Legendary Guard VS Void Leviathan**

Chapter 742 – Legendary Guard VS Void Leviathan

“Am I dreaming?”

“Level 212, Tier 6? How can such a Personal Guard exist?”

The Holy Guard’s members and the spectating human powers were greatly confused when they saw Los Merin.

Personal Guards were a feature available to both human and Holy Race players. Hence, both races were familiar with the existence of Personal Guards. For this reason, they knew how difficult it was to develop Personal Guards to Tier 6 and how powerful Tier 6 Personal Guards could be.

However, rather than Los Merin’s tier, what truly confused everyone was his level.

Level 212!

Outside the Eternal Realm, Personal Guards of this level were relatively common, and nobody would fuss about seeing one. However, in the current Eternal Realm, a Level 212 Personal Guard was virtually invincible. It also wasn’t a level that was supposed to exist in the current Eternal Realm.

Be it in the human race’s Greater God’s Domain or the Holy Race’s Greater God’s Domain, Level 200 was a massive turning point. Upon reaching Level 200, the Basic Attributes of players, monsters, and NPCs would experience a qualitative transformation. Even the most ordinary Level 200, Tier 6 NPC could easily dominate a



city populated by only Tier 6 players under Level 200, ensuring nobody would dare to make trouble in the city.

This was also why, despite having such powerful forces already, none of the Holy Race powers dared to attack the Eternal Realm's various NPC Cities.

Any random NPC City in the Eternal Realm would have more than one Level 200-plus, Tier 6 NPC guarding it. If Tier 6 players under Level 200 tried to attack these cities, even if they attacked in a massive army, their actions would be no different than suicide.

So, how could they not be shocked and frightened now that there was a Level 212 Personal Guard before them?

Although many players had already started to recruit Personal Guards in the various NPC Cities, the NPCs they recruited were only around Level 190. While Level 200-plus NPCs existed in the Eternal Realm, they were typically big shots of their respective cities, and recruiting them was nigh impossible.

"A Level 212, Tier 6 Personal Guard?" Daystar, standing atop the Void Leviathan, also looked surprised when she saw the Dragon Knight Los Merin. However, the surprise in her eyes quickly faded as she indifferently said, "Had you used this trump card against any other legion, you would have indeed been undefeatable. Unfortunately, your opponent is the Void Leviathan. Even a Level 212 Personal Guard will have to disappear along with the resurrection camp here!"

At the same time as Daystar finished speaking, the Void Leviathan unleashed the energy it had been charging with its eighteen heads.

In an instant, eighteen radiant beams shot out from the Void Leviathan's mouths and converged to form a miniature world that covered a 5,000-yard radius. Then, this miniature world descended upon the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. In the meantime, Frey and the others found themselves immobilized due to the pressure exerted by the miniature world. They felt as if they were stuck between two converging worlds, and all they could do was wait for death to claim them.

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*What a pity...*

Verdant Rainbow couldn't help but sigh when she saw the Void Leviathan's attack.

As Daystar mentioned, had Los Merin's opponent not been the Void Leviathan, he could have absolutely defended the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. It wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say that he could render the Sun Dynasty powerless against the resurrection camp.

Unfortunately, the Void Leviathan was no ordinary Ferocious Beast. It was an existence capable of devouring all existences, and even Ancient Gods of the same level were fearful of them. In terms of combat power, a Level 193 Void Leviathan was superior to even Level 200, Tier 6 Gods, let alone a Level 212, Tier 6 Personal Guard.

While Verdant Rainbow was lamenting Zero Wing's fate, Los Merin suddenly appeared in the miniature world's path of descent with his shield raised. Evidently, he planned to receive the Void Leviathan's attack head-on to protect the resurrection camp.

*Boom!*

A loud explosion occurred, followed by a powerful shock wave that shook the entire Soul Lake. The shock wave was so intense that even the sky had turned into a dark void.

*It seems Zero Wing will still lose in the end.* Verdant Rainbow sighed deeply as she looked at the Magic Mirror.

It was indeed surprising that Zero Wing had a Level 212, Tier 6 Personal Guard hidden under its sleeve, but the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp's defenders were still weaker than the Holy Guard. Meanwhile, now that everyone in the resurrection camp had been annihilated, even if Zero Wing's main force members were still alive, the resurrection camp's defenders no longer had the ability to defend the camp over a long period.

However, just as Verdant Rainbow was about to command her flying ship's pilot to leave the Soul Lake, the Magic Mirror before her suddenly revealed a figure standing amidst the void.

*How is this possible?! Verdant Rainbow gaped in shock as she stared into the Magic Mirror. That's an attack that can repel an Ancient God of the same level! How can he survive that?!*

At this time, under the shattered sky, the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp could be seen perfectly intact. In fact, it wasn't just the resurrection camp that was in perfect shape. Even the Dragon Knight Los Merin looked no different from before.

"Attack!"

Before anyone could react to this unexpected turn of events, Blue Phoenix commanded Los Merin to retaliate against the Void Leviathan.

In response, Los Merin summoned a spear into his hand and thrust it in the Void Leviathan's direction. At the same time, three magic arrays abruptly appeared above the Void Leviathan.

Threefold Tier 6 Super Spell, Spirit Impact Spear!

When the Void Leviathan saw the magic arrays above its head, it instinctively launched another breath attack with its eighteen heads. However, it was too late to disrupt the magic arrays' formation as a molten spear clad in flames had already emerged from them. Then, the molten spear could be seen colliding with the dazzling miniature world created by the Void Leviathan.

*Boom!*

The molten spear passed through the Void Leviathan's miniature world unhindered. Then, it proceeded to strike the Void Leviathan out of the air and pinned it to the ground, the impact creating a crater that had a radius of tens of thousands of yards. Not only that, but the Void Leviathan also lost a huge chunk of its HP and three of its heads, becoming heavily injured. As for the remaining fifteen heads, fear colored their eyes as they looked up at Los Merin.

"So strong!"

"He heavily injured a Level 193 Void Leviathan in one hit!"

"Crap! What rank is that Personal Guard?"

The various spectating powers were shocked when they saw the heavily injured Void Leviathan.

It should be known that a Level 193 Void Leviathan was stronger than even Level 200, Tier 6 Gods. Yet, it fared no differently than a lizard before Los Merin...

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## **Chapter 3669: Alternate Ending 743 - Trump Card?**

Chapter 743 – Trump Card?

Why isn't the Void Leviathan recovering?

What did that Personal Guard do?

Don't tell me that's a Legendary Personal Guard?

A series of questions popped into Nineteenth Sword's mind as he spectated the battlefield from his tent.

Others might not know how powerful Void Leviathans were, but not Nineteenth Sword. As someone who frequently operated around the boundaries of the Void Sea,

Nineteenth Sword was no stranger to Void Leviathans. He had even personally traded blows with them before.

As the first gatekeeper of the Void Sea's borderland, Void Leviathans not only possessed strength that could strike fear into Ancient Gods of the same level, but they also possessed a frightening recovery ability that could let them outlast Ancient Gods of the same level.

Under normal circumstances, even a Level 210, Tier 6 God could not heavily injure a Level 193 Void Leviathan in one hit. On the contrary, the Level 210, Tier 6 God was more likely to run out of steam before they could kill the Level 193 Void Leviathan.

Hence, Nineteenth Sword couldn't help but be dumbfounded when he saw a measly Level 212 Personal Guard heavily injuring a Level 193 Void Leviathan.

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"Guild Leader?"

"How many more secrets are you still keeping from us?"

On the battlefield, Fervent Samsara and Heavy Abyss couldn't help but turn to look at Shi Feng when they saw Los Merin's performance.

The two of them were among the first batch of fifth-floor experts to join Zero Wing in the Crystal City of Secrets, so they could be considered veteran internal members already. They had also watched Zero Wing grow from nothing to its current state in the Crystal City, so they could confidently say that they understood Zero Wing very well.

However, after arriving at the World Ark and witnessing the series of events that had taken place up until this point, they suddenly felt incredibly foreign toward their own Guild.

First, it was the batch of mysterious Tier 6 experts. Next, there were the frightening Silverwing Flying Ship and Advanced Dark-Gold Combat Puppets. Now, it was a Level 212, Tier 6 Personal Guard who could heavily injure an existence rivaling Level 193 Ancient Gods.

No matter how they thought about it, these were not things that the Guild they had watched develop should possess.

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"Advanced Epic? No, that's not right... He's a Legendary Guard!"

Daystar's three purple eyes turned a little gloomy as she looked at Los Merin.

## A Legendary Personal Guard!

Based on her knowledge, only a Personal Guard who was at the Legendary rank could possibly accomplish such a feat.

However, among the Holy Race, Personal Guards with such exceptional Growth Potential were incredibly scarce and considered invaluable assets. Powers that possessed Legendary Personal Guards typically avoided deploying them unless in dire straits, out of apprehension of losing them in combat. The Sun Dynasty was no exception, hence the absence of its Legendary Personal Guards in the Eternal Realm. Of course, the primary reason for their absence was that Personal Guards of Level 200 and above were prohibited from entering the Eternal Realm.

Yet, now, a small human Guild with neither fame nor history was actually willing to put a Legendary Guard to battle in the Eternal Realm. Not only that, but this Legendary Guard was even Level 212...

"You've guessed correctly. He is indeed a Legendary Guard," Shi Feng said, chuckling when he saw Daystar furrowing her brows. "What do you think? Is the trump card I prepared effective against the Holy Guard?"

Daystar, the Arbiter of Death. She was a well-known Holy Child of the Sun Dynasty. Out of the Sun Dynasty's fourteen Holy Children, she was also the likeliest to become the next Guild Leader. Even in his previous life, Shi Feng would have to steer clear of her.

Honestly, Shi Feng was quite surprised to encounter Daystar so soon. Without the harvest from the God Slayer's treasury, defending the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp would have been impossible, and Zero Wing's foundations might have even been endangered.

Fortunately, the Arbiter of Death's timing was poor, or Shi Feng would have suffered a huge loss.

"So what if you have a Legendary Guard?" Daystar glanced at Shi Feng, paying no heed to his provocation. "The Holy Guard's might is beyond your comprehension!"

As Daystar spoke, many Holy Guard members on the battlefield suddenly formed six-person parties and merged their Holy Auras with their respective party leaders. Shortly thereafter, these Holy Guard members died one by one, while the party leaders who received their Holy Auras experienced a meteoric rise in strength, quickly rivaling Taboo-level existences.

"Death Reborn?" Shi Feng remained unfazed, looking like he had long anticipated this development.

Combination Holy Art, Death Reborn!

Death Reborn was a Combination Holy Art that sacrificed five players with Holy Auras of roughly equal standards to massively strengthen a player's Holy Aura and Attributes. It was one of the Sun Dynasty's well-known trump cards in Shi Feng's previous life. It was also why the Holy Guard could become one of the Sun Dynasty's five conquest legions in the Eternal Realm.

"You know quite a lot." Daystar looked at Shi Feng in surprise.

Death Reborn was one of the Sun Dynasty's secrets that was known by few, even among the Holy Race's various powers. In a situation where the human race and Holy Race were not on familiar terms, it should logically be impossible for a human player to learn of Death Reborn.

"I only know a little," Shi Feng said, chuckling. Then, he snapped his fingers and continued, "Since the other side is getting serious, it's time for you all to stop hiding and fight them seriously as well."

"Fight seriously?"

Everyone couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in shock, failing to comprehend what Shi Feng was saying.

Were Zero Wing's members still not fighting seriously?

"Hahaha! I've been waiting for these words!" Sinful Flame, who had been fighting against two of the Holy Guard's vice commanders, revealed an ecstatic look when he heard Shi Feng's words. "You two have been having a lot of fun using all your techniques on me, haven't you? Well, it's this old man's turn now!"

As soon as Sinful Flame finished speaking, his aura started to skyrocket in intensity, as if he had transformed from a slumbering beast into an awakened dragon. His Black Cloak was shredded into countless pieces under the pressure of his frightening aura and mana, revealing his personal information to all.

Sinful Flame, Level 218!

"Hah... I wanted to spar with them a little longer..." Melancholy, the former Guild Leader of Thirteen Thrones, said and sighed. Similar to Sinful Flame, he stopped suppressing his aura and mana, causing his low-quality Black Cloak to become shredded.

Melancholy, Level 217!

"How dare you old fellows complain? At least you got to fight one-on-two all this time," Ji Luorong said as she sent a dissatisfied glance at Sinful Flame and Melancholy. As she said so, she, too, stopped hiding her strength.

Ji Luorong, Level 212!

Upon receiving Shi Feng's command, Phoenix Rain and the thirteen other Tier 6 players from Shi Feng's home God's Domain stopped hiding their aura and mana, revealing their true levels. All of them were above Level 200. Moreover, aside from Crimson Mist, everyone else was at Level 210 or above. The auras and mana they radiated were also stronger than Tier 6 Gods of the same level.

"Thirteen Level 210-plus God-ranked experts?"

"Heavens! Is Zero Wing playing a joke on us?"

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## **Chapter 3670: Alternate Ending 744 - Holy Guard Defeated**

Chapter 744 – Holy Guard Defeated

Above the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp...

Phoenix Rain and the thirteen other Tier 6 experts from Shi Feng's home God's Domain hovered proudly in the air, each radiating a towering pillar of mana that covered the entire resurrection camp. The auras they radiated also made everyone on the battlefield feel as if fourteen Demon Gods had just awoken from a long slumber.

This development shocked everyone on the battlefield. Even Frey and Garut, who were in the middle of an intense battle, subconsciously stopped their actions to look at Phoenix Rain's group of fourteen.

Level 200 was a massive turning point in God's Domain. This held true for both monsters and players.

In the Greater God's Domain, even a Level 200, Tier 5 player fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items could already trade blows evenly with a Level 190, Tier 6 player fully equipped with Fragmented Legendary items, let alone Level 210-plus, Tier 6 God-ranked experts.

In the current Eternal Realm, Level 210-plus, Tier 6 God-ranked experts were virtually invincible.

Yet, Zero Wing had fourteen of such experts...



*What kind of method did he use exactly? How can he bring so many Level 200-plus players into the Eternal Realm?* Frey was filled with disbelief as she looked at Shi Feng, who stood aboard the Silverwing.

Although the Greater God's Domain's various powers had yet to discover the Eternal Realm's exact coordinates, many powers had already found methods to send players into the Eternal Realm. It was especially so for the various apex powers. Virtually all of them already possessed such means. Moreover, the number of players they could send over was massive, which was why they had such an overwhelming advantage over the other powers in the current Eternal Realm.

However, as mighty as they were, even the various apex powers could not bring Level 200-plus players into the Eternal Realm. This was because of the restrictions imposed by the Eternal Realm's laws.

"Is this what you meant when you said Zero Wing can bring people into the Eternal Realm, Aurebeth?" Garut couldn't help but ask as he turned to look at Aurebeth, Azure Fang's Saintess.

"Haven't I reported it to the Guild Leader long ago?" Aurebeth responded by looking at Garut strangely.

"But you never said Zero Wing can bring Level 200-plus players?" Garut nearly lost his calm when he saw Aurebeth's calm expression.

Garut had long known about Zero Wing's ability to transport players into the Eternal Realm. This was because Aurebeth had entered the Eternal Realm via Zero Wing's channel. Aurebeth had even admitted to it herself. Hence, this matter was not a secret among Azure Fang's executives. In fact, Aurebeth had even mentioned that so long as the various powers were willing to pay the price, Zero Wing could help them bring players into the Eternal Realm.

Originally, Azure Fang's executives had scoffed at this matter. After all, it wouldn't matter how many players they brought into the Eternal Realm. No amount of players under Level 200 would be enough to change the situation in the Eternal Realm. Even bringing several Tier 6 players wouldn't change the overall situation. This was because the various powers did not lack experts capable of advancing to Tier 6.

However, it was a different story if Zero Wing could bring Level 200-plus players into the Eternal Realm...

"I might not have mentioned it, but none of you asked me, either," Aurebeth calmly replied.

"You..." Aurebeth's response rendered Garut speechless. Unfortunately, there was nothing he could do about it.

In reality, Aurebeth couldn't be considered a full-fledged member of Azure Fang. She wasn't internally nurtured by the Guild. Instead, she had only joined the Guild because of an invitation from Azure Fang's Guild Leader, and her relationship with Azure Fang was more like a partnership than anything else. She was under no obligation to care about Azure Fang's interests. In such a situation, it was already fortunate she was willing to share her method of entering the Eternal Realm.

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While Garut and Aurebeth were conversing, Phoenix Rain and the others had already thrown themselves at the Holy Guard's team leaders, giving the enemy no time to gather themselves.

Meanwhile, in front of Level 210-plus, Tier 6 players equipped with the God Chaser Set, which provided Basic Attributes on par with Level 220 Legendary Equipment, Level 180, Tier 6 players were no more than infants before adults. Even if the Holy Guard's team leaders had been artificially strengthened to rival Taboo-level existences, they were no exception.

*Boom! Boom! Boom!*

In the blink of an eye, over ten Holy Guard team leaders were killed. The difference in Basic Attributes was too overwhelming. Even if the Holy Guard team leaders possessed superior combat standards, in a situation where they were severely disadvantaged in speed and power, they had no choice but to trade blows with Phoenix Rain and the others, which led to them losing HP rapidly.

In just ten seconds, Phoenix Rain and the others had already killed over 200 Holy Guard team leaders. During this time, although the Holy Guard's seventeen vice commanders had tried to intervene, eight of them had to work together just to distract Crimson Mist, who was only a Level 200-plus player. Naturally, they were even more helpless against Phoenix Rain and the others, and all they could do was watch as the Holy Guard's members were slaughtered.

Meanwhile, when the various spectating powers saw this scene, they couldn't help but be flabbergasted.

Taboo-level existences!

In any of the pseudo-apex powers present, Taboo-level existences were considered apex combatants. They were also the various pseudo-apex powers' biggest source of confidence.

In the current Eternal Realm, even the various apex powers would be helpless against a force of several hundred Taboo-level existences. Yet, this seemingly unstoppable force had become as fragile as an infant against Zero Wing's fourteen members.

“Is this the real reason behind Black Flame’s confidence?” After observing Phoenix Rain’s group for a while, Verdant Rainbow shifted her attention toward Shi Feng, a rare smile forming on her face. “I wonder what expression those Vice Alliance Masters will make once they learn of this. Because of their fear of displeasing Demon’s Gate, they even said I was overestimating Black Flame and warned me against using my privilege to raise his rank.”

In reality, Black Flame receiving a rank in the Divine Glory List’s top 300 was an extremely controversial topic in the Seven Luminaries Alliance. Meanwhile, as Black Flame’s primary advocate, Verdant Rainbow had been ridiculed by many in the Alliance. They all thought she was exaggerating her description of Black Flame, especially regarding his importance in resisting the various Holy Race powers. After all, Black Flame was only one person. He didn’t even have a Divine Artifact. Yet, she had insisted on propping up Black Flame to strengthen Zero Wing. In their opinion, all she was doing was wasting resources.

“Be that as it may, the assistance of apex powers like Demon’s Gate is still crucial in resisting the Holy Race, Your Highness. Without them, we would not be able to resist the Holy Race in the Eternal Realm,” the Elder standing beside Verdant Rainbow explained when he saw her delighted expression.

“I know that.” Verdant Rainbow nodded. When she recalled Demon’s Gate’s “reminder” from before, her expression darkened.

The Eternal Realm was vast and brimming with ancient resources. In their pursuit of these ancient resources, the human race and Holy races engaged in numerous large-scale battles across the Eternal Realm. However, outside of the conflict in the World Ark, most of these conflicts remained hidden from non-apex powers.

Currently, the various apex powers were already struggling to protect the human race’s territory. If Demon’s Gate were to cause a commotion in this situation, the human race would be put into a perilous situation in the Eternal Realm. As for whether Demon’s Gate would dare make such a treacherous move, that wasn’t even a question. After all, Demon’s Gate was unlike the average Guild. It was filled with a bunch of lunatics who would be willing to do anything.

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While Verdant Rainbow was having her conversation, the siege over the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp reached a conclusion.

The Holy Guard, which originally began with over 10,000 players, had fewer than 2,000 players remaining. Meanwhile, although Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation had suffered many more casualties, most of their main force members remained alive. Moreover, it was only a matter of time before Zero Wing annihilated the Holy Guard.

“Should we use our final trump card, Commander Daystar?” Heavenly Ape Saint tentatively asked when he saw the ugly look on Daystar.

Although the Death Reborn Combination Holy Art was one of the Holy Guard’s trump cards, it wasn’t the last of the legion’s trump cards. The legion still had one more trump card to use. However, if this final trump card was used here, the Holy Guard’s subsequent plans would be as good as forfeit.

“Zero Wing, is it? I will remember this humiliation!” After fiercely glaring at Shi Feng, who remained aboard the Silverwing, Daystar commanded, “Everyone, retreat!”

Upon receiving Daystar’s command, every surviving Holy Guard member took out a gray talisman from their bags and activated it. Immediately, holy power enveloped them, and they turned into streaks of light as they disappeared from the resurrection camp.

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## **Chapter 3671: Alternate Ending 745 - All Sides Shocked**

Chapter 745 – All Sides Shocked

“They’re retreating?”

“The Holy Guard is retreating?”

“We won! We won! We defended the resurrection camp!”

When the remaining players in the resurrection camp saw the Holy Guard members suddenly turning into streaks of light and vanishing, they cheered in excitement.

Although they already understood that victory would likely fall to them once Zero Wing’s Level 200-plus players revealed their strength, they also knew it would be a pyrrhic victory. After all, the fact remained that the Holy Guard had over 10,000 Tier 6 players, while their three Guilds barely had over a hundred.

As evidence, even though their three Guilds started the battle with over 150,000 players, they ended the battle with fewer than 30,000 players. If not for the 114 God Slayer Combat Puppets drawing most of the Holy Guard’s attention, it wouldn’t even be surprising if all of their Tier 5 players died in battle.

“Thank goodness we managed to hold on.”

When Frey saw the Holy Guard vanishing, she scanned the remaining players in the resurrection camp and breathed a sigh of relief.

While Tier 5 players could no longer be considered main combatants in the current Eternal Realm, they still served as a necessary foundation for the various powers to increase their Tier 6 combatants. In this battle, where their opponents consisted entirely of Tier 6 Holy Race experts, Tier 5 players who were killed would likely lose two or three levels and enter a weakened state for several days at the very least. In more severe cases, they might even lose the ability to log into the game for one or two weeks.

As for the Tier 5 players killed by the Holy Guard's God-ranked experts, they'd be fortunate if they only lost access to God's Domain for a couple of weeks. If they were unlucky, they might even lose access to God's Domain permanently.

With the casualty rate of the defenders being at over 80%, the loss was undoubtedly tragic. In the Red Dragon Nation's case, it could no longer afford to participate in any large-scale battles for a short period. Its development across the Eternal Realm would also be severely affected.

Fortunately, they ultimately managed to defend the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp!

The World Ark was the first high-level World Mode Regional Dungeon in the Eternal Realm. It was even home to Holy Ring City, a neutral city and a place for players to reincarnate as a mythical race. It was destined to become one of the Eternal Realm's central development zones, and there would be a steady streak of players coming to develop in it in the future.

If the Red Dragon Nation could rely on the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp's astonishing income, it would not need to worry about its future development in the Eternal Realm.

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Above the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp...

"Should we give chase, Guild Leader?" Hidden Soul asked through the team chat. "They didn't teleport far away. My Tracking Skill shows they are only 50,000 yards from us. With the Silverwing's speed, we can catch up to them in less than a minute."

As an Assassin and a veteran of the battlefield, Hidden Soul had made it a habit to leave a tracking mark on her opponents. That way, she could always chase after her opponents should they escape.

Currently, most of Zero Wing's Tier 6 main force members remain alive. Even without Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation's help, they could easily eliminate the Holy Guard's remaining forces.

“Nevermind. As the saying goes, do not press a desperate foe too hard,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head as he looked in the direction where the Holy Guard had retreated. “Our goal is to defend the resurrection camp. If we give chase, it might lead to the spectating powers trying to take advantage of the situation.”

The Holy Guard’s fame was widespread in his previous life. Although Phoenix Rain’s group was strong, he wouldn’t dismiss the possibility of the Holy Guard having more hidden trump cards.

It should be known that Daystar, in Shi Feng’s previous life, had single-handedly eradicated all life in a Realm. Even when experts equipped with Divine Artifacts attempted to confront her, none returned alive. It was also this frightening capability that earned her the title of Arbiter of Death.

Personally, Shi Feng did not wish for Zero Wing’s members to test Daystar’s capabilities. He didn’t dare gamble on whether Daystar currently possessed the frightening capability she exhibited in his previous life. This was also why he remained on standby on the Silverwing throughout the fight.

Had Daystar displayed that capability, he would have promptly used the Silverwing to retreat with Zero Wing’s main force members.

Meanwhile, Hidden Soul and the others did not voice any opposition to Shi Feng’s decision. Immediately, they began instructing the surviving players to tidy up the battlefield.

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At the same time as the three Guilds were starting to clean up the battlefield, a commotion erupted among the various spectating powers.

“Are you kidding me?! The Holy Guard actually retreated?!”

“Incredible! Zero Wing actually defeated the Sun Dynasty that even the Seven Luminaries Alliance fears! After this battle, the Eternal Realm’s power structure will most likely see a huge change.”

The executives of the various spectating powers were filled with disbelief when they saw the Holy Guard retreating in defeat. For a moment, they even suspected someone had cast an illusion on their Magic Mirrors.

It should be known that Zero Wing was merely an upstart Guild that had appeared with the Eternal Realm. Yet, not only did it manage to take out an Advanced Dark-Gold Flying Ship and over a hundred Advanced Dark-Gold Combat Puppets, but it also had fourteen Level 200-plus, Tier 6 experts.

Not even the various apex powers could take out such strength in the current Eternal Realm. It was especially so for the Level 200-plus, Tier 6 experts.

So long as the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp had these fourteen experts defending it, nobody in the current Eternal Realm could threaten Zero Wing's ownership over the resurrection camp.

"What should we do, Elder Sword?" Titan asked worriedly as he turned to Nineteenth Sword. "Once news of this battle gets out, we'll most likely have great difficulty surviving in the World Ark..."

Previously, the various powers had distanced themselves from the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp due to concerns about Zero Wing's ability to defend it and potential retaliation from the Sun Dynasty. However, after Zero Wing's victory against the Holy Guard, one of the Sun Dynasty's five conquest legions, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to call the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp a fortress of seemingly impenetrable defenses. In fact, it might even surpass the safety of the Seven Luminaries Alliance's resurrection camps.

Because of this, it could be foreseen that many powers would try to curry favor with Zero Wing. At that time, the Skylight Association's suffering would be the best greeting gift...

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## **Chapter 3672: Alternate Ending 746 - Battle Harvest**

Chapter 746 – Battle Harvest

Crystal City of Secrets, Airport:

Many flying ships from the various NPC Cities and Fortresses could be seen waiting to dock at the Crystal City's airport. The airport's five-story waiting hall was also crowded with players waiting to travel to the Eternal Realm's high-level maps.

"Isn't this airport a little too crowded?" a petite Level 173 female Berserker clad in silver armor bearing Scarecrow Fox's mark remarked as she looked at the long line snaking through the waiting hall. "I wonder when our adventurer team will be able to have our own flying ship like the other powers. If we had our own flying ship, we wouldn't have to waste so much time waiting in line."

"That's not going to happen anytime soon, Little Garment," River Light, a Level 180, Tier 6 Cleric, remarked with a wry smile as he gazed at the petite female Berserker. "While flying ships might be commonplace in the Greater God's Domain, only pseudo-apex



powers and above possess them in the Eternal Realm. Even conglomerates and upper-ranking hegemonic powers don't stand a chance of owning one. Fortunately, our adventurer team secured a Medium Private House in the Crystal City long ago. Otherwise, with the current influx of players, we might struggle to even enter the city, let alone board a flying ship."

The petite female Berserker was named Mirror Garment, and she was currently receiving training from Scarecrow Fox. She was the successor of one of the conglomerates backing Scarecrow Fox, and the adventurer team would usually go all-out to help her grow.

However, the problem was that the current Eternal Realm was a gathering place of the mighty, and Scarecrow Fox's status here could only be considered average. Because of this, the influence it could exert and the resources it could access were limited. It could not easily access an entire Realm's resources like it could outside the Eternal Realm.

"I understand." Mirror Garment nodded. When she looked at the various conglomerates and upper-ranking hegemonic powers' peerless geniuses who were in the waiting hall, a hint of fighting spirit appeared in her eyes.

It hadn't been easy for her to enter the Eternal Realm. Despite her status, she had to undergo fierce competition to earn a spot. Although Scarecrow Fox was a behemoth in the Realm she hailed from, she recognized that the Eternal Realm was a haven for the exceptionally powerful. This notion was readily apparent from the state of the Crystal City's airport.

Throughout the waiting area, peerless geniuses could be spotted. In their respective Realms, these individuals would be regarded as renowned figures. However, within the Crystal City of Secrets, these peerless geniuses were merely insignificant figures.

"If we can acquire more Combat Secret Treasures or a couple of Extraordinary Secret Treasures from the World Ark this time, having a flying ship sent over from the Greater God's Domain wouldn't be out of the question," Ink Qilin said, smiling when she saw the fighting spirit on Mirror Garment's face. "Also, if you're lucky, you might even get to register at one of the inner area's resurrection camps on this trip."

"The inner area? Are you for real, Big Sis Qilin?" Mirror Garment asked as she looked at Ink Qilin with fiery eyes.

Although she had only recently arrived at the Eternal Realm, she had overheard many players discussing the World Ark while exploring the Underground Crystal Palace and Crystal City of Secrets. The World Ark was currently a place of contention for many powers, and its inner area was so dangerous that even members of pseudo-apex powers were at high risk of death.

Because of this, it became mandatory for players to register themselves at an inner area resurrection camp if they wanted to explore the World Ark's inner area effectively. The only problem was that this privilege was not easily obtained. Even the members of the various pseudo-apex powers had difficulty securing a spot.

If she could register at a resurrection camp in the inner area, she could explore the inner area more efficiently and find more opportunities for growth.

"Naturally," Ink Qilin said, chuckling. "Scarecrow Fox might be insignificant in the Crystal City, but we have a good relationship with Zero Wing. Acquiring a registration slot shouldn't be too difficult."

"Zero Wing?"

Mirror Garment was unfamiliar with the name Ink Qilin mentioned. Even after searching through all the information she had of pseudo-apex powers in her mind, she could not remember ever hearing this name before.

However, Mirror Garment was no fool. Based on Ink Qilin's prideful tone when she spoke of Scarecrow Fox's relationship with Zero Wing, she could tell that Zero Wing was no ordinary power.

