Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God

Chapter 3801: Alternate Ending 875 - Dragonslayer

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As the ancient tome released one dragon roar after another, the VIP reading room's magic barrier ramped up to maximum defense. In this state, the magic barrier could easily withstand Tier 6 attacks. Yet, the dragon roars still pushed it to the brink of failure before they subsided.

How close! Shi Feng's heart pounded as he looked at the cracked barrier. Had the ancient tome released a few more dragon roars, the barrier would have shattered, and the dragon roars would have spread across the entire Nightmare Holy City, alerting everyone of the birth of a priceless treasure.

Although Red Frost had just repelled the White Dragon Nation and intimidated the city's many powers and players, that didn't mean she could take on the entire city. Whether it was Red Frost or their party, they would quickly be drowned to death if the whole city decided to attack them.

Nonetheless, following the removal of the Sealing Engraving, the identity of the ancient tome also came to light: a Mythical Era Creation.

Specifically, it was the Dragon-Hunting Artillery Construction Design!

The Dragon-Hunting Artillery, also known as the Dragonslayer, was a terrifying weapon that could hunt even Dragon Gods. While the average player might not have much use for it, it was a priceless treasure for teams and powers.

If a town had a few Dragon-Hunting Artilleries constructed, nobody would dare to attack it recklessly. Even Ancient Gods would avoid the town like the plague. This was because the Dragon-Hunting Artillery's attacks could injure even Primordial Gods.

In Shi Feng's previous life, when the Holy Race started to besiege and occupy the Eternal Realm's various Neutral Cities, they suffered a devastating blow when they stretched their hands to the southern region's Luminous Sky City. This was because the city secretly possessed three Dragon-Hunting Artilleries.

Back then, a single shot from a Dragon-Hunting Artillery turned over a dozen Level 240plus experts fully equipped with Divine Artifacts into ash and permanently erased several hundred thousand Tier 6 experts. Had the old monsters leading the Holy Race's army not promptly reacted and destroyed the three Dragon-Hunting Artilleries with their trump cards, the Holy Race might have even lost that siege. What is this construction cost? On top of ten Lightning Nuclei, it also needs five hundred million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal? Shi Feng's scalp went numb when he saw the main materials needed to construct the Dragon-Hunting Artillery.

Even advancing from Tier 6 to Tier 7 only cost 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Yet, the Dragon-Hunting Artillery required 500 million units to construct.

The Lightning Nucleus was also an extraordinarily precious material that could only be obtained from Grade 1 Lightning Crystal Veins. Normally, only one out of ten Lightning Crystal Veins would have a Lightning Nucleus. Moreover, each Realm only had a few Lightning Crystal Veins, with some not having any.

To make matters worse, Lightning Nuclei could be used to power Void Fortresses and increase the chances of lightning-type Flying Mounts advancing to Tier 6. This made them incredibly valuable and virtually impossible to find on the market.

Not even pseudo-apex powers would have enough Lightning Nuclei to construct the Dragon-Hunting Artillery.

It seems I have no choice but to ask Verdant Rainbow about the Lightning Nuclei. Looking at the design, Shi Feng felt he would have to rely on the Seven Luminaries Alliance to construct the Dragon-Hunting Artillery. If he depended on Zero Wing, he would never be able to finish gathering the needed Lightning Nuclei.

Just as Shi Feng was about to study the Dragon-Hunting Artillery's design, he suddenly received a call from Whirlwind Bulwark.

"Brother Bulwark, did something happen?" Shi Feng asked when he saw Whirlwind Bulwark's terrified face.

Of Nightmare Holy City's top two Guilds, one had already been devastated by Red Frost, while the other had expressed goodwill to them. Hence, Shi Feng found it puzzling why Whirlwind Bulwark would have such an expression.

Although Whirlwind Bulwark's equipment standard wasn't anything special, his combat standard was excellent. He could even compete with the Divine Glory List's top 100 experts in combat standards.

"It's Kowloon Demon!" Hurriedly, Whirlwind Bulwark explained, "A few minutes ago, Kowloon Demon came to the library demanding a match with Miss Frost. Miss Heiser was very dissatisfied with his challenge, so she decided to teach him a lesson, only to get killed. Currently, Brother Xiao is trying to buy time while Miss Leaf goes to find Miss Frost and Miss Laura at the library's Legacy Room."

"Heiser was killed?" Shi Feng was surprised. "Is Kowloon Demon *that* strong?"

Heiser was already a Half-step Mortal God. Shi Feng found it hard to believe that anyone from Nightmare Holy City could kill her in a one-on-one fight. Even if her opponent was of the same combat standard, her superior equipment standard should give her an overwhelming advantage.

"He's terrifyingly strong!" Whirlwind Bulwark exclaimed fearfully. "When Kowloon Demon first appeared, he challenged and defeated every expert in Nightmare Holy City. He even killed several hundred of the White Dragon Nation's experts just to be able to fight Tyrant Wyvern. Originally, Tyrant Wyvern swore to erase Kowloon Demon with the White Dragon Nation's strength, but he later abandoned the idea. Since then, neither the White Dragon Nation nor the Holy Knights has dared to provoke Kowloon Demon.

"Kowloon Demon must have heard about Miss Frost's achievements and has come to challenge her."

"I understand." After hearing Whirlwind Bulwark's explanation, Shi Feng understood that Kowloon Demon was a battle maniac. However, he wasn't particularly surprised by this information, as many such people were in the Greater God's Domain. "I'll be there soon."

Battle maniacs usually never backed down until they achieved their goal. It hadn't been long since Red Frost initiated a Gold Combat Technique learning session in the library's Legacy Room. Should Kowloon Demon interrupt her now, the 10,000 Undying Souls she spent would be in vain.

After saying so, Shi Feng disconnected the call and left the reading room.

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Library, first-floor hall:

Presently, the normally tranquil hall was boiling with excitement as the players in the hall discussed Kowloon Demon and Heiser, whom Star Butterfly had just resurrected.

Dammit! Is that guy a monster?! Heiser, who had fallen to Level 226, was filled with disbelief as she glared at the tall young man in front of her.

Again!

She got one-shotted again!

This time, the battle even ended without her realizing what had happened...

Meanwhile, Kowloon Demon suddenly turned to the staircase leading to the library's second floor. More specifically, he looked at the cloaked man walking down the staircase.

"Are you their party leader?" After Kowloon Demon gave Shi Feng the once-over, disappointment flashed in his eyes. "It seems I was wrong to have any expectations for you. I'll give you one minute. Have that woman called Red Frost come fight me. Otherwise, you'll suffer worse than that girl!"

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Chapter 3802: Alternate Ending 876 - Primordial Dragonoid

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At Kowloon Demon's words, Whirlwind Bulwark and Star Butterfly hurriedly approached Shi Feng with nervous expressions.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, don't be impulsive. This is how Kowloon Demon behaves toward everyone," Whirlwind Bulwark whispered. "Kowloon Demon has already risen to Level 240. He also possesses a Level 240 Fragmented Legendary Equipment Set. I'm afraid there is nobody in Nightmare Holy City who is his match now."

Although Whirlwind Bulwark knew Shi Feng was strong, Kowloon Demon's level advantage was simply too much to overcome. After seeing Kowloon Demon one-shot Heiser twice, he felt that even Red Frost was unlikely to be a match for Kowloon Demon.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng didn't get angry at Kowloon Demon's provocation. He merely observed the other party in silence.

"A Primordial Dragonoid?"

When Shi Feng looked at Kowloon Demon's four horns and four arms, he suddenly thought of a Mythical Era race from the Greater God's Domain.

Primordial Dragonoid!

According to rumors, Primordial Dragonoids rivaled Dragons in Life Rating, though their population was lower than even that of Dragons. Of the races human players could convert to, the Primordial Dragonoid race had the strongest Physique. However, throughout Shi Feng's previous life, nobody from the human race's Greater God's Domain had managed to become a Primordial Dragonoid. More specifically, the method to convert to this Mythical Era race had never been found.

In addition to being a Primordial Dragonoid, Kowloon Demon also wielded four extraordinary sabers. All four were Level 240 Taboo Legendary Weapons. Such

weapons were incredibly rare in the Greater God's Domain; only apex powers had them.

"You are the first to recognize my race in Nightmare Holy City." Kowloon Demon narrowed his eyes when he heard Shi Feng's words. "Is your party not from here?"

"That's right; we are not. We only came here by chance," Shi Feng said, not bothering to withhold this information.

According to the information Whirlwind Bulwark provided, this remnant primordial world didn't consist of just the Nightmare Holy City Region. Anyone who bothered to investigate would quickly know that his party didn't originate from this region, so he might as well admit it.

The players and powers of Nightmare Holy City Region had to progress to other regions sooner or later. Before that happened, it would undoubtedly be in their best interests to partner with players from other regions. Hence, if the locals knew that his party came from outside the region, they would be more inclined to partner with his party.

"Is that so?" Kowloon Demon's gaze suddenly turned cold at Shi Feng's admission. "In that case, you should know that this isn't a place you should covet! Anyone who dares to will be granted permanent death!"

As soon as Kowloon Demon finished speaking, the intensity of his aura skyrocketed. He no longer kept his aura suppressed, its true state startling even the resentful Heiser. Xiao Yilong, who was Level 230, revealed a terrified expression when he sensed Kowloon Demon's oppressive aura.

He's as strong as the Great Commander?

At this moment, Xiao Yilong felt like he was looking at South Lake, Holy Dragon Spear's Great Commander, when he looked at Kowloon Demon. He felt utterly powerless and couldn't even muster the thought of resisting.

However, Xiao Yilong couldn't understand why he was getting such a feeling from Kowloon Demon. After all, Kowloon Demon didn't have a single Divine Artifact on him. Nevertheless, the aura the other party radiated was comparable to that of South Lake fully equipped with Divine Artifacts.

As for Whirlwind Bulwark and the others, this situation shocked them even more.

"Is he really Kowloon Demon?" Star Butterfly felt like she was looking at a completely different person when she looked at Kowloon Demon.

Although Star Butterfly had known that Kowloon Demon was strong in the past, the difference in their Basic Attributes definitely didn't reach a point where she would feel

despair. Currently, it felt like Kowloon Demon could crush her with just a wave of his hand. This made her suspect that a Level 240 Humanoid Boss had disguised itself as Kowloon Demon and appeared before them.

As expected of a Primordial Dragonoid. This Life Rating is simply absurd. Shi Feng was similarly astonished by Kowloon Demon's unsuppressed aura.

The current Kowloon Demon was like a Dragon equipped with weapons and equipment. Although these were only Legendary and Fragmented Legendary items, Kowloon Demon's Basic Attributes should not be much inferior to the Level 239 South Lake.

"Considering that you came here by accident, I can give you a chance," Kowloon Demon said indifferently as he glanced at Shi Feng. "Send someone from your party of six to fight me. So long as this person can last three moves against me, I will allow your party to leave Nightmare Holy City safely on the condition that you never return to this region. Otherwise, today will be the last day your party spends in God's Domain!