As Ink Qilin was about to provide Mirror Garment a detailed explanation, a nearby team overheard their conversation, and a Level 181, Tier 6 Swordsman from the team suddenly approached them. The Swordsman in question was a middle-aged man clad in armor adorned with a sword emblem, and trailing behind him was a young man who was also a Tier 6 Swordsman.

*The Blademaster Society!* Mirror Garment gasped when she saw the approaching middle-aged Swordsman.

The Blademaster Society was an adventurer team renowned in the Greater God's Domain, its reputation surpassing even Scarecrow Fox. The Society's two commanders, both bearing the title of Blademaster, were particularly celebrated for their strength, being only marginally weaker than Scarecrow Fox's legendary Great Commander.

"Greetings, Vice Commander Qilin. I am Ocean Watcher, a vice commander of the Blademaster Society," the middle-aged Swordsman introduced himself respectfully. "I couldn't help but overhear you mentioning your relationship with Zero Wing, Vice Commander Qilin. If it is not too much to ask, can I trouble you for an introduction? Just a chance to meet with Zero Wing will do. You don't have to say anything on the Blademaster Society's behalf. Regardless of success or failure, we will offer this Extraordinary Secret Treasure for your troubles."

*Ocean Watcher? The Ocean Slicing Sword God?* Mirror Garment gaped in shock when she heard the middle-aged Swordsman's introduction.

The Ocean Slicing Sword God was well-known across the Greater God's Domain. He was an expert ranked among the Divine Glory List's top 100, and even pseudo-apex powers had to treat him with a certain degree of respect. Yet, after hearing that Scarecrow Fox shared a good relationship with Zero Wing, Ocean Watcher was willing to humble himself before Ink Qilin, even going as far as to offer an incomparably precious Extraordinary Secret Treasure just to get a recommendation from Ink Qilin.

This situation piqued Mirror Garment's curiosity toward the Guild known as Zero Wing. Just what kind of power could compel a top 100 Divine Glory expert to exhibit such caution and deference?

"I cannot promise you a meeting," Ink Qilin answered after pondering the matter. "It all depends on Guild Leader Black Flame's willingness."

"That is only natural." When Ocean Watcher didn't hear an outright refusal from Ink Qilin, a hint of excitement appeared on his face. His reaction also caused the young Tier 6 Swordsman beside him to scrutinize Mirror Garment seriously, treating her like a powerful rival.

Seeing this, Mirror Garment couldn't help but be filled with disbelief.

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While the interaction between Scarecrow Fox and the Blademaster Society was taking place, over at the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp...

"We've finished cleaning up the battlefield, Guild Leader," Gentle Snow said as she entered the Advanced Tent occupied by Zero Wing's executives, who were in the middle of sorting through the loot acquired from the Sun Dynasty's three subordinate Guilds. Then, she handed Shi Feng a list and excitedly reported, "Not only did we not incur any losses in this battle, but we even made a fortune. In addition, as soon as the battle concluded, many powers contacted us asking to buy long-term registration slots."

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## **Chapter 3673: Alternate Ending 747 - Ring City Royal Order**

### **Chapter 747 – Ring City Royal Order**

Following Gentle Snow's excited statement, Hidden Soul and the others couldn't help but chuckle.

"These powers are the very definition of opportunists. Before we fought the Sun Dynasty, none of them were willing to enter a long-term partnership with us. Yet, now that we have repelled the Sun Dynasty, all of them are suddenly interested in doing so."

Fire Dance and Rampant Blade curled their lips in disdain when they heard about the various powers' behavior.

"It's normal," Shi Feng said, unsurprised by the behavior of the various powers. Chuckling, he said, "Not even the Seven Luminaries Alliance will want to provoke the Sun Dynasty if it can avoid doing so. Meanwhile, Zero Wing is only an upstart Guild in the Eternal Realm. How could the various powers possibly dare bet on us?"

"Indeed." Hidden Soul nodded in agreement. Then, she added, "Even so, we can't let them benefit off us so easily. Setting aside the resurrection slots we need to reserve for our three Guilds, we should strictly limit how many slots we share with others. Otherwise, the wait time is going to become a problem."

"How many slots do you think we should offer them, Guild Leader?" Gentle Snow asked as she looked at Shi Feng.

Although the World Ark's resurrection camps didn't have a theoretical limit on how many players they could register, they could only resurrect a limited number of players each time. If the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp only had a user base of about 100,000, it would have no problem handling the potential traffic. However, it would be a different story if the user base reached a million or more.

If too many players sought to be resurrected simultaneously, they'd have to wait a long time for their turn. If the wait time ended up being as long as it would take players to travel from the nearest NPC City to the World Ark, there'd be no point in registering at the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp.

"Based on the distance between our resurrection camp and the nearest NPC City, we should hit our maximum capacity at 500,000 players. We will need to reserve 60,000 for our three Guilds and 200,000 for other players out of these slots. So, let the various powers compete for 140,000 slots for now and set the price at 30 Eternal Silver per slot." Shi Feng said after some thought. "As for the remaining slots, we'll gradually distribute them as more Tier 6 players appear."

The World Ark's inner area was different from the outer area. Although Tier 5 players could explore the inner area, their chances of encountering Holy Race players were significantly greater. Meanwhile, with the Holy Race having far more Tier 6 players than the human race, the chances of Tier 5 human players dying in the inner area would be incredibly high. So, even if the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp registered only 400,000 players, registered players might need to wait half a day just to get resurrected.

"I'll make the necessary arrangements," Gentle Snow said, nodding.

After Gentle Snow left the tent, Shi Feng turned his attention toward the list Gentle Snow had handed to him. It was a list showing the items they acquired from the Holy Guard.

Prior to the battle, Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation had already agreed that any loot acquired during the defensive siege would go to whichever Guild was responsible for obtaining it in the first place. Meanwhile, with Zero Wing's members being responsible for over 90% of the Holy Guard members killed, it meant that over 90% of the loot obtained went to Zero Wing. So, Zero Wing's harvest was very fruitful.

The Holy Guard was one of the Sun Dynasty's five conquest legions, so it went without saying that the equipment standard of its members was excellent. Even the most inferior equipment they dropped was at the Fragmented Legendary rank.

The only problem was that most of the weapons and equipment dropped by the Holy Guard members could only be equipped by Holy Race players. In the hands of human players, they were utterly useless.

Even so, the amount of usable loot Zero Wing acquired still astonished Shi Feng.

*There are actually 2,487 universal Fragmented Legendary items. No wonder she said we made a fortune...* Shi Feng couldn't help but gasp a little as he looked at the list in his hand.

Zero Wing had expended a lot of Seven Luminaries Crystals for mobilizing the God Slayer Combat Puppets in the defensive siege. More specifically, out of the 570,000 units prepared, less than 200,000 units remained.

Fortunately, Zero Wing had won the battle, which eliminated the need to compensate guild members for losses related to weapons and equipment. Instead, Zero Wing would only need to compensate guild members for the loss of levels and contributions made during the battle.

After calculating the Guild Contribution Points required for these compensations, 2,000 Fragmented Legendary items should be more than enough for Zero Wing to break even. Essentially, Zero Wing had made a profit of 487 Fragmented Legendary items in this battle. This was nearly enough to fully equip a 50-man team with Fragmented Legendary items.

Under normal circumstances, the current Zero Wing would need at least a month to acquire nearly 500 Fragmented Legendary items. Moreover, this was only because of the Eternal Realm's favorable circumstances. Outside of the Eternal Realm, Zero Wing would probably need several months to acquire so many Fragmented Legendary items.

*It would be great if I could turn the Holy Race's exclusive weapons and equipment into usable resources right away.* When Shi Feng looked at the 10,000-plus Fragmented

Legendary items usable by only Holy Race players on the list, he couldn't help but sigh in dejection.

Weapons and equipment exclusive to the Holy Race were utterly useless to human players. Normally, if players wished to convert these items into usable resources, they could only do so by auctioning them off at a Neutral City's Auction House. Although they would incur a hefty processing fee, they could sell these unusable items to Holy Race players for Eternal Coins.

However, none of the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities had been activated thus far, so such transactions were not yet possible. While Shi Feng could also convert these exclusive items using the Origin Myth, it wasn't worth doing so. After all, Seven Luminaries Crystals were incredibly precious and strategic resources. They were even more valuable than Fragmented Legendary items in a certain sense.

*Huh? This is...a Ring City Royal Order?*

Shi Feng's eyes suddenly widened when he noticed a particular item on the list.

"What's wrong, Guild Leader?" Hidden Soul asked out of curiosity when she noticed the sudden change in Shi Feng's expression.

Aside from Hidden Soul, everyone else in the tent also noticed Shi Feng's surprised reaction, and they couldn't help but turn to look at him.

Although most of the players in the tent had yet to reach the fifth-floor standard, they were still fourth-floor experts. Hence, no changes occurring within their perception range could escape their notice.

"It's nothing bad. Our Guild has simply struck gold," Shi Feng said, chuckling when he saw Hidden Soul and the others looking at him.

Hearing Shi Feng's response, Hidden Soul and the others couldn't help but roll their eyes at him for stating the obvious.

"You guys..." Shi Feng couldn't help but feel exasperated by the looks of disdain Hidden Soul and the others were giving him. However, he refrained from explaining himself and retrieved a tattered scroll from the Epic Spatial Bag that Gentle Snow had passed him along with the list just now.

The Ring City Royal Orders!

Also known as the Ring City's Twelve Aristocrats!



Holy Ring City had twelve aristocratic positions, specifically six viscounts, four counts, and two dukes. They were established by the First City Lord, and they coincided with the twelve official fiefs that covered the World Ark's core area around Holy Ring City.

Indeed! The only way for players to acquire a Guild City in the World Ark, the first high-level World Mode Regional Dungeon in the Eternal Realm, was by becoming one of Holy Ring City's Twelve Aristocrats and acquiring an official fief. So long as a power could succeed in doing so, they would gain access to unimaginable wealth.

Meanwhile, the tattered scroll in Shi Feng's hand was none other than the Ring City Royal Order necessary to become one of the Twelve Aristocrats.

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## Chapter 3674: Alternate Ending 748 - Battle of the Four Royals

### Chapter 748 – Battle of the Four Royals

*To be able to find something like this... The Holy Guard truly is incredible.* Shi Feng briefly fell into a daze as he looked at the tattered scroll.

The Ring City Royal Order wasn't something that could be acquired easily. Even though the one currently in Shi Feng's possession was only an incomplete fragment, its value still exceeded that of a Divine Weapon. Under the right circumstances, it could even be worth multiple Divine Weapons.

This was because the World Ark was one of the Eternal Realm's few World Mode Regional Dungeons. Simply the fact that the monsters here could drop Extraordinary Secret Treasures and above already made it an invaluable location, let alone the fact that it also housed various resources and ore veins that couldn't be found elsewhere.

Most importantly, the World Ark was home to Holy Ring City.

At first glance, Holy Ring City might not seem special. After all, although Neutral Cities weren't everywhere in the Eternal Realm, there were still quite many.

However, Holy Ring City's true value quickly presented itself once the various powers discovered the Eternal Realm's coordinates in the Void Sea.

A city of absolute neutrality!

Of course, this doesn't mean the other Neutral Cities of the Eternal Realm weren't genuinely maintaining a neutral stance. Instead, the issue was that most of these



Neutral Cities could no longer uphold their neutrality once various powers discovered the Eternal Realm's coordinates, even if they intended to do so.

However, Holy Ring City was different. As mighty as the Holy Race's royal powers were, not even they could do anything about it. In fact, not even the legendary Battle of the Four Royals had managed to bring down the city.

### The Battle of the Four Royals!

It was a battle that shook the Greater God's Domains of both the human race and the Holy Race. In Shi Feng's previous life, there wasn't a single player in either Greater God's Domain who did not know about that battle. It was such a spectacle that it was even broadcast live in the real world for all humans to see.

Shortly after the Eternal Realm appeared, the players of both Greater God's Domain already understood the value it held. Hence, both human and Holy Race players were adamant about controlling the entire Eternal Realm.

Meanwhile, the places where the most wealth was gathered across the entire Eternal Realm were none other than the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities.

Hence, once the Eternal Realm's coordinates in the Void Sea were discovered, the powers of both Greater God's Domain promptly started to capture the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities one after another.

When all but Holy Ring City remained unoccupied, four of the Holy Race's ten royal powers decided to compete over the city, which led to a battle of epic proportions.

The battle at the time was of a scale that had never been seen in the history of the human race's Greater God's Domain. At the time, even apex powers like the Seven Luminaries Alliance could only watch from the sidelines, powerless to interfere.

However, contrary to everyone's expectations, none of the four royal powers managed to capture Holy Ring City. Instead, the Battle of the Four Royals had concluded with the defeat of all four royal powers, the outcome shocking everyone...

Meanwhile, after the Battle of the Four Royals, whether it was the human powers or the Holy Race powers, everyone understood one thing—Holy Ring City's neutrality could not be threatened.

This discovery instantly led to Holy Ring City's value skyrocketing by over ten thousandfold. Naturally, the value of Holy Ring City's twelve aristocratic positions also skyrocketed.

Presently, although the value of the twelve aristocratic positions was nowhere near as high as it was in Shi Feng's previous life, they were still vastly more valuable than any

resurrection camp. After all, the sole purpose of resurrection camps was to provide players with a place to resurrect inside the World Ark.

In contrast, the Guild Towns and Cities situated on Holy Ring City's official fiefs came with all the standard features and more. Whether it was resurrection or accommodation, these were merely the basics of what they had to offer. What made them truly valuable was the right to facilitate trade between players and other cities.

As these Guild Towns and Cities were affiliated with Holy Ring City, a Neutral City, the trades they could facilitate were not limited by race. For example, human players weren't restricted to trading with other human players only. Instead, they could trade with players of other races.

It was also the case for city trades. These Guild Towns and Cities weren't limited to trading with only human cities. Instead, they could also trade with Holy Race cities.

In Shi Feng's previous life, the four royal powers had gained control over 80% of Holy Ring City's fiefs after failing to capture Holy Ring City. Because of this, they established an absolute authority over neutral trades and generated wealth far beyond the imaginations of the six other royal powers.

*Only one-fifth?* Shi Feng had mixed feelings as he looked at the tattered scroll in his possession.

Honestly, he had never thought about getting his hands on a Ring City Royal Order before today. To be given a glimmer of hope now was truly an uncomfortable experience.

It should be known that acquiring a complete Ring City Royal Order was mind-bogglingly difficult. It wasn't a challenge that could be accomplished by just one individual or a powerful team.

The only reliable method to obtain Ring City Royal Orders he knew of could easily instill despair into any existing apex power. This was because this method required players to take over an entire foreign Realm. It was also why, on the Holy Race's side, only royal powers had managed to acquire Holy Ring City's official fiefs.

Currently, the Ring City Royal Order in his possession was only one of five fragments. To secure one of the twelve aristocratic positions, he would have to gather the remaining four fragments. However, every Ring City Royal Order and their fragments were unique. This meant that, even if players got their hands on multiple fragments, it was possible that they weren't fragments of the same royal order.

Of course, the system would show some mercy to players who successfully obtained fragments of a Ring City Royal Order. So long as players managed to collect one-fifth of

a royal order, they could complete the rest by paying Holy Ring City to start a foreign Realm crusade. They wouldn't need to rely entirely on luck.

Although Shi Feng did not know from where in the World Ark's core area the Holy Guard managed to obtain this fragment, the fact that it made up one-fifth of a complete royal order meant that he already had the opportunity to obtain a complete royal order.

However, Shi Feng was also aware that while the current Zero Wing already had the strength to suppress the Holy Race's top combatants, it was a different story when it came to capturing an entire Realm from the Holy Race. If Zero Wing were to go on such a crusade, it would have to go up against a Realm that had existed for hundreds, if not thousands, or possibly even tens of thousands of years. Moreover, the Holy Race players operating in said Realm would not be under any suppression or restrictions. Against such opponents, Zero Wing's current strength would be nothing but a joke.

This was also why he did not reveal the Ring City Royal Order to Hidden Soul and the others right away.

*Wait... What if...* Looking at the Ring City Royal Order, Shi Feng suddenly thought of a possibility. *What if I used the Origin Myth?*

The Origin Myth was the Origin Sanctuary's most prized possession, capable of forcibly modifying even Divine Artifacts. With the Ring City Royal Order being only a Legendary item, there was no way the Origin Myth couldn't modify it.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng promptly moved the fragmented Ring City Royal Order into the Origin Myth's Origin Space. No matter what, he had to try and see if he could repair the Legendary-rank Ring City Royal Order.

However, after putting in the royal order, Shi Feng did not receive a response from the Origin Myth. It wasn't until thirty seconds had passed that a system notification echoed in his mind.

System: Origin Space has detected the Legendary Ring City Royal Order.

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## **Chapter 3675: Alternate Ending 749 - Building a Town**

Chapter 749 – Building a Town

*It works?*

Shi Feng revealed a look of joy when he saw the system notification.

If the Origin Space showed no reaction, it meant that the Ring City Royal Order couldn't be repaired. However, so long as the Origin Space showed a reaction, it meant that it was possible to make changes to the royal order.

Subsequently, time passed by in silence as Shi Feng patiently watched the progress bar above the Origin Space fill up. At the three-minute mark, another system notification sounded in Shi Feng's mind.

System: Origin Space has detected the Ring City Royal Order. Do you wish to repair it?

System: Repairing the Ring City Royal Order will cost 50,000,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Do you wish to proceed?

*Fifty million?!*

Shi Feng gasped when he saw the cost.

It should be known that modifying the Legendary-rank Abyss Workshop Certification only cost six million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal previously. Yet, the Legendary-rank Ring City Royal Order cost a whopping 50 million. This was already close to matching the cost of modifying a Divine Artifact.

Meanwhile, an expenditure of 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal definitely wasn't something the current Zero Wing could afford. After deducting the Seven Luminaries Crystals spent on strengthening the Silverwing and covering the costs of the defensive siege, Zero Wing only had a little over seven million units remaining. Zero Wing would need a considerable amount of time to make up the difference.

Not to mention, the various powers in the current Eternal Realm were fervently nurturing Tier 6 players, and Zero Wing was no exception. This, in turn, would make it even more difficult for Zero Wing to save up 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

"Contact Frey and Garut for me, Soul." After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng took a deep breath and issued a command to Hidden Soul. "Ask them if they can come up with a total of 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Tell them that Zero Wing intends to conduct a big transaction with them."

"Fifty million?" Hidden Soul couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in surprise and confusion. "What are you planning, Guild Leader?"

A sum of 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal was enough to let 500 Tier 5 experts challenge their Tier 6 promotion. Not even apex powers could come up with such a large sum on short notice.

Aside from Hidden Soul, Phoenix Rain and the others in the tent also couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in astonishment. Even if they sold their home God's Domain, they doubted they could come up with such a large sum of Seven Luminaries Crystals.

"Just contact them for me for now. I will tell you all about it later," Shi Feng said, not bothering to explain himself.

There was no need to question whether it would be worth spending 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to repair the Ring City Royal Order.

It was worth it!

It was absolutely worth it!

When operating the World Ark's resurrection camps, players could only charge Eternal Coins for the services they offered. However, in the towns and cities built on Holy Ring City's twelve fiefs, players could set the currency they charged for services such as Auction Houses, Shops, and Private Houses. In other words, players could change their collected currency into Seven Luminaries Crystals.

In his previous life, the four royal powers that occupied over 80% of the official fiefs made it mandatory to use Holy Power Crystals, a strategic resource for the Holy Race, when doing business at their Auction Houses. This, in turn, meant that Holy Race players wishing to purchase items from human players had to use Holy Power Crystals to pay the Auction Houses' processing fees.

Because of this, the four royal powers made a huge fortune, raking in millions of units of Holy Power Crystals every day. Meanwhile, all the various powers could do was watch on enviously.

Now that Shi Feng had the opportunity to get his hands on a complete Ring City Royal Order, he'd be willing to pay even 500 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal if it meant he could secure it, let alone 50 million units.

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After Shi Feng waited for about fifteen minutes, Hidden Soul returned to the tent with Frey and Garut in tow.

"We're here, Guild Leader Black Flame. What is this business proposition that you have for us?" Garut asked as he looked at Shi Feng curiously. "Fifty million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal is no small amount. Even if Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation work together, we'd have to empty our pockets to come up with such a sum."

"Could Zero Wing be planning to sell some of its shares over the resurrection camp?" Frey asked as she scrutinized Shi Feng.

Seven Luminaries Crystals were of utmost importance to the various powers in the current Eternal Realm. They would not trade them away unless absolutely necessary. After all, there was no power that did not want more Tier 6 players under their command. Only by having more Tier 6 players could they explore the Eternal Realm more effectively.

Although the Eternal Realm was relatively abundant in Seven Luminaries Crystals, their demand was still vastly greater. As a result, the various powers still had to import most of their Seven Luminaries Crystals from outside the Eternal Realm, incurring a steep cost in the process.

Unless Zero Wing could offer something that could tempt their respective Guilds, even if the two of them were willing to do Zero Wing a favor, the executives of their respective Guilds were unlikely to play ball.

Meanwhile, out of everything Frey could think of, the only thing of value Zero Wing could offer was its shares of the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp.

The battle against the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard had proven the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp's defenses to be impregnable. Because of this, players were coming in droves to register at the resurrection camp, causing the camp's income to increase several times. At this time, it wouldn't even be an exaggeration to call the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp the most lucrative location in the human race's territory. Most importantly, this wasn't even the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp's limit, as the number of players registering at the camp was still increasing steadily.

Hence, if Zero Wing were to offer up some of its shares over the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, the executives of Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation definitely wouldn't mind paying huge sums of Seven Luminaries Crystals for them.

"No." Shi Feng shook his head.

"No?" Garut grew even more curious when he saw Shi Feng shaking his head. "Could it be those combat puppets, then?"

"It would be interesting if that's the case," Frey said, feeling a little excited.

If there was anything else Zero Wing had that was of value to Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation, it would have to be the Silverwing Flying Ship and God Slayer Combat Puppets. However, not even for a moment did Frey think that Zero Wing might sell the Silverwing Flying Ship. After all, even outside the Eternal Realm, the flying ship was a priceless treasure, let alone in the Eternal Realm.

This left only the God Slayer Combat Puppets. Although nowhere near as valuable as the Silverwing, the combat power they possessed could still be considered extraordinary in the current Eternal Realm.

If the Red Dragon Nation could get its hands on a batch of God Slayer Combat Puppets, its exploration of the World Ark could be improved greatly. It would no longer have to worry about lacking Tier 6 players.

“That’s not it, either,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

“We give up, Guild Leader Black Flame. Just tell us what you’re trying to sell us,” Frey said, feeling a little confused. “If it’s not too much of a problem, we can probably convince our Guilds’ other executives to agree to this matter.”

Garut nodded in agreement with Frey’s words.

They regarded their partnership with Zero Wing highly. So long as Shi Feng wasn’t making them incur a major loss, they wouldn’t mind giving him 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

“A town!” Shi Feng declared with a smile. “Zero Wing intends to construct a town in the World Ark’s core area. Are you two willing to spend 25 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal each to permanently purchase one Large Shop and one Large Land there?”

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## **Chapter 3676: Alternate Ending 750 - 2-Star Count**

### **Chapter 750 – 2-Star Count**

“Real estate for a town in the World Ark’s core area?”

“You’re not joking with us, are you, Guild Leader Black Flame?”

When Frey and Garut heard Shi Feng’s words, they looked at him with bloodshot eyes and bated breaths. Their voices also trembled as they spoke, neither daring to believe the validity of Shi Feng’s words.

The World Ark was the only high-level World Mode Regional Dungeon activated in the Eternal Realm. Because of this, even the competition in the World Ark’s inner area was already incredibly intense. As evidence, as soon as their three Guilds had proven themselves capable of defending the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp, numerous powers had come forth, offering to pay astronomical prices just to secure some resurrection slots. Meanwhile, this situation was already enough to make them wonder if they were in a dream.

As for occupying a Guild Town in the World Ark’s core area?



Even if they were only limited to occupying a shop and a plot of land in said town, it was not something they would dare to dream of accomplishing. In fact, not even the various apex powers would dare think of accomplishing such a thing in the current Eternal Realm!

It should be known that currently, even the human race's various apex powers were having great difficulty surviving and exploring the World Ark's core area. As for the human race's other powers, the core area was a forbidden land that was absolutely off-limits for them.

However, if one could secure a place to rest in the World Ark's core area, one would gain unimaginable advantages when exploring it.

At this time, Frey and Garut weren't the only ones shocked by Shi Feng's words. Hidden Soul and the other Zero Wing executives present in the tent were similarly dumbfounded. They might have reacted with even greater excitement if not for Frey and Garut's presence.

After all, the advantages Zero Wing could gain from having a Guild Town in the World Ark were leagues above what it could gain from a resurrection camp.

Firstly, Zero Wing could construct a Guild Residence in the Guild Town. This, in turn, meant that Zero Wing's members could teleport directly to the World Ark's core area using Guild Transfer Scrolls. Secondly, guild members could get proper rest in the World Ark and trade various resources with each other in a relatively safe environment. With these two advantages alone, Zero Wing could easily triumph over the various powers in the World Ark.

"I'm not joking. If you two don't believe me, we can establish a God's Domain Contract for this transaction," Shi Feng said, chuckling when he saw Frey and Garut's excited response. "What do you think? Are you two willing to carry out this transaction?"

"I accept on the Red Dragon Nation's behalf!" Frey answered without hesitation, behaving like she was afraid Shi Feng would go back on his word. Immediately afterward, she contacted the Red Dragon Nation's other executives to start gathering Seven Luminaries Crystals.

"Azure Fang is also in!" Although Garut answered a second later than Frey, his speed in contacting Azure Fang's other executives was not at all slower than Frey's. "Give me half a day, and I'll get you your 25 million units, Guild Leader Black Flame!"

Meanwhile, after Frey and Garut agreed to Shi Feng's business proposal on behalf of their respective Guilds, they quickly signed a God's Domain Contract over the transaction. The contract required Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation to provide 25 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to Zero Wing each. In return, once Zero Wing

finished constructing its Guild Town in the World Ark's core area, they would each gain permanent ownership over a Large Shop and a Large Land in the Guild Town.

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"Aren't we acting a little too hastily, Guild Leader?" After seeing Frey and Garut leave the tent, Hidden Soul worriedly said to Shi Feng, "Although the two of them are unlikely to expose this matter, we can't say the same for their Guilds' executives."

Phoenix Rain and Gentle Snow, Zero Wing's other Vice Guild Leaders, nodded in agreement. They similarly felt that Shi Feng's behavior this time was incredibly risky.

The World Ark was currently the primary target of contention for the Holy Race's royal powers and the human race's apex powers. Meanwhile, Zero Wing had only recently defeated the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard and stabilized its foothold in the World Ark's inner area. If Zero Wing tried to occupy a large number of advantages in the core area right away, even the human race's various powers wouldn't tolerate it, let alone the Holy Race's various powers. After all, the advantages a Guild Town could provide were simply massive. It simply wasn't something that a resurrection camp could compete against.

The nail that sticks out gets hammered down!

This was a simple principle that occurred almost constantly in God's Domain. If Zero Wing's only opponent was the Sun Dynasty, it could still more or less survive. However, if Zero Wing had to go up against a bunch of apex powers and royal powers, the only outcome awaiting it would be death. Ultimately, Zero Wing could only surrender its Guild Town to the various apex and royal powers.

"Don't worry. Nobody can take away Zero Wing's possessions," Shi Feng said, chuckling. He did not bother to explain his decision.

If Zero Wing's Guild Town was constructed in any other location, he would have indeed had to worry about defending it. However, he would have no such concern if he constructed it on one of Holy Ring City's twelve official fiefs.

In God's Domain, the Main God System would usually grant newly constructed Guild Towns a one-month buffer period. If the town was attacked during this buffer period, the NPC power the town was affiliated with would step forward to protect it. In other words, if anyone were to attack a Guild Town constructed on one of the twelve official fiefs, they would have to prepare themselves to face the wrath of Holy Ring City.

It should be known that Holy Ring City was the sole Neutral City that retained its status of neutrality in the Eternal Realm during Shi Feng's previous life. Not even the might of four royal powers could threaten it back then, let alone now.

Meanwhile, a month was enough for Zero Wing to amass a fortune through its town. Paired with its Medium World Fragment and the players from Shi Feng's home God's Domain, Zero Wing could mass-produce Level 210-plus, Tier 6 experts. At that time, it'd be the various powers who'd have to be afraid of Zero Wing, not the other way around.

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Half a day later, Frey and Garut personally delivered 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to Shi Feng, neither of them letting others interfere throughout the process. Evidently, they knew it would be in their best interest to let as few people as possible know about this transaction.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng saw the two off, he returned to his Advanced Tent and used the Origin Myth to repair the Ring City Royal Order without hesitation.

As soon as Shi Feng injected the 50 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal into the Origin Space, the tattered scroll in the Origin Space started to recover at a visible rate.

In only a minute, a brand new scroll made of sheepskin appeared before Shi Feng.

[Fourth Ring City Royal Order] (Inferior Divine Artifact Rank Item)

One of the twelve title certificates conferred by the First City Lord of Holy Ring City. The owner of this certificate will be granted the title of a 2-star Count and the Shadowring Basin as their fief. As long as the holder of this certificate is in the World Ark, they can teleport to any location in the connected fief at any time. Additionally, the holder of this certificate has the privilege of constructing one Guild Town on their fief at no cost.

*A 2-star Count?*

Shi Feng was momentarily stunned when he saw the description of the Ring City Royal Order.

There were twelve Ring City Royal Orders, each granting a different starting rank. Among them, six granted players the Viscount rank, four granted the Count rank, and two granted the Duke rank.

These three major ranks could further split into multiple minor ranks. In the case of Counts, they could be split into three minor ranks, starting from the 1-star status and ending at the 3-star status. Of the four royal orders that granted a starting rank of Count, one started players as a 3-star Count, one started as a 2-star Count, and the remaining two started as a 1-star Count.

After gaining an aristocratic position, players could raise their ranks by completing Holy Ring City's quests. Meanwhile, the higher a player's rank, the greater the authority they

could wield in Holy Ring City. The differences would start to become especially apparent starting from the Count rank.

For example, although a 2-star Count was only one minor rank above 1-star Counts, they gained the privilege of constructing an Advanced Town directly on their fief. They wouldn't need to start from a Basic Town like 1-star Counts. Meanwhile, an Advanced Town was not only four times larger than a Basic Town, but it also had the privilege of trading with one Neutral City!

In his previous life, several apex powers had to work together just to acquire a 2-star Viscount rank. Then, they had to go through even more effort to develop it into a 2-star Count so that they could upgrade their Basic Town into an Advanced Town. Yet, in this life, he got to start as a 2-star Count directly.

System: Do you wish to construct an Advanced Town on your fief immediately?

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## **Chapter 3677: Alternate Ending 751 - Mythical Era City**

### Chapter 751 – Mythical Era City

“Did something happen, Guild Leader?” Hidden Soul asked anxiously when she noticed Shi Feng looking dazed.

Now that Zero Wing had already formalized its new partnership with Azure Fang and the Red Dragon Nation, it wouldn't be long before the various powers learned of Zero Wing's intent to construct a city in the World Ark's core area. If a problem were to crop up at this juncture, it would be terrible news for Zero Wing.

“Don't worry; it's something good,” Shi Feng said after choosing to proceed with the Advanced Town's construction. Then, he commanded, “Bring over all the earnings we made from the resurrection camp. Actually, no, bring me as much money as you can get your hands on. I have a great use for it!”

When the several apex powers successfully upgraded their Basic Town into an Advanced Town, it instantly became the target of envy for the various human powers. Even Shi Feng couldn't help but covet it.

Originally, Shi Feng thought he'd be fortunate to start as a 2-star or 3-star Viscount. If that were the case, it'd be a long while before Zero Wing could have an Advanced Town in the World Ark. After all, raising one's aristocratic rank in Holy Ring City was no easy task. However, now that Zero Wing could construct an Advanced Town directly, he'd have to change up his plans a little.

It should be known that, upon reaching the Advanced rank, Guild Towns operating under Holy Ring City would remain exceptional entities even until the Eternal Realm's middle stages. This was due to their gaining access to an Advanced Feature, namely the ability to establish a teleportation trade route with one other Neutral City outside of Holy Ring City in the Eternal Realm.

Indeed!

Every Advanced Town operating under Holy Ring City could let players teleport to one pre-designated Neutral City located in the Eternal Realm, saving them a lot of time and the need to carry the risks of traveling across great distances. Human players could even trade with Holy Race players, depending on the Neutral City's location.

Of course, this feature wasn't without its flaws. In addition to being a one-way teleportation, the teleportation itself costs a hefty sum.

In Shi Feng's previous life, the Advanced Town operated by the several apex powers charged each player 100 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to teleport to the Neutral City it was connected with. Even outside the Eternal Realm, this costly fee could make many Tier 6 experts wince in pain, let alone in the Eternal Realm during its early and middle stages.

Even so, many independent players and experts from the various powers were willing to pay this costly teleportation fee in his previous life. This was because there were very few Neutral Cities that players could actually enter during the Eternal Realm's early and middle stages. Aside from being far from civilization, they also had stringent entry conditions. They weren't places where players could enter whenever they wanted. In comparison, the price of 100 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal could be considered dirt cheap.

With the current Eternal Realm still in its early stages, there should be very few players capable of entering Neutral Cities. Meanwhile, with the value of Neutral Cities, having the ability to teleport to one was akin to gaining access to a gold mine. So long as Zero Wing had enough money, it could purchase all kinds of real estate in bulk.

Although almost all of these Neutral Cities would become unsafe once the Eternal Realm entered its later stages, by the time that period arrived, Zero Wing would have made far more money than it had invested. Not to mention, every Neutral City had its own unique resources.

"There is 234,431 Eternal Gold inside, Guild Leader," Hidden Soul reported as she handed a spatial bag containing Eternal Gold Coins to Shi Feng. "Aside from the 42,135 Eternal Gold the camp made today, 55,412 Eternal Gold came from the camp's operations before today, and 136,704 Eternal Gold came from our recent operations in the Crystal City."

“If you still need more, Snow should be able to secure another thirty or forty thousand Eternal Gold by today if she sells some of the warehouse’s Common and Combat Secret Treasures.”

“Leave the secret treasures in the warehouse; save them for the new members we recruit. This much money should be enough for now,” Shi Feng said as he put the Eternal Coins away. Then, after managing his affairs in the resurrection camp, he promptly used the Ring City Royal Order to teleport to the Shadowring Basin.

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World Ark, Core Area, Shadowring Basin:

On a vast plain shrouded in darkness stood a town enveloped in a magic barrier. While walking slowly toward the Teleportation Hall situated in the center of the town, Shi Feng quietly admired the buildings inside the isolated town.

System: Construction of Shadowring Town is completed. The town will be open to NPCs in one natural day. The town will be fully opened to players in two natural days.

System: As Shadowring Town is newly constructed, it will receive Holy Ring City’s protection for thirty natural days. You are advised to refine the town’s defenses during this period.

System: As an Advanced Town, Shadowring Town may open a one-way teleportation channel to one Neutral City in the Eternal Realm. Do you wish to enable this feature?

“Activate it!” Shi Feng decided without hesitation.

System: Please select one Neutral City in the Eternal Realm. You cannot change your choice once you have decided. In addition, depending on the distance of the selected Neutral City, the Eternal Coins required to construct the teleportation channel and the Seven Luminaries Crystals consumed for the teleportation will differ.

Immediately, a list of over a hundred Neutral Cities appeared before Shi Feng, each with its own teleportation channel construction cost and teleportation fee. Of these Neutral Cities, the closest one to Shadowring Town cost 1,000 Eternal Gold to connect with a teleportation channel and one unit of Seven Luminaries Crystal per player to teleport. Meanwhile, the farthest one cost 200,000 Eternal Gold to connect and two hundred units of Seven Luminaries Crystal per player to teleport.

*Those vampires! Their teleportation cost was only five units, yet they charged one hundred units per player! When Shi Feng saw the teleportation cost for the Neutral City, which the several apex powers had connected their Advanced Town with in his previous life, he couldn’t help but curse at them.*



The early and middle stages were the most advantageous periods for players to develop within the Eternal Realm. If the several apex powers had not been so greedy, the human race's various powers could have had a much easier time resisting the Holy Race's various powers. This, in turn, could have prevented the Holy Race's invasion from progressing all the way to the Twelve Sanctuaries, thus safeguarding the Twelve Sanctuaries' survival and preserving the continued growth of human players.

While Shi Feng was pondering which Neutral City he should connect Shadowring Town with, a striking name suddenly entered his sight.

Luminous Sky City!

It was regarded as one of the Eternal Realm's Five Great Neutral Cities in Shi Feng's previous life. It was also an ancient city that had existed since the Mythical Era. Although it ultimately fell under the control of a royal power, with the exception of Holy Ring City, it was the latest Neutral City to be conquered. In addition, it was one of the few Neutral Cities situated in the middle of the Forbidden Zone.

[Luminous Sky City]

Teleportation Channel Construction Cost: 60,000 Eternal Gold Coins

Teleportation Cost: 60 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal per person

*It's not too expensive.*

After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and chose to connect Shadowring Town with Luminous Sky City.

For a human power like Zero Wing, it would normally be best to have teleportation access to a Neutral City on the Western Continent. That way, Zero Wing could have an easier time developing on the Western Continent. More players would also be willing to head to the Forbidden Zone's Western Continent.

However, considering he had a City Building Order for the Western Continent, Shi Feng felt it unnecessary to connect Shadowring Town with a Neutral City there. Rather than that, it would be more beneficial to have teleportation access to Luminous Sky City, which would eventually become a gathering place for players of the human race and the Holy Race and one of the ten most populated cities in the Eternal Realm. Such an advantage would significantly help Zero Wing, especially during the Eternal Realm's early stages.

In his previous life, once the coordinates of the Eternal Realm were discovered, various pseudo-apex and apex powers had chosen to consolidate their strength and focus their development on the Eternal Continent. Consequently, other players who had entered the Eternal Realm during that time chose to scatter across the rest of the realm. This, in



turn, led to the rise of many human powers outside the Eternal Continent. Some of these human powers even managed to grow to a point where they could exchange blows with the royal powers of the Holy Race.

Back then, Zero Wing had missed the right timing to extend its development into the Eternal Realm, so Shi Feng naturally couldn't let this mistake happen again.

System: Construction of the teleportation channel is completed.

*Going by the timing of the Eternal Realm's appearance, neither race should have many players operating in Luminous Sky City right now. I can use this opportunity to secure some of the city's prime real estate.* Upon seeing the completion of the construction of the teleportation channel, Shi Feng registered Shadowring Town's coordinates into the Abyss Workshop Certification before stepping into the teleportation array and disappearing from the town.

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TL Notes:

[1]Forbidden Zone:

This is a general term that covers all locations outside the Eternal Continent, e.g., the Western Continent, the Southern Continent, and everything in between.

## **Chapter 3678: Alternate Ending 752 - Small Silver Battle Array**

Chapter 752 – Small Silver Battle Array

Off the coast of the Eternal Continent, Luminous Sky City:

As Shi Feng walked out of the Teleportation Hall, which was a thousand meters tall, a large section of the city's landscape came into view. Luminous Sky City was built atop the ocean, resembling a giant moving island. Despite being a Neutral City, its player and NPC populations were superior to even the Crystal City of Secrets.

*How are there so many players here already?*

Shi Feng couldn't help but be taken aback when he saw over 10,000 players resting and walking about on the street in front of the Teleportation Hall.

The areas surrounding Luminous Sky City were filled with sea monsters at Level 180 or above. Some of these monsters could rival land-based Tier 6 Divine monsters, and

some were even Level 180-plus, Tier 6 Archaic Species. Moving farther away from the city, some surrounding maps even housed Level 190-plus monsters. For the current Eternal Realm's players, who only averaged at Level 170, even venturing into this region was a challenge, let alone surviving in it.

Meanwhile, upon closer inspection, Shi Feng discovered that the players loitering outside the Teleportation Hall averaged at Level 185, with the highest-level player he saw being at Level 190. Over 5% of these players had also reached Tier 6 already. In addition, most of these players did not have a Guild Emblem equipped, indicating they were independent players.

However, despite their high levels, Shi Feng discovered that the equipment standard of these independent players was much inferior compared to the Eternal Continent's Guild players. Yet, despite the various powers of the human race and the Holy Race having yet to set foot into Luminous Sky City, so many independent players had arrived already. This situation truly surprised and confused Shi Feng.

As Shi Feng walked down the street, the players loitering on the streetside did not pay him any particular attention. They simply took his arrival as normal and continued doing what they had been doing.

"Twenty-man grinding team for Star-Devouring Whale Tribes! We're missing two Tier 6 healers! Must be at Level 185 and equipped with a Level 200 Dark-Gold Equipment Set at the very least!"

"Recruiting for an independent trade escort quest! We're still missing three Level 180-plus experts! We'll take anyone fully equipped with Level 200 Dark-Gold Equipment! Tier 6 players get priority!"

Quite a few players were recruiting for team members outside the Teleportation Hall. Moreover, none of these players seem to care about the race of the players they recruited. Human players were open to recruiting Holy Race players, while Holy Race players were open to recruiting human players. Most importantly, everyone around them thought nothing of this situation. They behaved like this was a completely normal thing.

If the Eternal Continent's players or the Western Continent's players were to come here, they would definitely be given a fright.

This wasn't just because these players didn't mind teaming up with an enemy race. It was also because of the low equipment requirements they stated. It didn't look like these players were preparing to fight against powerful high-level monsters at all. Instead, it looked like they were prepared to head to a low-level map to stomp on weaklings.

Yet, to Shi Feng's utter confusion, he saw these teams heading for Luminous Sky City's entrance as soon as they recruited enough members for their teams.

*Did I come to the wrong place?* Shi Feng couldn't help but knit his brows as he watched the teams exiting the city.

If he hadn't had prior knowledge regarding Luminous Sky City's situation, he would have simply regarded this bizarre situation as normal. However, the problem was that his understanding of Luminous Sky City was no less than his knowledge of the Crystal City of Secrets. After all, Luminous Sky City was one of the Eternal Realm's Five Great Neutral Cities in his previous life. It was difficult for any player to not know anything about it.

Meanwhile, it should be known that Star-Devouring Whales were bona fide Archaic Species. Their bloodline might be inferior to dragons, but Tier 5 Star-Devouring Whales would have no trouble contending with the average Tier 6 monster. They also usually moved in groups of dozens or over a hundred. In addition, if a Star-Devouring Whale reached Tier 6, it would even become a Regional Boss.

If the 20-man teams he saw could challenge the Star-Devouring Whales in groups of equal size, they should have no trouble achieving victory. However, if they were to challenge an average-sized tribe of Star-Devouring Whales, there was a very high likelihood they would suffer a teamwipe. Not to mention, if their battle lasted too long, the commotion they caused could very well attract other sea monsters wandering nearby.

If these 20-man teams were composed of players equipped with top-tier equipment, Shi Feng wouldn't be so surprised by their boldness. However, the equipment standard of these players could only be considered average. If they were to rely on such ordinary equipment to grind Star-Devouring Whales, their efficiency would be terrible, and they'd be much better off grinding weaker monsters.

After walking down several streets, Shi Feng also noticed that the players inhabiting Luminous Sky City had astonishingly high combat standards.

Even in the Crystal City of Secrets, fifth-floor experts only made up a tiny fraction of the city's player population. Take Zero Wing, for example. Despite having over 100,000 members operating in the Crystal City, less than 300 of these members were fifth-floor experts. As for pseudo-fifth-floor experts, they numbered even fewer than actual fifth-floor experts.

Yet, whether it was the human players or Holy Race players inhabiting Luminous Sky City, roughly 1% of them were pseudo-fifth-floor experts. This was a considerably high percentage, and it could already match the ratio of the various pseudo-apex powers' elite legions.

Upon arriving at Luminous Sky City's main street, Shi Feng decided to inquire some players about the city's current situation. However, before he could begin his inquiries, he discovered numerous players had set up stalls along the street. It would not be an

exaggeration to say that player stalls lined the sides of the main street from beginning to end. Moreover, these stalls offered items of considerable quality, with Legendary materials forming the majority of the goods on display. Even battle arrays, which were seldom sold on the market, were being offered by these street vendors.

Most surprisingly, Shi Feng found that some adventurer teams were actually selling Small Battle Array Scrolls.

Small Advanced Bronze Battle Array Scrolls!

Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls!

These Small Battle Array Scrolls were one-time consumables, and they could be activated by twenty players when twenty of them were gathered. Meanwhile, when activated, they would strengthen players' Basic Attributes and allow them to share their five senses, and these effects could last for twelve hours.

If a team of Tier 5 players were to use a complete Small Silver Battle Array, each team member would be strong enough to fight against Tier 6 players in a one-on-one battle. In a group fight, the Tier 5 players would even have an edge in perception due to their shared senses.

*So that's why so many players dare to leave the city.*

Realization dawned upon Shi Feng as he beheld these Small Battle Array Scrolls. With the aid of a Small Silver Battle Array, even Tier 5 players with less-than-optimal equipment could bridge the gap in Basic Attributes and tiers between themselves and the formidable sea monsters wandering outside Luminous Sky City.

Intrigued by this situation, Shi Feng decided to approach one of the stalls selling Small Silver Battle Arrays.

At this time, hundreds of players were browsing around the stall, each at Level 185 or above. Quite a few of them were also Tier 6 experts.

Normally, a Small Silver Battle Array Scroll could fetch six to eight Eternal Gold on the Eternal Continent, with demand consistently exceeding supply. However, the stall Shi Feng visited sold these scrolls at a bargain, each costing only one Eternal Gold.

Meanwhile, the stall in question was operated by three players, all being young women with remarkable appearances. Moreover, Shi Feng couldn't help but be shocked when he got a better look at two of these beauties.

This was because the two women in question were Aqua Rose and the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Seven Melody. Unlike the last time they met, Aqua Rose and Seven

Melody had already advanced to Tier 6. They had also reached Level 187, which could be considered super-first-rate on the Eternal Continent.

As for the third woman, she was a Swordsman carrying four longswords on her back, and her level was even higher than Aqua Rose and Seven Melody, being at Level 189. This could be considered first-rate, even in Luminous Sky City.

*Why is she here?* Shi Feng couldn't help but be surprised once again when he recognized the female Swordsman.

Myriad Swords, Frost Raven!

She was the commander of the Sky Dragon Knight Order and the only player to own four Divine Swords in the Greater God's Domain. In Shi Feng's previous life, she was also one of the only two Ten Great Sword Gods to enter the Divine Glory List's top ten during the war between the two races.

While Shi Feng was wondering why Frost Raven was developing in Luminous Sky City, a group of players suddenly approached the trio's stall and surrounded it.

"Demon's Gate is doing business here! Irrelevant bystanders, get lost!"

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## **Chapter 3679: Alternate Ending 753 - Turmoil in the Southern Region**

### **Chapter 753 – Turmoil in the Southern Region**

Following the sudden loud shout, silence enveloped the entire main street. At the same time, the many players on the street, whether they were human or Holy Race players, quickly scattered. Even the players thinking of purchasing Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls at the encircled stall took the initiative to back away.

"What's Demon's Gate trying to do now?"

"These Demon's Gate bastards! After constantly locking down maps, are they now looking to steal things as well?!"

"I doubt that. Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls aren't any sort of valuable treasure. Many sea monsters have a chance of dropping them. Tier 6 sea monsters are even guaranteed to drop them. Not to mention, it doesn't look like they are interested in those scrolls whatsoever."

“Are they interested in those three beauties, then?”

“If that’s the case, those three are in trouble. Demon’s Gate is filled with a bunch of PvP maniacs.”

When the bystanders on the street saw Demon’s Gate’s 20-man team surrounding the stall operated by Frost Raven, Seven Melody, and Aqua Rose, they couldn’t help but express their anger toward Demon’s Gate. They also couldn’t help but sympathize with the trio.

However, despite their feelings over the situation, the bystanders only dared to voice their opinions in hushed discussions. Even though Demon’s Gate’s team consisted of only twenty players, far fewer than the several hundred bystanders present, nobody actually dared to speak loudly or normally.

In fact, not even the Tier 6 bystanders, who similarly outnumbered Demon’s Gate’s team, dared to voice their opinions.

This was because they were aware of one thing—should they dare to provoke Demon’s Gate, they could abandon all thoughts of surviving in the Eternal Realm’s southern region in the future.

In fact, they would be fortunate if they managed to escape with just being cornered out of the southern region or killed back to Level 0. What was more likely to happen was having Soul Annihilation bestowed upon them. After all, this fate had already befallen many of the teams that had dared to provoke Demon’s Gate previously...

Currently, although many Guilds of various sizes were operating in the sea south of the Eternal Continent, virtually all of them had already submitted themselves to either Demon’s Gate or the royal power operating in this region. As for those who refused to submit, they had already been dealt with by both parties.

Hence, Demon’s Gate was essentially the ruler of the southern region, and only the Holy Race’s royal power could afford to cross it.

Meanwhile, after the Demon’s Gate members surrounded the stall, a young man who was clad in a black-and-white leather jacket and carrying a scythe on his back approached the stall. With his stark white hair and slitted pupils, he exuded an aura of menace that sent chills down the spines of all bystanders.

“White Ghost!”

“Why is the Death Scythe here?”

Many of the experts present shuddered violently when they saw the menacing young man.

Of Demon's Gate's younger generation, there existed the Three Great Chosen Ones and Six Great Paragons, and Demon's Gate deemed every one of them capable of becoming powerhouses in the future. Among them, White Ghost the Death Scythe was one of the Six Great Paragons.

Originally, Demon's Gate had sent White Ghost to the southern region to have him refine himself by clashing against the experts of the royal power. However, due to his vicious nature, White Ghost did far more than just hone himself using the Holy Race's experts. In addition to eliminating every Holy Race expert he encountered, he also killed any human player who dared to voice an opinion regarding Demon's Gate's conduct.

No less than a thousand fifth-floor experts in the southern region have perished at White Ghost's hands to date. He had also slain several of the royal power's Transcendent List reserve candidates, earning him a place on the Holy Race's Transcendent List. Just recently, he had even eliminated a Taboo-level existence from the Scarlet Merchant Alliance. At this juncture, it would be an understatement to label him a monster cloaked in human skin.

Meanwhile, under everyone's gaze, White Ghost slowly made his way up to Frost Raven, Seven Melody, and Aqua Rose.

"You have two choices, Aqua," White Ghost said to Aqua Rose, a faint smile playing on his lips. "Either you relinquish that item to us now, or none of you three will ever leave Luminous Sky City alive."

After a slight pause, White Ghost turned to look at Frost Raven and continued, "The Vice Guild Leader has already given the word. Should you surrender the item, not only will you get to join Demon's Gate, but Miss Raven here will also get to become a core member of ours."

Despite White Ghost's seemingly friendly invitation, everyone present could sense the unquestionable authority in his words. Even the onlooking Tier 6 experts couldn't help but shudder at the oppressive atmosphere he created.

However, despite the threatening invitation, many onlooking players couldn't help but grow envious of Aqua Rose and Frost Raven.

It should be known that Demon's Gate was a bona fide apex power. Apart from those nurtured internally, anyone else who wished to join Demon's Gate would first have to meet its incredibly high entry requirements. As for the privilege of becoming a core member of Demon's Gate, it was normally something that members could only earn after slaughtering countless lives. Very rarely would Demon's Gate invite a player to become a core member.



However, as long as one successfully became a core member of Demon's Gate, one would enjoy an exalted position. Even the members of the royal power operating in the southern region would hesitate to kill a core member of Demon's Gate.

The reason for this was that Demon's Gate was made up of a bunch of lunatics. Anyone who dared to kill a core member of Demon's Gate would face unrelenting retaliation from the apex power.

Of course, this did not imply that the royal power operating in the southern region was weaker than Demon's Gate. On the contrary, the royal power in question could easily wipe the floor with Demon's Gate in a direct confrontation. The problem was that Demon's Gate's members operated like assassins, employing all sorts of covert tactics to catch their opponents off guard. They would never offer their opponents a fair fight.

While everyone thought Aqua Rose would accept White Ghost's offer, Frost Raven, looking like the trio's leader, suddenly spoke up in a tone that was neither humble nor arrogant, saying, "Allow us to refuse Demon's Gate's offer. If that is all you are here for, please take your leave and don't disturb our business."

Aqua Rose nodded in agreement.

However, as Frost Raven's voice faded, a frigid atmosphere descended upon the street. An oppressive killing intent also swept across a radius of a thousand yards, paralyzing many of the Tier 5 experts present.

"Are you rejecting Demon's Gate's goodwill?" White Ghost asked. Although he kept his faint smile, a cold glint flashed in his eyes. "Do you know the consequences of rejecting Demon's Gate's goodwill?"

As soon as White Ghost spoke, the Demon's Gate members behind him took a step forward, baring their menacing looks and killing intent at Frost Raven's group. So long as Frost Raven's group dared to utter another word of refusal, or if White Ghost gave the word, they would immediately move to eliminate the three women.

"Are those three stupid? How dare they refuse Demon's Gate? Have they grown tired of living in God's Domain?"

"Now that the Death Scythe has already approached them in person, do they really think Demon's Gate wouldn't dare to attack them inside the city?"

Many bystanders couldn't help but look at Frost Raven, Aqua Rose, and Seven Melody in disbelief. They never thought there would exist someone in the southern region who would dare to refuse Demon's Gate's conditions. It should be known that Demon's Gate would not hesitate to kill even the chosen ones of the Holy Race's royal powers. Moreover, even after being slighted in such a manner, the royal powers could do nothing about it.

If Demon's Gate decided to target a group of independent players, the difficulty of the task would be easier than child's play.

At this time, Frost Raven, Aqua Rose, and Seven Melody also started to feel a little pressure.

They did not doubt whether White Ghost's team would dare to attack them in Luminous Sky City if they rejected Demon's Gate's offer again. Moreover, with the prowess of Demon's Gate's members, if these lunatics threw caution to the wind, there was a high chance the three of them might not survive until the surrounding NPC Guards came to their rescue. The situation would be even worse if White Ghost joined the fight.

While Frost Raven, Seven Melody, and Aqua Rose were thinking about how they could get out of this predicament, a deep voice suddenly rang out from nearby.

"Has Demon's Gate never heard of first come, first served? Can you let me finish my shopping before you start fighting?"

As the words spoken by this voice echoed across the street, the originally heavy atmosphere lightened up significantly. Then, everyone present couldn't help but turn their attention toward the source of the voice, all wanting to see who was the fool who dared to stir trouble during this serious moment.

At this time, a cloaked man carrying two longswords around his waist could be seen walking up to the trio's stall. The man approached the stall with a casual expression, behaving as if Demon's Gate's members did not exist.

"Guild Leader Black Flame?"

TL Notes:

[1]southern region(南域: This is not referring to the Southern Continent.

Also, as a refresh:

Eternal Continent = Northern Continent = human race's continent

Western Continent = Holy Race's continent

## **Chapter 3680: Alternate Ending 754 - Demon's Gate**

Chapter 754 – Demon's Gate

Aqua Rose and Seven Melody were momentarily stunned when they saw the cloaked Swordsman approaching their stall. They never thought the person who dared to speak out against Demon's Gate would actually be Shi Feng, the person they had encountered at the Golden Spire.

Meanwhile, White Ghost furrowed his brow as he cast a chilling glare at Shi Feng. Although White Ghost did not speak up, almost everyone present could also sense his surging anger as the atmosphere that had briefly relaxed became incredibly tense once more.

Meanwhile, upon sensing White Ghost's anger, the surrounding players quickly distanced themselves from him, afraid they would get dragged into the ensuing crossfire.

"That guy must be crazy to stand out in this situation!"

"Is he really going to challenge Demon's Gate's prestige?"

The surrounding bystanders felt their hearts rising up their throats as they looked at Shi Feng. They also had no doubts that Shi Feng would become a corpse in just a moment.

"Kid! It seems you have a lot of courage, huh, daring to interfere in Demon's Gate's matters," White Ghost said coldly as he looked at Shi Feng. "Is this your first day in Luminous Sky City?"

It was common knowledge in the southern region that Demon's Gate was the region's ruler. Not even the Holy Race's various powers would dare to oppose it here.

Yet, someone was now openly challenging this established fact. This was a brazen act of provocation against Demon's Gate's reputation. It had already been a long while since he had encountered such a situation after his arrival in the Eternal Realm.

However, he did not mind letting everyone in the southern region learn of Demon's Gate's horrors once more!

As soon as White Ghost finished speaking, several of the Tier 6 experts around him promptly encircled Shi Feng, cutting off all his paths of retreat.

Meanwhile, when Aqua Rose and Seven Melody saw this development, they couldn't help but grow concerned. They felt that Shi Feng was playing with fire by provoking Demon's Gate right now.

Although Luminous Sky City had NPC Guards patrolling all its streets, players weren't guaranteed absolute safety. If Demon's Gate was determined to take action, even Frost Raven, the strongest of their trio, might not escape unscathed.

Demon's Gate was an apex power. Because of this, all of its experts capable of advancing to Tier 6 at this stage of the Eternal Realm would be fully equipped with Legendary Equipment and have learned Mana Purification Techniques. In terms of overall strength, they could rival Tier 6 Gods of the same level, and even the chosen ones of pseudo-apex powers would have to fight them seriously to ensure their victory.

While Aqua Rose and Seven Melody were mired in concern, Frost Raven suddenly spoke through the party chat, "I'll try to stop them later. Use this opportunity to run to the NPC Guards. So long as the NPC Guards are around, not even White Ghost will dare to try his luck."

"Be very careful, Big Sis Raven! White Ghost is no ordinary opponent!" Seven Melody cautioned when she heard Frost Raven voicing her intention to help Shi Feng. Although she was confident in Frost Raven's strength, White Ghost's notoriety was not unfounded.

Meanwhile, relying on their sixth sense, Demon's Gate's members noticed the gazes of Aqua Rose and Seven Melody veering toward the patrolling NPC Guards nearby and promptly realized their intentions. However, just as they were about to intercept the two, a light-blue longsword suddenly appeared in their way.

"Stay."

Shi Feng's deep voice rang across the area again, stunning everyone in silence. No one had expected anyone to dare to stand against Demon's Gate, least of all a young Swordsman whose name was unknown in the southern region.

"Are you tired of living, punk?!"

The four Demon's Gate members encircling Shi Feng bellowed. They never thought Shi Feng would dare to ignore them to such an extent. Immediately, they took a threatening step forward, trying to intimidate Shi Feng into backing away.

As for taking actual action, none of them had thought of doing so thus far. After all, they hadn't received a verbal command from White Ghost to take action. If they recklessly attacked Shi Feng, they would instantly attract the NPC Guards' attention and be regarded as enemies.

At the same time, one of the four Demon's Gate members, a Level 187, Tier 6 Assassin, suddenly used Soul Guidance, a Tier 6 Skill, on Shi Feng, casting a blue ray directly onto his soul. Should Soul Guidance be allowed to take effect, Shi Feng's location would become known to the Assassin throughout the Skill's duration; there'd be no hiding from Demon's Gate for him. Moreover, as Soul Guidance had no offensive properties, its use would not attract the NPC Guards' attention.

However, before the blue ray could come into contact with Shi Feng, a sword light suddenly grazed the Tier 6 Assassin's neck. Then, the Assassin collapsed to the ground like a puppet whose strings had been cut. An item even appeared next to the Assassin's lifeless body...

This scene immediately stunned everyone.

"He's dead?"

"What happened?"

"How did that Assassin from Demon's Gate die? Why didn't he dodge that attack?"

Despite the clear indication of the Tier 6 Assassin's depleted HP bar, many of the bystanders remained baffled as to what had just happened. The Tier 6 Assassin was evidently in the midst of activating Soul Guidance on Shi Feng, yet he had inexplicably died mid-action. To add to their confusion, Shi Feng had remained motionless throughout the entire encounter.

*What did Guild Leader Black Flame do just now?* Seven Melody gaped in shock, her eyes filled with disbelief as she looked at the corpse of the Demon's Gate Assassin.

*What incredible reaction speed!* Frost Raven was indescribably shocked as she looked at Shi Feng, who looked like he hadn't moved at all this entire time.

While the more discerning observers present might have noticed Shi Feng killing the Demon's Gate Assassin with a single sword strike, the reality of the situation was far more intricate.

Being one of the few players in Luminous Sky City equipped with multiple Fragmented Divine Artifacts and the owner of a unique Hidden Class, Frost Raven possessed five senses and Physique far superior to even Tier 6 Gods of the same level. Because of this, she managed to catch a glimpse of what actually happened.

In reality, Shi Feng had executed dozens of subtle alterations to his sword's trajectory during his seemingly straightforward attack. Meanwhile, overwhelmed by the rapid and unpredictable changes, the Demon's Gate Assassin ultimately succumbed to the final trajectory taken by Shi Feng's sword.

Aside from the onlooking crowd, Demon's Gate's members were similarly stunned by this situation. It was especially so for the three other Demon's Gate members encircling Shi Feng. They also couldn't help but reveal grim expressions as they looked at Shi Feng.