"Of course, you can rest assured that I won't take advantage of my Basic Attributes. I will fight you with similar Basic Attributes."

Heiser and Xiao Yilong recovered their composure slightly when they heard Kowloon Demon's follow-up words. Although they didn't understand why Kowloon Demon had reacted so intensely when they mentioned they weren't from this region, they knew he was serious—if nobody from their party could last three moves against him, he would erase them from God's Domain.

Fortunately, Kowloon Demon didn't intend to capitalize on his Basic Attribute advantage. In a competition of combat standards, Red Frost absolutely stood a chance against Kowloon Demon.

"Are you sure you will only fight with similar Basic Attributes?" Shi Feng asked for verification.

"Naturally. I always keep my word," Kowloon Demon said with certainty. Then, he glanced at Shi Feng and added, "You're not worth breaking my promise. Alright, hurry up and call that Red Frost woman over. My patience is limited, so you had best not waste time."

When Kowloon Demon finished speaking, Xiao Yilong promptly tried to contact Red Frost, not daring to waste any time.

While Xiao Yilong was calling Red Frost, Shi Feng suddenly approached Kowloon Demon and calmly unsheathed the Shadow Incinerator, saying, "In that case, I will fight you. I hope you will keep your promise."

Chapter 3803: Alternate Ending 877 - Pseudo-Tier 7 Concentration vs. Sixth-Floor Standard

Chapter 877 – Pseudo-Tier 7 Concentration vs. Sixth-Floor Standard

"Guild Leader Black Flame?"

Xiao Yilong was dumbfounded by Shi Feng's initiative to challenge Kowloon Demon. He couldn't understand what was going through the other party's mind.

Kowloon Demon's combat standard was the best Xiao Yilong had ever seen. Even Heiser, a Half-step Mortal God, had failed to survive one move against Kowloon Demon. Moreover, Kowloon Demon likely hadn't relied on his Basic Attribute advantage in the two times he one-shotted Heiser. Otherwise, he wouldn't have offered to fight one of their party's members with similar Basic Attributes. After all, this would almost guarantee Heiser could survive three moves against him.

Thus, Red Frost, who could similarly one-shot Heiser, should be the best candidate to trade blows with Kowloon Demon. Although having Red Frost fight Kowloon Demon right now would mean wasting 10,000 Undying Souls, it was much better than jeopardizing the whole party's safety.

So, why was Shi Feng stepping forward right now?

"Guild Leader Black Flame, we should let Big Sis Frost handle this," Heiser said anxiously. "Kowloon Demon's combat standard has likely reached the sixth-floor standard already. Aside from Big Sis Frost, the rest of us will have difficulty surviving three moves against him."

Shi Feng clearly hadn't reached the sixth-floor standard yet. If he tried to fight a sixth-floor expert with similar Basic Attributes, it was unlikely he could last three moves.

"You want to fight me?" Kowloon Demon looked at Shi Feng in surprise. "It seems that you are quite confident. But do you really think you can last three moves against me despite not being a sixth-floor expert?"

When Shi Feng appeared, Kowloon Demon could immediately tell that the other party was not a sixth-floor expert. This was why he had reacted in disappointment.

At this point, Kowloon Demon was refraining from eliminating Shi Feng's party out of respect for Red Frost, a sixth-floor expert like himself. Otherwise, he would have permanently erased the party from God's Domain, regardless of how they ended up in the Nightmare Holy City Region.

As for why Kowloon Demon had offered this three-move agreement, it was only to determine Red Frost's exact combat standard. He had never expected Shi Feng, who wasn't even at the sixth-floor standard, to challenge him. This made him wonder if he had misjudged Shi Feng.

"I have a few tricks up my sleeve," Shi Feng said calmly as he looked at Kowloon Demon. "While you might be a sixth-floor expert, I am confident I can last three moves against you under the same Basic Attributes."

Under normal circumstances, Shi Feng could only rely on the Feather of Oath if he had to fight a sixth-floor expert who matched South Lake in Basic Attributes. However, he would prefer to avoid such a scenario if possible.

The Feather of Oath's War Goddesses might be able to defeat Kowloon Demon, but they were unlikely to kill him. After all, players were not monsters; they wouldn't fight to the death unless the situation called for it. If an expert like Kowloon Demon managed to escape, he would become an endless stream of trouble for his enemies. This was why the various apex powers in Shi Feng's previous life generally chose to avoid confrontation with the Three Absolutes.

An apex power might have the means to defeat the Three Absolutes, but it lacked the ability to kill them. If it made an enemy of the Three Absolutes, its members would suffer.

Likewise, unless Shi Feng's party had the means to kill Kowloon Demon, they would have no choice but to play by his rules. Otherwise, they would only suffer a bigger headache.

"Good! Let's see if you can survive three moves against me!" Kowloon Demon's expression darkened at Shi Feng's words.

Immediately, Kowloon Demon brandished his four sabers, weaving a web of attacks and casting it at Shi Feng. The speed of his execution was so quick that few experts present managed to react to it.

Is this the move he used against me?

Heiser looked at the saber web solemnly. She finally understood how Kowloon Demon had managed to kill her before she could process what had happened.

Fast!

His attacks were too fast!

Both times she challenged Kowloon Demon, she started the fight with less than ten yards between them. As a result, his saber web hit her before she could react. Now, not

only was she spectating the fight from a distance, but there were also 30 yards between Kowloon Demon and Shi Feng. This gave her just enough time to react to Kowloon Demon's saber web, or more specifically, track his sabers' movements, and this outcome shocked her. After all, Kowloon Demon was currently fighting with his Basic Attributes suppressed. She doubted she could keep track of his attacks if he fought at full strength, even if they had been 300 yards apart.

What speed!

Meanwhile, Shi Feng was also astonished by the speed of Kowloon Demon's attacks. If not for his Pseudo-Tier 7 Concentration, which enabled him to perceive time flow at a slower rate, he would have had difficulty keeping up with the other party's speed.

Without hesitation, Shi Feng executed Sword's Orbit with the Shadow Incinerator and the Winter of Eternal Night.

Clang... Clang... Clang...

A series of metal collisions sounded in the hall in quick succession. The frequency of the collisions was so high that it felt like hundreds of weapons were clashing simultaneously. The collision of the sabers and swords also produced numerous sparks that illuminated the entire hall and shockwaves that forced many Level 230, Tier 6 players back a step.

"Are they human?"

"Heavens! I'm Level 235, yet I can't even stand steadily right now! How strong are their attacks?!"

The spectators in the hall were stunned by the repercussions of the clash. Shi Feng and Kowloon Demon had traded only one move, yet that was enough to turn the library's first-floor hall into a void battlefield. The power of their attacks was so great that it wouldn't be an exaggeration to consider them Humanoid Bosses.

"You are good. I hadn't expected you to keep up with my speed," Kowloon Demon said as he looked at Shi Feng in surprise. He hadn't thought a non-sixth-floor expert like Shi Feng could keep up with his reaction speed. Moreover, Shi Feng had accurately blocked every one of his attacks. "But how will you fare against my next move?"

After saying so, Kowloon Demon swung his four sabers in unison, creating over two dozen saber lights that merged into one and split the hall in half.

When Shi Feng saw the oncoming saber light, he dared not hold back anymore. Immediately, he activated the Miniature Abyssal World and swung the Shadow Incinerator, creating a full moon. . . .

Chapter 3804: Alternate Ending 878 - Royal Power?

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Boom!

A deafening explosion resounded throughout the library. For a moment, the light in the hall disappeared. Then, a full moon rose, returning peace to the world.

In the blink of an eye, the first-floor hall became a dark void, and standing in the middle of this void were Shi Feng and Kowloon Demon. Although there was a huge level gap between the two, with Shi Feng being Level 212 and Kowloon Demon being Level 240, Kowloon Demon was the only one to sustain damage in the second exchange, his HP falling by 5%.

Guild Leader Black Flame won? Heiser couldn't believe her eyes.

It was obvious that Shi Feng had yet to reach the sixth-floor standard. Yet, in a clash with Kowloon Demon, a bona fide sixth-floor expert, he had emerged superior.

We won? Xiao Yilong was dumbfounded when he saw that only Kowloon Demon received damage. He couldn't help but grow excited.

Although this was only the second exchange, it should be virtually impossible for Kowloon Demon to kill Shi Feng in the third exchange unless he shamelessly fought using his full Basic Attributes. Thus, their party had effectively won the agreement.

Meanwhile, Whirlwind Bulwark and the other Pale Horn members gaped at this situation.

"Aren't we in the library?!"

"Is Guild Leader Black Flame really only Level 212?"

Rather than the clash between a sixth-floor expert and a non-sixth-floor expert, Pale Horn's members were more surprised by the destruction Shi Feng caused. Nightmare Holy City's library was the sturdiest structure in the city. Even Level 235-plus players fully equipped with Level 235 Fragmented Legendary items could only create some cracks, at most, when they attacked the library.

Yet, Shi Feng, despite being a Level 212 player, had turned the entire first-floor hall into an empty void. They didn't even dare to imagine what would happen if his attack struck them.

"Who are you?"

After noticing the loss of his HP, Kowloon Demon couldn't help but stare at Shi Feng as if the other party was a monster. His voice when he spoke was also filled with confusion; his calm composure was nowhere to be seen.

"Haven't I already told you?" In response to Kowloon Demon's question, Shi Feng chuckled and said, "We come from another region."

"Another region? Do you take me for a fool?" Kowloon Demon glared at Shi Feng, not believing the other party's words in the slightest. "While there might be many experts in other regions, none have someone like you. Despite not being a sixth-floor expert, you managed to overpower a sixth-floor expert. Not to mention, you don't even know the rules of this region and the surrounding regions."

There might be experts stronger than him in other regions, but they were all well-known experts. If a fifth-floor expert could overpower a sixth-floor expert with similar Basic Attributes, this person would be a legendary existence known by all.

However, Kowloon Demon had never heard of Shi Feng.

"Rules? What rules?" Shi Feng looked at Kowloon Demon curiously.

According to Whirlwind Bulwark, there shouldn't be any unspoken rules in Nightmare Holy City. Had there been any, Dawn Forest, the Guild Leader of the Holy Knights, would have informed Shi Feng about them when trying to befriend him. Yet, Dawn Forest hadn't. This meant that none of Nightmare Holy City's players knew the rules Kowloon Demon spoke of.

Suddenly, Kowloon Demon took out a silver Tier 6 Divine Rune Scroll and unfurled it before Shi Feng. Immediately afterward, a translucent silver barrier enveloped Shi Feng and Kowloon Demon, isolating them from the outside world.

Shi Feng was surprised to see the translucent silver barrier.