If anyone else out of the four of them got killed, they might not have thought much of it. However, the Tier 6 Assassin who got killed was the most skilled out of them. If even the Tier 6 Assassin couldn't survive an exchange with Shi Feng, how would they fare?

"What are you all worried about?!" White Ghost suddenly shouted when he saw the anxious looks on his subordinates. "We are inside Luminous Sky City. He initiated the attack! He'll be the target of the NPC Guards!"

At White Ghost's reminder, everyone from Demon's Gate promptly snapped out of their daze and encircled Shi Feng. Since Shi Feng was the aggressor in this situation, all they had to do was buy time until the NPC Guards arrived to deal with him.

"Friend, leave quickly! You'll be in trouble if the NPC Guards arrive!" Frost Raven hurriedly said to Shi Feng.

It was never a good idea to initiate an attack while inside NPC Towns and Cities. If captured by NPC Guards, especially inside a place like Luminous Sky City, one would suffer a miserable fate.

"It's too late to escape now!"

The Demon's Gate members surrounding Shi Feng sneered and promptly took offensive maneuvers against him.

Previously, they were wary of attacking Shi Feng for fear of being targeted by the NPC Guards. But since Shi Feng had initiated an attack on one of their team members, they could now attack him without fear of retaliation from the NPC Guards, as their actions would be considered self-defense.

Immediately, three Tier 6 tanks closed in on Shi Feng with their shields raised, while two Tier 6 Mage Gods erected defensive screens to cover any gaps left by the tanks. They had no intention of giving Shi Feng any opportunities to escape.

"Can you defend against my attacks, though?"

When Shi Feng saw the players closing in on him, he reacted by executing Sword's Orbit.

With his Strength being on par with Level 200, Tier 6 Gods, even Level 185-plus, Tier 6 tanks with their Lifesaving Skills activated could not survive more than two or three attacks from him. If he could directly hit their bodies, he could finish them even quicker.

Subsequently, with Shi Feng at the center, a resplendent galaxy of stars spread across the street.

*Boom!*

Suddenly, White Ghost, who had armed himself with his scythe at some point, was sent flying over a dozen yards through the air. Upon landing, he stumbled several steps before regaining his footing. Over a quarter of his HP bar had also disappeared. As for the nearly ten Demon's Gate members who surrounded Shi Feng, they all met an even worse fate, all of them dying on the spot...

*How is this possible?* White Ghost couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in disbelief.

It should be known that his weapon, Death Scythe, was a Fragmented Divine Artifact. With it equipped, he could achieve Strength nearing the standard of Ancient Gods of the same level. Furthermore, when he executed Stormscythe, a Gold Combat Technique that came as a set with the Death Scythe, he could exhibit power enough to knock even Tier 6 Gods of the same level into the air. Yet, when he clashed with Shi Feng's attack using Stormscythe, he was the one who got knocked into the air instead...

This scene also dumbfounded the surviving members of Demon's Gate. After all, White Ghost, nicknamed the Death Scythe, was sent flying in a direct confrontation. Moreover, it was after he had used a Gold Combat Technique...

*Has he already mastered the accompanying combat technique?* Shi Feng couldn't help but be a little surprised as he looked at White Ghost.

Some Divine Artifacts in God's Domain came with corresponding Gold Combat Techniques. These techniques existed to maximize the potential of their corresponding Divine Artifacts, and they were much more powerful than the average Gold Combat Technique. However, they were also much more difficult to master.

"Your Highness! The NPC Guards have arrived! That Swordsman is dead!"

When the surviving Demon's Gate members saw some NPC Guards entering their sight, they immediately revealed cold smiles as they looked at Shi Feng.

Shi Feng's strength might have exceeded their expectations, but it was utterly useless against Luminous Sky City's Level 200-plus NPC Guards.

"This is bad..." Seven Melody couldn't help but grow worried when they saw the NPC Guards encircling Shi Feng.

However, just as Demon's Gate's members were waiting to see how Shi Feng would struggle in the hands of the NPC Guards, the Tier 6 Guard Captain suddenly walked up to Shi Feng and respectfully said, "Greetings, Count Shadowring. How may we be of service to you today?"

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## Chapter 3681: Alternate Ending 755 - Maniac Versus Maniac

### Chapter 755 – Maniac Versus Maniac

Currently, more than twenty Level 210-plus NPC Guards equipped with standardized Legendary Equipment Sets stood along the sides of the main street. Although these NPC Guards were only at Tier 5, any one of them could easily suppress Tier 6 experts under Level 200.

Meanwhile, following the words of the Level 220, Tier 6 Guard Captain equipped in a luxurious suit of armor, all of the players present froze on the spot. Demon's Gate's members were especially dumbfounded by this situation.

"Why aren't these NPC Guards taking action?"

"Count Shadowring?"

"Who is that guy?"

Questions popped up in everyone's minds, one after another. The scene before them had completely overturned their knowledge of Luminous Sky City.

It was commonly known that any player who dared to cause a scene in Luminous Sky City would meet a swift death. This was an ironclad rule that nobody had managed to defy thus far.

Yet, now, not only had this rule been broken, but the Level 220, Tier 6 Guard Captain was even behaving very respectfully to Shi Feng...

*Count? Am I dreaming?* Astonishment filled Seven Melody as she looked at Shi Feng.

Luminous Sky City was a Neutral City in the Eternal Realm. Because of this, obtaining an aristocratic position in it was incredibly difficult. In fact, even becoming an ordinary noble was something the various powers could only dream of accomplishing right now.

Besides Seven Melody, Aqua Rose was similarly taken aback by this unexpected development. They had been operating in Luminous Sky City and striving to establish a foothold in the southern region, a land rich in Ancient Legacies, for a considerable period already. Consequently, they had invested significant effort into contributing to Luminous Sky City. However, despite their efforts, they still lacked a lot of Contribution Points to attain the status of ordinary nobles. Yet, she was now being told that Shi Feng had attained the rank of Count...

Unlike everyone else, though, Shi Feng himself was not surprised by the NPC Guards' behavior.

As a 2-star Count of Holy Ring City, he would enjoy basic noble privileges in all Neutral Cities across the Eternal Realm. Although these were merely the privileges afforded to an ordinary noble, they still put him above the average player.

Although Demon's Gate's Assassin did not attack him, the other party used a Tracking Skill. If such an action was taken against the average player in a Neutral City, it wouldn't be considered an offense. However, when done to players with noble status, it would be judged as aggressive behavior, and nearby NPC Guards would immediately arrest the person using the Tracking Skill.

As a side note, if a player possessed true Count privileges in a Neutral City, they wouldn't even need to have their enemies use Tracking Skills on them to make them a target of the city. If their enemies lacked sufficient status in the city, they could simply have their enemies banished from the city. And even if these banished players could enter the city again, they would need to pay an exorbitant deposit before they could do so.

Had Demon's Gate's members initiated an attack on him, their fates would have been even worse. Even if none of their attacks managed to hit him, he could have the NPC Guards apprehend and imprison all of Demon's Gate's members.

Of course, if both parties had an aristocratic position, NPCs would judge the situation differently and apprehend only the first party to have caused actual damage.

However, as a Neutral City in the Eternal Realm, Luminous Sky City should have only been activated recently. It was unlikely that anyone would have an ordinary noble status, let alone an aristocratic position. This was also why Shi Feng was confident in helping Aqua Rose resist Demon's Gate.

"These people used a Tracking Skill on me. With my status in Luminous Sky City, what's the heaviest punishment I can impose on them?" Shi Feng asked the NPC Guard Captain as he pointed at White Ghost's group.

"According to the city's rules, since they intend to harm you, the principal offender will be detained for one month, while the offender's companions can be detained for up to ten days," the Guard Captain said as he looked at White Ghost's group.

"Good. Lock them up for ten days, then," Shi Feng said, nodding.

"Understood!"

At Shi Feng's instructions, the Guard Captain promptly gestured at his subordinates to apprehend White Ghost's group.

Meanwhile, when the bystanders on the street saw the NPC Guards moving to apprehend Demon's Gate's members, their mouths widened in shock.

It was clearly Shi Feng who had initiated an attack on Demon's Gate and killed multiple of its members. Yet, Demon's Gate's members were the ones who were now being arrested. Moreover, they would be imprisoned for ten days. This was undoubtedly the biggest loss Demon's Gate had ever suffered in Luminous Sky City.

*Dammit! How does he have the rank of Count?!* White Ghost's expression darkened at this unexpected development.

White Ghost was more or less aware of the privileges granted to players holding aristocratic positions in the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities. However, he never thought Shi Feng would already attain the rank of Count so soon after Luminous Sky City's activation. As for getting imprisoned for ten days, he'd rather die multiple times than suffer such a fate.

The Eternal Realm had only appeared not long ago, and the power structure within it remained fluctuating. It was especially chaotic in the southern region, a place where many powers operated. If he wished to maintain an advantage in the southern region, he would need to treat every day with utmost importance. If he became absent for ten days, he wouldn't even be surprised if the southern region took on a completely new look.

"What should we do, Your Highness?" a Demon's Gate member asked anxiously when he saw the approaching NPC Guards.

Ten days!

If they were to fall behind by ten days, becoming second-rate players would be the least of their concerns. Most importantly, they'd lag behind other players in accumulating Contribution Points in Luminous Sky City, and other powers would have long snatched all of the important real estate in the city.

"Retreat! Do everything you can to retreat!" White Ghost shouted. "So long as we leave the city, these NPCs will stop chasing us! We can take our time dealing with these bastards afterward!"

Their only option right now was to escape out of Luminous Sky City. For them, a ten-day jail sentence was no different than a death sentence. It should be known that the internal competition within Demon's Gate was vastly more intense compared to other powers. If they allowed their competitors to surpass them, it would be incredibly difficult for them to recover later.

At White Ghost's command, the remaining Demon's Gate members hastily activated their lifesaving tools to escape. Not even for a moment did any of them think of fighting

the NPC Guards. At their current levels, these Level 210-plus, Tier 5 NPC Guards could send them flying or injure them heavily with even a casual attack.

Not to mention, if they tried to fight these NPC Guards, not only would they die, but they would still have to spend ten days in jail.

“They’re finally leaving.” Seven Melody sighed in relief when she saw Demon’s Gate’s members retreating.

So long as their group of three could successfully avoid a confrontation with Demon’s Gate today, it would become much easier for them to shake Demon’s Gate off their tail in the future. This was because they would finally have enough money to rent a transport ship after today’s sales and start taking on Delivery Quests to accumulate Contribution Points rapidly. Then, once they became nobles of Luminous Sky City, they would no longer have to fear Demon’s Gate in the city.

While Demon’s Gate’s members were treating, White Ghost suddenly took out a scroll from his bag and activated it. Immediately afterward, the sky above the main street darkened, and a powerful aura of death enveloped the entire street. Subsequently, dark threads descended upon Shi Feng and Aqua Rose’s group at an astonishing speed. Even Shi Feng got hit by these threads, failing to react in time.

However, the dark threads did not cause any damage. Instead, they penetrated deep into the souls of Shi Feng and the others before quickly forming a mark.

*A Demon Mark?* Shi Feng immediately recognized the mark that had formed in the depths of his soul.

There was a special scroll exclusively available to Demon’s Gate that, when used, could place a Demon Mark on players’ souls. Each Demon Mark lasted for six days, and it allowed all Demon’s Gate members to know the marked player’s location throughout this period. If Demon’s Gate members were within a certain distance of a marked player, the Demon Mark would even actively inform them of the marked player’s presence. Meanwhile, so long as a Demon’s Gate member managed to kill a marked player while the Demon Mark was still in effect, they could earn an astronomical amount of Guild Contribution Points.

Essentially, the Demon Mark was a bounty order used internally by Demon’s Gate, and it was something that only a very small number of individuals in Demon’s Gate could use. Moreover, it was a privilege that they could only use once in their lifetime.

“So what if you are a Count? Since you dare to make an enemy out of Demon’s Gate in the southern region, only death awaits you!” White Ghost said, sneering when he saw Shi Feng and the others getting hit by the Demon Mark. “Although I don’t know who you are, I want to see how long you’ll survive being hunted by Demon’s Gate!”

Originally, White Ghost had intended to kill Shi Feng to establish his authority over the other players and powers operating in Luminous Sky City. However, he never expected to be played by Shi Feng, causing Demon's Gate's reputation to be damaged. Now, he was resolved to kill Shi Feng at all costs. As for Aqua Rose's group, he naturally wouldn't spare them, either.

With the Demon Mark now in effect, if Shi Feng, Aqua Rose, Seven Melody, and Frost Raven were to take even a step out of Luminous Sky City during the next six days, they would immediately face an endless pursuit by Demon's Gate's members.

"It's over! He actually used the Demon Mark! None of them can escape now!"

"I knew it would turn out like this! It's simply suicide to go against Demon's Gate in the southern region!"

The bystanders couldn't help but lament when they looked at Shi Feng's group. They could already tell how seriously White Ghost took this matter. He absolutely wouldn't let them off easily.

Meanwhile, Aqua Rose, Seven Melody, and Frost Raven also revealed grim looks at this turn of events. They never thought White Ghost would be so ruthless as to use his once-in-a-lifetime privilege on them.

"Is that so? I'll be waiting, then!"

When Shi Feng saw White Ghost trying to escape using a Tier 5 Random Teleportation Scroll, he executed Flowing Space to arrive before the other party instantly and brandished the Winter of Eternal Night.

Holy Annihilation!

Holy Annihilation!

Holy Annihilation!

Pillars of flame rose into the sky one after another. Shi Feng's attacks were so swift that White Ghost had no time to defend himself with a combat technique. He could only instinctively swing his scythe to parry each fiery strike. As a result, his HP plummeted with each attack blocked. In a mere second, four exchanges took place, and White Ghost was reduced to ashes on the fourth exchange. From the beginning to the end, White Ghost never got to use his Random Teleportation Scroll...

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## Chapter 3682: Alternate Ending 756 - Luminous Sky in an Uproar

### Chapter 756 – Luminous Sky in an Uproar

Following White Ghost's death, the Demon's Gate members, who were in the midst of retreating, couldn't help but widen their eyes in disbelief.

"He's dead!"

"No way! *That* White Ghost actually got killed?! And so quickly at that?!"

The other players on the street were similarly stunned when they saw White Ghost turning into ashes.

White Ghost's infamy was widely known throughout the southern region. He was the nightmare of many expert players. This was because he was responsible for eliminating many of the expert players and various powers' executives who had opposed Demon's Gate. His reputation even extended to the Holy Race, where his act of slaying several members of a royal power netted him a place on the Holy Race's Transcendent List.

Yet, now, someone had not only managed to kill the mighty White Ghost but had done so in a near-instantaneous manner. If they hadn't witnessed this spectacle with their own eyes, most of them would have probably had difficulty believing such a feat was possible.

"Aqua!" While watching Shi Feng collect the loot Demon's Gate's members dropped, Seven Melody shook the dazed Aqua Rose beside her and asked, "Is he really the Guild Leader Black Flame we met before?"

The last time they met, Seven Melody merely regarded Shi Feng as a talented member of the younger generation capable of contending against the various pseudo-apex powers' chosen ones. However, the strength Shi Feng had just displayed was nothing but shocking.

"I...don't know either..." Aqua Rose was similarly at a loss for words after seeing this situation.

It should be known that one of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Taboo-level existences had died in a fight against White Ghost. Yet, Shi Feng had killed White Ghost so effortlessly. Honestly, if she hadn't seen Shi Feng's face before at the Golden Spire, she would have doubted if the person currently before her was someone else instead.

*What incredible Strength!* Frost Raven was equally shocked as she looked at Shi Feng. *I've seen most of the top experts in the southern region, but none can compete against him in Strength. Is he really just ranked 281st on the Divine Glory List?*

As a Tier 6 Swordsman herself, Frost Raven couldn't help but feel a sense of powerlessness when she looked at Shi Feng's sword strikes. In fact, she had failed to accurately evaluate his sword strikes right away. She could only react to them based on her instincts.

Honestly, Frost Raven doubted she could do any better than White Ghost if she were to go up against an opponent with such overwhelming Strength and speed. Yet, such a terrifying expert was only ranked 281st on the Divine Glory List. For a moment, she couldn't help but suspect that the Seven Luminaries Alliance had made a mistake in their analysis.

After all, she was currently ranked 197th on the Divine Glory List!

Meanwhile, due to the shock brought about by White Ghost's death, only three Demon's Gate members managed to escape in the end, with the rest being captured by the NPC Guards. As for the Demon's Gate members who were killed, they were the unluckiest of the bunch. Not only did they die in vain, but they would also be imprisoned for ten days.

"Miss Melody, Demon's Gate's members have all left. If you want to leave Luminous Sky City, it's best to do so now. I'm sure it won't be long before Demon's Gate sends reinforcements to avenge White Ghost. At that time, it will become much more difficult to leave the city," Shi Feng suggested to Seven Melody's group after he finished looting.

"Thank you very much for your help this time, Guild Leader Black Flame. If not for you, we would have been in real trouble." Seven Melody didn't hurry to leave. Instead, she took her time to introduce Shi Feng to Frost Raven, saying, "This person here is the Sky Dragon Knight adventurer team's Vice Commander Frost Raven. It's all thanks to her help that Aqua and I could establish ourselves in the southern region. If you are looking to extend Zero Wing's operations to the southern region, I strongly recommend partnering with the Sky Dragon Knight adventurer team, Guild Leader Black Flame."

"Greetings, Guild Leader Black Flame. Thank you for your help this time." Adding to Seven Melody's introduction, Frost Raven said, "Although the Sky Dragon Knight adventurer team isn't comparable to apex powers like Demon's Gate, it is a member of the southern region's Order of Twelve. When it comes to strength in the southern region, the Order of Twelve is only slightly behind Demon's Gate. In fact, we are even stronger than Demon's Gate in maritime transportation. If Zero Wing needs anything to be transported by sea in the future, we can offer you a 30% discount."

"I will have to trouble you in the future, then," Shi Feng said, choosing not to turn down Frost Raven's offer.



In his previous life, the Order of Twelve, an alliance of twelve adventurer teams, indeed possessed naval strength superior to Demon's Gate in the Eternal Realm. It was also the biggest player in transporting non-bag space items between the Eternal Continent and the Western Continent. It played an especially vital role in the transportation of the Origin Crystal Wood, the best core material for the construction of flying ships and transport ships, produced by the southern region's islands.

Currently, the reason Zero Wing could not mass-produce Silverwings was largely due to the lack of core materials. Most of these core materials were non-bag space items. Although Inferior Legendary and Legendary Spatial Bags could carry a relatively large amount of these items at a time, the amount still paled when compared to what was needed to construct a Silverwing. Multiple trips had to be made just for the construction of one Silverwing. Not to mention, it also took a considerable amount of time to collect these core materials.

Hence, Zero Wing needed to find a better way to source these materials. Meanwhile, after becoming a 2-star Count of Holy Ring City, Shi Feng had the idea of importing Origin Crystal Wood from the southern region to the Eternal Continent, and there were two ways he could go about doing so. He could either transport Origin Crystal Wood from the southern region to the Eternal Continent entirely by sea, or transport them to Luminous Sky City before placing them into a Legendary Spatial Bag and teleporting them back to the Eternal Continent.

Normally, each log of Origin Crystal Wood would only cost one Eternal Gold if bought at the source. However, it cost three Eternal Gold to transport each log to Luminous Sky City and at least five Eternal Gold to transport to the Eternal Continent. Generally speaking, it would take upwards of 10,000 logs of Origin Crystal Wood just to construct a flying ship that shuttled between the various Guild Cities' airports. If Zero Wing could get a 30% discount from the Order of Twelve for maritime transportation, the Guild could save a lot of money.

"Guild Leader Black Flame! We were just about to go with Big Sis Raven to meet up with the rest of the Order of Twelve's adventurer teams to occupy a town on a deserted island! Why don't you come with us? Given your strength, I'm sure the Order of Twelve would be willing to give you 5% of the town's shares for your help," Seven Melody said.

*Occupying a town on a deserted island?* Shi Feng was a little tempted by Seven Melody's suggestion.

There were countless deserted islands in the southern region, of which a small number housed towns occupied by monsters. If players could subjugate the monsters in one of these towns, they would become the new owners of this town. They could then operate the town like the World Ark's resurrection camps and generate incredible wealth.

When Frost Raven heard Seven Melody's proposal, she quickly added, "I can talk to my commander about this. I trust that my commander will agree to this arrangement."

"I'm afraid I will have to decline. I still have other matters to take care of," Shi Feng said, deciding against accepting the offer after thinking it over.

This trip to Luminous Sky City made Shi Feng realize he had underestimated the development speed of the Eternal Realm's various powers. If even the southern region's Order of Twelve had already begun preparing to establish their own town, it was likely that the other parts of the Eternal Realm were in a similar situation. In that case, the best course of action for Zero Wing to take would be to get Shadowring City up and running as soon as possible.

After Shi Feng chatted with Seven Melody's group for a little bit longer, the trio sold all 126 of their remaining Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls to Shi Feng before quickly departing to meet up with the rest of the Order of Twelve. Meanwhile, due to Shi Feng's clash with Demon's Gate, the players in Luminous Sky City were stirred into excitement. Some players had even uploaded videos of the fight to Luminous Sky City's official forums.

### **One Man, One Sword, One-Shotting Demon's Gate's Paragon!**

#### **Demon's Gate's Death Scythe One-Shotted!**

Shortly after these videos appeared, they immediately became the hottest topic in Luminous Sky City.

Demon's Gate's usual domineering behavior caused many players in Luminous Sky City to have a lot of opinions. However, because of Demon's Gate's overbearing strength, no one who had opposed the apex power had ever met with a good outcome. As a result, everyone could only endure Demon's Gate's tyranny.

Now that Shi Feng had killed White Ghost, one of Demon's Gate's Six Great Paragons, and dealt a massive loss to Demon's Gate, everyone naturally reacted with excitement and joy.

For a time, everyone started to curiously speculate about Shi Feng's identity. Many players also started to worship Shi Feng. Meanwhile, after some experts did some digging, Shi Feng's identity quickly surfaced, and an uproar occurred across Luminous Sky City.

This was because no one expected that Black Flame, the 281st expert on the Divine Glory List and the Guild Leader of Zero Wing, the Guild which had repelled the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard just recently, would actually come to Luminous Sky City to develop. They also didn't expect him to offend Demon's Gate as soon as he arrived.

Shortly after this news surfaced, it quickly reached the ears of the southern region's various powers. Naturally, Demon's Gate, the southern region's overlord, had also learned of this news.

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## **- Chapter 3683: Alternate Ending 757 - Count's Reward |**

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Chapter 757 – Count's Reward

Southern Region, Human NPC City, Cruise City, Demon's Gate's Residence:

Inside the magnificent Guild Hall, Demon's Gate's members were busily moving about because of the matter at Luminous Sky City. All of them exuded killing intent. Some guild members even began to organize their own teams to head to Luminous Sky City to kill Shi Feng.

Meanwhile, several of Demon's Gate's executives had gathered in the Residence's Guild Leader's Office.

"We've looked into the matter already, Your Highness. The person responsible for killing White Ghost is Zero Wing's Guild Leader, Black Flame!" a white-haired Level 187, Tier 6 Berserker God anxiously reported to the elegant woman seated before him.

Despite her petite stature, the elegant woman radiated an indescribable aura of majesty with each of her movements. Her presence was so overwhelming that some of the guild executives present, including the recently resurrected White Ghost, dared not even raise their heads.

Meanwhile, when it came to their opinions of the elegant woman, all of the Demon's Gate members based in Cruise City's Residence felt nothing but awe and admiration toward her. This was because the woman was one of Demon's Gate's publicly acknowledged Three Great Chosen Ones.

Star Maiden, Elise!

Elise was also the youngest of the Three Great Chosen Ones. At only twenty-four, she had already progressed to the later stage of the World Tower's fifth floor and could execute Gold Combat Techniques with her every move. She had also reached the Unthinking Realm, the Extrasensory Realm's second stage, and it was entirely possible for her to break *those* shackles by thirty and rival the standards of Demon's Gate's old monsters.

"Zero Wing's Black Flame, is it?" Elise's lips curled into a faint smirk when she heard the white-haired Berserker's report. "How intriguing. I haven't even settled the score for harboring that little girl, yet he dares to come to the southern region to stir up even more trouble?"

“Black Flame has gone too far! How dare he come to our territory and kill White Ghost?! This is an insult to our reputation!” a Tier 6 female Berserker who was robust like a bear said angrily. “Your Highness, please allow me to lead a team to eliminate Black Flame! We shall let him know that even if he managed to stop the Holy Guard’s assault, he is still not qualified to behave arrogantly before Demon’s Gate!”

“Phoenix Flame is right, Your Highness! Not only did Black Flame show up in our territory by himself, but he even killed White Ghost! If we don’t teach him a lesson, we will become a joke in the Eternal Realm! People might even think we are afraid of him!”

The other guild executives chimed in as well, all of them agreeing with Phoenix Flame’s view.

Had Zero Wing mobilized an army into Luminous Sky City, and a huge fight between Zero Wing and Demon’s Gate broke out, they could still have turned a blind eye to the matter. Yet, Black Flame had dared to show up on their territory by himself. He had even publicly slain Demon’s Gate’s members in Luminous Sky City. If they still chose to ignore this transgression and take no action against Zero Wing, Demon’s Gate’s reputation in the southern region would be utterly ruined.

“He is a Count. It isn’t worth trying to kill him in Luminous Sky City,” Elise said, shaking her head. Then, she casually added, “Inform the various powers in the World Ark that we will be opening up our resurrection camp in the core region and that they can register at the camp by eliminating Zero Wing’s members. For each normal member they kill, they can register at the camp for one day at no cost. For slaying Zero Wing’s elite members, they receive three days of free registration. And if they manage to kill an executive of Zero Wing, they gain lifetime registration at the camp.”

Elise’s decision startled all of the guild executives present.

Ruthless!

It was an incredibly ruthless decision!

It should be known that Demon’s Gate had to sacrifice multiple Divine Artifact-ranked tools to occupy the resurrection camp it currently owned in the World Ark’s core region. Moreover, Demon’s Gate’s members hadn’t even begun to fully reap the benefits of the resurrection camp. If the camp was made available to the public now, it was almost guaranteed that players would do everything possible to secure a registration slot. Consequently, Zero Wing would not only lose the ability to survive in the World Ark, but it would also lose the resurrection camp it had fought hard to defend. If met with such an outcome, Black Flame, the Guild Leader of Zero Wing, would most likely lose his mind.

Subsequently, Demon’s Gate’s executives left the office and carried out Elise’s instructions, issuing a public bounty on all Zero Wing members operating within the World Ark and causing a huge stir.

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In the meantime, Shi Feng arrived at Luminous Sky City's City Hall all by himself.

Currently, Luminous Sky City's City Hall was crowded with players from both the human race and the Holy Race. These players were here on behalf of their respective powers, and they were all eagerly waiting for the City Hall to make more shops and lands available for sale. Of course, as none of them were nobles, none of them were actually here to buy real estate. Instead, they were only here to determine the value of the real estate on offer and how much they should spend on bidding for them in the future.

The sale of real estate in the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities was different from that of Neutral Cities in other Realms.

Outside of the Eternal Realm, players could usually purchase the shops and lands of Neutral Cities on a first come, first served basis. The prices of these real estate were also fixed, and they would only change when the city was promoted.

In the Eternal Realm, however, the shops and lands of Neutral Cities were acquired through auctions. Once players proved themselves capable of affording the base price of a particular piece of real estate, they were given a bidding period where they had to outbid other interested buyers. In addition, as players from both the human race and the Holy Race could participate in the auction, the final price typically far exceeded the base price.

Due to this system, players and powers interested in buying Luminous Sky City's real estate had to first determine how much Eternal Coins would be appropriate to allocate to each piece of real estate. If the final cost exceeded the potential profits they could generate, they would have no choice but to give up. Hence, while no one had yet to gain noble status in Luminous Sky City, the powers of both races seized this opportunity to assess the city's real estate prices to make informed bids when the time arrived.

Of course, there existed the possibility that certain players might gain the privilege of acquiring the city's real estate considerably earlier than others. However, even if this were to occur, these players would not necessarily secure an insurmountable advantage in purchasing the city's real estate. This was because some of the city's NPC Nobles would typically participate in the bidding process alongside players. If players could not outbid these NPC Nobles, their attempts to acquire the real estate would be unsuccessful, regardless of whether other players were competing against them.

"Shop 0046742! Is anybody interested in co-buying Shop 0046742?"

"Trading Secret-Silver Warships for Eternal Coins! Each for 100,000 Gold! We have three in total! We'll even cover the handling fees for foreign players!"

“Advanced Transport Ships for sale! Two Advanced Transport Ships for sale! Each for 80,000 Gold! They’re essential for grinding and transporting goods! I can cover the auction fees of both ships!”

Within the vast first-floor hall, capable of accommodating tens of thousands of people, shouts echoed from every corner.

When Shi Feng heard the ceaseless shouting, he couldn’t help but be astonished.

Although none of the various powers had acquired the qualifications to purchase Luminous Sky City’s real estate yet, all of them were doing everything they could to accumulate capital. Meanwhile, compared to the wealth these powers were amassing, the 70,000-plus Eternal Gold he currently had on hand was nothing. It was especially so when he compared himself with the Holy Race’s various powers. Currently, not only did Holy Race players make up the bulk of those hawking their wares, but they were also going as far as to sell Advanced Transport Ships, which were incredibly valuable in the current Eternal Realm.

*Thank goodness I don’t have to compete with them.* After looking at the situation in the first-floor hall, Shi Feng quietly made his way to the second-floor hall.

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Inside a VIP lounge on the second floor...

“Greetings, Lord Count. How may I be of service to you today?”

After Shi Feng made his way to the second floor, he was ushered into a VIP lounge and greeted by a beautiful female elf.

“I am looking to buy real estate,” Shi Feng stated directly.

“Very well. Here is a list of all the shops and lands you can currently bid for in the city,” the elven administrator said as she handed Shi Feng a crystal tablet.

The tablet was roughly the size of an A4 paper, but it listed an astonishing number of shops and lands. The number was many times greater than what was listed on the first-floor hall.

*Can my status actually grant me so many options?* Shi Feng was slightly surprised as he examined the information on the tablet. However, when his gaze fell upon a specific line of text highlighted in bright red, his shock intensified. *An upscale shop!*

TL Notes:

[1]upscale shop:



In the main story, shop ranks listed were:

In Chapter 757 and 758, the shops mentioned were:

The characters used to describe the shops are different, so I assume that the ordinary/normal shops in the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities cannot be upgraded into high-end/upscale shops. So, rather than go with Basic/Advanced Shop, I decided to use a different term here.