Dimensional World was a lost Tier 6 Divine Runic Curse in the Greater God's Domain. Only Primordial God-ranked existences could destroy the barrier it created within a short timeframe. Even if South Lake, Holy Dragon Spear's Great Commander, were here, he would need at least a day of nonstop attacking to break it. As for Magic Scrolls that held the Dimensional World Spell, they were extinct in the Greater God's Domain. "Nobody outside can hear us now, so let's be frank," Kowloon Demon said sternly. "Before you make up any stories, I will have you know that Dragon's Crown, the royal power I come from, controls the Nightmare Holy City Region and the several hundred regions around it. No player outside of the Nightmare Holy City Region doesn't know Dragon's Crown."

"A royal power?" Kowloon Demon's words momentarily stunned Shi Feng.

As far as Shi Feng could recall, there were no royal powers in the human race's Greater God's Domain. Not even the mysterious Seven Luminaries Alliance had reached the standard of royal powers. It was barely strong enough to contend with the Holy Race's royal powers.

However, Kowloon Demon claimed that this remnant primordial world concealed a human royal power.

Moreover, the information Kowloon Demon revealed about the remnant primordial world was frightening. It should be known that Nightmare Holy City's players were already shockingly strong. Yet, there were actually hundreds of regions like it in the remnant primordial world.

Although Nightmare Holy City wasn't filled with fifth-floor experts, many of its inhabitants were experts who had mastered Gold Combat Techniques. There were over 10,000 such experts in the White Dragon Nation alone. Yet, Dragon's Crown controlled hundreds of other city regions like the Nightmare Holy City Region. It definitely wasn't an exaggeration to consider Dragon's Crown a royal power. It could absolutely compete with the Holy Race's royal powers.

"That's right. Dragon's Crown is one of the only two royal powers in God's Domain. This is something all players outside know." When Kowloon Demon saw the surprise on Shi Feng, he couldn't help asking in confusion, "Only native players of the Nightmare Holy City Region would be ignorant of this information. But you're not from Nightmare Holy City, so who are you people?"

Shi Feng didn't know how he should answer Kowloon Demon's question.

After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng ventured awkwardly, "Would you believe me if I said I come from another world?"

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Chapter 3805: Alternate Ending 879 - Alternate Ending - of Space

Chapter 879 – Chapter of Space

Heiser and Xiao Yilong grew worried when they saw Kowloon Demon isolating the space around him and Shi Feng with the Tier 6 Divine Runic Curse Dimensional World.

"What is Kowloon Demon trying to do? Does he plan to go back on his word and fight with his full strength?" Xiao Yilong muttered anxiously as he stared at the translucent silver barrier.

Originally, Xiao Yilong thought their trip to this remnant primordial world would be filled with opportunities. Especially after seeing the states of Nightmare Holy City and its top two Guilds, he was certain they would be able to earn a lot of Undying Souls. However, the dangers here far exceeded his expectations. Never had he expected to encounter a Level 240 expert here, let alone one with such a terrifying combat standard.

If Kowloon Demon disregarded his reputation and fought with his full strength, their party might not leave this remnant primordial world, let alone earn Undying Souls from it.

"I don't think so," Heiser said, shaking her head. Then, while recalling her fight with Kowloon Demon, she added, "He's a battle maniac through and through. He's fixated on improving his strength. At his standard, finding worthy opponents is nigh impossible. Though not a sixth-floor expert himself, Guild Leader Black Flame can fight sixth-floor experts on even Basic Attributes. In a sense, experts like Guild Leader Black Flame are much rarer. If Kowloon Demon acts rashly, he might never come across another opponent like Guild Leader Black Flame."

"I guess you're right." Xiao Yilong agreed with Heiser's opinion. For those seeking ultimate strength, the higher they climbed, the lonelier they became. Then, he looked at Kowloon Demon and sighed, "Still, this world really is scary. I thought Red Frost had become the strongest human player in terms of combat standards. I hadn't expected to meet other sixth-floor human experts in this God Mode Underground City. Moreover, according to Kowloon Demon, there should be quite a few sixth-floor experts in this world. If the Greater God's Domain's old monsters learn of this, their jaws will probably drop..."

Mortal Gods!

To his knowledge, Red Frost was the only player in the human race's Greater God's Domain to have reached this standard. Before Red Frost's resurgence, everyone even thought it was impossible to achieve this legendary standard.

Yet, it was now revealed that there was not just one, but multiple sixth-floor experts in this remnant primordial world. This was unbelievable news.

Heiser stared at Kowloon Demon. Although she didn't make any comments, she strongly agreed with Xiao Yilong's sentiment.

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Meanwhile, silence descended momentarily in the interior of the Dimensional World after Shi Feng revealed his origins. Kowloon Demon simply stared at Shi Feng, his expression changing from cold to confused.

"Another world?" Kowloon Demon finally broke the silence. Then, with a firm gaze on Shi Feng, he added, "Had you been a sixth-floor expert, I'd 100% suspect that you were sent by *that* side to mess with me. But you're not. You even managed to overpower me. There isn't anyone like you in this world.

"This is really unexpected. I always assumed those old records at headquarters were just legends. I never thought there could be human players outside our world. But now, it seems those ancient records were factual.

"If I'm not mistaken, you and that girl should be using the so-called Fragmented Divine Artifacts or Divine Artifacts, right? That would explain your frightening Basic Attributes.

"Since you are from outside of this world, how about partnering with Dragon's Crown? Our world should have many things you need. Not to brag, but there isn't anything in this world that Dragon's Crown can't obtain."

Kowloon Demon's zealousness and fighting spirit disappeared. Now, his eyes were filled with joy and anticipation. He looked at Shi Feng as if he were looking at a mountain of treasure.

"A partnership?" Shi Feng was momentarily surprised. Then, he quickly calmed down and said, "It's not out of the question."

No power could resist the lucrative potential of a trade agreement between worlds, least of all one involving this remnant primordial world. The weapon and equipment production technology here far outpaced anything found in the Greater God's Domain. Even the Level 235 Taboo Epic Weapons and Equipment produced here could fetch astronomical prices in the Greater God's Domain, let alone the Level 240 Fragmented Legendary and Legendary Equipment.

Of course, no one would sell these Taboo Weapons and Equipment for money unless absolutely necessary. After all, they were the foundation of a power's strength.

What the powers in the Greater God's Domain truly lacked weren't high-level players, but Taboo Weapons and Equipment. With enough Taboo Weapons and Equipment, their members could raid Taboo Dungeons nonstop and level up rapidly.

Taboo Dungeons weren't particularly rare in the Greater God's Domain. It was just that most players lacked the strength to raid them. If players were strong enough to raid Taboo Dungeons nonstop, they could level up as quickly as grinding in Taboo Secret Lands.

"I heard that you need a lot of Undying Souls." Kowloon Demon laughed when he saw Shi Feng feigning hesitance. "While precious, they're not particularly rare in this world. If you partner with Dragon's Crown, you only need to bring Dragon's Crown's members outside. In return, Dragon's Crown will pay you ten million Undying Souls per trip. This should be a great deal for you."

"Bring you out?" Shi Feng frowned slightly. "While my party can come and go here freely, taking people out is another matter altogether."

Shi Feng wasn't surprised by Kowloon Demon's desire to head to the Greater God's Domain. After all, it was only a matter of time before this remnant primordial world linked up with the Greater God's Domain. If Dragon's Crown could establish itself in the Greater God's Domain ahead of time, it would stand to benefit more once the linking happened. This was similar to Shi Feng's desire to establish Zero Wing in the Eternal Realm.

However, his party had used a teleportation passage to reach this remnant primordial world, and they could only return by using the Return Crystal that the Underground City had given them. Moreover, this Return Crystal was bound to them, so they couldn't give it to others. Evidently, the Underground City did not want the players of this remnant primordial world to leave.

Furthermore, Shi Feng was unable to use the Abyss Workshop Certification's World-Breaking Teleportation due to the interference set in place by the Primordial Flame Dragon. Otherwise, he could have long since traveled in and out of the Flame Dragon God's Nest freely.

"I know that," Kowloon Demon said. Then, he hesitantly pulled out a tattered sheet of paper from the five-colored ring he wore and added, "We naturally can't leave using normal methods. But leaving won't be a problem if we use this item."

"The Chapter of Space?" Shi Feng gasped when he saw the tattered paper in Kowloon Demon's hand.

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Chapter 3806: Alternate Ending 880 - Primordial Royal Power's Foundation

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"Do you know this Godly Relic?"

Kowloon Demon looked at Shi Feng in surprise. He hadn't expected Shi Feng to be able to recognize the tattered paper, much less name it. After all, he had gone to great lengths to uncover its identity.

Additionally, the Chapter of Space had been stored in Dragon's Crown's Guild Warehouse since the Guild's inception. If not for the secret information he had obtained from an ancient ruin, he might never have bothered to pay the ridiculous price to exchange it.

"I know a little bit." Shi Feng nodded. "The Chapter of Space is one of the seven types of power contained within the Seven Luminaries Codex, a Godly Relic that has existed since the birth of God's Domain. It is rumored to have the power of spatial teleportation."

Shi Feng had been searching for the Seven Luminaries Codex's fragments. However, he had located only the Chapter of Time thus far. Although he knew that the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary contained a fragment of the Codex, he hadn't thought it would be in this remnant primordial world. He also hadn't expected it to be in Kowloon Demon's possession. After all, the Seven Luminaries Codex never reacted.

"That's right." Kowloon Demon nodded. Then, he confidently stated, "This Godly Relic should be powerful enough to take us out. Although it can only let us leave for a limited period and will forcibly teleport us back once time is up, it is the only viable method I can think of."

"Indeed." Shi Feng did not doubt Kowloon Demon's words.

The Seven Luminaries Codex was no ordinary Godly Relic. It was rumored that even Primordial Gods had sought to possess its power. The Goddess of Space had even created a replica of it. Thus, the Seven Luminaries Codex shouldn't have difficulty bypassing the Primordial Flame Dragon's seal.

"Consider this Dragon's Crown's token of sincerity," Kowloon Demon said, gritting his teeth as he handed the Chapter of Space to Shi Feng. "With this item, once you leave this world, you can soul-teleport up to 100 friends to your side at the cost of 500 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal per friend. The soul teleport lasts three days and has a cooldown of seven natural days.

"Dragon's Crown's members will add you as a friend before you leave. Once you teleport us to your side, we will pay you the teleportation cost plus ten million Undying Souls. What do you think?"

Kowloon Demon would have preferred not to give Shi Feng the Chapter of Space if possible. However, he knew he was unlikely to meet another group of players like Shi Feng. Moreover, even if players from another world came here, Dragon's Crown wouldn't necessarily be the first to meet them.

Simply put, Dragon's Crown could only partner with Shi Feng to access the world outside, while Shi Feng didn't necessarily have to partner with Dragon's Crown to access this world's resources.

"It's a good deal," Shi Feng said as he looked at the Chapter of Space he had obtained for free. "But before we proceed with this deal, I need you to agree to a few conditions. So long as you agree to them, I can sign a God's Domain Contract with you immediately to seal the deal. If not, I can't accept this Chapter of Space."