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## **Chapter 3684: Alternate Ending 758 - Upscale Shop**

Chapter 758 – Upscale Shop

“How much for this shop?”

After suppressing his restlessness and apprehension, Shi Feng pointed at the red text on the tablet and directed a question at the administrator.

Two kinds of shops were available in the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities: ordinary and upscale. In addition, both types could be categorized into Small, Medium, and Large Shops. It was also the case for lands.

For ordinary shops, they could only sell the items that they had in stock. Or, more specifically, they could only sell the items stored in their warehouses. Meanwhile, for each transaction ordinary shops made, they would need to pay a 10% processing fee to the city, which was significantly better than the 20% that street stalls had to pay. Players could also hire NPCs to manage their shops for them. More importantly, ordinary shops could display ten times more items.

Hence, whether it was the average player or the various powers, they would usually try to purchase shops if they were looking to do business in a Neutral City. They would sell their wares through street stalls only when they lacked the means of acquiring a shop.

Naturally, another viable option existed for players who could not afford to purchase a shop: the city's Auction House. The only drawback was that to commission items in a Neutral City's Auction House, players were first required to attain noble status within the city. Additionally, they would need to pay a substantial processing fee of 25% or more.

In return, players gained access to a significantly larger customer base, making it considerably easier to secure a favorable price for their wares. Often, the additional profits generated were even sufficient to cover the exorbitant processing fee. However,



the Auction House was not something that most players should consider utilizing during the early stages of a Neutral City's development.

For upscale shops, when compared to ordinary shops, not only were they significantly rarer, but they also possessed vastly superior functionality.

Unlike ordinary shops, upscale shops were not limited to simply selling the items they had in stock. In addition to their own stock, upscale shops could connect with other shops and share their products, and the number of shops an upscale shop could connect with directly correlated with its star ranking. If an upscale shop's star ranking reached a sufficiently high level, it could even establish connections with shops in other Realms. This feature would not only eliminate the hassle of transporting goods, but it could also substantially expand the amount and variety of products available in the shop.

However, upscale shops were incredibly rare. In Shi Feng's previous life, out of all the Neutral Cities controlled by the various human powers in the Eternal Realm, some didn't even have an upscale shop, while those that did would not have more than a handful.

Hence, now that it was revealed that Luminous Sky City, one of the Eternal Realm's ten most populated Neutral Cities in the future, had an upscale shop for sale, how could Shi Feng not get excited?

"Bidding for this shop starts at 175,000 Eternal Gold Coins, Lord Count. Located in the city's outer area, this shop, though slightly outdated and categorized as a Small Shop, boasts a genuine 3-star ranking," the NPC administrator explained. "Currently, fifteen nobles and two great nobles have already expressed interest in purchasing the shop. If you intend to purchase it, you will likely have to spend up to 500,000 Eternal Gold Coins."

*A starting price of 175,000 Gold and an estimated final price of 500,000 Gold? When Shi Feng heard the administrator's answer, he immediately felt the malice of the Main God System.*

It should be known that ordinary shops situated in the outer areas of the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities typically sold for 10,000 to 20,000 Eternal Gold only. Even prime real estate in the inner areas would, at most, be sold for 40,000 to 50,000 Eternal Gold. After all, constructing a Guild City in the Eternal Realm only cost around 300,000 to 400,000 Eternal Gold.

The upscale shop's starting price of 175,000 Eternal Gold was already double that of ordinary shops located at the core area's main street.

Of course, the upscale shop was undoubtedly worth this price. Simply the fact that it was a 3-star Shop made it vastly superior to any of the ordinary shops situated in Luminous Sky City's core area.

A 1-star Upscale Shop could only connect with one other shop. It was also incredibly challenging to upgrade a 1-star Upscale Shop to 2-star status. Not only did the shop have to maintain a sufficiently large foot traffic and transaction volume across a long period, but more importantly, it also needed to accumulate sufficient Shop Reputation.

An upscale shop's reputation could only be raised by gaining favorable opinions from NPC Nobles. Essentially, the shop would need to have enough NPC Nobles buying items from it to increase its reputation. However, it should be known that NPC Nobles had a much greater demand for quality than players. For example, Legendary Weapons and Equipment, which players considered incomparably precious, were only considered products of fine quality in the eyes of NPCs. Many NPC Nobles, therefore, disdained purchasing such items.

The difficulty of upgrading a 2-star Upscale Shop to 3-star status was even greater. Once at the 2-star status, an upscale shop's reputation could only increase if it had enough local great nobles patronizing it. Otherwise, its reputation would never reach the 3-star standard.

As for reaching the 4-star standard, the shop would need to have great nobles from other cities patronizing it. Although much more difficult to accomplish, the benefits of reaching the 4-star standard were game-changing for upscale shops.

As previously mentioned, the number of shops an upscale shop could connect with corresponded to its star ranking. At the 1-star standard, an upscale shop could only connect with one other shop. Meanwhile, advancing to the 2-star standard would double that connectivity to two shops, and advancing to the 3-star standard would double it again, reaching four.

However, upon reaching the 4-star standard, an upscale shop would achieve a substantial leap, being able to connect with up to ten other shops. This improvement would substantially expand the shop's operational scale and transform it into a trade hub leagues above 3-star Upscale Shops.

Of course, while it would be better to have a 4-star Upscale Shop, Shi Feng was already satisfied that he could outright purchase a 3-star Upscale Shop in Luminous Sky City. With it, he could save a lot of time and trouble.

"What are your thoughts, Lord Count?" the NPC administrator asked with a smile. "As this is the first shop we have made available for auction, bidding will conclude in just 29 hours. If you seek to purchase it but lack the necessary funds, out of consideration for your status as an esteemed 2-star Count of Holy Ring City, we can offer you a loan of up to 500,000 Gold, repayable over a week with a 40% interest rate. Furthermore, if you succeed in winning the auction but fail to repay the loan, we will confiscate only the shop; no additional fees will be imposed."

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When Shi Feng looked at the smiling administrator, he suddenly felt like he had accidentally entered a back alley store.

A 40% interest rate meant he needed to pay back 700,000 Eternal Gold to the city in one week. Moreover, even with this loan, he wasn't guaranteed to win the auction...

Auctions for real estate in the Eternal Realm's Neutral Cities adopted a closed bidding process. Additionally, each person could only bid once. Once all interested buyers had placed a bid, the winner would be revealed at the end of the auction. In other words, while it was possible that some bidders might have only placed a bid that was one Eternal Gold higher than the starting price, it was also possible that someone had bid several times higher than the starting price.

Furthermore, he couldn't simply avoid paying interest, even if he failed to purchase the upscale shop. He'd still have to pay every coin he owed.

"Do you wish to proceed with this transaction, Lord Count?" the NPC administrator asked with a welcoming smile.

"Fine! I'll take the 500,000 Gold loan!" Shi Feng said, gritting his teeth. Although the risks were indeed great, the potential rewards were too good to pass up. "Also, I'll bid 570,000 Gold on this shop!"

While the NPC administrator might have said he should only expect to spend up to 500,000 Eternal Gold, he wasn't so naive as to bid only at that price. He'd be ruined if he failed to win the auction.

"Very well. I have confirmed your bid. We will inform you of the auction's results in 29 hours, so please be patient." After the NPC administrator verified Shi Feng's intent, she handed him a bidding certificate that displayed the auction's remaining time.

29 hours 43 minutes 27 seconds...

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## **Chapter 3685: Alternate Ending 759 - The Beginning of Change**

Chapter 759 – The Beginning of Change

Luminous Sky City, Luminous Sky Auction House:

*There really are a lot of items sold here. No wonder the various powers back then would have personnel stationed here at all times.* While browsing the items consigned by NPCs at the Auction House, Shi Feng couldn't help but inwardly sigh in exclamation.

In the current Greater God's Domain, Great Grandmaster Potions were regarded as treasures by the various powers. Normally, only a few pseudo-apex and apex powers would sell these potions at their own Auction Houses. Even then, they would only sell in small quantities. Yet, such potions were currently available in large quantities in the Luminous Sky Auction House.

Even Craftsman Magic Array Scrolls, which had nearly gone extinct in the Greater God's Domain, were being sold at the Luminous Sky Auction House. Moreover, they numbered several dozen. Although they weren't enough to form a complete set, so long as players were willing to invest some time and had sufficient Eternal Coins, it was entirely possible for them to acquire one or even multiple complete sets.

At this time, though, Shi Feng could only look at the items sold at the Luminous Sky Auction House.

For the sake of purchasing the upscale shop, not only did he spend most of the Eternal Coins on him, but he had also taken out a huge loan from the city. With the Auction House's noteworthy items being priced in the hundreds or thousands of Eternal Gold Coins, there was nothing he wanted that his remaining funds could afford.

"Lord Count, it will cost you 6,000 Eternal Gold Coins to consign these 3,000 Fragmented Legendary items at our Auction House for two days. Are you sure you wish to consign them?" the beautiful elfen NPC behind the counter asked Shi Feng for further confirmation after she finished taking stock of Shi Feng's items.

"I'm sure," Shi Feng said as he handed his remaining Eternal Coins to the beautiful elf before him.

Aside from purchasing large amounts of real estate, his goal in visiting Luminous Sky City this time was to sell the Holy Race-exclusive weapons and equipment Zero Wing had acquired from the Sun Dynasty's Holy Guard.

For human players, Holy Race-exclusive weapons and equipment were no different than scrap metal. However, as human players couldn't trade with Holy Race players through the usual means, they normally had to rely on Neutral Cities to dispose of the Holy Race-exclusive items they acquired.

Meanwhile, in the current situation where players had yet to establish shops in Neutral Cities, the only way to dispose of a large amount of Holy Race-exclusive weapons and equipment within a short period was through the Auction House. Although players could also set up a street stall to sell these items, it was a much more time-consuming

process. Not to mention, many more Holy Race players and powers could see items sold at the Auction House.

Of course, the Auction House wasn't without its flaws. Firstly, it charged a hefty processing fee, typically amounting to 25% or more of the product's selling price. Secondly, it was slow to make payments. Unlike sales made through shops and stalls, players wouldn't receive the proceeds of their Auction House sales immediately. Instead, the Auction House would usually withhold the funds for one to two days before transferring them to players.

Meanwhile, after consigning the 3,000 Holy Race-exclusive Fragmented Legendary Weapons and Equipment, Shi Feng couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

*Now, all that's left to do is wait and see if my bid will win. If it doesn't, I'll end up taking a huge loss this time.* Looking at the bidding certificate in his hand, Shi Feng experienced a headache as he was reminded of his debt of 700,000 Eternal Gold.

If possible, he would have preferred to avoid owing money to NPCs. However, he couldn't afford to miss the opportunity to secure an upscale shop. Although he could have secured more funding by selling off the Holy Race-exclusive Fragmented Legendary Weapons and Equipment, he wasn't certain that the Holy Race players in Luminous Sky City could afford to purchase all of his stock before the auction ended.

While Shi Feng was preparing to leave the Auction House and familiarize himself with Luminous Sky City, a system announcement suddenly rang in his ears.

Universal System Announcement: A player has triggered the World Main Storyline Quest "Ocean's Sigh." God's Domain will undergo a major update. All players will be forcibly logged out in ten minutes. The system update will take one natural day. Please prepare to log out.

The system announcement repeated three times, stunning every player inside the Auction House.

"A Universal System Announcement?!"

"What kind of quest is this Ocean's Sigh? If I remember correctly, it's already been several centuries since the last universal announcement, right?"

The various powers' executives stared at the system announcement in disbelief.

Players of God's Domain were no strangers to system announcements. This was because system announcements occurred almost constantly in the Greater God's Domain.

However, when it came to God's Domain's universal system announcements, most players had definitely never heard of them before. Only executives of various powers were aware of their existence. In fact, not all executives would necessarily be privy to information about universal system announcements.

The system announcements and notifications in God's Domain were typically generated according to the reported incident's scope of influence. Meanwhile, even across the Greater God's Domain's history, system updates that could affect the entirety of God's Domain were few and far between, and each occurrence led to a major event.

*Dammit! How did it get triggered so soon?!* Shi Feng was similarly in disbelief when he received the system announcement.

Ocean's Sigh!

In his previous life, this was a World Main Storyline Quest that had only been triggered six years after the Eternal Realm's appearance.

The quest itself wasn't anything significant. Similar to the countless other World Main Storyline Quests that had been triggered across the Greater God's Domain, the completion of the Ocean's Sigh quest would only result in some changes to one of many God's Domains.

However, it was a different story for the system update that appeared along with the activation of the Ocean's Sigh quest. In his previous life, this update had struck fear into both human players and Holy Race players. It had even caused a massive upheaval in the power structure of the human race and the Holy Race's Greater God's Domains.

This was because the major system update would bring about a mutation to the entirety of God's Domain!

At that time, players of God's Domain would no longer be mere players in a game. God's Domain would also cease to be just a virtual reality game!

System: God's Domain will undergo a major system update. You have nine more minutes until you are forcibly logged out.

System: Do you wish to log out to rest now?

While Shi Feng was in a daze, he received a reminder from the system.

"Log out!"

Upon seeing the notification, Shi Feng chose to go offline without hesitation.

After the major update took place in his previous life, the method of playing God's Domain had undergone drastic transformations. Meanwhile, one of the new features introduced by the update was Soul Synchronization.

The introduction of Soul Synchronization transformed God's Domain to resemble simulation warfare in the real world. Because of this, if players did not have sufficiently high mental strength in the real world, they would lose the ability to use powerful weapons and equipment in God's Domain.

More importantly, as the name "Soul Synchronization" suggested, if players sustained injuries in God's Domain, they would also incur injuries to their mental state in the real world. Meanwhile, if players wished to quickly recover from these mental injuries, they would need mental recovery potions.

Due to these two points, the value of mental recovery potions in the real world skyrocketed, their prices inflating by several dozen times. At the time, many powers that did not have a sufficient stockpile of mental recovery potions quickly found themselves returning to square one.

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## **Chapter 3686: Alternate Ending 760 - Soul Synchronization**

Chapter 760 – Soul Synchronization

Star Lake City, Zero Wing's Headquarters:

As the virtual gaming cabin's heavy hatch slowly opened, Shi Feng groggily climbed out of the cabin and stood beside it for a few minutes, waiting for his foggy vision to clear.

*Sure enough, the synchronization has already begun. I made the right decision to log out sooner.* Shi Feng wryly smiled as he looked at his somewhat trembling hands.

The introduction of Soul Synchronization rendered many expert players speechless in Shi Feng's previous life. It was especially so for players equipped with Legendary items or above. The mental toll these powerful items had on them was so severe that, even when players did not engage in combat in God's Domain, they would still constantly accumulate mental fatigue. This situation led many players who lacked mental strength standards to consider equipping weapons and equipment of lower quality for their daily combat.

Presently, Shi Feng had already reached the three-star mental strength grandmaster standard with the help of Stardew. If it was only a matter of maintaining three or four



Legendary items, he'd have no trouble doing so. However, the Shadow Incinerator was a Godly Relic. Even if its actual capabilities were only at the Legendary standard right now, the burden of equipping it was no less than that of a Divine Artifact.

As a three-star grandmaster, Shi Feng could, at most, maintain one Divine Artifact with his current mental strength. If he equipped any additional Legendary Weapons or Equipment, he'd be placing his mental state under constant heavy stress, and it wouldn't take long before he suffered from mental overload. In fact, his current fatigued state was a clear sign of mental overload. If he wished to recover from this state, he'd have to either rely on mental recovery potions or rest for a couple of weeks.

This situation also forced him to consider whether he should continue using the Shadow Incinerator. Otherwise, even grinding for levels would become a problem in the future.

After catching his breath, Shi Feng made his way to the fridge and pulled out a bottle of Life Potion. When he consumed it, his mind immediately felt refreshed, and his complexion recovered considerably.

After the major system update took effect in his previous life, Life Potions swiftly became the preferred mental recovery potion in the Greater World. Although not as potent as Meditation Potions, which could accelerate mental recovery and aid mental strength development, Life Potions were much more affordable. Hence, whenever the various powers' experts sustained injuries in God's Domain, they would rely on Life Potions for mental recovery in the real world. Only in urgent situations would players turn to Meditation Potions for a faster recovery. As a result of this development, the cost of sustaining injuries in God's Domain skyrocketed.

In fact, due to the major update, it became a trend for players and powers to compete with each other using their stockpile of Life and Meditation Potions.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng tapped on his quantum watch and contacted Xia Qingying.

"Miss Xia, do you have any channels to acquire Life and Meditation Potions in bulk?" Shi Feng asked, noting through the holographic projection that Xia Qingying had just climbed out of her virtual gaming cabin.

"Can you specify the exact volume?" Xia Qingying asked, looking at Shi Feng in confusion. "If it's only a few thousand or tens of thousands of bottles, you can simply purchase them directly from the Star Lake Legion. I'm sure Star Lake City's City Lord wouldn't refuse."

"I need a lot. Several million bottles, at the very least. Moreover, I need it within 24 hours," Shi Feng said, nodding.

“Several million? Within 24 hours?” Xia Qingying was surprised. “Is Zero Wing looking to replace meals with Life Potions?”

The availability of Life Potions and Meditation Potions was indeed much higher in the Greater World than in their homeworld. Virtually every mobile city would sell them internally. In the case of Life Potions, individuals could often acquire them for just 100,000 Star Coins per bottle. Moreover, it wouldn’t cost any city contribution points. However, even for the various powers operating in mobile cities, they would only maintain a stable stockpile of several thousand bottles of Life and Meditation Potions.

In regards to a sum of several million bottles of Life and Meditation Potions, not even veteran second-tier mobile cities would have that many.

“Can you get them?” Shi Feng asked seriously, not bothering to answer Xia Qingying’s question.

Xia Qingying was a Senior Vice President of the Green God Corporation. She had also been developing her forces in the Greater World for quite some years already. Outside of Star Lake City’s City Lord, she was the only person Shi Feng knew who could potentially acquire such a large volume of Life and Meditation Potions within 24 hours.

Although Feng Yiqing, Star Lake City’s City Lord, was rather supportive of Zero Wing, it remained a fact that he was an outsider. Conversely, Xia Qingying was a staunch partner of Zero Wing. Even if she were to discover Shi Feng’s motives after the major system update’s effects were revealed, it was unlikely she would divulge his preemptive stockpiling to others.

“Not even the Galaxy Conglomerate can get you that many in 24 hours, let alone me,” Xia Qingying said with a wry smile. Then, after pondering for a moment, she added, “But if you were to change your goal to purchasing a production plant for Life and Meditation Potions, I might just be able to help you with that.”

“Do you know a seller?” Shi Feng couldn’t help but look at Xia Qingying in surprise.

Although Life and Meditation Potions were not as valuable as Stardew, they still weren’t products that the average power could manufacture. In fact, simply the recipes to produce Life and Meditation Potions were in high demand among the various powers, let alone the raw materials to produce them. Normally, only conglomerates could produce these potions.

“It’s one of the Blaze Conglomerate’s production plants,” Xia Qingying affirmed, nodding. “The seller happens to be someone you know—Weilan. She’s currently offering 50% of the production plant’s shares, but her asking price is quite steep.”

“How much is she asking for?” Shi Feng asked.

“Four Fragmented Divine Artifacts or one hundred million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal in the Eternal Realm...” Xia Qingying said awkwardly.

Fragmented Divine Artifacts were exceedingly rare. Most upper-ranking hegemonic powers did not even own that many outside the Eternal Realm, let alone inside. As for the alternative price of 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal, although any upper-ranking hegemonic power could afford it outside the Eternal Realm, acquiring such a sum within the Eternal Realm was completely out of the question.

In essence, those who could afford the production plant had no need for it, while those who needed the production plant couldn't afford it.

“It is indeed a little expensive.” Shi Feng furrowed his brows slightly when he heard Xia Qingying's words.

While it was true a production plant for Life and Meditation Potions was worth a fortune, due to the limited raw materials, the average production plant could, at most, produce several tens of thousands of bottles a day. If he occupied only 50% of the plant's shares, he'd be fortunate if he could receive 20,000 bottles a day. Based on the current market value of Life and Meditation Potions, 50% of a production plant's shares were nowhere near worth 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal in the Eternal Realm, let alone four Fragmented Divine Artifacts.

Of course, that would only be true before the Ocean's Sigh quest was triggered. After the major system update, those shares would be worth far more than a complete Divine Artifact.

“I've tried advising her before, but she is adamant about this price,” Xia Qingying said, sighing. “If she wasn't urgently looking to raise her combat power, she probably wouldn't be selling any shares in the first place.”

“If she's only looking to quickly raise her combat power, can you ask if she might be interested in 1,000 sets of Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls? I trust that the benefits she can reap from them should be no less than what she can get from 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal,” Shi Feng suggested after giving the matter some thought.

“A thousand sets of Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls? Are you serious?” Xia Qingying couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in astonishment.

A Small Silver Battle Array could let a team of 20 Tier 5 players transcend tiers. A thousand sets would be enough to arm an army of 20,000. That'd be akin to transforming 20,000 Tier 5 players into 20,000 Tier 6 players. In contrast, 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal could, at best, lead to the birth of 1,000 Tier 6 players. If only looking at the short term, there was no comparison between the two.

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TL Notes:

[1]Weilan = Billowing Water

## Chapter 3687: Alternate Ending 761 - 3-Star Shop

### Chapter 761 – 3-Star Shop

“I’m serious,” Shi Feng said, chuckling at Xia Qingying’s skepticism. “So long as Miss Weilan is fine with this arrangement, I can deliver the goods to her in three days.”

Under normal circumstances, nobody would be willing to trade a thousand sets of Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls for merely 50% of a production plant for Life and Meditation Potions. After all, the total value of these scrolls far exceeded the value of 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Moreover, these scrolls were usually in a state of lacking supply.

However, in Luminous Sky City, the supply of Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls far exceeded demand, so much so that each scroll was only sold for one Eternal Gold. At this price, it would only cost 20,000 Eternal Gold to acquire 1,000 full sets. Only a fool would refuse to spend 20,000 Eternal Gold to purchase 50% of a production plant for Life and Meditation Potions.

“If that’s the case, you should have no problems securing this deal,” Xia Qingying said, smiling. “I’ll contact Weilan right away. Wait for my good news.”

After saying so, Xia Qingying hung up the call and proceeded to contact Weilan excitedly.

Subsequently, things proceeded as Xia Qingying anticipated. Before the day was even over, Weilan had already decided to take Shi Feng’s offer. She only requested that Shi Feng deliver the 1,000 sets of Small Silver Battle Array Scrolls to the Crystal City of Secrets within three days. Meanwhile, as if worried Shi Feng would regret his decision, she even asked Shi Feng to sign a God’s Domain Contract with her offline to seal the deal.

In response, Shi Feng gladly obliged Weilan’s request and signed a God’s Domain Contract with her.

While Shi Feng and Weilan were finalizing their contract, the various players and powers of God’s Domain engaged in a heated discussion over the major system update on the official forums. Everyone wondered what kind of changes the new update would bring.

According to historical records, every major system update in God's Domain caused a huge upheaval among God's Domain's players and powers. Many new geniuses and powerhouses have also emerged following these major system updates. For this reason, the various powers promptly began recruiting members en masse. It was especially so for the Eternal Realm's various powers. They all began to offer extravagant benefits to attract new members. This, in turn, caused their member count to skyrocket.

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"Guild Leader, we are in a bit of trouble this time," Gentle Snow said, furrowing her brows as she read the latest report she received from her subordinates. "Not long ago, Demon's Gate issued a bounty on all Zero Wing members operating in the World Ark, and the reward for it was an opportunity to register at Demon's Gate's resurrection camp in the core area. However, following the system update, Demon's Gate has added that those who successfully kill Zero Wing's elite members can become normal members of Demon's Gate directly. As for those who manage to kill Zero Wing's main force members, they can even become an internal member of Demon's Gate."

"How generous of them." Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished when he read the detailed report Gentle Snow had shared with him.

Demon's Gate was an apex power of the human race. For this reason, the conditions for joining it were extremely harsh. It was especially so for those who weren't selected by Demon's Gate to nurture internally from a young age. To put things into perspective, even the paragons of upper-ranking hegemonic powers would have difficulty joining Demon's Gate.

Even in Shi Feng's previous life, where Demon's Gate had an unending feud with Zero Wing, Demon's Gate had never offered such conditions.

"Once these conditions go into effect, only our main force members can survive in the World Ark. Everyone else won't be able to step outside the resurrection camp," Hidden Soul, who stood beside Gentle Snow, said with a frown.

The appearance of the major system update presented the various powers with an opportunity to achieve rapid growth. However, Demon's Gate's actions would make it infinitely more difficult for Zero Wing to recruit members.

"Since Demon's Gate wants to play, we'll play with them," Shi Feng said, smiling as he looked at the grim expressions on Gentle Snow and Hidden Soul. "If Demon's Gate wants to use Zero Wing as a litmus test, two can play that game. Once you go online, immediately spread the news that Zero Wing is recruiting. The conditions for recruiting will also be simple. Anyone who manages to kill an elite member of Demon's Gate can become a normal member of Zero Wing, while those who manage to kill Demon's Gate's core members can become an internal member of Zero Wing."

“This...” Gentle Snow did not know what to say in response to Shi Feng’s words.

Demon’s Gate was an apex power and a titanic existence in the Greater God’s Domain. The Guild was so wealthy that even pseudo-apex powers could only stare in awe and envy. As for the benefits Demon’s Gate offered to its members, they were so tempting that countless paragons wished to join the Guild.

In contrast, Zero Wing had only recently made a name for itself in the World Ark. Even if it would eventually become known that Zero Wing owned a Guild City in the core area, Gentle Snow doubted it would be enough to tempt many people into killing Demon’s Gate’s members. Not to mention, killing an elite member of Demon’s Gate would only allow one to become a normal member of Zero Wing, while killing a core member of Demon’s Gate would only allow one to become an internal member of Zero Wing...

Aside from fools, nobody would take such a deal...

“Don’t worry. When the time comes, the number of players trying to join Zero Wing won’t be any less than those trying to join Demon’s Gate,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “All you need to do is spread the news once you go online.”

Under normal circumstances, Shi Feng wouldn’t have dared to play such a game with Demon’s Gate. Not even in his previous life would he dare to do such a thing. After all, he’d simply be humiliating himself.

However, it was a different story now that the major system update had occurred. If it was before the update, the potential benefits players could reap from Shadowring Town and the ability to travel to Luminous Sky City could only be considered subpar. But after the update, there would be very few players in the Greater God’s Domain who could resist these benefits.

The introduction of Soul Synchronization not only subjected players to real-world mental consequences from injuries sustained in God’s Domain, but it also substantially increased their daily expenses. A prime example of this increased expenditure would be the fees players paid to use the Battle Arena.

Following the major system update, players would need extensive combat practice to acclimate their fighting styles to the Soul Synchronization feature. However, it would be incredibly dangerous if they tried to achieve this through engaging in fights with monsters out in the fields. After all, if they sustained injuries, they would need to either consume mental recovery potions or remain offline for a long period to let their damaged mental states recover fully.

Hence, Battle Arenas, which provided players with a space where they could spar without having to worry about injuries, became the ideal place for players to adapt to Soul Synchronization. In the case of the Eternal Realm, the Battle Arenas in Neutral Cities would become their best option. So long as they spent some money, they could



spar with even experts from the Holy Race. And in a situation where everyone was restarting from the same starting line, this would be an opportunity that few players could resist.

Subsequently, time passed rapidly, and God's Domain finished updating in the blink of an eye. At the same time, countless players eagerly logged into God's Domain.

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Southern Region, Luminous Sky City:

As soon as Shi Feng came back online, a system notification rang in his ears.

System: Congratulations! You have successfully won the bid for the 3-star Shop and become the first player in Luminous Sky City to own an Upscale Shop. Rewarding one Luminous Sky Treasure Chest.

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## **Chapter 3688: Alternate Ending 762 - Beyond Tier 6**

Chapter 762 – Beyond Tier 6

*A Luminous Sky Treasure Chest?*

*Am I dreaming?*

Shi Feng couldn't help but doubt his eyes as he read the reward stated in the system notification.

There were many kinds of treasure chests in God's Domain. Of those Shi Feng knew, the rarest and most valuable ones would have to be the treasure chests given out by Neutral Cities situated between the human race's and the Holy Race's Greater God's Domains.

Out in the fields, the best treasure chest players could acquire were Legendary Treasure Chests. They had a minuscule chance of containing a Fragmented Divine Artifact, and all players dreamed of obtaining it.

However, when speaking of which was rarer and more precious, the treasure chests given out by the Neutral Cities situated between the two Greater God's Domains were superior. Of course, that wasn't to say that these Neutral City treasure chests were of a higher quality. Instead, it was because they contained products of the Mythical Era.



The Mythical Era was the most prosperous era of the Gods. Many, many powerful Legacies existed at the time, far more than in the current declining era. It was especially so for Legacies pertaining to the path beyond Tier 6.

In the current declining era, the highest achievable tier in God's Domain was Tier 6. Even Gods could not surpass this limit. This was also the consensus of all players in God's Domain.

However, as long as players explored the Twelve Sanctuaries, they would come to understand one very important fact—Tier 6 was not the end.

A perfect example would be Primordial Gods.

Based on the various apex powers' collected information and analysis, there was no doubt that Primordial Gods had transcended the limits of Tier 6. This was also why Primordial Gods were vastly stronger than Ancient Gods.

Since the upper limit of NPCs did not stop at Tier 6, it went without saying that Tier 6 was not the limit for players, either. It was just that the way to get promoted beyond Tier 6 had been lost.

Presently, after conducting many years of research and investigation in the Twelve Sanctuaries, the Greater God's Domain's various powers have already found some clues pertaining to the path beyond Tier 6. Meanwhile, all of these clues led to one point...

...the Mythical Era!

There existed more than one God and human who had surpassed Primordial Gods during the Mythical Era. Key among them would be the God Slayer, an existence who wasn't even a God, yet could slay Primordial Gods!

This was also the result the various apex powers had reached after conducting a joint investigation. During the Mythical Era, individuals could go beyond Tier 6. Moreover, there existed more than one way to do so. More specifically, each of the Twelve Sanctuaries had their own way of going beyond Tier 6. This was also why the Greater God's Domain's various powers were desperate to explore the Twelve Sanctuaries, with some even willing to wage an existential war against those standing in their way.

Meanwhile, outside the Twelve Sanctuaries, the Eternal Realm was one of the few places in the Greater God's Domain containing fragments of the Mythical Era. Furthermore, the fragments here were even more complete than those found in the Twelve Sanctuaries. Hence, both human powers and Holy Race powers fought fiercely for control over the Eternal Realm. To acquire more information on the Mythical Era, the Holy Race even tried to take over the Twelve Sanctuaries of the human race's Greater God's Domain in Shi Feng's previous life.