"What are your conditions?" Kowloon Demon asked without hesitation.

"Firstly, I can bear all of the teleportation expenses, but you must trade at least 10,000 Level 235-plus Epic Weapons and Equipment with me each time you go out. Of course, I will buy them at market price. Additionally, you are not allowed to sell Taboo Weapons and Equipment to other powers," Shi Feng stated.

"No problem. Since you are Dragon's Crown's partner, we naturally won't cooperate with other powers outside," Kowloon Demon said, nodding.

"Secondly, I hope you can help me when needed. I will compensate you appropriately for your assistance," Shi Feng stated in a non-negotiable tone.

Dragon's Crown was a royal power operating in this remnant primordial world. It would be a huge waste to only trade with the Guild, especially with Zero Wing's current precarious situation in God's Domain. Zero Wing needed more strength to contend with apex powers and royal powers.

"I have no problem with this condition, either. We are partners. Dragon's Crown will naturally ensure its partner's safety." Kowloon Demon accepted the second condition without hesitation.

"Lastly, I require manpower to raid the Northern Badlands' Taboo," Shi Feng said. Then, after pausing to think for a moment, he continued, "If we successfully kill the Taboo, I want only half of its loot and priority in choosing the first item. If you agree to help, I will sign a contract promising ten consecutive teleport sessions."

The Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss was an important step in Shi Feng's preparation to slay the Undying Mother. When it came to sourcing experts, Dragon's Crown was naturally more reliable than the Pale Horn adventurer team.

"You are aiming for that Taboo?"

Kowloon Demon was surprised. He hadn't expected Shi Feng's objective to be the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss. After all, the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss was a significant challenge, even for Dragon's Crown. Moreover, it sounded like Shi Feng was confident in taking down the Taboo Boss, with or without Dragon's Crown.

"Give me three days. I will bring you a team of players as strong as myself in three days. Moreover, they are all experts at Level 240 or above," Kowloon Demon said after pondering for a moment. "Of course, if you are in a hurry, I can also get you a 100-man team that's much stronger than any team you can find in Nightmare Holy City."

"One hundred experts as strong as you?" Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished by Kowloon Demon's nonchalant attitude.

Although Shi Feng had long since known that a royal power in this remnant primordial world would not be weak, he didn't expect Dragon's Crown to be this terrifying. Even if the 100 experts Kowloon Demon promised weren't all at the sixth-floor standard, as long as they could match him in Basic Attributes, it would still be a frightening team.

It would be like having a team of 100 South Lakes. Not even the Greater God's Domain's apex powers could necessarily come up with such a line-up.

Subsequently, Kowloon Demon signed a God's Domain Contract with Shi Feng on behalf of Dragon's Crown. According to the contract, so long as Shi Feng left the remnant primordial world, he had to initiate the first teleport session within ten days. He also had to conduct ten teleport sessions back-to-back. As for the compensation of 100 million Undying Souls for the ten teleport sessions, Dragon's Crown would pay 50% of it as a deposit on the first teleport session. This could be considered Shi Feng's fourth condition.

After signing the contract, Kowloon Demon dismissed the Dimensional World and left the library immediately, leaving the spectators shocked and excited. They had never thought that Nightmare Holy City's number-one expert would lose. After today, the status quo in Nightmare Holy City would most likely undergo drastic changes.

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Nightmare Holy City, Nightmare Hotel:

"Kowloon, do you have any idea what you are saying?"

Currently, Kowloon Demon stood facing a crystal ball with a graceful female knight inside. Although the female knight spoke in a neutral tone, he couldn't help but tense up in fear.

"Not only are you asking for the chosen ones I've trained, but you also want them to raid a Taboo Boss for a bunch of outsiders? Are you tired of being the Guild's number-one chosen one? Do you want to get replaced? Or do you think the kids I nurtured are disposable assets you can squander?"

"Big Sis Jade, listen to me." Wiping the sweat on his forehead, Kowloon Demon explained, "I am doing this to help you. This person I met in Nightmare Holy City is extraordinary. I've already established a partnership with him. If this deal works out, I promise those chosen ones under you will achieve excellent results in the next Battle of the Two Royals. They will surpass the chosen ones training under the other Vice Guild Leaders. At that time, you will also be promoted to First Vice Guild Leader."

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Chapter 3807: Alternate Ending 881 - Difference Between the Two Worlds?

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Nightmare Holy City:

Three days after signing the agreement with Kowloon Demon, Shi Feng arrived at Nightmare Holy City's airport with his party. Joining them were the Pale Horn adventurer team's commander, Whirlwind Bulwark, and vice commander, Star Butterfly.

At this time, Kowloon Demon was already waiting outside the crowded airport with a 100-man team.

The presence of Kowloon Demon's team caused a commotion among the players in the airport. This was because every member of the team was Level 240 or above. Additionally, they all had incredible equipment standards. Nobody in the current Nightmare Holy City owned a Level 240 Taboo Fragmented Legendary Equipment Set, yet every member of this 100-man team was equipped with a Level 240 Taboo Fragmented Legendary Equipment Set at minimum.

The woman standing at the head of this team was especially eye-catching. She had a divine pattern between her eyebrows, and her graceful body stood over two meters. Most importantly, she was a Level 243 Guardian Knight equipped with a Level 240 Taboo Legendary Equipment Set.

"Crap! Who are these people? Even the Holy Knights and the White Dragon Nation combined can't come up with such a line-up!"

"Shush! Keep it down! Don't you see they're with Kowloon Demon? It seems the rumors of Kowloon Demon having extraordinary origins are true after all."

"Don't you guys recognize that Guardian Knight? She's been hosting the city's crossregion trial for the past few years. When the Guild Leaders of the Holy Knights and the White Dragon Nation first met her, they nearly fell to their knees."

"Could these people be the successful challengers of other regions?"

The players in the airport quietly discussed Kowloon Demon's team. The players who had challenged the cross-region trial, in particular, couldn't help their awe and envy of the youths led by the female Guardian Knight.

It was the dream of all players in Nightmare Holy City to pass the cross-region trial. However, only a handful of players had ever succeeded, and they were all legends in Nightmare Holy City. Furthermore, according to rumors, only a small fraction of the players who passed the cross-region trial had been eligible to join the power the female Guardian Knight belonged to. Thus, it was only natural that the youths on the same team as the female Guardian Knight were objects of envy.

When Dragon's Crown's chosen ones overheard the discussions around them, they couldn't help feeling proud and delighted.

Dragon's Crown was a Guild that all players in this world sought to join. Meanwhile, not only were they members of Dragon's Crown, but they were also the Guild's carefully selected chosen ones. After constant training, their strength had skyrocketed, and each of them was now strong enough to overshadow an entire city region's powers.

Meanwhile, Kowloon Demon noticed the arrival of Shi Feng's team and said to the female Guardian Knight beside him, "Big Sis Jade, they're here."

Following Kowloon Demon's words, the Dragon's Crown members immediately turned their attention to Shi Feng's team, their gazes filled with displeasure and mild hostility.

As chosen ones training under Purgatory Jade, Dragon's Crown's Second Vice Guild Leader, not even the Guild's Elders were qualified to demand their help with raiding Bosses, let alone a bunch of outsiders. Yet, Purgatory Jade had agreed to let them help these outsiders. Kowloon Demon, Dragon's Crown's strongest chosen one, even expressed worship toward Shi Feng.

Moreover, even though they were contributing most of the manpower for the upcoming raid, they would receive only half of the Taboo Boss's loot. This situation displeased them greatly. They couldn't understand why Shi Feng's party warranted such treatment.

Meanwhile, under the resentful gazes of Dragon's Crown's chosen ones, Shi Feng calmly approached Kowloon Demon. As for Whirlwind Bulwark and Star Butterfly, they had become so anxious that they didn't even dare to raise their heads in front of Dragon's Crown's team. Initially, they were already very surprised when Shi Feng invited them to raid the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss together. They hadn't expected to be on the same team with individuals whom even Nightmare Holy City's top two Guilds had to kowtow to.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, let me introduce you. This person here is Purgatory Jade, the commander of the trump card team behind me. She has trained every member of this team," Kowloon Demon said. "Additionally, Commander Jade is very experienced in raiding Taboo Bosses. Her team nearly killed a Level 240 Taboo Boss in the past. It's a pity that the Taboo Boss escaped at the last moment."

"She nearly killed a Level 240 Taboo?" Shi Feng looked at the Guardian Knight named Purgatory Jade in surprise.

Simply surviving against a Taboo Boss was a challenge. In the current Greater God's Domain, no team could push a Level 240 Taboo Boss to the brink of death.

"Rest assured, I won't steal command over the raid from you. I am only here to see if you are as strong as Kowloon Demon says," Purgatory Jade said as she scrutinized Shi Feng. Although she didn't show it on her face, she felt slightly disappointed when she saw that Shi Feng was only Level 216. "But let me be upfront. If I feel your instructions might cause my team to suffer a true death, I will have them retreat without hesitation. Don't blame us when that happens."

According to Kowloon Demon, Shi Feng and his party came from a foreign world with exceptional weapons and equipment. Even the legendary Fragmented Divine Artifacts and Divine Artifacts existed in this world. Moreover, despite not being a sixth-floor expert, Shi Feng had managed to overpower Kowloon Demon by a slight margin. Furthermore, Shi Feng intended to form a team to raid a Taboo Boss. Even if said Taboo Boss was under Level 240, killing it would still be a significant challenge.

This was also why Purgatory Jade had gone out of her way to come here. However, the low levels of Shi Feng's team disappointed her. Even Whirlwind Bulwark, the highest-level member of the team, was only Level 239. As for Red Frost, Laura, Twilight Leaf, and Heiser, they were only Level 230. Purgatory Jade felt there was nothing special about the foreign world Kowloon Demon spoke of, aside from its extraordinary weapons and equipment.

"Okay. Let's set out immediately, then," Shi Feng said, nodding. Then, he took out the Ancient Oath and summoned the Frostflame Sacred Dragon.

Suddenly, a giant magic array appeared in the sky, covering the entire airport. Immediately afterward, a 1,000-meter-long, Level 226 Dragon slowly descended from the sky like a sovereign, radiating a powerful Dragon Might that struck fear into the hearts of the Tier 6 players in the airport. Even an expert as strong as Kowloon Demon felt greatly pressured.

"A Sacred Dragon?"

Chapter 3808: Alternate Ending 882 - Tier 7 Skill

Chapter 882 - Tier 7 Skill

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"Heavens! What rank of a Flying Mount is that?!"

"Could it be a Legendary Flying Mount?"

"Crap! That's a Sacred Dragon! That Flying Mount is a Tier 6 Sacred Dragon!"

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The sudden appearance of the Frostflame Sacred Dragon sent the players in the airport into a frenzy.

Although Nightmare Holy City's players primarily relied on Flying Mounts to get around, Flying Mounts were extremely rare in the city. Most first-rate teams only had Tier 4 Basic Extraordinary Flying Mounts; even the Holy Knights and the White Dragon Nation only had Tier 5 Advanced Extraordinary Flying Mounts. Nobody dared to dream of owning a Tier 6 Flying Mount, much less one that was a Sacred Dragon.

It should be known that the average Tier 6 Dragon was already considered invincible among opponents of the same level. Sacred Dragons possessed Bloodlines superior to those of ordinary Dragons. They were akin to Bosses among Dragons. A single Level 226, Tier 6 Sacred Dragon could likely defeat the Holy Knights and the White Dragon Nation combined. Nonetheless, such a frightening existence was someone's Flying Mount. This was simply unbelievable.

The chosen ones of Dragon's Crown were even more dumbfounded by this situation. Unlike the ignorant players of Nightmare Holy City, they had a much better understanding of the world they resided in. Thus, they knew the Tier 6 Frostflame Sacred Dragon was an existence that trumped even Legendary Flying Mounts.

Although Legendary Flying Mounts were rare in their world, they weren't rare to the point of nonexistence. The two royal powers ruling the world had over a dozen Tier 6 Legendary Flying Mounts in total. However, none of those Legendary Flying Mounts could hold a candle to the Frostflame Sacred Dragon.

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A Tier 6 Sacred Dragon? Could this be one of the legendary Divine Flying Mounts? As Purgatory Jade looked at the descending Frostflame Sacred Dragon, her curiosity about Shi Feng's world grew.

Although Shi Feng's party's average level was pitiful, the party's ownership of the Frostflame Sacred Dragon alone made it worth Dragon's Crown befriending.

It should be known that the Frostflame Sacred Dragon was only Level 226. Yet, Purgatory Jade already felt threatened by it. Once it reached Level 240, who could be a match for Shi Feng in a one-on-one fight?

Besides Nightmare Holy City's players and Dragon's Crown's members, Red Frost, who was familiar with Zero Wing and Shi Feng, was equally surprised by the Frostflame Sacred Dragon. She had no idea when Shi Feng had gotten his hands on such a Flying Mount. At the same time, she finally understood why Shi Feng had been leveling up so slowly despite grinding with them for the past few days. He had most likely shared the majority of the EXP he received with the Frostflame Sacred Dragon. Otherwise, he would have long since reached Level 220 or higher.

Amidst the surrounding players' discussions, Shi Feng hopped onto the Frostflame Sacred Dragon's back.

"Get on. With the Frostflame Sacred Dragon's speed, we should reach the Taboo Boss in about five hours," Shi Feng said to Dragon's Crown's members when he saw them getting ready to summon their respective Flying Mounts.

At Shi Feng's invitation, many of Dragon's Crown's members excitedly hopped onto the Frostflame Sacred Dragon. When they felt the mana-nourishing effect of the Divine Flying Mount, their dissatisfaction with Shi Feng disappeared, and they now acknowledged him as their commander.

After all, although the Frostflame Sacred Dragon was only Level 226, its resilience was greater than even that of a Level 240 tank, and it was more than qualified to tank a Taboo Boss. With the Frostflame Sacred Dragon distracting the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss, the chances of the raid succeeding would increase greatly.

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After a five-hour flight, Shi Feng's team arrived at a mountain range in the Northern Badlands. A demonic mist enveloped the central area of the mountain range, the place where the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss resided. Although many players had entered the mist in the past, few ever made it out alive.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, the Taboo Boss is inside that mist," Kowloon Demon said, pointing at the demonic mist in the distance. "The mist is a product of the Northern Badlands' unique environment. It devours the mana of any player within range. This

mist is also why nobody has ever gotten a glimpse of the Taboo Boss's true appearance. But because this mist is caused by the environment, its density varies from time to time. If we want to raid the Taboo Boss, we will have to wait until the mist's density falls. Otherwise, we will have to raid it handicapped."

As a native of Nightmare Holy City, Whirlwind Bulwark agreed with Kowloon Demon's statement.

The Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss might be terrifyingly strong, but its strength wasn't the only reason it was difficult to raid. The demonic mist that enveloped its sphere of activity also played a significant role. For this reason, all teams that challenged the Taboo Boss in the past had chosen to do so when the demonic mist was at its thinnest. If a team were to enter the demonic mist when it was dense, that team would have no chance of surviving.

"This demonic mist is indeed troublesome." After surveying the area from the Frostflame Sacred Dragon's back, Shi Feng found that the demonic mist covered a radius of hundreds of thousands of yards. It was definitely one of the major hurdles to raiding the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss. However, he quickly added, "But we don't need to go inside. We just need to lure the Taboo Boss to us."

"Lure it to us?" Kowloon Demon shook his head and chuckled when he heard Shi Feng's solution. Then, he explained, "Guild Leader Black Flame, you might not know this, but the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss loves this demonic mist. Many teams have tried to lure it out, but none have succeeded. This is also why the teams that tried to raid the Taboo Boss all had to fight it inside the demonic mist."

"It's a pity the suppression of this world is too powerful. Otherwise, I could slowly chip away at this mist with my Tier 6 Large-scale Destruction Curses," Heiser said, sighing.

The suppression that the remnant primordial world imposed on players was as powerful as that of the Flame Dragon God's Treasury. This was also why players of Nightmare Holy City had to rely on low-tier Flying Mounts to fly, even after reaching Tier 6. In any other world, Tier 6 players could have easily flown at speeds nearing those of Tier 5 Flying Mounts.

"It's not up to the Taboo Boss to decide whether it wants to come out," Shi Feng suddenly said. Then, he raised his hand and cast the Abyssal Eye's Dark Cluster Skill, one of the two Tier 7 Skills he possessed.

Before anyone could react, the sky above the Northern Badlands turned pitch-black. Then, all the mana in the map began converging in the sky, causing the manadevouring demonic mist to thin out rapidly.

A moment later, Shi Feng brought his hand down toward the demonic mist.

Tier 7 Skill, Dark Cluster!

Boom!

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To recap:

Flying Mounts have major and minor ranks.

Major ranks: Common, Extraordinary, Legendary, Divine

Minor ranks: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced

Naming scheme: [Minor rank] [Major Rank] Flying Mount (e.g. Intermediate Common Flying Mount.)

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Chapter 883 - Return of the Princess

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Northern Badlands:

As Shi Feng brought his hand down, the Abyssal Eye on his finger emitted a pitch-black radiance. In the blink of an eye, darkness enveloped a 1,000,000-yard radius, depriving everyone within the affected area of their sight and even the rest of their five senses.

A moment later, countless dazzling stars rained down from the pitch-black sky, causing powerful explosions as they bombarded the land. After innumerable stars had ravaged the mountain range, a 100-meter-tall, one-horned demon could be seen escaping the remaining wisps of demonic mist in a miserable state.

Pitch-black scales and spikes covered the one-horned demon. The mana it exuded was strange, its form sometimes illusory and sometimes solid. Everyone who sensed this strange mana felt death loom over them. Currently, though, most of the one-horned demon's scales and spikes had been stripped from its body, and dark green blood oozed from its wounds.

Meanwhile, although everyone was shocked by Shi Feng's ability to force the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss out of its habitat, the shock was short-lived, quickly overwhelmed by the instinctual fear they felt at the sight of the one-horned demon.

[Tosas, the All-Consuming Demon (Mutant)] (Primordial Demon, Divine)

Level 239

HP 1,600,000,000,000,000,000

The simple data presented elicited gasps from everyone present. Red Frost and those who were facing a Taboo Boss for the first time were especially shocked by Tosas's HP.

"Is this a Taboo Boss?" Xiao Yilong felt despair when he saw Tosas's 15 HP bars. He suddenly understood why even apex powers were powerless against the Greater God's Domain's Twenty-Two Taboos. Despite Tosas being only a Level 239 Taboo Boss, he could not see any hope of players killing it.

Normally, an ordinary Level 239, Tier 6 Boss only had 200 quadrillion HP at the maximum; Tosas's HP was eight times greater. However, that still wasn't the most important point.

A Mutant!

This was what made Tosas a true headache for players.

Mutated monsters had incredible learning capabilities. A Mutant that lived long enough could match the combat standards of a fifth-floor expert. With such a combat standard, a Mutant could nullify most of the combat techniques of players, forcing them into a melee. Unless players had a significant level advantage, the Mutant would quickly overpower them with its extraordinary Basic Attributes.

"Were you damned humans the ones who ambushed me?" Tosas demanded, glaring at Shi Feng's team with its six eyes and completely ignoring the bellowing Level 226 Frostflame Sacred Dragon. Then, it raised one of its hands and swiped at the empty space before it.

Suddenly, everyone felt the world around them spinning. Before anyone realized it, one of the Frostflame Sacred Dragon's wings had disappeared, and its 1,000-meter-long body spiraled uncontrollably to the ground.

"Be on full alert for its movements! Activate the Tier 6 Divine Runic Domain Spell to resist its True World!" Purgatory Jade shouted as the team fell out of the sky. "It has likely mastered a World Law related to space and can attack us from any distance!"

At Purgatory Jade's words, many of those present immediately understood what had happened just now.

Tosas was only Level 239. Even if it was a Taboo Boss, its attacks shouldn't be fast enough to evade their detection completely. In that case, there was only one explanation for this situation—Tosas's attack trajectory was outside of their perception.

Shi Feng looked at Purgatory Jade in surprise. He hadn't expected her to identify Tosas's unique World Law so quickly. This led him to think that Kowloon Demon hadn't been exaggerating about Purgatory Jade and that the woman had indeed pushed a Level 240 Taboo Boss to the brink of death in the past.

A spatial law, is it?

While freefalling, Shi Feng got a mild headache as he looked at the stationary All-Consuming Demon.

Not all unique World Laws mastered by Taboo Bosses were equal. Those related to space were especially tricky to deal with.

Take Tosas's ability to attack from any distance, for example. Regardless of where the All-Consuming Demon stood, its attacks could always reach their target. Its attacks could also come from any direction. Even if players saw it attacking, they wouldn't know where to direct their defense. Tosas's attack method completely ignored defensive and evasive maneuvers.

The only good news was that Dark Cluster had heavily injured Tosas. Although its 1.6 quintillion HP had only dropped to 1.5 quintillion, it no longer had battle recovery. Its mobility should have also plummeted. Otherwise, it wouldn't have stopped attacking after crippling the Frostflame Sacred Dragon; it should have followed up with more attacks to reduce the number of threats.

"That despicable Primordial God's power!" Tosas was visibly dissatisfied when it saw that it had only heavily injured the Frostflame Sacred Dragon. "But this is it for you ants!"

After Tosas finished speaking, an invisible ripple spread from it and covered a 10,000yard radius in an instant. Meanwhile, Shi Feng and the others started to lose Basic Attributes rapidly, and the gap in Basic Attributes between the two sides widened even further.

"Die!"

Suddenly, Tosas pulled a longsword enveloped in Soul Fire out of its chest, clearly intent on permanently erasing the ants before it.