Fortunately, after a desperate struggle, the various human powers managed to stop the invasion by several of the Holy Race's royal powers and chased them out of the Twelve Sanctuaries. Otherwise, the human race would have had an even lower likelihood of going beyond Tier 6.

Meanwhile, the Luminous Sky Treasure Chest was one of the few treasure chests that had been passed down from the Mythical Era, and it contained creations made during that era.

In Shi Feng's previous life. The reason the various powers of both races tried to conquer the Eternal Realm's various cities wasn't just to monopolize the wealth generated by these cities. Besides that, a more important reason was to acquire Mythical Era treasure chests like the Luminous Sky Treasure Chest.

Upon seeing the Luminous Sky Treasure Chest appearing in his bag, Shi Feng quickly suppressed his impulse to open it right here and now. Instead, he quietly made his way to his recently acquired upscale shop and activated its defensive barriers, which were made up of densely woven divine patterns. Only after ensuring he had isolated himself from the outside world did he carefully take out the treasure chest he had received from the system.

*To think I would acquire a Luminous Sky Treasure Chest from simply purchasing an upscale shop... Those 770,000 Eternal Goin Coins were money well spent.* Shi Feng fell into a daze as he looked at the crystalline treasure chest before him. Divine runes circled the entire treasure chest, and its presence made him feel as if he were standing before an Ancient God.[1]

Originally, he thought the biggest benefit he had gained from his 770,000 Eternal Gold purchase was the upscale shop's 3-star status. However, he now realized that wasn't the case at all. Instead, his biggest gain was the Luminous Sky Treasure Chest before him. Moreover, it was a Luminous Sky Treasure Chest that he hadn't known existed in his previous life.

In his previous life, he only knew of five Luminous Sky Treasure Chests. Among them, the Holy Race acquired two from Luminous Sky City's treasury when they captured the city, while the rest were acquired by other players through other means. As for how he knew this, it was because of the Luminous Sky Treasure Chests' presence.

Unlike ordinary treasure chests, Luminous Sky Treasure Chests would exude a Divine Might rivaling Ancient Gods, even when unopened. In the presence of an Ancient God's Divine Might, the average Tier 6 expert would find themselves crumbling to the ground. Hence, whenever a Luminous Sky Treasure Chest appeared, everyone within the vicinity would immediately notice it.

Fortunately, because he had received his Luminous Sky Treasure Chest as a system reward, the treasure chest was deposited directly into his bag space. It was also

fortunate that it was deposited into his Fragmented Legendary Spatial Bag, which prevented the treasure chest's Divine Might from leaking.

After calming his excitement, Shi Feng carefully opened the Luminous Sky Treasure Chest.

*Boom!*

Immediately, a black pillar of light rose from the treasure chest and smashed against the shop's barriers. Each of the shop's divine pattern barriers could normally block dozens of attacks from Tier 6 players. However, the pillar of light shattered two of these barriers and cracked a third one before dissipating. Its destructive power was comparable to an all-out attack from a Tier 6 God.

Meanwhile, once the light dissipated, the treasure chest's contents appeared in Shi Feng's vision.

There was only a small book in the treasure chest. At first glance, the booklet looked inconspicuous. However, when Shi Feng saw the several divine runes imprinted on its cover, his heart began to palpitate, and his breathing turned ragged.

*No wonder the powers that obtained the five Luminous Sky Treasure Chests back then kept a tight lid over what they obtained.* An indescribable sense of joy and enthusiasm filled Shi Feng's eyes as he looked at the booklet before him.

A Mythical Era Creation!

The booklet before him was the design for a creation from the Mythical Era!

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TL Notes:

[1]770,000 Eternal Gold: This is after factoring in the 40% interest rate on the 500,000 Eternal Gold loan.

Actual money spent on purchasing the upscale shop = 570,000 Eternal Gold

40% interest on the loan = 200,000 Eternal Gold

Total Shi Feng spent to acquire the upscale shop = 770,000 Eternal Gold

## **Chapter 3689: Alternate Ending 763 - Mythical Era Creation**

## Chapter 763 – Mythical Era Creation

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TL Notes:

Made some changes to Chapter 753

Changed “royal powers” to “royal power.” Apparently, there is only one royal power operating in the southern region.

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*Thank goodness I opened it inside the shop. Otherwise, there'd no longer be a place for me in any Greater God's Domain if others learned of this design.* While looking at the booklet in the Luminous Sky Treasure Chest, Shi Feng couldn't help but celebrate inwardly.

The design recorded in the booklet was for a creation that couldn't be found even in the Greater God's Domain's Grand Library. It was also an Advanced Epic Construction that he had only seen once in his previous life.

The Tower of the Abyss!

It was an Advanced Epic Construction that had caused a frenzy among all players in God's Domain. It was also the only Advanced Epic Construction he knew about in his previous life.

In God's Domain, the constructions players could build were categorized into Basic Constructions, Advanced Constructions, Peak Constructions, and Extraordinary Constructions. However, in his previous life, one of the Holy Cities constructed by the Holy Race housed an Advanced Epic Construction.

Meanwhile, the name of the Advanced Epic Construction was none other than the Tower of the Abyss.

The Tower of the Abyss had only one function: to provide players with a place of constant combat. In addition, similar to the World Tower, the Tower of the Abyss was separated into multiple floors that offered players challenges of varying difficulties. However, unlike the World Tower, which only had six floors, the Tower of the Abyss had seven.

In addition, unlike the World Tower, which provided trials that directly tested a player's combat standards, the Tower of the Abyss provided players with an opponent to fight against. Moreover, this opponent could be any player who appeared across God's Domain's history.

In Shi Feng's previous life, the Holy Race had relied on the Tower of the Abyss to spar against countless players and continuously produce monstrously strong players batch after batch. In turn, human players had an increasingly difficult time resisting the Holy Race. If not for several peerless individuals emerging among the human race, it would have only been a matter of time before the human race was deprived of living space in the Eternal Realm.

*What an incredible creation. It can actually record players of all races across God's Domain. Had the human race gained such existence back then, we wouldn't have been restricted to just operating on the Eternal Continent.* While reading the Tower of the Abyss's general introduction, Shi Feng couldn't help but be amazed.

The highest known combat standard any human player had achieved in his previous life was only the sixth floor. However, that wasn't to say that the sixth-floor standard was the highest achievable combat standard for human players. Instead, it was simply because players no longer had a path they could reference for further improvement upon reaching the sixth-floor standard. In fact, human players didn't even have any references when they initially attempted to reach the fifth-floor standard. They had relied entirely on trial and error to achieve it, and they only managed to know they had achieved the fifth-floor standard thanks to the World Tower.

As for the World Tower, it did not provide players with any guidance whatsoever. It merely let players know whether they had reached a certain standard. Hence, human players could learn that they had reached the fifth- and sixth-floor standards after their numerous trials and errors. But even the World Tower's tests would end when players reached the sixth-floor standard. This was because all that existed on the World Tower's sixth floor was empty space. Players would not be given any trials to determine whether they had transcended the sixth-floor standard or taken the wrong path in their journey of self-improvement.

However, the Tower of the Abyss was different. Whether it was on the sixth or seventh floors, players could encounter distinct opponents to challenge themselves against. Moreover, players wouldn't be limited to just one opponent or a small pool of opponents but all of God's Domain's players.

Meanwhile, the difference between having and not having an opponent to train with was night and day. The difference would become even more stark when the opponent came in a large variety.

An example of this would be Shi Feng's home God's Domain. Before his home God's Domain connected with the Greater God's Domain, the average combat standard of the players there was pitiful when compared to the Greater God's Domain's players. However, once his home God's Domain gained access to the Greater God's Domain, many powerful experts would emerge. Some would even make it to the apex of the Greater God's Domain.

While Shi Feng was thinking about how he should make use of the Tower of the Abyss, he nearly fainted when he saw the materials needed to construct the Advanced Epic Construction.

“The main materials needed are 50 tons of Divine Void Sand and 100 ingots of Space-Time Gold? Is this a joke?” Shi Feng felt dizzy as he repeatedly inspected the materials listed in the booklet.

Divine Void Sand was a very familiar material to the executives of the Greater God’s Domain’s major powers. In fact, acquiring Divine Void Sand was even easier than procuring most Legendary Materials. This was because Divine Void Sand could be readily found at the Void Sea’s boundary.

However, Divine Void Sand was normally measured in units of grams. Moreover, as far as Shi Feng was aware, the total amount of Divine Void Sand that the various powers had extracted from the Void Sea’s boundary didn’t even reach 1,000 grams. Yet, the construction of the Tower of the Abyss required 50 tons!

As for Space-Time Gold, it was a rare Divine Artifact-ranked Material, even in the Mythical Era. In the modern era, he doubted he could come up with 100 ingots of Space-Time Gold, even if he were to loot the entire Greater God’s Domain.

“That’s not right! If these are the materials needed, how did the Holy Race construct the Tower of the Abyss back then?” Shi Feng was utterly perplexed as he looked at the main materials needed to construct the Tower of the Abyss.

Shi Feng was certain that, as formidable as the Holy Race was, even they should not think of acquiring 100 ingots of Space-Time Gold from their Greater God’s Domain. After all, Divine Artifact-ranked Materials were imbued with World Laws. While not necessarily unique, it should be impossible for more than twenty ingots of Space-Time Gold to exist in a Greater God’s Domain, let alone a hundred. As for the 50 tons of Divine Void Sand, while not impossible to acquire, procuring them would be a monumental undertaking that would necessitate many years of constant effort.

However, Shi Feng distinctly recalled that the Holy Race had completed the construction of the Tower of the Abyss within a few years after the Eternal Realm’s appearance. With such limited time at their disposal, not even if they plundered the human race’s Greater God’s Domain could they have procured 50 tons of Divine Void Sand

“Could it be... Did they construct it using alternative materials?” With his experience as a forger, Shi Feng suddenly thought of a possibility.

Divine Void Sand and Space-Time Gold were not without alternatives. Based on the research of many forgers, Divine Void Sand’s primary effect was to gather the power of the void, whereas Space-Time ingot provided the power of space and time. If it was only



a matter of gathering the power of the void and supplying the power of space and time, Golden Void Sand and Space-Time Bloodstones could achieve similar results.

Golden Void Sand, though not a common material, was an Inferior Legendary Material produced by the Void Sea. As for the Space-Time Bloodstone, while it was Inferior Divine Artifact-ranked Material, any Tier 6 monster related to space and time had a chance of dropping it. Consequently, many powers even sold it on the open market for the price of one Legendary Equipment.

Although it was always rumored that the Tower of the Abyss had a seventh floor, no human player could actually verify it. This was because the strongest Holy Race player ever seen by human players was only at the sixth-floor standard. Nobody had ever seen a seventh-floor expert among the Holy Race. Meanwhile, although Golden Void Sand and Space-Time Bloodstones were inferior to Divine Void Sand and Space-Time Gold, they should be enough to meet the requirements to construct a lesser version of the Tower of the Abyss.

The more Shi Feng pondered over the many details of his previous life, the more he became convinced that the Holy Race had resorted to alternative materials to construct their Tower of the Abyss. Otherwise, if the Holy Race had indeed used 100 ingots of Space-Time Gold...

The mere thought sent shivers down his spine.

*With the Seven Luminaries Alliance's capabilities, it should be able to quickly gather the Golden Void Sand and Space-Time Bloodstones I need. The Guild also has over a dozen Grandmaster Architects, so I can probably try constructing it in Shadowring Town.* When Shi Feng saw that constructing the Tower of the Abyss didn't require a lot of technical skills, he decided to contact Verdant Rainbow to source the needed materials for its construction.

The Tower of the Abyss was akin to a lighthouse that provided a guiding light. It should be known that the current Zero Wing didn't even have a clear-cut method for achieving the fifth-floor standard, let alone the sixth-floor standard. If Zero Wing could successfully construct the Tower of the Abyss, the Guild could achieve a leap in standards in no time.

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## **Chapter 3690: Alternate Ending 764 - Crucible of the Ancients**

Chapter 764 – Crucible of the Ancients



“Golden Void Sand and Space-Time Bloodstones?” Looking at Shi Feng through their video call, Verdant Rainbow couldn’t help but be astonished. “Guild Leader Black Flame, although these items aren’t particularly rare, the amount you need is a little too much. It is especially so for the 100 Space-Time Bloodstones. Procuring them outside the Eternal Realm might not be a problem, but importing them will cost a fortune. Are you sure you want to buy them?”

“I’m sure. State your price,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

Currently, Shi Feng’s only option to procure the main materials for the Tower of the Abyss was to seek out the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s assistance. It might be relatively easy for the average power to get their hands on Golden Void Sand as it was only an Inferior Legendary Material, but it was a completely different story for the Space-Time Bloodstones, which were Inferior Divine Artifact Materials. Only apex powers could acquire 100 Space-Time Bloodstones within a short period. For any other power, it would take them at least a year or more.

As for the current Zero Wing, acquiring Space-Time Bloodstones wasn’t even within the realm of possibilities.

It should be known that Tier 6 monsters related to space and time were highly limited in quantity in every Realm. Moreover, they were highly contested by the various powers because they dropped Space-Time Magic Crystals, which were essential to construct Cross-Realm Teleportation Magic Arrays. Meanwhile, the necessity of Cross-Realm Teleportation Magic Arrays went without saying. Without them, players would have to spend days traveling from one Realm to the other, even with the help of a Tier 6 Legendary Flying Mount.

“I can quote you a price cheaper than the going rate for Inferior Divine Artifact Materials, but I will accept only Eternal Coins as payment,” Verdant Rainbow said after pondering for a bit. “Each Space-Time Bloodstone will cost you 10,000 Eternal Gold, while every 1,000 grams of Golden Void Sand will cost you 100 Eternal Gold. Based on the amount you need, it will cost you six million Eternal Gold in total.”

“Six million?” Shi Feng was left speechless when he heard Verdant Rainbow’s quote.

Although he had long known that these materials wouldn’t come cheap, he never expected it to cost six million Eternal Gold. This was already enough to purchase a hundred shops and lands in the Eternal Realm’s various Neutral Cities. Unless he sold off the Sunlight Blade or the Origin Myth, he shouldn’t even think of getting his hands on so much money within a short period.

“It’s because of the amount of Golden Void Sand you are asking for, Guild Leader Black Flame. Six million is already the lowest I can go,” Verdant Rainbow said, smiling when she saw the awkward look on Shi Feng’s face. “But if you can help me with a small

problem, I can let you defer payment for up to ten days after you receive the goods. This is already the limit of what I can do for you.”

“Ten days?” Shi Feng was a little tempted by Verdant Rainbow’s offer. “May I know what it is you need help with, Miss Rainbow?”

Ten days might not be a lot of time, but if he could get the upscale shop and Shadowring Town up and running, it should be more than possible to make six million Eternal Gold in ten days. Not to mention, once he constructed the Tower of the Abyss, earning even sixty million Eternal Gold would be a piece of cake, let alone six million.

“I got my hands on an admission ticket for the Crucible of the Ancients, and I am in need of several experts. So, I hope to form a six-man party with you and two of Zero Wing’s Level 200-plus experts,” Verdant Rainbow said in a serious tone. “So long as we can get through the Crucible’s preliminaries, I can waive 500,000 Eternal Gold off your material cost.”

“The Crucible of the Ancients? Are you referring to the Continental Championship?” Shi Feng couldn’t help but be surprised as he looked at Verdant Rainbow.

The Crucible of the Ancients was a special place in the Eternal Realm. According to the various NPC Cities’ library records, the Crucible was also known as a breeding ground of powerhouses. It functioned similarly to a combat arena, allowing players from all over the Eternal Realm to fight each other in a competition.

Victors of the Crucible would receive a reward from the ancient existences operating it, while losers would be disqualified, and they would have to acquire another admission ticket if they wished to participate in the Crucible again. Meanwhile, as the admission tickets were scattered across the Eternal Realm’s three continents, the Crucible became a battleground for players from all continents, which, in turn, earned the Crucible the nickname of the Continental Championship.

In response to Shi Feng’s question, Verdant Rainbow nodded and asked, “Mhm. Are you interested, Guild Leader Black Flame?”

“Of course!” Shi Feng answered without hesitation. “When will admissions begin?”

In his previous life, Zero Wing rarely participated in the struggles in the Eternal Realm, so it never had anything to do with the Crucible of the Ancients. Not to mention, the various apex powers had jointly monopolized the Crucible, making it very difficult for other powers to participate in the so-called Continental Championship.

It should be known that the rewards given out by the Crucible were extraordinary. Moreover, even if players failed to win a reward, simply being able to participate in the Continental Championship was a massive opportunity in and of itself. After all, the

Crucible was one of the few places where players could spar with experts of other races without interference. This was very beneficial for those seeking to refine themselves.

In fact, the Crucible of the Ancients was part of why the various apex powers could give birth to so many monsters in his previous life. Now that he had an opportunity to take part in it, he naturally couldn't miss it.

"The next session starts in three days," Verdant Rainbow said. "Since you have agreed to my offer, we will meet up in the Crystal City of Secrets in three days. I will also have your materials delivered to you two days from now."

"Okay," Shi Feng said before disconnecting the call.

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After Shi Feng disconnected the call, the young man, a Level 185, Tier 6 Berserker standing beside Verdant Rainbow, revealed a look of dissatisfaction.

"Have you lost your mind, Rainbow?" The Berserker youth questioned Verdant Rainbow angrily. "Have you forgotten how much trouble Elder Flood had to go through to get that admission ticket for you? Yet, on top of selling all those materials to Zero Wing at such a bargain price, you are also giving three of the admission ticket's slots to Zero Wing? Do you know how big of a price the other apex powers are paying to get a ticket?"

The Crucible of the Ancients had already hosted multiple competitions since the Eternal Realm's appearance. Thus far, practically all powers that had gotten their hands on an admission ticket would use it to nurture their own geniuses. After all, being able to fairly clash with the paragons of other races was an unbelievably precious opportunity.

Yet, now, Verdant Rainbow had given three slots to Zero Wing for free. Her decision was utterly incomprehensible.

"You do remember that I've already participated in the Continental Championship more than once, right? Also, why do you think the admission tickets have become such a rare commodity in the first place?" Verdant Rainbow calmly looked at the angry Berserker youth. Then, she moved her gaze toward the various Holy Race teams operating in the distance and explained, "It is because fewer and fewer parties from the human race are making it past the preliminaries. At this rate, the admission tickets the human race receives each session might drop down to less than a handful. If we want to change this situation, we will have to prioritize getting past the preliminaries."

Understanding Verdant Rainbow's intentions, the Berserker youth softened his tone a little as he said, "I know that. But why did you have to give a slot to Black Flame?"

"The Holy Race might have placed Black Flame onto their Transcendent List, but he is ranked at the very bottom. If you are going to give a slot to someone under Level 200,

you could have invited Demon's Gate's White Ghost. Like Black Flame, White Ghost is also ranked on the Transcendent List. He is also younger and has single-handedly killed one of the Scarlet Merchant Alliance's Taboo-level existences in direct combat. If it wasn't for his party having bad luck and encountering one of the top 16 parties last session, he could have definitely led his party through the preliminaries."

"Is that so?" After glancing at the Berserker youth, Verdant Rainbow shared a video with him and said, "Take a look for yourself. This is a battle White Ghost fought in Luminous Sky City not long ago."

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TL Notes:

[1]Please note that there are two sentences that I have deliberately translated vaguely:

(a)fewer and fewer parties from the human race are making it past the preliminaries

(b)he could have definitely led his party through the preliminaries

In these two instances, the raws for "preliminaries" is "预选赛第一轮," which could be interpreted as:

(a)first round of the preliminaries

(b)preliminaries, a.k.a. the first round of the Continental Championship

I don't have enough details on the Continental Championship, so I don't know which version is correct. The author could be referring to the "first round of the preliminaries," but he could also be padding his word count.

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## **Chapter 3691: Alternate Ending 765 - Abyss Chamber of Commerce**

Chapter 765 – Abyss Chamber of Commerce

"He died? How is this possible?!"

When the Berserker youth finished watching the battle video Verdant Rainbow had shared with him, he couldn't help but think it was fake.

It should be known that White Ghost was one of Demon's Gate's Six Great Paragons. He was also an expert ranked on the Holy Race's Transcendent List. Yet, the video showed White Ghost dying to some unknown Swordsman in just three moves...

Of course, that wasn't to say that the Berserker youth thought that White Ghost was invincible and nobody could defeat him. Instead, he simply found it unbelievable that anyone could kill the Death Scythe using only three moves.

"Nothing's impossible," Verdant Rainbow calmly said as she looked at the astonished Berserker youth. "Although Demon's Gate's higher-ups have tried to suppress the news of this matter from spreading, it is already known by all within the Guild, and many of Demon's Gate's experts are currently talking about it."

"But if that's the case, doesn't that mean this Swordsman is as strong as the current generation's Ten Great Sword Gods? Who is he, then? Did one of the Ten Great Sword Gods accidentally wander into the Eternal Realm?" the Berserker youth asked Verdant Rainbow excitedly.

The current generation's Ten Great Sword Gods were vastly superior to paragons of apex powers like himself. Aside from having superior combat standards, they also had a considerable advantage in weapons, equipment, and levels.

If one of the current generation's Ten Great Sword Gods did come to the Eternal Realm, it would be wonderful news for the human players operating in the Eternal Realm.

"Do you think that's possible?" Verdant Rainbow said as she rolled her eyes at the Berserker youth.

Of the Ten Great Sword Gods, aside from Nineteenth Sword, who had forcibly lowered his level to enter the Eternal Realm, the other nine were pillars of their respective Guilds. They were usually busy safeguarding locations of great importance, and they would never go on adventures that would put their lives in jeopardy. Not to mention, with their strength, even if they were to go on an adventure, their destination would be the Twelve Sanctuaries. The chances of any of them accidentally entering the Eternal Realm were close to zero.

"Who is this person, then?" The Berserker youth grew confused. Out of everyone he knew in the Eternal Realm, he couldn't think of any Swordsman who could kill White Ghost in three moves.

Verdant Rainbow did not answer the Berserker youth's question directly. Instead, she smiled and asked, "Why do you think Demon's Gate would suddenly offer others membership for killing Zero Wing's members?"

"Are you saying this Swordsman is Black Flame?" The Berserker youth was in disbelief.

Admittedly, Black Flame was very strong. Not only did he manage to kill Chalk Splendor, a Holy Child of the Sun Dynasty, but he even made it onto the Holy Race's Transcendent List. In the current Eternal Realm, his strength could already rank at the apex. However, to say that Black Flame was strong enough to kill White Ghost in three moves was not something the Berserker youth could readily believe.

"Apart from him, I can't think of anyone else," Verdant Rainbow said as she looked at the cloaked Swordsman in the video. Then, she returned her gaze to the Berserker youth and continued, "Weren't you questioning his qualifications just now? Do you think he is qualified now?"

The Berserker youth fell silent.

If the person who had killed White Ghost was indeed Black Flame, having Black Flame join their party would undeniably increase their chances of getting through the preliminaries.

"If this is true, he is indeed qualified," the Berserker youth admitted. However, he quickly added in a serious tone, "But since he has killed White Ghost, Demon's Gate absolutely will not spare him. If we invite Black Flame and his guildmates to the Crucible, we will be creating an opportunity for Demon's Gate to snipe three of Zero Wing's top combatants. Demon's Gate will undoubtedly ambush them when they return from the Crucible. When that happens, it will look like we are helping Demon's Gate to lure Black Flame into a trap."

"I have thought of this possibility," Verdant Rainbow said nonchalantly. "I have already sent someone to hire the Order of Twelve. Although the current Order's overall strength is vastly inferior to Demon's Gate, they should have no trouble protecting Black Flame's group."

"How generous of you..." When the Berserker youth heard Verdant Rainbow's intention to hire the Order of Twelve, he couldn't help but be astonished.

The Order of Twelve might not have much fame on the Eternal Continent, but it was one of the few major powers capable of resisting Demon's Gate in the southern region. Its top combatants were especially amazing, capable of giving even Demon's Gate a headache. Meanwhile, as a gathering of adventurer teams, the Order of Twelve delved into many fields of business. Aside from transporting goods, their primary business was to be mercenaries.

However, the Order of Twelve's services were not cheap, especially when it needed to gather enough combatants to fight Demon's Gate on short notice. Even if Verdant Rainbow was a chosen one of the Seven Luminaries Alliance, hiring the Order of Twelve would still put a dent in her finances.

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Southern Region, Luminous Sky City, Outer Area:

In an alley just a few streets away from Luminous Sky City's entrance, Shi Feng quietly approached a dilapidated seven-story building. The building occupied an area of no more than two basketball courts, and it was the most inconspicuous out of all buildings in the alley. Even if its location was moved to the main street, it was doubtful any NPCs would be willing to visit it.

Meanwhile, this seven-story building was none other than the 3-star Upscale Shop Shi Feng had spent a fortune to acquire.

*This place is deserted...*

When Shi Feng stepped into the shop and saw the empty first floor, he suddenly felt as if he were scammed.

Although he had long known that a shop situated in the city's outer area wouldn't receive much foot traffic, he didn't expect the shop to not even have players visiting it. It was performing even worse than an ordinary shop operated by NPCs.

The only thing he could feel fortunate about was that the shop came with seven NPC staff. Moreover, all seven were Level 200-plus, Tier 5 NPCs, so they were just barely strong enough to ensure the shop's security. This meant he wouldn't need to recruit NPCs to manage the shop.

When the seven NPC staff saw Shi Feng entering the shop, they quickly formed a row before him and respectfully awaited his instructions.

"Starting today, your primary task is to procure Battle Array Scrolls at the Silver rank or above. Purchase Silver Scrolls for one Eternal Gold each and Advanced Silver Scrolls for three Eternal Gold each," Shi Feng instructed. "Additionally, organize the Fragmented Legendary items here and sell them at 90% of the Auction House's current market price.

"Understood!"

When the seven NPCs saw Shi Feng retrieving a bunch of Holy Race-exclusive Fragmented Legendary items from his bag, they quickly began appraising their value and setting an appropriate price. When it came to managing store operations, their work efficiency was multitudes greater than that of players.

After only half a day, the seven NPCs finished appraising all of the nearly 10,000 Fragmented Legendary items Shi Feng took out and filled the shop's display shelves on all seven floors to the brim.



Next, Shi Feng took out stacks of Basic and Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls. These scrolls, totaling 3,000 in number, were the product of Zero Wing's secretly nurtured Divine Engravers. After working tirelessly day and night, they managed to produce 2,400 Basic Divine Engraving Scrolls and 600 Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls.

Originally, Shi Feng had intended for Zero Wing to accumulate more strength before selling these Divine Engraving Scrolls. However, with the advent of the new era, players were now required to have sufficiently powerful mental strength in the real world if they wished to use weapons and equipment of high quality in God's Domain. As a result, Epic and Fragmented Legendary Weapons and Equipment became the daily driver of many expert players.

Because of this situation, the value of Divine Engraving Scrolls would skyrocket to unprecedented heights. If he didn't capitalize on this opportunity now, he doubted he would find a similar opportunity in the future.

System: You have finished setting up your shop. Please rename your shop. Note that the designated name will become the shop's official name moving forward.

"Since this shop is why I got the Tower of the Abyss, let's name it the Abyss Chamber of Commerce."

After giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng decided on a new name for the upscale shop. He also handed all authority over the shop to the seven NPC staff, letting them manage its daily operations entirely. This, in turn, would reduce the possibility of others forming a link between the shop and Zero Wing.

System: Naming successful. The Abyss Chamber of Commerce will officially begin operations in ten seconds.

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## **Chapter 3692: Alternate Ending 766 - Colossal Existence?**

Chapter 766 – Colossal Existence?

TL Notes:

Changed "Divine Pattern Scroll" to "Divine Engraving Scroll" to stay consistent with Chapters 596 and 603.

*Now, all that's left to do is to wait and see how well these Divine Engraving Scrolls will sell.*

After seeing the Abyss Chamber of Commerce starting official operations, Shi Feng grabbed a Guild Transfer Scroll from his bag and teleported back to Shadowring Town. He dared not spend even a moment longer in Luminous Sky City for fear of being recognized by others.

Divine Engraving Scrolls were considered a lost technology by both the human race and the Holy Race. Any player who could learn divine engraving to an amateur degree would be treated as a VIP by the various powers. This would be especially so after the implementation of the major system update.

After the major system update, the demand for Divine Engravers would skyrocket, utterly eclipsing all other subclasses in God's Domain. At that time, even players who could produce only unfinished Basic Divine Engraving Scrolls would enjoy status rivaling the Craftsmen of other subclasses.

In his previous life, a large part of why he had invested a lot of effort into researching divine engravings was in the hopes that he could mass-produce Basic Divine Engraving Scrolls. That way, Zero Wing could have the financial capability to resist Demon's Gate.

Now, having obtained a complete Divine Engraver Legacy and secretly nurtured a large batch of Divine Engravers, if he let the rest of the world learn of his secrets, it would spell doom for both himself and Zero Wing.

Although he didn't intend to sell all 3,000 Divine Engraving Scrolls at once and only intended to display a dozen at a time, it was still enough to cause an uproar in Luminous Sky City. Not to mention, once it became known that the Abyss Chamber of Commerce would be selling Divine Engraving Scrolls long-term, even a fool would understand that there existed Divine Engravers behind the Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, they should exist in considerable numbers.

Although neither human nor Holy Race powers could threaten the Abyss Chamber of Commerce's safety in the current Luminous Sky City, it was a different story for Zero Wing. Destroying the current Zero Wing wouldn't be a challenging task for apex and royal powers. It was merely a question of intent and whether the endeavor would be worth the effort.

Hence, for the sake of concealing Zero Wing's connection with the Abyss Chamber of Commerce, not only could Shi Feng not advertise it, but he also had to keep his distance from it. Otherwise, the consequences would be fatal.

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Meanwhile, shortly after Shi Feng left, many players walking in the nearby street quickly took notice of the newly opened Abyss Chamber of Commerce.

“Hey! There’s a Player Shop there!”

“Crap! Who’s the prodigal who opened up a shop here?! Do they not know that the only players who walk by this area are those transporting goods?”

“Maybe they selected the wrong shop when finalizing their purchase?”

The players on the street could clearly tell that the Abyss Chamber of Commerce was a shop that had recently entered private ownership, so they couldn’t help but have their curiosity piqued. After all, very few players and powers currently had the ability to purchase a shop in Luminous Sky City. Not to mention, the Abyss Chamber of Commerce was located in a section of the city’s outer area that did not house any special constructions.

“Regardless, since it is a Player Shop, there should be some good stuff for sale, right? Let’s go and take a look.”