When everyone saw the flaming longsword, almost all of them trembled instinctively.

As for Shi Feng, he knew he couldn't afford to conserve his cards when he saw Tosas preparing for an all-out attack. He hastily took out the Primordial Dragon Legacy Crystal and summoned the Dragon Princess Kalisha.

Currently, Kalisha was Shi Feng's strongest trump card against Taboo Bosses. Although Kalisha had yet to fully recover, she could already rival Primordial Gods. In comparison, while Tosas might be close to reaching the standard of Primordial Gods, it still wasn't one.

Thus, Shi Feng decided to take a gamble.

He wagered that the current Dragon Princess was stronger than the All-Consuming Demon!

The summoning of the Dragon Princess was instantaneous. The moment Shi Feng initiated the summoning, a colossal figure descended from the sky. Before this colossal figure, even the Frostflame Sacred Dragon looked like a little snake.

This colossal figure belonged to none other than Kalisha.

Following Kalisha's abrupt appearance, Tosas canceled its attack and stared solemnly at the Dragon Princess.

"A Primordial Dragon?"

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Chapter 3810: Alternate Ending 884 - Princess vs. Taboo

Chapter 884 - Princess vs. Taboo

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"What's...happening here?"

"An Ancient God? No... Although the Divine Might of the Ancient Gods I've encountered in the past was also terrifying, it can't compare to this NPC's Divine Might. What level of existence is this NPC?"

"Could she be one of the Primordial Gods of legend?"

"Are you kidding me?! Black Flame can summon a Primordial God?!"

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Kalisha's appearance excited and shocked everyone present. They were excited because they now had a solution to Tosas, and they were shocked because of Kalisha's unbelievably strong Divine Might. Purgatory Jade, in particular, couldn't help but change her opinion of Shi Feng.

As a Vice Guild Leader of Dragon's Crown, Purgatory Jade differed with Kowloon Demon on the world outside of theirs. More specifically, she looked down on it, even after seeing Shi Feng had a Sacred Dragon for a Flying Mount.

On the way to the Northern Badlands, Purgatory Jade had learned through conversations with Xiao Yilong and the others that they were considered top-class experts among the outside world's various powers. Heiser's adventurer team even regarded her as its strongest chosen one.

Although Heiser was indeed strong as a Half-step Mortal God, she wouldn't be anywhere near the top if she were put among Dragon's Crown's chosen ones. In other words, the outside world was only superior in Flying Mounts, weapons, and equipment. When it came to nurturing experts, the outside world could not compete with Dragon's Crown. If Dragon's Crown had access to similar weapons and equipment, it could trump all of the outside world's players and powers.

However, Shi Feng's actions after arriving in the Northern Badlands forced Purgatory Jade to revisit her evaluation of the outside world. First, he had used an unbelievably powerful large-scale Destruction Spell to thin out the demonic mist and force the Northern Badlands' Taboo Boss out of its habitat. Now, he had summoned an existence that was apparently a Primordial God. Neither of these feats was within Dragon's Crown's capabilities.

Before Purgatory Jade could recover from her surprise, Kalisha's mountainous figure suddenly shrank, transforming into a two-meter-tall human woman in a crimson dress. Then, she appeared in front of Shi Feng and glanced at Tosas and Shi Feng's teammates, her gaze causing everyone's soul to shudder. Everyone felt as if they were staring at destruction itself.

"You have a real knack for finding opponents. How did you even find such a little fellow?" Kalisha said to Shi Feng, her expression serious as she scrutinized the All-Consuming Demon in the distance. "If I hadn't recovered some of my strength, I might not have been a match for this little fellow and its spatial law."

After saying so, Kalisha pointed a finger at Tosas. Before anyone could react, a lightning longsword had pierced the All-Consuming Demon, and the True World it cast shattered. Immediately afterward, Tosas's aura waned, and its body withered. Its Basic Attributes also plummeted, and its HP instantly fell by 200 quadrillion.

However, after Kalisha's attack, her complexion paled visibly.

"I have sealed part of its power. This is all I can do for you," Kalisha said, glancing at Shi Feng. Then, as her body transformed into a streak of light and disappeared from the remnant primordial world, she added, "The rest is up to you now."

As Kalisha disappeared, Tosas revealed a manic expression.

"So what if my strength is sealed? You ants will still die!" Tosas bellowed as it swung its soul sword at Shi Feng's team.

Suddenly, over a hundred sword lights flew at Shi Feng's team, each carrying enough power to threaten Shi Feng with death. The formidable attacks showed no sign of coming from a heavily injured or suppressed monster.

As the sword lights closed in on Shi Feng's team, Purgatory Jade stepped forward and stood in front of everyone. Then, the two small round shields she wielded suddenly expanded and deflected all of the sword lights.

"What an incredible defensive move!" Shi Feng exclaimed.

Although Tosas had been weakened and could no longer cast its True World, its Strength remained superior to that of Level 240 players. The attack it just executed also had the empowering effect of a Peak Gold Combat Technique. Even players with similar Basic Attributes would have difficulty defending against it, let alone players with inferior Basic Attributes.

"This is nothing. When Big Sis Jade uses this move, she can survive an attack from even Level 240-plus Taboo Bosses. Now that Tosas has been weakened so much, there is no way it can threaten her life," Kowloon Demon stated proudly. Once he finished boasting, he turned to his fellow guild members and shouted, "Everyone, listen up! It's time we showed Guild Leader Black Flame Dragon's Crown's capabilities!"

"Understood!"

Like Kowloon Demon, the rest of Dragon's Crown's members wore proud expressions. At Kowloon Demon's command, they promptly split into parties of three to five and used various Combination Techniques, Skills, and Spells. Each attack they launched was no weaker than that of Tosas, and they chipped away at the All-Consuming Demon's HP.

80%... 79%... 78%...

As expected of a royal power's chosen ones! Shi Feng had to marvel at the damage output of Dragon's Crown's chosen ones. In that case, I should also attack with everything I've got.

Immediately, Shi Feng took out the Feather of Oath and summoned nine Level 236 War Goddesses to join the offensive.

Although the War Goddesses were lower-level than Dragon's Crown's chosen ones, each was equipped with three to six Divine Artifacts. Thus, their Basic Attributes were far superior. Each could rival one of Dragon's Crown's parties, while the nine of them together could match half of Dragon's Crown's team.

Subsequently, time passed quickly. Over half an hour later, Tosas had only 1% of its HP remaining. Perhaps sensing that death was imminent, the All-Consuming Demon went berserk and shattered Kalisha's seal when its HP fell to 1%. As a result, not only did it manage to recast its True World, but the attacks from its soul sword also became unblockable.

"The Boss is almost dead! If you want to live, attack it with everything you've got!" Shi Feng shouted when he saw Tosas starting to one-shot every player it attacked.

As Shi Feng spoke, Tosas eliminated another two Dragon's Crown members with its soul sword. Seeing this, none of the Dragon's Crown members dared not hold anything back and promptly attacked with their trump cards, causing the All-Consuming Demon's HP to fall even quicker.

At this rate, it would only take a few more seconds before Tosas lost all its HP.

"Die! Even if I die, you are going down with me!" Tosas naturally understood its imminent demise as well. Out of spite, it directed its attention to Shi Feng, the leader of the team, and swung its soul sword at him.

Now that Tosas was free of Kalisha's seal, it could enhance its attacks with its unique spatial law, allowing them to be unpredictable and unblockable. Thus, Shi Feng had no choice but to use Void Barrier, his strongest lifesaving measure, to protect himself.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

However, after withstanding only a few attacks, the Void Barrier, which was supposed to last 30 seconds, shattered. When Shi Feng saw Tosas swinging its weapon again, his eyes turned bloodshot.

Miniature Abyssal World!

World's Descent!

Flowing Space!

Shi Feng did not know whether it was because of his Pseudo-Tier 7 Concentration or his Miniature Abyssal World improving, but the instant he executed Flowing Space, his

body transformed into multiple streaks of light that traveled around Tosas, and he dodged the All-Consuming Demon's attack by the skin of his teeth.

Just as Tosas locked on to Shi Feng's figure and was about to execute another attack, the nine War Goddesses a short distance away completed their Combination Combat Technique. Ultimately, before Tosas could drag Shi Feng down with it, a hundred golden lightning bolts pierced its body and plundered the last vestiges of its HP.

As Tosas reluctantly collapsed, the surviving members of Shi Feng's team received a series of system notifications.

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Fyi, Tosas's HP started to decrease from 80% because of the damage it suffered from Dark Cluster (-100 quadrillion) and Kalisha (-200 quadrillion).

Chapter 3811: Alternate Ending 885 - Primordial Demon's Loot

Chapter 885 – Primordial Demon's Loot

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System: Congratulations! Your team has killed Tosas, the All-Consuming Demon. You are the first team to have killed a Taboo. Rewarding 100 World Reputation Points and the Taboo Hunter title.

Regional System Announcement: Congratulations! A team has successfully killed Tosas, the All-Consuming Demon. The Northern Badlands' teleportation passage will open in 24 hours. All players may use it to travel to other regions.

All-Region System Announcement: Congratulations! A team has successfully killed Tosas, the All-Consuming Demon. The Primordial Divine Kingdom's Taboo Legacy Land's activation progress has reached 3%.

Upon receiving the system notifications, everyone snapped out of their daze and revealed ecstatic expressions.

"Hooray! We did it!"

"We're the first team to kill a Taboo Boss! Our names will be remembered in the libraries across the various regions!"

"It's not just in libraries! This is an all-region system announcement! The whole world will know of us now!"

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Initially, none of Dragon's Crown's chosen ones were confident about killing Tosas. This remained true until the very last moment. After all, Taboo Bosses were symbols of invincibility in their world. Many powers and legendary teams had tried to kill them but never succeeded. In comparison, they were merely a bunch of chosen ones nurtured by Dragon's Crown. Even if the Taboo Boss they fought was only Level 239, they were still unlikely to kill it.

Unlike the rest of their guildmates, Purgatory Jade and Kowloon Demon weren't immersed in the excitement of killing a Taboo Boss. Instead, their attention was on the details of the all-region system announcement.

"The activation progress of the Primordial Divine Kingdom's Legacy Land?" Kowloon Demon was shocked and excited. "I see! No wonder we could never gain access to that place!"

The Primordial Divine Kingdom's Legacy Land had always been a sore point for the two royal powers of this world. It was also why nobody in this world could break through the limits of Tier 6.

But now, the Legacy Land had finally been activated. Although the activation process had only reached a meager 3%, it was a momentous step that could affect their entire world.

"It seems we won't have any peace for the foreseeable future," Purgatory Jade sighed. Nobody had placed much importance on raiding Taboo Bosses in the past because there weren't any concrete benefits. Now that everyone knew the connection between the Taboo Bosses and the activation of the Primordial Divine Kingdom's Legacy Land, the various powers would undoubtedly start hunting Taboo Bosses like there was no tomorrow. Naturally, the various powers would also pay special attention to the players who successfully raided a Taboo Boss. "Kowloon, did you say we only have a hundred slots for going to that other world?"

"Mhm. We can send only a hundred people there each time, and they can stay there for only three days," Kowloon Demon answered.

"In that case, we must extend our partnership with Black Flame. The best-case scenario is to thoroughly tie Black Flame to us," Purgatory Jade said after some thought. "That other world's various methods are the key to raiding Taboo Bosses."

"I understand." Kowloon Demon nodded in agreement.

They had narrowly defeated Tosas. If not for Shi Feng luring Tosas out with his largescale Destruction Spell and suppressing it with the help of the NPC he summoned, they never could have achieved victory.

It should be known that Tosas was the weakest Taboo Boss in their world. The Taboo Bosses of other regions were all Level 240 or above. If they wanted to raid those Taboo Bosses, they had to have the weapons, equipment, and tools of Shi Feng's world.

While Purgatory Jade and Kowloon Demon conversed, Shi Feng leveled up twice and reached Level 218 following Tosas's death. Red Frost and the others also leveled once.

"This Taboo Hunter title is incredible! Just having it equipped increases my Basic Attributes by 15%! The bonus is even doubled against Taboo Bosses!" Twilight Leaf exclaimed at her new title.

"It is indeed powerful. Even if we aren't facing Taboo Bosses, it'll be like gaining five extra levels on our weapons and equipment," Red Frost commented. "I am currently at Level 231, but my Basic Attributes are comparable to those of the old fellows at Level 236."

While his party members happily discussed the Taboo Hunter title, Shi Feng turned to Tosas's corpse.

When Tosas died, it didn't just contribute abundant EXP. It also dropped five items. Although this was a pitiful amount, all five items dropped were extraordinary. Even the weakest one radiated Divine Might at the Ancient God standard. The most eye-catching of the bunch—a blood-red crystal the size of a basketball—even caused the surrounding space to collapse with its mere presence.

Is that the Taboo Nucleus? Shi Feng subconsciously licked his lips as he looked at the blood-red crystal, excitement coloring his eyes.

The Taboo Nucleus was one of the key components for advancing to Tier 7, and only Taboo Bosses dropped it. Now that he had a Taboo Nucleus, 100 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal, and the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll, he finally had all the prerequisites to challenge his Tier 7 promotion.

If he wanted to, he could enter his Tier 7 Promotion Land this instant!

However, Shi Feng quickly suppressed the impulse.

Although he could indeed challenge his Tier 7 promotion right now, his current chances of success probably didn't reach 10%. If he wanted a better chance at getting promoted to Tier 7, he had to kill the Undying Mother and receive the Abyss Workshop's assistance. Otherwise, he would only waste his Taboo Nucleus and Promotion Land Scroll.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, the Boss has dropped five items: a Taboo Nucleus, two ancient tomes, and two pieces of equipment of unknown quality," Kowloon Demon said as he approached Shi Feng. Then, he abruptly suggested, "According to our original agreement, we will split the loot 50/50, and you will have priority to pick the first item. But we managed this great feat only thanks to your trump cards, so how about you pick three items while Dragon's Crown takes the remaining two?"

Kowloon Demon would be lying if he said he wasn't interested in the Taboo Boss's loot. However, considering that Shi Feng was Dragon's Crown's only recourse to access the outside world's resources and the only reason they managed to complete the raid, he might as well use the loot to deepen Dragon's Crown's ties with Shi Feng.

"Since you said so, I will gladly take you up on your offer, Brother Kowloon," Shi Feng said without reservation.

Shi Feng never even dared to think about raiding a Taboo Boss in his previous life, much less obtaining the loot of one. Every item dropped by Tosas was extremely precious, so he was more than willing to accept Kowloon Demon's favor.

He immediately walked up to Tosas's corpse and picked up the Taboo Nucleus without hesitation. Only after doing so did he turn his attention to the four remaining items.

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Chapter 3812: Alternate Ending 886 - Pseudo-Tier 7 Spell Books

Chapter 886 – Pseudo-Tier 7 Spell Books

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"How strange! I can't appraise these two pieces of equipment? Could they be broken?"

Shi Feng was greatly surprised by the boots and the short robe Tosas dropped.

His Eyes of Reality had successfully appraised even the Origin Myth, a Divine Artifact. Yet, they showed no reaction to the boots and robe Tosas dropped. It was as if these two pieces of equipment were pebbles on the roadside.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, do you need us to conduct an appraisal for you?" Kowloon Demon asked when he heard that Shi Feng had failed to appraise Tosas's loot. "Regarding appraisal methods, nobody in this world can best Big Sis Jade." "Don't listen to his exaggeration," Purgatory Jade said modestly. "The Craftsman's Eye is an appraisal method I obtained after becoming an Advanced Craftsman Forger. So long as an item isn't worthless, I can get some information out of it."

An Advanced Craftsman Forger? Shi Feng couldn't help but stare at Purgatory Jade in disbelief.

Only a few forging players had ever achieved the rank of Craftsman in the Greater God's Domain, able to produce Legendary Equipment. Besides having extraordinary talent, each of these individuals had spent countless resources to secure this achievement.

Yet, it was now revealed that Purgatory Jade was not only a sixth-floor expert but also an Advanced Craftsman Forger. If her talent was made known to the Greater God's Domain, it would put countless expert players to shame.

"Do you need me to conduct an appraisal?" Purgatory Jade asked.

"I'll have to trouble you with it, then," Shi Feng said as he handed the two pieces of equipment to Purgatory Jade.

Three minutes later, Purgatory Jade finished appraising the two pieces of equipment. They weren't broken after all. Instead, they were growth-type Godly Relics.

The boots were called the Spatial Boots, while the robe was called the Evil Soul Robe. Both pieces of equipment were at the Legendary rank currently and could grow to become Divine Artifacts. As they were Godly Relics, each came with heaven-defying effects.

The Spatial Boots had a passive effect that could improve the user's body techniques by one rank, up to the Peak Gold rank. It also had a Profound Skill called Spatial Movement that allowed the user to teleport freely within a 1,000-yard radius for one minute when activated.

The Evil Soul Robe had a passive effect that increased the user's Concentration by two ranks, up to the Tier 6 Limit rank. It also had a Profound Skill called Soul Doppelganger that allowed the user to create up to 100 soul doppelgangers. The Soul Doppelganger Skill had a cooldown of one natural day, and each soul doppelganger could use 100% of the user's Basic Attributes and lasted for ten minutes.

The abilities of the two pieces of equipment were amazing for Legendary Equipment. If they could grow into Divine Artifacts, their abilities would become even more heavendefying. The only problem was that they needed player levels to grow. More specifically, each Godly Relic needed 20 player levels to be upgraded to the Fragmented Divine Artifact rank. Moreover, they accepted only levels from players above Level 200. If it already cost this much to upgrade them into Fragmented Divine Artifacts, the cost to upgrade them into Divine Artifacts was unimaginable.

However, despite the harsh upgrade conditions, Dragon's Crown's members stared at them with a yearning gaze.

After inspecting the two pieces of equipment, Shi Feng turned his sights to the two ancient tomes. Upon careful examination, he immediately got goosebumps.

Pseudo-Tier 7 Spell Books? Shi Feng couldn't believe his eyes as he looked at the two ancient tomes' introduction.

[All-Consuming Fire]

Requires: Magical Class, Tier 6 Limit Concentration

Pseudo-Tier 7 Large-Scale Destruction Spell

[Soul World]

Requires: Magical Class, Tier 6 Limit Concentration

Pseudo-Tier 7 Large-Scale Defensive Spell

According to the records in the Grand Library, the strongest Skills and Spells that players could learn were only Tier 6. Most Tier 6 players had to sacrifice significant amounts of blood, sweat, and tears to obtain Tier 6 Skills and Spells. As for Tier 6 Taboo Skills and Curses, they were regarded by the various powers as their foundation. Typically, if guild members wished to learn one, they would need to pay an astronomical amount of Guild Contribution Points and sign a God's Domain Contract with strict terms.

Shi Feng had never heard of Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells before, much less known that Tier 6 players could learn them.

Although it might seem like there was only a half-tier difference between Tier 6 Spells and Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells, there was a qualitative difference between them.

Currently, many players assumed that Tier 6 Taboo Skills and Curses rivaled Tier 7 Skills and Spells, but that was only conjecture. After all, nobody had ever reached Tier 7 in the human race's Greater God's Domain, and neither had anyone seen a Tier 7 Skill or Spell before.

However, Shi Feng knew how big of a difference there was between Tier 6 and Tier 7 Skills and Spells. In an era where Tier 7 players did not exist, Pseudo-Tier 7 Skills and Spells were definitely the strongest Skills and Spells in existence. This was especially true for the two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells before him. Of the two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells Tosas dropped, one was a large-scale Destruction Spell, while the other was a large-scale Defensive Spell. If a Tier 6 player learned both, no other Tier 6 player would be able to match them in the current Greater God's Domain.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you have to make your choice quickly. The demonic mist has begun to condense again. We need to leave this place before it recovers. Otherwise, it'll become much more troublesome to leave," Kowloon Demon urged as he looked at the demonic mist creeping up to them.

"Okay." After looking at the two ancient tomes in his hand, Shi Feng glanced at the two Godly Relics Purgatory Jade held, gritted his teeth, and said, "I'll take these two tomes."

"Are you sure?" Purgatory Jade gazed at Shi Feng in astonishment. Although she hadn't inspected the two ancient tomes, she could tell they were extraordinary. Even so, she doubted they could match the two pieces of growth-type Godly Relics in her hands.

"I'm sure." Shi Feng decisively stored the two Spell Books in his bag.

Godly Relics were indeed hard to come by. It was especially so for these two growthtype Godly Relics. They would be heaven-defying once they grew into Divine Artifacts. They might even come with Tier 7 Skills like the Abyssal Eye.

The problem was that Shi Feng couldn't afford to wait. Compared to wagering his chances on this possibility, it would be safer to go with the two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spell Books, which could instantly elevate a Tier 6 magical class player into an apex existence.

"Alright, then." When Kowloon Demon saw that Shi Feng had given up on the two Godly Relics, he subconsciously sighed in relief. Then, recalling his objective, he inquired, "Guild Leader Black Flame, now that travel restrictions have been lifted, how about we hunt the Taboo Bosses in other regions? Although the other regions' Taboo Bosses are all Level 240 and above, Dragon's Crown will mobilize its main force to support you. We will also split the loot according to our current arrangement."

"I'll pass on the offer this time," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "We have already achieved our goal here, so it's time we returned. We can collaborate in the future if the opportunity arises."

Shi Feng had already exhausted his trump cards on Tosas, so he could no longer hunt any Taboo Bosses within a short period of time. Even if he were to hunt another Taboo Boss, it would have to be the Undying Mother. After all, he didn't have much time left.