“I wonder if this shop accepts consignments? If it does, I wouldn’t mind paying a little extra.”

Due to the current situation in Luminous Sky City, most players operating there were naturally curious about Player Shops. This was because only players and powers of extraordinary caliber could qualify to purchase a shop in the city, which, in turn, led to the natural assumption that their shops would offer items of extraordinary quality.

While the players on the street were having their discussion, about a dozen players approached the Abyss Chamber of Commerce.

Of these players, some were from the human race, while some were from the Holy Race. When these players stepped into the Abyss Chamber of Commerce, all of them were immediately dumbfounded by the scene before them.

There were over a hundred display shelves on the first floor, and all of them displayed weapons and equipment that radiated a glow unique to Fragmented Legendary items. It should be known that while the various powers had many Fragmented Legendary items in their possession, not even pseudo-apex and apex powers would be willing to sell so many Fragmented Legendary items to outsiders.

In God’s Domain, Fragmented Legendary items were considered a strategic resource to any power. Because of this, it would already be fortunate if the various powers would be willing to barter their Fragmented Legendary items, let alone sell them directly for money. Although it was still possible to see Fragmented Legendary items being sold for money from time to time, these were normally sold by adventurer teams or solo experts

who couldn't find a use for these items. It was practically impossible to find any shop selling over a hundred Fragmented Legendary items at a time.

However, the surprise of these dozen or so players did not end there. A moment later, they noticed something that blew their minds.

"Divine Engraving Scrolls!"

"Am I hallucinating?"

"Crap! It's not just Basic Divine Engraving Scrolls! There are actually Intermediate versions as well!"

"They're insanely cheap as well! Each Basic Divine Engraving Scroll only costs 300 Eternal Gold, while Intermediate ones only cost 3,000 Eternal Gold each!"

When everyone took a closer look at the twelve glowing scrolls displayed in front of the display shelves and saw the flowing divine runes on them, their eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

Divine Engraving Scrolls were considered products of the Mythical Era in both the human race's and the Holy Race's Greater God's Domains. Even in the past, Basic Divine Engraving Scrolls, which could strengthen only Epic Weapons and Equipment, were already valued nearly as much as a Fragmented Legendary item. In the current God's Domain, where players needed powerful mental strength to use Fragmented Legendary items and above, the value of Divine Engraving Scrolls had increased even further, multiplying by several dozen times.

"Nobody move! All of these Divine Engraving Scrolls belong to the Ocean Whale Adventurer Team!"

"Scram! How dare a second-rate adventurer team spout nonsense in front of the Hundred Lions Nation?!"

Following a brief silence, every player in the shop began to go crazy. Whether it was the human players or the Holy Race players, they immediately sought to snatch all twelve Divine Engraving Scrolls sold by the Abyss Chamber of Commerce and resell them to make a fortune. After all, the value of these Divine Engraving Scrolls wasn't limited to just strengthening weapons and equipment. They also had great research value.

However, despite the fuss the players caused, none of them actually had the necessary funds to purchase the Divine Engraving Scrolls. After all, a sum of several thousand Eternal Gold was not something the average player or power possessed in the current Eternal Realm. Hence, the players in the shop promptly contacted their acquaintances to borrow money. At the same time, they also started to purchase Battle Array Scrolls at

the Silver rank and above in bulk, thinking of reselling these scrolls to the Abyss Chamber of Commerce to accumulate funds.

Meanwhile, news of the Abyss Chamber of Commerce selling Divine Engraving Scrolls quickly spread. Moreover, as the Abyss Chamber of Commerce was a Player Shop, the various powers operating in Luminous Sky City promptly began investigating it, trying to find out which power was behind the generous action of selling Divine Engraving Scrolls for money.

Eventually, even Demon's Gate and the royal power operating in the southern region joined in the fray, trying to uncover the power behind the Abyss Chamber of Commerce. The two powers had also declared that if the Abyss Chamber of Commerce refused to partner with them, they would make it so it could not do business in Luminous Sky City.

However, instead of receiving a favorable response, the two powers' members immediately entered the Abyss Chamber of Commerce's blacklist and were permanently forbidden from setting foot into the shop's premises.

When news of this matter leaked, it caused an uproar across the southern region, causing many players and powers to wonder what kind of colossal existence stood behind the Abyss Chamber of Commerce for it to dare to offend an apex power and a royal power.

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While the southern region was in an uproar, Shi Feng, who had just returned to Zero Wing's Residence in Shadowring Town, received a system notification.

System: Shadowring Town's construction is completed. Do you wish to remove the seal on the town?

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## **Chapter 3693: Alternate Ending 767 - Town's Debut**

Chapter 767 – Town's Debut

“Remove the seal!”

When Shi Feng saw the system notification, he chose to unseal the town without hesitation.

In God's Domain, if players did not remove the magic barrier sealing their Guild Towns, not only would the town be incapable of increasing its popularity, but it also couldn't recruit any NPC Guards.

Of course, players didn't really need to worry about their Guild Town's safety within its 30-day protection period. So long as players weren't in a hostile relationship with the local NPC ruling power, other players usually wouldn't try to take the town by force during this period. Players also wouldn't have to worry too much about the security inside their town as the local NPC ruling power would temporarily send a batch of NPC Guards to patrol the town during the protection period.

Meanwhile, as soon as Shi Feng confirmed his decision, the translucent barrier covering Shadowring Town vanished, and the town itself was no longer invisible when viewed from a distance. The monsters wandering the surrounding forest also noticed Shadowring Town's presence, and they could attack the town at any moment.

Aside from monsters, the many player teams grinding in the Shadowring Basin also noticed Shadowring Town's appearance right away.

"There are powerful mana fluctuations coming from over there!"

"What powerful energy fluctuations. Did some incredible treasure just reveal itself?"

"A Guild Town! There's actually a Guild Town there!"

When the magic barrier covering Shadowring Town dissipated, many players sensitive to mana noticed the resulting mana fluctuations and decided to investigate the source. Then, they were briefly stunned when they discovered that a town had appeared in the Shadowring Basin. Immediately afterward, though, they began contacting their respective superiors while looking like maniacs.

"What did you say?! A Guild Town appeared in the core area?!"

"Keep your eye on it! Do not move your sight away for even a second! Also, try to figure out which power is behind that Guild Town!"

"Investigate the Guild Town's defenses! If possible, we must capture it before the other powers make their move!"

The powers that learned of Shadowring Town's existence promptly gathered their forces. They behaved as if the town was a lamb to the slaughter, and they worried other powers would snatch it from them if they were late by even a moment.

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Meanwhile, shortly after the discovery of Shadowring Town, news of its existence also reached the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, don’t you think you’ve taken too big of a risk this time? You didn’t even give us any time to prepare,” Frey said to Shi Feng resentfully through their video call. “Everyone in the World Ark already knows about Shadowring Town by now. Aside from the various pseudo-apex powers, the various apex powers have also mobilized their armies to the town.”

“That’s right. I have also received information that the two royal powers operating in the World Ark have mobilized their forces. By the looks of it, they intend to capture the town by force,” Garut said as he massaged his aching temples. He never thought Shi Feng would act so rashly.

Although Shi Feng had told them he intended to construct a Guild Town in the World Ark’s core area, they never expected him to complete construction so soon. Moreover, he had even unsealed the town without giving them any prior notice. With the situation as it was, they wouldn’t even have time to send reinforcements to the town.

It should be known that the World Ark was one of the few high-level World Mode Regional Dungeons in the Eternal Realm. Merely the resources available in the inner area were enough to cause the various powers to fight tooth and nail.

The value of a Guild Town in the core area was immeasurable. No power in the Eternal Realm could resist its allure. They would undoubtedly attempt to capture it, regardless of its protection period. After all, the advantages a core area Guild Town offered were simply too vast to ignore. Whoever owned the Guild Town could gain a massive lead over all other powers in the World Ark.

Not to mention, now that most of the players operating in the World Ark had reached Level 180 and beyond, achieving victory against a bunch of Level 200-plus, Tier 6 NPC Guards would no longer be a dream. While assaulting the Guild Town would likely result in substantial casualties, the potential rewards far outweighed the risks.

Under normal circumstances, so long as Zero Wing, Azure Fang, and the Red Dragon Nation were willing to mobilize all their forces, combined with the defensive prowess offered to a Guild Town during its protection period, it would still be possible for them to defend the Guild Town.

But now, they didn’t have even a sliver of a chance to defend Shadowring Town...

Currently, powers from the human race and the Holy Race were marching their armies toward Shadowring Town. Even if their three Guilds could send some forces to defend the town now, they wouldn’t be able to send all their forces immediately, especially not their trump cards that were tied up in other locations. Meanwhile, without these trump



cards, even resisting the armies of the various human race's apex powers would be a dream, let alone the Holy Race's royal powers.

"You two don't have to worry about this. Even if all powers in the current Eternal Realm gathered, they shouldn't think of capturing Shadowring Town," Shi Feng said, chuckling when he saw the worried looks on Frey and Garut. "Rather than worry about the town, you two should make sure nobody learns that you own permanent shops and land in Shadowring Town. Otherwise, there is nothing I can do to save you."

Shi Feng naturally understood the consequences of unsealing Shadowring Town so soon. In fact, he knew much more than Frey and Garut how crazily the various powers would react to Shadowring Town's discovery. After all, the various powers of both races had fought intensely over the twelve settlements surrounding Holy Ring City. The battles had been so intense that some pseudo-apex powers had even been forced to retire from God's Domain.

"Are you really confident in defending it, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Frey asked as she stared at Shi Feng with anxiety and expectation.

Previously, she had remained skeptical about Shi Feng's claim of constructing a Guild Town in the World Ark's core area. Even after formalizing their transaction with a God's Domain Contract, she still found the matter surreal, and she had braced herself for the possibility of seeing her investment of 25 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal disappear into thin air.

However, after seeing footage of Shadowring Town, she started to grow fearful. She feared that the opportunity to soar to much greater heights would slip out of her hands.

"Naturally. Well, you'll know whether I am lying when the time comes." When Shi Feng saw that Frey remained anxious despite his assurance, he decided to offer a simple response before disconnecting the call.

After hanging up the video call, Shi Feng shifted his gaze toward the NPC Recruitment tab in the Town System Interface before him.

Although the current Eternal Realm remained in its infancy phase, after witnessing the forces the various apex and royal powers possessed, Shi Feng knew it would be incredibly risky to rely solely on the temporary forces dispatched by Holy Ring City to defend Shadowring Town. If the various apex powers and two royal powers operating in the World Ark decided to go all out, they could even succeed at capturing one of the weaker Neutral Cities in the Eternal Realm, let alone a Guild Town in its protection period. It was only a question of whether these powers were willing to bear the cost of doing so.

Fortunately, Zero Wing had secured the Nameless City's treasury, allowing it to obtain a large amount of Divine Water of Life. If used adequately, Shadowring Town could

probably withstand an attack from even an entire royal power, let alone the limited forces the various apex and royal powers currently had in the Eternal Realm.

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TL Notes:

[1]an entire royal power: This is referring to all the forces a royal power has in the Holy Race's Greater God's Domain.

## **Chapter 3694: Alternate Ending 768 - Makings of a Paradise**

Chapter 768 – Makings of a Paradise

World Ark, Shadowring Town:

Sometime after the initial opening of Shadowring Town, NPCs started to show up in large numbers, creating a lively atmosphere in the town. There were so many NPCs trying to enter Shadowring Town that a long line had formed outside the town's entrance, the sight stirring the envy of the various powers' members who had come to check out the new town that had appeared in the World Ark's core area.

NPC Merchants and NPC caravans were many players' primary income sources. The more NPC Merchants and NPC caravans a Guild Town possessed, the higher the quantity and quality of quests players could acquire from said town. Aside from the individual player, the town's ruling power could also generate more income.

This was especially true for a Neutral Guild Town. All of the income generated by the town would belong to the ruling power. Furthermore, the town could do business with both the human race and the Holy Race.

It should be known that they were currently in the World Ark, one of the few high-level World Mode Regional Dungeons in the Eternal Realm. The resources available here were far beyond what was available elsewhere. Even if Shadowring Town did nothing but resell race-exclusive weapons and equipment, it could still generate a massive fortune.

"I wonder which Guild is so lucky to secure a Guild Town in this location. Even if we count only those currently gathered, there are already over four million players here. With so many players, the town can probably match a pseudo-apex power's income in the Eternal Realm simply by collecting some accommodation fees."

“Lucky? It doesn’t feel that way to me. There are three apex powers and two royal powers currently eyeing this town. Do you think whoever’s behind this town can defend it?”

“I guess you’re right. I heard that even that peerless chosen one from Demon’s Gate is hurrying over here. If the power behind this town is wise, they might be able to keep one or two shops to make some money. But if they refuse to hand the town over, they’ll have to face the wrath of three apex powers and two royal powers.”

As the various powers’ members observing Shadowring Town saw more and more players gathering, they couldn’t help but grow envious of whoever was the owner of the Guild Town.

After the major system update, combat in God’s Domain had become significantly more challenging for players. So long as players sustained physical injuries, they would sustain a corresponding degree of mental injuries in the real world. Moreover, Healing Spells were incapable of rectifying this problem. All Healing Spells would do was help players recover their lost HP and from their physical injuries; they did not help with the mental injuries players sustained. In addition, once players accumulate mental injuries to a certain degree, they would start to have difficulty controlling their in-game characters and ultimately be forced offline.

Meanwhile, if players wished to quickly recover from their mental injuries, in addition to consuming mental recovery potions offline, it was also crucial for them to rest their God’s Domain characters inside a town or city. Only when both recovery methods were employed could players recover from their mental injuries with the greatest efficiency. Not to mention, by resting inside a town or city in the game, players could also relieve the mental fatigue they had accumulated from using their weapons and equipment. This was already something many players had proven from experience.

Originally, players operating in the World Ark would have to make periodic trips to a nearby NPC Town or City to rest. This was because the World Ark’s resurrection camps could only let players with sufficient mental strength continue fighting. They couldn’t enable players to operate in the World Ark indefinitely.

However, it was a different story for a Guild Town inside the World Ark. The effects of resting in Shadowring Town would be no different than resting in an NPC Town neighboring the World Ark. So long as players rested in Shadowring Town, they could quickly resume their exploration of the World Ark.

Moreover, Shadowring Town could earn money from both human and Holy Race players. Even if the current owner of Shadowring Town could only retain a shop or a plot of land in the town once the three apex powers and two royal powers intervened, they could still generate a fortune that could earn them the envy of even pseudo-apex powers.

While the various powers were enviously looking at Shadowring Town from a distance, a flash of white light appeared in the sole Guild Residence inside Shadowring Town. Then, the white light faded to reveal a figure covered by an Advanced Black Cloak.

After arriving in the town, the cloaked figure quickly entered Stealth and made their way to Shadowring Town's Town Hall. Although the various powers' members were closely monitoring the situation inside Shadowring Town, none noticed this cloaked figure.

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"Guild Leader, I've brought the 13,000 bottles of Divine Water of Life you asked for," Hidden Soul reported after meeting Shi Feng inside the Town Hall. Then, while retrieving the Divine Water of Life from her bag, she looked toward the NPC Guards standing behind Shi Feng and reluctantly asked, "Are you really going to use all 13,000 bottles on these NPC Guards?"

Divine Water of Life was an incomparably rare commodity, even during the Mythical Era. At present, the various powers regarded it as a priceless treasure, and they would only ever use it on NPCs who inherently possessed incredibly high Growth Potential.

However, with Shadowring Town being only an Advanced Guild Town, there was no way it could attract any NPC Guards with exceptional Growth Potential. They could already thank their lucky stars if they managed to recruit a couple of Dark-Gold Guards. Meanwhile, the only advantages these NPC Guards had over Zero Wing's Personal Guards were their starting levels and tiers. But in terms of Growth Potential, these NPC Guards were leagues behind the Personal Guards Zero Wing's guild members had carefully selected in the Eternal Realm.

"Don't feel reluctant about it. These strategic resources are meant to be used during moments like this," Shi Feng said. Then, he pointed at the 1,000 NPC Guards in the Town Hall's lobby and continued, "Evenly distribute the Divine Water of Life to them."

Divine Water of Life was indeed precious. However, compared to having 13,000 bottles of Divine Water of Life, having an Advanced Town in the current World Ark was much better.

Not to mention, the 1,000 NPC Guards he recruited possessed far greater Growth Potential than Hidden Soul assumed. Under normal circumstances, the NPC Guards an Advanced Guild Town could recruit would indeed be limited in Growth Potential. However, because of his status as a 2-star Count of Holy Ring City, Shadowring Town was able to attract some of Holy Ring City's NPC Guards.

Because of this, over 10,000 NPC Guards had come to apply for a position in Shadowring Town in only a little more than ten hours. Among them, over 700 were Level 210-plus, Tier 6, while the rest were Level 200-plus, Tier 5. In addition, of the 700-plus Tier 6 NPC Guards, over 100 were Dark-Gold NPC Guards, and 323 were Fine-

Gold NPC Guards. As for the Tier 5 NPC Guards, 673 were Dark-Gold NPC Guards, and one was even an Epic NPC Guard. With such Growth Potential, these Tier 5 NPCs would have no trouble advancing to Tier 6.

After deliberating for a moment, Shi Feng quickly decided to recruit 100 Tier 6 Dark-Gold NPC Guards, 300 Tier 6 Fine-Gold NPC Guards, 599 Tier 5 Dark-Gold NPC Guards, and the sole Tier 5 Epic NPC Guard. Although a Neutral Advanced Guild Town could recruit up to 4,000 NPC Guards, considering the cost of hiring these NPC Guards and the possibility of NPC Guards with better Growth Potential appearing in the future, Shi Feng decided to recruit only one thousand for the time being.

Not to mention, if he recruited any more, he wouldn't have enough Divine Water of Life to distribute to everyone.

By recruiting only 1,000 NPC Guards, he could distribute 13 bottles to each NPC Guard, granting them four opportunities to improve their Growth Potential. This was also the maximum number of improvements he could afford.

After receiving Shi Feng's command, Hidden Soul quickly distributed the 13,000 bottles of Divine Water of Life to the 1,000 NPC Guards in the lobby and had them consume everything.

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## **Chapter 3695: Alternate Ending 769 - Shadowring Town Opens**

Chapter 769 – Shadowring Town Opens

Shadowring Town, Town Hall:

As the 1,000 NPC Guards drank their assigned Divine Water of Life, the density of the mana inside the lobby started to increase rapidly. Pillars of mana even began to rise from each NPC Guard, which, in turn, caused the space within the lobby to shatter.

"What powerful mana!" Hidden Soul couldn't help but be shocked as she looked at the dark void that had formed before her. "How much did these NPC Guards improve?"

Normally, a Tier 6 NPC's mana would already be considered powerful if it could shake the surrounding space. As for individuals who could shatter the space around them with their mana alone, they would typically have reached the standard of Tier 6 Gods already. Even then, these NPCs wouldn't normally try to shatter their surrounding space using only their mana.

This was because it was a huge waste of mana. Only individuals who couldn't properly control their mana or used powerful Skills and Spells would unleash their mana all at once. After all, whether it was NPCs or players, neither possessed limitless mana. Once they exhausted their mana, the effectiveness of their Skills and Spells would plummet.

However, it should be known the 1,000 NPC Guards in the lobby were only letting their mana radiate naturally. Yet, it was already enough to shatter the surrounding space. The mana was so dense that it made her feel like she had stepped into a muddy swamp...

"Their mana is indeed astonishing. It seems they have improved quite significantly," Shi Feng commented. He was similarly shocked by the NPC Guards' transformation.

Unlike Hidden Soul, who had spent most of her life in their home God's Domain, Shi Feng had witnessed many major events in the Greater God's Domain in his previous life. He had even participated in more than one battle involving hundreds of millions of players between the human race and the Holy Race.

Normally, on the Greater God's Domain's battlefronts, where Tier 6 NPCs could be seen in the millions, a force of 1,000 NPC Guards would be utterly insignificant. However, it was a different story for the phenomenon of 1,000 NPC Guards shattering space with only the mana they naturally radiated. Even across the Greater God's Domain, such occurrences were few and far between.

At the very least, as far as Shi Feng could recall, he had only ever seen NPC Guards with such frightening mana stationed in the Holy Cities that apex powers and a small minority of pseudo-apex powers used as their main headquarters. However, unlike Shadowring Town, these Holy Cities were the product of many years of effort.

Subsequently, Shi Feng began inspecting the 1,000 NPC Guards.

*Incredible!*

Shi Feng couldn't help but gasp when he saw the NPC Guards' updated information.

Each NPC Guard received 13 bottles of Divine Water of Life, so they had four attempts to improve their Growth Potential. Logically, he should have only distributed three bottles to each NPC Guard, giving them three improvement attempts. After all, starting from the fourth attempt, the cost of each attempt would increase substantially, with the fourth attempt alone costing ten bottles of Divine Water of Life. Even so, Shi Feng decided to provide these NPC Guards with an additional attempt, hoping that some of them could exceed the limits of their current rank.

Fortunately, it would seem he had made the right call, as the effects of the Divine Water of Life far exceeded his expectations.



Shadowring Town started with 100 Tier 6 Dark-Gold Guards and 599 Tier 5 Dark Gold Guards. While such a force could be considered first-rate outside the Eternal Realm, there was a lot left to be desired in the Eternal Realm. But now, out of these 699 Dark-Gold Guards, 634 had advanced into Epic Guards, 58 had advanced into Advanced Epic Guards, and 7 had advanced into Legendary Guards!

Four of these seven NPC Guards with Legendary Growth Potential were originally at Tier 5. However, following the increase in their Growth Potential, all four of them had advanced to Tier 6, making it so that Shadowring Town now had seven Level 210-plus, Tier 6 Legendary Guards.

The 300 Tier 6 Fine-Gold Guards did not disappoint Shi Feng, either. All of them had advanced into Epic Guards, and several were only missing anywhere from two to six points of Growth Potential before they could become Advanced Epic Guards.

*It's a pity I've already spent all my money. Otherwise, I could have equipped them with personalized Legendary Weapons and Equipment rather than standardized ones, increasing their overall strength even further,* Shi Feng thought, faintly sighing as he looked at the 1,000 NPC Guards who had all achieved Epic Growth Potential and above.

Although he had equipped the NPC Guards with Legendary Weapons and Equipment, they were all standardized items. While that might be the best weapons and equipment players would normally equip their NPC Guards and Personal Guards with, once NPC Guards and Personal Guards reached the Epic rank, so long as players were willing to pay the price, they could gear their guards with personalized Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

In the Eternal Realm, a set of personalized Legendary Weapons and Equipment for NPCs cost 6,000 Eternal Gold. While still a hefty sum, it was many times cheaper than the Legendary Weapons and Equipment used by players.

Meanwhile, compared to standardized Legendary Weapons and Equipment, personalized versions not only provided an additional 15% or more in Basic Attributes but also increased Skill and Spell Completion Rates by 10% or more. Such improvements were enough to propel an NPC Guard's combat power to the next level.

If any Epic Guard were to equip a set of personalized Legendary Weapons and Equipment, they could instantly rival six-winged Valkyries of the same level in strength. As for Advanced Epic Guards and Legendary Guards, with a set of personalized Legendary Weapons and Equipment equipped, the former could closely rival Gods of the same level, while the latter could stand on equal footing with Gods of the same level.



Under normal circumstances, a force of 934 six-winged Valkyries, 58 pseudo-Gods, and 7 Gods would be enough to threaten even the foundations of an entire Realm, let alone the current Eternal Realm.

While Shi Feng was about to assign patrol routes for the 1,000 NPC Guards, he suddenly received a call from Gentle Snow.

“Guild Leader, our scouts say that the members of the three apex powers and two royal powers have already arrived at the Shadowring Basin. Their Tier 6 members total at more than 60,000. Judging by their actions, they seem ready to forcibly capture the town,” Gentle Snow urgently reported with an anxious expression.

During this period, Zero Wing had produced six more Level 210-plus, Tier 6 experts thanks to the Medium World Fragment. This put the total number of Level 210-plus, Tier 6 experts in the Guild to 20. With such a force, the Guild was already strong enough to withstand a frontal assault from the Sun Dynasty.

However, it was a completely different story if Zero Wing had to go up against three apex powers and two royal powers simultaneously. There was only so much 20 Level 210-plus, Tier 6 experts could do with their limited Stamina and Concentration. Not to mention, their opponents this time consisted of over 60,000 Tier 6 experts nurtured by apex and royal powers. In front of such a force, even bona fide Level 210, Tier 6 Gods would fall.

“I got it.” Shi Feng nodded. “Proceed according to plan. Aside from Phoenix Rain’s team of ten having to ensure the resurrection camp’s safety, all other Tier 6 members can move into Shadowring Town.”

“Will everything really be alright, Guild Leader?” Gentle Snow asked worriedly.

Shadowring Town was of utmost importance to Zero Wing’s future development. Yet, even though three apex powers and two royal powers were currently aiming to capture the town, Shi Feng had chosen to leave half of Zero Wing’s combat power at the Soul Lake Resurrection Camp. No matter how Gentle Snow thought about it, this decision was incredibly reckless.

“Don’t worry. There isn’t a single power in the current Eternal Realm that can threaten Shadowring Town,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

Half an hour after his call with Gentle Snow, Shi Feng pulled up Shadowring Town’s system interface and chose to open the town to players without hesitation.

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“What’s going on?”

“Players can enter now?”

Suddenly, the NPC Guards, who originally prohibited players from entering Shadowring Town, began permitting entry to players. When the millions of players observing the town from afar saw this, a commotion instantly erupted.

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## **Chapter 3696: Alternate Ending 770 - Apex Gathering**

Chapter 770 – Apex Gathering

World Ark, Shadowring Basin, Shadowring Town:

As the only Guild Town in the World Ark’s core area, Shadowring Town quickly attracted over five million human and Holy Race players within a day after its discovery. Among them, over a million were even Tier 6 players. If counting only Tier 6 players gathered, Shadowring Town could triumph over every NPC City in the Eternal Realm.

Meanwhile, following the discovery that Shadowring Town was now open to players, the atmosphere surrounding the millions of players gathered outside the town reached a boiling point. Everyone was eager to be the first to charge into the town.

However, even after some time had passed, none of these eager players dared to approach the town’s entrance. Instead, they remained still as they watched five legions gradually making their way over to the town from a distance. Only after these five legions had gathered before the town’s entrance did the several million players dare to close in on the town a little.

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“At least these people know their place,” Chalk Splendor, who had already reached Level 187, scoffed. While riding atop a Voyage Train, he cast a disdainful glance with his three eyes at the surrounding several million players.

The moment Shadowring Town was discovered, it was already fated to become the backyard of powers like the Sun Dynasty. If weaker powers dared to interfere with the town’s affairs before the two royal powers and three apex powers reached a conclusion over the town’s ownership, they would simply be courting death.

“Splendor, I didn’t think you could remain a Holy Child despite being defeated by a human and losing the Sunlight Blade. Your elder sister must have done a lot of pleading for you, huh?” Standing on the head of an Elven Dragon several hundred meters tall, a green-eyed young man from the Holy Race suddenly poked fun at Chalk Splendor.

“Venom Tail! Don’t get cocky just because you performed a little better in the last Continental Championship and secured a Holy Child position in Sovereign Mark! Do you think you can win a duel against me?” Chalk Splendor responded as he glared at the Level 189 green-eyed young man.

Sovereign Mark was a royal power no weaker than the Sun Dynasty. The two powers had also clashed numerous times in the Holy Race’s Greater God’s Domain.

On the individual level, Chalk Splendor had traded blows with Venom Tail plenty of times before entering the Eternal Realm. In terms of strength, he was originally above Venom Tail. Hence, he became a Holy Child much sooner than Venom Tail did.

However, since coming to the Eternal Realm, Venom Tail had encountered a lucky opportunity that enabled him to become the first batch of players to participate in the Continental Championship. Meanwhile, thanks to the rewards he earned from the Continental Championship, not only did Venom Tail achieve significant improvements in strength, but his status in Sovereign Mark also skyrocketed.

“I might consider it if it’s a duel with Daystar, but you? I’ll pass,” Venom Tail said, chuckling. “Despite being an esteemed chosen one of a royal power, you actually lost to a human with barely any fame. If I were you, I would have chosen to retire on the spot.”

“You bastard!”

Chalk Splendor instantly lost his temper and got ready to attack Venom Tail when he heard the latter’s provocation. His loss to Black Flame was, without a doubt, the biggest sore spot in his life. After all, out of all the royal powers’ Holy Children who had entered the Eternal Realm, he was the first to get killed by a human player. This had caused him to become a joke among the Holy Race.

While Venom Tail was preparing to engage Chalk Splendor in battle, the legions of the Seven Luminaries Alliance, Demon’s Gate, and the Eternal Chamber of Commerce just so happened to have arrived before Shadowring Town’s entrance, their arrival instantly quelling the urges of the two young men.

“These damnable humans and their irritable timings...” Chalk Splendor cursed under his breath as he coldly looked at Verdant Rainbow, a chosen one of the Seven Luminaries Alliance and the leader of the three human legions.

Chalk Splendor similarly hated Verdant Rainbow to the bone. After all, it was only with Verdant Rainbow’s assistance that Black Flame could have killed him. Otherwise, with the Sunlight Blade’s power, nobody could have killed him.

“Verdant Rainbow? I didn’t think you would be the one leading the humans this time,” Venom Tail said, smiling as he looked at Verdant Rainbow. “Well? Are you thinking of

interfering with Shadowring Town as well this time? Are you really not afraid Sovereign Mark will annihilate you all?"

"Treasures belong to those who can secure them. The same goes for this town," Verdant Rainbow calmly said as she looked at Sovereign Mark's nearly 20,000 Tier 6 experts.

Meanwhile, after glancing at the near-30,000 human players behind Verdant Rainbow, Venom Tail smiled and asked, "What do you propose?"

"All of us will enter the town first. Then, we will decide who gets to occupy the town using strength. What do you think?" Verdant Rainbow said as she pointed at Shadowring Town's opened gates while directing her gaze at Venom Tail and Chalk Splendor.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that any one of the Holy Race's ten royal powers was stronger than even the human race's strongest apex power. However, now that the Seven Luminaries Alliance, Demon's Gate, and the Eternal Chamber of Commerce had joined forces, their combined army was only marginally smaller than the Sun Dynasty and Sovereign Mark's combined army. If both sides decided to fight, the battle's outcome could swing either way. Not to mention, the Sun Dynasty and Sovereign Mark weren't the best of friends.

"The Sun Dynasty can go along with this arrangement, but on one condition." After recollecting himself, Chalk Splendor smiled at Verdant Rainbow and said, "The Seven Luminaries Alliance must ensure that it will halt all aid to Zero Wing from now onward. If you can agree to this condition, I will agree to your condition of exploring the town together."

"Halt all aid to Zero Wing?" Verdant Rainbow frowned.

"Zero Wing? Is it the Guild of the human who killed our dear Chalk Splendor?" Venom Tail's interest was piqued when he heard Chalk Splendor's condition. "If that's the case, Sovereign Mark will second this condition. A Guild that dares embarrass a royal power of the Holy Race naturally cannot continue to exist."

Personally, Venom Tail had no interest in the Guild known as Zero Wing. However, considering the Holy Race's reputation, he wouldn't mind helping Chalk Splendor get a little revenge. Otherwise, the Holy Children of the Holy Race's royal powers would truly become a joke in the eyes of other powers.

"We will never—"

Just as Verdant Rainbow was about to refuse Chalk Splendor's condition, the muscular woman behind her suddenly interrupted.

“Miss Verdant, don’t be so quick to refuse,” Phoenix Flame, a Tier 6 Berserker from Demon’s Gate, said. “I think we can agree to these two Holy Children’s demands. We are only talking about a small Guild here. Surely, you wouldn’t consider having us engage two of the Holy Race’s royal powers in mortal combat simply over a small Guild, right?”

“Are you doing this on purpose, Phoenix Flame?” Verdant Rainbow glared at Phoenix Flame, very much dissatisfied by the other party’s suggestion. It was already bad enough that Chalk Splendor was using this opportunity to corner Zero Wing. She didn’t think Phoenix Flame would do the same as well.

“Hey, it wasn’t me who proposed this condition,” Phoenix Flame said, shrugging. “I am only suggesting what’s best for our three powers.”

Verdant Rainbow’s resolve started to waver after hearing Phoenix Flame’s words. Although she knew this was nothing but an excuse, she still couldn’t help but hesitate.

Meanwhile, amidst Verdant Rainbow’s hesitation, a young man with a slim body like that of a cheetah suddenly spoke up.

“Rainbow, I know you want to support Zero Wing, but you have to look at the situation,” the young man, a Tier 6 Assassin from the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, said. “Even if we set aside Shadowring Town, there is still the Continental Championship to consider. Demon’s Gate’s assistance will be crucial in the competition.

“We shouldn’t sour relationships between our three powers simply because of Zero Wing. Zero Wing isn’t worthy of that. Not to mention, we are only halting support for Zero Wing in the World Ark. We can simply compensate Zero Wing with some rewards afterward.”

After saying so, the Assassin youth looked toward Venom Tail and Chalk Splendor, saying, “I, Fallen Dragon, agree to your condition on behalf of the three apex powers here. I hope you two can keep your promise!”

“Naturally,” Venom Tail said, chuckling nonchalantly.

Chalk Splendor also nodded in response.

Subsequently, the five powers concluded their discussions and marched their armies into Shadowring Town.

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## **Chapter 3697: Alternate Ending 771 - Gods Aplenty**

## Chapter 771 – Gods Aplenty

Shadowring Basin, Shadowring Town:

“They’ve gone in!”

“I didn’t think these five powers would join forces. With this, there really isn’t anything left for us to do here.”

“I wonder if they’ll open the town to the public after capturing it? I sure hope they do.”

When the human players and Holy Race players observing from the surroundings saw the legions of the three apex powers and two royal powers entering the town together, some were disappointed, some were happy, and some were expectant. If it weren’t for the presence of these five powers, they would have long charged into Shadowring Town to explore it. If possible, they would also do everything they could to contact the town’s ruling power and try to lease shops and land from them.

But with the five powers’ intervention, nobody sought to get in touch with Shadowring Town’s ruling power anymore. After all, the town’s ownership was destined to change. Before the five powers gained control over the town, any action the rest of them took in the town would bring them no benefit. On the contrary, they might even earn themselves the five powers’ ire.

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Meanwhile, inside Shadowring Town...

The moment Verdant Rainbow and the other four powers’ leaders stepped into Shadowring Town, they were all shocked by the state of the town’s main street.

People could be seen coming and going on the town’s relatively narrow main street, and many 3-star NPC Merchants could be seen setting up stalls selling rare items. There were even NPCs of Mythical Era races wandering around on the street.

Mythical Era races!

Whether it was human players or Holy Race players, they all sought to convert to a Mythical Era race and gain talent far beyond the imagination of modern races.

Yet, whether it was in their respective Greater God’s Domains or the Eternal Realm, the Seven Luminaries Alliance, Demon’s Gate, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, the Sun Dynasty, and Sovereign Mark had never encountered any NPC of a Mythical Era race, let alone the method to convert into such a race. They only knew that Mythical Era races existed in Holy Ring City.

But now, not only did they manage to see NPCs of Mythical Era races inside Shadowring Town, but nearly 10% of the town's NPC population was made up of such NPCs. How could they not be surprised?

*Gold! I've struck gold!* Chalk Splendor's eyes were shining as he looked at the NPCs walking on the street.

While converting to a Mythical Era race remained out of sight for current players, it was a different story for recruiting NPCs of Mythical Era races as Personal Guards. So long as an NPC was spotted inside a town or city, players could recruit them as a Personal Guard.

If he could recruit NPCs with high Growth Potential and were of Mythical Era races, it would definitely help pave a smooth road for his future. It would be even better if he could form a legion of such NPCs. With such a legion under his command, nobody could stand in his way. After all, the strength ceiling for Mythical Era races was undoubtedly higher than that of modern races. In a situation where everyone couldn't progress beyond Tier 6, it went without saying those of Mythical Era races would triumph in a fight.

*This town must belong to Sovereign Mark!* When Venom Tail saw the NPCs of Mythical Era races around him, he promptly issued an order to his subordinate, "Pass down my command! I want everyone to hurry over to the Town Hall immediately! We must snatch the Town Token before everyone else!"

At the same time, Verdant Rainbow, Phoenix Flame, and Fallen Dragon similarly commanded their forces to charge toward Shadowring Town's Town Hall, no one having any interest in surveying the town any longer.

If they wanted to recruit NPCs of Mythical Era races as Personal Guards, the best way to do so would be to first become the ruler of Shadowring Town. After all, NPCs in God's Domain were intelligent, with some being even more intelligent than players. Hence, recruiting NPCs was a difficult process, and players would typically need some sort of prestigious status to increase their chances of success.

Meanwhile, the only way to become a Guild Town's ruler would be to secure the Town Token, which would typically be stored in the Town Hall. The town's owner could also be carrying the Town Token, but the possibility was low. This was because the Town Token could not be taken out of the town. So, rather than needlessly moving the Town Token around and exposing it to greater risks, keeping it stored in the Town Hall under the constant security of NPC Guards would be much safer.

Subsequently, the five powers' 60,000-plus Tier 6 experts could be seen charging toward the center of Shadowring Town like a bunch of madmen.



However, just as they were about to reach the Town Hall, Verdant Rainbow and the others suddenly stopped running as they had their attention drawn toward the Teleportation Hall erected in the town center. And while staring at the majestic teleportation array constructed inside the Teleportation Hall, they couldn't help but reveal dumbfounded expressions.

*Am I dreaming?* Verdant Rainbow was filled with disbelief as she looked at the scene displayed on the other end of the teleportation array. *This town is directly connected to Luminous Sky City?*

Luminous Sky City was the number one Neutral City in the Eternal Realm's southern region. Not only did it possess precious resources that couldn't be found on the Eternal Continent, but it also served as a crucial route connecting the Eternal Continent and the Western Continent.

Presently, all apex powers had already dispatched personnel to establish a base of operations in Luminous Sky City. However, as the southern region was far away from the Eternal Continent, making it tedious to reach, even the Seven Luminaries Alliance could only afford to send a limited number of members to develop there. It was also because of this situation that Demon's Gate, having the ability to transport players from outside the Eternal Realm directly to the southern region, could rule over the southern region with an iron fist, becoming the envy of the other apex powers.

Yet, it was now revealed that they could teleport directly to Luminous Sky City via a town in the World Ark...

*This town must belong to Demon's Gate!* When Phoenix Flame saw Shadowring Town's Teleportation Hall, greed colored her eyes, and her breathing quickened.

As someone who frequently traveled between the Eternal Continent and the southern region, Phoenix Flame knew how difficult it was to transport players between these two places. In addition to being time-consuming, it also cost a lot of money and resources. If conducted on a large scale, even apex powers would wince at the cost.

However, the cost to teleport from Shadowring Town to Luminous Sky City was only a meager 600 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal! This was an absolute bargain!

Thinking up to this point, the five powers' Tier 6 experts resumed their charge toward the Town Hall with even greater haste.

In less than thirty seconds, Venom Tail, Chalk Splendor, Verdant Rainbow, Phoenix Flame, and Fallen Dragon arrived in front of Shadowring Town's Town Hall. The 60,000-plus Tier 6 experts also caught up to them in short order, looking ready to fight.

Meanwhile, just when Venom Tail's group of five had opened the doors to the Town Hall and were about to command their forces to demolish the building, the 1,000 NPC

Guards, who were still waiting to receive their assignments, turned around simultaneously to look at the five individuals.

Heavy!

Suffocating!

The instant the doors opened, mana of unbelievable density gushed out of the Town Hall, washing over everyone outside the building and transforming the surrounding space into a dark void. Standing in the presence of this mana, none of the Level 180-plus, Tier 6 experts outside the Town Hall could move their bodies, and they couldn't help but feel as if a group of Gods from primordial times had descended upon the world again...

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## **Chapter 3698: Alternate Ending 772 - Zero Wing's Town?**

Chapter 772 – Zero Wing's Town?

*God-ranked NPC Guards? How is this possible?!*

*This is madness! How can a mere town have so many Epic and Legendary NPC Guards?!*

*I must be hallucinating! Yes! This must be a hallucination!*

A moment after opening the doors to the Town Hall, Venom Tail, Phoenix Flame, and the other leaders of the five powers simultaneously closed the doors again out of instinct. Likewise, none of them could bring themselves to believe what they had just seen was real.

There was no way Shadowring Town, a Guild Town that had been constructed only recently, could have a thousand NPC Guards with Epic Potential and above. Not to mention, they had even spotted numerous Advanced Epic NPC Guards capable of rivaling Level 210, Tier 6 Gods and seven NPC Guards who had made them experience the threat of death...

It should be known that all five of them were wielders of Divine Artifacts. If even they felt that their lives were in jeopardy, the only explanation was that these seven NPC Guards had Legendary Potential.

Seven Legendary NPC Guards?

Seven?!

Even with decades of development, a Holy City wouldn't be able to recruit so many NPC Guards with Legendary Potential, let alone an Advanced Town!

Unlike the recruitment of Personal Guards, the recruitment of NPC Guards for a town or city could only be done within the town or city itself. This situation placed a huge restriction on the pool of NPCs that players could choose from.

However, in return for this restriction, the NPC Guards of towns and cities could inherently form battle arrays while fighting inside the town or city where they belonged. The strength of these battle arrays would also increase with the number, strength, and Growth Potential of the NPC Guards involved.

Under normal circumstances, a six-man party of Dark-Gold NPC Guards could inherently form a Small Advanced Bronze Battle Array and trade blows with a Dragon of the same tier and level. If they were Epic NPC Guards, they could form a Small Silver Battle Array and clash with a God of the same level and tier.

In the case of Tier 6 Legendary NPC Guards, if six of them worked together, they could fight Ancient Gods of the same level and tier!

Although the majority of the Epic NPC Guards inside the Town Hall were at Tier 5, if they fought in units of 100, they could inherently form a Medium Silver Battle Array that could elevate their individual strength to the Tier 6 standard. And if all 1,000 NPC Guards in the Town Hall came together to form a Large Battle Array, they would become an even more frightening entity. This was also why, even though the number of NPC Guards that Guild Towns and Cities could recruit was much fewer than the player population they could accommodate, they remained a force to be feared.

It should be known a force of 60,000 Level 180-plus, Tier 6 players would be nothing but cannon fodder in front of a Level 200 Ancient God, let alone seven Legendary NPC Guards who could come together to exhibit combat power rivaling a Level 210-plus Ancient God.

*My anxiety to get here must have caused me to hallucinate. Yes, that must be it.* After taking a few deep breaths, Venom Tail reopened the doors to the Town Hall.

When the heavy doors creaked open, the same intense mana gushed out of the Town Hall once more. Likewise, the 1,000 NPC Guards from before remained standing inside the building, their faces colored with bewilderment as they stared at the players outside.

Though the NPC Guards' gazes did not carry hostility, the players outside couldn't help but feel like helpless prey who had stumbled into a tiger's den.

“Verdant Rainbow! Care to explain?!” Venom Tail growled, his voice laced with underlying anger and frustration, once he was certain he wasn’t hallucinating. “Seven Legendary and fifty-eight Advanced Epic NPC Guards! Which one of your apex powers is behind this tasteless prank?!”

All 1,000 NPC Guards were of the human race, making it almost certain that a human was behind Shadowring Town’s construction. After all, if a member of the Holy Race had constructed Shadowring Town, the NPC Guards they recruited would normally be of the Holy Race as well.

Based on Sovereign Mark’s research of the human race, only apex powers could possibly construct a Guild Town of such caliber in the current Eternal Realm. If Venom Tail wasn’t certain that no royal-level powers existed among the human race, he would have assumed that a royal power from the human race was behind this prank. After all, so long as a royal power was willing, it could confidently defend a single Guild Town in the Eternal Realm. It was only a matter of how the royal power chose to do so.

Had the unknown human apex power behind Shadowring Town declared it would defend its town to the bitter end from the onset, Sovereign Mark would have never bothered to come here with such a large force, wasting a significant amount of manpower and resources in the process.

“I wish I knew,” Verdant Rainbow said, wryly smiling as she looked at Venom Tail’s angry expression.

The human race boasted fewer than ten apex powers. Of them, only the Seven Luminaries Alliance, Demon’s Gate, and the Eternal Chamber of Commerce were operating in the World Ark. If a fourth apex power truly was operating in the World Ark, it was inconceivable that the Seven Luminaries Alliance, with its extensive connections and intelligence gathering capabilities, would remain ignorant about it.

Not to mention, all human powers belonged to the same camp. If the Seven Luminaries Alliance knew a human power was behind Shadowring Town’s construction, it would never have hastily deployed its forces to seize the town for fear of it falling into the Holy Race’s control. Instead, it would have sought partnership with said human power.

When Venom Tail saw genuine confusion on Verdant Rainbow’s face, he turned his gaze toward Phoenix Flame and Fallen Dragon, only to find them similarly at a loss. Evidently, none of the three human powers here knew who was behind this Guild Town.

As the five powers’ members were speculating about the human apex power behind Shadowring Town, a deep voice echoed in the Town Hall’s lobby, startling everyone present.

“What brings you all to the Town Hall today?”

Upon hearing this voice, everyone present turned toward the source in unison.

There, they saw a Level 190, Tier 6 Swordsman wearing a six-winged emblem on his chest. The Swordsman did not have any sense of presence, giving off the feeling that he did not exist. If the Swordsman hadn't taken the initiative to speak up, nobody would have noticed him.

"Guild Leader Black Flame?" Verdant Rainbow was instantly dumbfounded when she saw the Swordsman's face.

It should be known that not even the Seven Luminaries Alliance could muster seven Legendary, fifty-eight Advanced Epic, and over nine hundred Epic NPC Guards in the current Eternal Realm. The state of Shadowring Town even led her to suspect an unknown apex power, or possibly even a royal power, might be hiding among the human race. However, of all the possibilities she imagined, she never thought that the owner of Shadowring Town would be...

"How can this be?"

"This town belongs to Zero Wing?"

Verdant Rainbow wasn't the only one dumbfounded. Chalk Splendor, who had met Shi Feng in the past, and Phoenix Flame, who had watched Shi Feng's battle video, were equally bewildered by this unexpected revelation.

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## **Chapter 3699: Alternate Ending 773 - Fearless**

Chapter 773 – Fearless

"Black Flame?"

"Are you Zero Wing's Guild Leader Black Flame?"

When Venom Tail and Fallen Dragon heard the words of Chalk Splendor and Verdant Rainbow, they reacted with skepticism, and they couldn't help but feel like the two were playing a joke on them.

Setting aside how an upstart Guild like Zero Wing could construct a Guild Town in the World Ark's core area, how were they supposed to believe Zero Wing could recruit 1,000 NPC Guards of Epic Potential and above? Even the average apex power would find it nigh-impossible to accomplish such a feat.

“That’s right. I am Black Flame,” Shi Feng said, finding Venom Tail and Fallen Dragon’s need to verify his identity a little exasperating. “If all you are here to do is play some name-calling game, please find someone else to entertain you.”

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, the 1,000 NPC Guards behind him advanced on Venom Tail and the others in unison. They evidently got the hint that Shi Feng was looking to drive these uninvited guests away.

The 1,000 NPC Guards gave off the feeling of 1,000 Gods as they advanced on Venom Tail’s group, their intimidating presence causing the five powers’ experts to retreat subconsciously.

At first glance, the five powers’ 60,000-plus Tier 6 experts might seem terrifying. However, they would fare no differently than ants before a human if they tried to fight against these 1,000 Level 210-plus NPC Guards. They’d be especially fragile in front of the seven Legendary NPC Guards. If these seven Legendary NPC Guards fought as a group within the confines of Shadowring Town, they’d be as strong as an Ancient God of the same level. Merely the Divine Might they radiated could immobilize most Tier 6 players.

“Hold on a second, Guild Leader Black Flame!” When Venom Tail saw the NPC Guards about to take action, he hurriedly called out to Shi Feng and said, “I am Venom Tail, a Holy Child of the Sovereign Mark Guild! I come here bearing only good intentions to seek partnership with Zero Wing!”

As soon as Venom Tail finished speaking, Chalk Splendor, Verdant Rainbow, Phoenix Flame, and Fallen Dragon cast a look of contempt at him in unison.

Before entering Shadowring Town, Venom Tail was very supportive of Chalk Splendor’s proposal to target Zero Wing. In fact, if it weren’t for Venom Tail’s agreement, Chalk Splendor could have never gotten Verdant Rainbow to agree to halt all support the Seven Luminaries Alliance provided to Zero Wing in the World Ark.

Yet, as soon as Venom Tail saw that capturing Shadowring Town was no longer possible and that Zero Wing was the town’s ruling power, he instantly changed tunes, proposing to cooperate with Zero Wing. The extent of his shamelessness was so astonishing that it could even be considered admirable.

“You say you come with good intentions?” Shi Feng asked, his gaze indifferent as he swept over the nearly 20,000 Sovereign Mark members behind Venom Tail. “And you demonstrate it by encircling the Town Hall with such a large force of Tier 6 experts?”

“A misunderstanding! It’s all a misunderstanding!” Venom Tail said, chuckling. “Sovereign Mark might have brought a lot of members here, but haven’t the four other powers here done the same? The treasures in God’s Domain have always gone to those with capabilities. As the leader of a Guild, I am sure you are aware of this, Mr.



Black Flame. Now that Zero Wing has proven itself capable of protecting Shadowring Town, it has naturally become the ideal partner for Sovereign Mark.”

While making up excuses, Venom Tail couldn't help but regret his hasty decision to support Chalk Splendor's proposal.

Shadowring Town was akin to a mountain of gold. Whether it was the ability to recruit NPCs of Mythical Era races as Personal Guards or the ability to teleport directly to Luminous Sky City, both could bring immense wealth and benefits to Sovereign Mark. In a situation where Sovereign Mark lacked the strength to seize Shadowring Town, the next best option would naturally be to partner with Zero Wing. But now, Sovereign Mark had already offended Zero Wing...

If Sovereign Mark was permanently banned from Shadowring Town because of this, its competitiveness in the World Ark would undoubtedly plummet.

“What you say is right, but aren't you forgetting something? Have you forgotten how you forced the Seven Luminaries Alliance to stop supporting Zero Wing in the World Ark?” When Chalk Splendor saw Venom Tail shifting the topic, he unceremoniously exposed the other party's true colors.

The Sun Dynasty and Sovereign Mark were rivals. If he allowed Sovereign Mark to benefit from Shadowring Town, he might as well say goodbye to his status as a Holy Child of the Sun Dynasty.

As for seeking a partnership from Zero Wing himself?

Not even for a moment did Chalk Splendor humor the thought. He did not think that Shi Feng would ever partner with the Sun Dynasty after the bounty the Sun Dynasty had placed on him. He also personally wished for Shi Feng's demise, so he would naturally favor seeing Zero Wing have as many enemies as possible.

“Splendor, you!” Venom Tail glared at Chalk Splendor.

If he could establish a partnership with Zero Wing and purchase a few shops and land permanently, it would definitely earn him significant merits in Sovereign Mark. But now, it was all ruined.

Subsequently, Venom Tail returned his gaze toward Shi Feng, but his attitude was no longer friendly like before.

“Since the cat's out of the bag, I'll cut to the chase,” Venom Tail said. Then, glancing outside the town, he threatened, “The Holy Race currently holds the upper hand in the World Ark. Sovereign Mark and the Sun Dynasty also hold significant influence over the Holy Race members operating here. Since you have already offended the Sun Dynasty



previously, if you offend Sovereign Mark as well, your town will most likely have trouble operating in the future.”

Upon hearing Venom Tail’s words, Chalk Splendor couldn’t help but gnash his teeth angrily.

The Sun Dynasty and Sovereign Mark indeed held significant influence over the Holy Race’s various powers and players operating inside the World Ark. If Zero Wing refused to partner with Sovereign Mark, it was unlikely any Holy Race player would set foot into Shadowring Town in the future.

Currently, Shadowring Town’s greatest advantage was its ability to enable trade between human players and Holy Race players. If no Holy Race players visited, the town would instantly lose its greatest advantage. So long as Shi Feng didn’t have a few screws loose in his head, he wouldn’t turn down this transaction.

Seeing this situation, Phoenix Flame also started to grow anxious.

Prior to this, Demon’s Gate had already placed a public bounty on Zero Wing across the entire Eternal Realm. It had even used its guild membership as a reward to convince more players to attempt the bounty. Although Zero Wing had retaliated by similarly placing a bounty on Demon’s Gate, everyone merely treated it as a joke. After all, the difference in value between the two Guilds’ membership was night and day.

However, it was a completely different story following Shadowring Town’s appearance.

Setting aside the various benefits Shadowring Town offered, so long as Zero Wing established a partnership with Sovereign Mark, a royal power of the Holy Race, its status in the Eternal Realm would skyrocket. Zero Wing might even be able to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Demon’s Gate.

After factoring in Shadowring Town’s connection with Luminous Sky City, if Zero Wing had Sovereign Mark’s assistance, it might come to gain absolute authority over a significant portion of the southern region. If that happened, Demon’s Gate would be in deep trouble.

While Phoenix Flame was worried about Demon’s Gate’s future, Shi Feng’s voice echoed across the Town Hall once more.

“I see that Sovereign Mark is as domineering as always,” Shi Feng said, chuckling when confronted with Venom Tail’s threat. “Unfortunately, your threats are meaningless. Whether it is the Sun Dynasty or Sovereign Mark, Zero Wing has never intended to partner with any Holy Race power. If you only want to trade, Zero Wing will welcome it. But if you want to supplant Zero Wing, Zero Wing wouldn’t mind having a few more enemies!”

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## **Chapter 3700: Alternate Ending 774 - Astonishing Profits**

Chapter 774 – Astonishing Profits

World Ark, Shadowring Town:

“Why have they all come out?”

“Do the five powers not plan on capturing this town?”

“It can’t be, right? This is the only Guild Town in the core area. If taken advantage of properly, you can make a fortune from collecting rent alone. Not to mention, the town can facilitate trade between the two races. How can the five powers possibly give up on it?”

The millions of players observing Shadowring Town from a distance immediately engaged in a heated discussion when they saw the Tier 6 experts of the two royal powers and three apex powers exiting the town. They couldn’t believe the five powers would give up on a treasure trove like Shadowring Town.

Admittedly, the player population Shadowring Town could accommodate paled compared to NPC Cities. As an Advanced Town, Shadowring Town could only accommodate up to two million players at a time, which was a far cry from NPC Cities that could accommodate tens of millions of players. However, Shadowring Town was a Guild Town. This meant that the town’s ruling power could keep all the profits generated by the town; they wouldn’t need to pay a hefty tax to NPCs.

Hence, even if Shadowring Town only had a stable player population of two million, the income it could generate would easily exceed that of shops in NPC Cities.

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Inside an Advanced Tent situated roughly a thousand yards away from Shadowring Town...

A group of Tier 6 players wearing the Skylight Association’s Guild Emblem revealed astonished looks when they saw a female Berserker, whose body was as robust as a bear, walking out of Shadowring Town.

“Elder Sword, what do you think is going on? Setting the Holy Race aside, even that Phoenix Flame has come out,” Milia, who had risen to Level 182, asked as she looked at Nineteenth Sword, who was currently at Level 184, Tier 6.

Nineteenth Sword was one of the Greater God’s Domain’s Ten Great Sword Gods, and he had risen to fame for quite some years now. Although he had mostly been operating as an independent player in the past, he had many disciples among the various powers. Among these disciples was Phoenix Flame, one of Demon’s Gate’s current Six Great Paragons. Furthermore, she was among the most outstanding disciples Nineteenth Sword had nurtured in recent years, and there was hope that she would catch up to Spear Paradise in the future.

Hence, if Milia had to point out who in the Skylight Association was the most familiar with Phoenix Flame, it would definitely have to be Nineteenth Sword.

“It is indeed strange,” Nineteenth Sword muttered, a hint of confusion appearing in his sharp gaze. “Although it has been quite a while since I last saw Phoenix Flame, that little girl has always been impatient and does things without regard for the consequences. She must have gone out of her way to come to seize Shadowring Town this time, so I find it hard to imagine she would leave without doing anything.”

“Could the power behind Shadowring Town be an existence even Demon’s Gate is wary of provoking?” Milia asked.

While she might not know much about the two royal powers from the Holy Race, Demon’s Gate’s modus operandi was known by all among the human race. Considering Shadowring Town’s significance, she could think of only one explanation as to why Demon’s Gate would walk away without a fight: it could not afford to provoke Shadowring Town.

“That’s a likely possibility,” Nineteenth Sword said with a pondering look. Then, he moved his gaze toward Shadowring Town and continued, “But this is good news for the Skylight Association. The withdrawal of the five powers signifies that even they are powerless against Shadowring Town. Previously, the five powers held an overwhelming advantage in the core area due to their resurrection camps, but with Shadowring Town’s appearance, we can have a chance at catching up with the five powers’ exploration teams.

“If we can partner with the power behind Shadowring Town, we might even be able to surpass the five powers’ exploration progress!”

Nineteenth Sword’s words excited Milia and the other Skylight Association members present.

Although the various powers currently already had the ability to explore the World Ark’s core area, compared to the two royal powers and three apex powers, who all owned

resurrection camps in the core area, their accomplishments in the core area could only be considered pitiful. Moreover, whenever they encountered the five powers' members, they always had to step aside. Even when Regional Bosses, treasure chests, and monster respawn points were right before them, they still had to surrender everything to the five powers.

Otherwise, should a fight break out, the consequences would not be something that they, powers without resurrection camps in the core area, could bear.

However, it was a different story now that Shadowring Town had appeared. Not only could they register to resurrect in Shadowring Town, but they could also rely on the town to thoroughly recuperate. Most importantly, since even the five powers were powerless to do anything about Shadowring Town, other powers could start to oppose the five powers' teams out in the fields without fearing losing their foothold in the core area.

At this time, the Skylight Association wasn't the only one with such thoughts. The other powers and adventurer teams present to see the five powers' defeat also came to a similar conclusion. Because of this, as soon as the five powers' members disappeared into the distance, every player gathered outside Shadowring Town charged into the town without hesitation. Everyone was focused on renting hotel rooms or finding out how to rent shops and private houses in the town.

In less than half an hour, the hotels, restaurants, and shops of Shadowring Town became fully packed with players. The situation on the streets was also remarkable, with endless crowds walking along the streets and player stalls popping up one after another.

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"Madness! This is simply madness! It costs one Eternal Gold every 24 hours to rent a stall space here, yet not a single unoccupied space remains! The profits this town can rake in a day from stall rental alone can probably already match the apex powers' daily income!" While strolling the streets of Shadowring Town, Frey couldn't help but be stupefied when she saw that player stalls lined every corner of every street.

Normally, in an NPC City with a player population in the tens of millions, the number of player stalls in the city would, at best, amount to several tens of thousands. However, despite Shadowring Town having a player population of just two million, over 200,000 players were setting up stalls here.

Moreover, unlike NPC Cities, which charged a mere two or three Eternal Silver per day for street stalls, Shadowring Town demanded a hefty one Eternal Gold every 24 hours. This translated to over 400,000 Eternal Gold in a God's Domain day, a staggering sum far beyond the reach of even the strongest of pseudo-apex powers in the current Eternal Realm. Only apex powers could possibly achieve such a daily income.

“It is indeed astonishing.” Garut agreed with Frey’s sentiment while looking at the many stalls operated by Holy Race players. “Although I’ve long known the town would prosper once it opens, I never thought it would reach such a frightening extent. If we hadn’t signed a contract with Zero Wing early on, we might not even have the qualifications to compete for a shop in Shadowring Town.”

Frey nodded in agreement, a feeling of delight spreading within her.

When considering Shadowring Town’s future promotion, the town needed to have many NPC Merchants establish operations here. Because of this, there were only so many shops the town could rent out to players.

Although the Red Dragon Nation and Azure Fang were pseudo-apex powers, their chances of winning would be slim if they had to compete fairly over Shadowring Town’s shops. It would be even more so if they included Holy Race powers in the competition.

After all, the Holy Race was vastly superior to the human race in numbers and strength. Their royal powers alone numbered as many as ten, while their apex and pseudo-apex powers outnumbered that of the human race by several times. If all these powers were allowed to compete for Shadowring Town’s shops, the Red Dragon Nation and Azure Fang’s chances of winning would be virtually non-existent.

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Shadowring Town, Town Hall, VIP Lounge:

“Guild Leader Black Flame, we are likely to face a lot more trouble at the Crucible of the Ancients now that you have chased away Venom Tail and the others,” Verdant Rainbow said, wryly smiling as she looked at Shi Feng.

In addition to the Sun Dynasty, Sovereign Mark, and Demon’s Gate, Shi Feng had also permanently blacklisted the Eternal Chamber of Commerce for trying to seize Shadowring Town. From this point onward, so long as any member of these powers dared to set foot into Shadowring Town, the town’s NPC Guards would kill them on the spot.

Fortunately, she had established a partnership with Zero Wing prior to this situation. Otherwise, even the Seven Luminaries Alliance would have most likely received a similar treatment as the four other powers.

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