"Alright, then." Kowloon Demon didn't try to force the matter when he saw Shi Feng's lack of interest. Instead, he smiled and said, "Don't forget our agreement once you return to your world."

"I won't." Shi Feng chuckled. Then, he took out a Return Crystal and chanted the incantation to activate it.

Seeing this, Red Frost and the others also took out their Return Crystals and left this remnant primordial world with Shi Feng.

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Chapter 3813: Alternate Ending 887 - Returning to the Secret Land

Chapter 887 - Returning to the Secret Land

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"You let him go, just like that?" Purgatory Jade asked Kowloon Demon. She had been immersed in studying the two Godly Relics just now, so she didn't hear Shi Feng and Kowloon Demon's conversation.

"I did try to invite him, but he didn't seem interested in the other regions' Taboo Bosses," Kowloon Demon said, smiling wryly. "Maybe he felt that nothing else is attractive in our world, so he decided not to stay any longer."

"What a pity. I'll have to get the Guild Leader to send better equipment to rearm the team right away. We can't have Guild Leader Black Flame think there is only this much to Dragon's Crown's strength," Purgatory Jade sighed. She had originally planned to let Shi Feng know about Dragon's Crown's foundations so that he could better understand the necessity of their partnership. Unfortunately, she had missed the chance to do so. "Contact the 23rd and 39th legions; have each garrison Nightmare Holy City with 50,000 elites. We must not let any other powers stay in this region and come into contact with Guild Leader Black Flame's people!"

"Understood!" At Purgatory Jade's command, Kowloon Demon promptly took out a Tier 6 Divine Runic Teleportation Scroll and teleported back to Nightmare Holy City.

Meanwhile, Whirlwind Bulwark and Star Butterfly were shocked when they overheard Purgatory Jade's words. They hadn't expected a behemoth like Dragon's Crown to attach such importance to Shi Feng's party, mobilizing an army of 100,000 elite experts just to prevent other powers from coming into contact with Shi Feng's party.

It should be known that Nightmare Holy City's two strongest Guilds had a total of just over 20,000 elite experts.

"Since you are friends with Guild Leader Black Flame, I will give these two tokens to you," Purgatory Jade said, handing two tokens with Dragon's Crown's emblem to Whirlwind Bulwark and Star Butterfly. "With these tokens, you can freely enter any region under Dragon's Crown's control. You can also contact me if you have trouble in the future."

"Thank you, Vice Guild Leader Jade!"

Whirlwind Bulwark and Star Butterfly gratefully accepted the tokens, celebrating inwardly. They never thought that minor characters like them would receive such treatment just for traveling with Shi Feng's party for some time.

They weren't novices in God's Domain. They knew these tokens weren't just entry passes for Dragon's Crown's territories. These tokens symbolized Dragon's Crown's protection. These were items that even Nightmare Holy City's top two Guilds could only dream of obtaining.

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Flame Dragon God's Nest, Flame Dragon God's Underground City:

Following a bright flash at the Underground City's entrance, Shi Feng's party returned to the Flame Dragon God's Nest. Compared to a few days ago, the entrance was much more crowded, and the appearance of Shi Feng's party did not attract any attention.

"We're finally back." When Twilight Leaf saw the familiar scene and players around her, she felt she had been living in a dream for the past few days. "Sure enough, the feeling of home is the best. I nearly lost all my confidence from staying in Nightmare Holy City."

"Indeed. Not only are Nightmare Holy City's players high-level, but they also have astonishingly high combat standards. If not for our superior weapons and equipment, we would have never been able to establish a foothold there," Xiao Yilong, who was currently Level 235, lamented.

In the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, they could be considered top-class in terms of combat standards. However, they were only average in Nightmare Holy City. And if they were to compare themselves to Dragon's Crown's chosen ones, they'd be nothing. Dragon's Crown's 100-man team had well over a dozen Half-step Mortal Gods.

In contrast, the players gathered outside the Underground City averaged only Level 230. Although there were quite a few fifth-floor experts among them, the ratio between fifth-floor and non-fifth-floor experts was nowhere near as frightening as that of the remnant primordial world.

"We collected many Undying Souls this time, so how about exchanging them now?" Heiser proposed. "Many players have gathered in the treasury these past few days. If we don't hurry, everything decent might disappear."

Their party had grinded nearly ten million Undying Souls these past few days. Although 90% had gone to Shi Feng, the rest of them still received nearly 200,000 Undying Souls each. Additionally, Shi Feng had compensated each of them with 200,000 Undying Souls for helping with the Taboo Boss raid. In other words, excluding Shi Feng, each of them now had nearly 400,000 Undying Souls to their names. They could already exchange for a Divine Artifact with this many Undying Souls.

"I agree. We've been away for quite some time," Red Frost said, nodding. "I just checked and found out that the flow of time here differs from that on the other side. Apparently, we've been gone for nearly ten days now. Many teams should have collected a considerable amount of Undying Souls during this period. If we don't hurry, there might really be nothing left for us."

The Flame Dragon God's Treasury had a limited stock of items. Meanwhile, ten days were enough for the teams operating around the treasury to collect tens of thousands of Undying Souls. It wouldn't even be strange if some teams collected over a hundred thousand Undying Souls. After all, the drop rate of Undying Souls was very high around the treasury. The monsters here also offered abundant EXP, allowing players to level up quickly while grinding for Undying Souls. No expert player would miss this opportunity.

"Let's go and take a look, then," Shi Feng said, nodding. He also felt that they should examine the treasury's situation.

It was normal for worlds in God's Domain to experience different timeflows. This was especially true for a world that did not allow the use of the Abyss Workshop Certification's World-Breaking Teleportation. He wouldn't even be surprised if time flowed several dozen times slower in the remnant primordial world.

Although he wasn't interested in most of the Flame Dragon God's Treasury items, he had to get the Empress's Scales. If someone else redeemed it before him, he might lose his will to live.

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Flame Dragon God's Treasury, Central Plaza:

A gentle breeze carrying Eternal Energy blew out from the central plaza, refreshing the minds of all players here.

As Shi Feng's party approached the central plaza, they saw many Level 235-plus experts stationed around it.

"Why are there so many people surrounding the plaza?" Shi Feng frowned as he surveyed the central plaza.

The experts surrounding the plaza came from various powers. None were independent players, so those powers should be responsible for this blockade. There were also six magic barriers enveloping the plaza: three external and three internal. Even breaking through these defensive layers would be challenging for Level 240 players, much less redeeming items in the plaza and leaving safely.

"Brother Black Flame, I see the old commander over there. Should we go and ask him what's going on?" Xiao Yilong suggested as he pointed at one of the legions standing guard outside the magic barriers.

"Okay." Shi Feng nodded.

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Chapter 3814: Alternate Ending 888 - Flame Dragon God's Exchange

Chapter 888 – Flame Dragon God's Exchange

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Flame Dragon God's Treasury, Central Plaza:

Under Xiao Yilong's lead, Shi Feng and the others quickly arrived before a 1,000-man legion of Level 235-plus experts. Sitting in front of the legion was Apocalypse, one of Holy Dragon Spear's former commanders. As a Level 240 player fully equipped with Divine Artifacts, his aura could make most Level 230 players tremble.

"Frost, where have you all been?" Apocalypse inquired when he saw the party walking toward him. "I've been looking for you since a while ago, but you just disappeared. I even thought you all were killed."

"We were in the Underground City this whole time. There is something special about that place, so we couldn't be reached," Red Frost said, chuckling. Then, she asked curiously, "Did something happen here while we were away? What's with the blockade?"

"It's nothing. It's just the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's various powers jointly monopolizing this place," Apocalypse said nonchalantly. "News of the secret land spread across the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary shortly after it appeared. In just three days, over eight pseudo-apex powers have mobilized a large number of experts into the

secret land. Many adventurer teams have also found their way inside. So, after discussion, Holy Dragon Spear and the other pseudo-apex powers have decided to station some experts at this plaza to prevent other powers and players from redeeming items."

"I see."

Realization dawned on Shi Feng when he heard Apocalypse's explanation.

Nobody could resist the temptation of the Flame Dragon God's Treasury. Although pseudo-apex powers were powerful, their available manpower paled compared to the vast number of independent players and adventurer teams.

If the various Guilds, adventurer teams, and independent players were allowed to freely exchange for the treasury's items, it wouldn't take long before everything good was redeemed. But now that the several pseudo-apex powers had joined forces, outsiders could no longer enter the central plaza. After all, there were thousands of Level 235-plus experts stationed here. Not even an apex power could come up with so many high-level experts on such a short notice.

"You don't have to worry. You all are members and friends of Holy Dragon Spear," Apocalypse said, smiling at Shi Feng and the others. "So long as you reveal your identity, you can freely enter the plaza and exchange for items. None of the powers here will stop you."

"Elder Apocalypse, what if I want to bring some people in?" Shi Feng asked.

Shi Feng was used to the law of the jungle practiced in God's Domain. It was common for powers to seal off entire maps so that they could monopolize the resources there. Thus, he wasn't surprised to see the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers blockading the exchange plaza.

As an ally recognized by Holy Dragon Spear, Shi Feng naturally wouldn't encounter any trouble if he redeemed some inconsequential items from the treasury. However, it would be a completely different story if he redeemed one of the more important items.

The current blockade was very thorough. Not only did the blockade prevent outsiders from entering the exchange plaza, but it also functioned as a trap for those who entered it. There were only so many players inside the plaza. If he were to redeem one of the more important items, the various pseudo-apex powers would immediately discover his actions.

It might still be fine if he only redeemed some of the ordinary Divine Artifacts, but they wouldn't let him get away with any of the top four items. At that time, they would retaliate.

"That's not a problem." In response to Shi Feng's question, Apocalypse pulled out one of Holy Dragon Spear's elder's tokens and handed it to him, saying, "You can bring a few dozen players with you if you have this elder's token. That should be enough, right? Don't tell me you want to bring hundreds or thousands inside."

"Of course not," Shi Feng said with an awkward smile.

If possible, he really would have done so. Unfortunately, the circumstances did not allow it.

"Alright, go inside if you want to redeem items. If there's anything you want, you should act quickly. The number of available items will only decrease with time," Apocalypse said.

"Thank you, Elder Apocalypse," Shi Feng said as he accepted the token.

After Shi Feng's party parted ways with Apocalypse, Red Frost suddenly turned to Shi Feng.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, do you need me to talk to the old commander?" Red Frost suggested. "You have several million Undying Souls on you. Although this isn't enough to affect the several pseudo-apex powers' core interests, there's no guarantee that some won't get greedy."

"Indeed. The millions you have are already enough for some pseudo-apex powers to take action secretly," Heiser said. She similarly understood Shi Feng's predicament. It might be fine if he only exchanged for items worth a few hundred thousand Undying Souls, but the items worth several million Undying Souls would most likely tempt a few pseudo-apex powers into action.

"No need. You guys go and redeem your items first. I'll be there in a moment," Shi Feng said, chuckling as he turned down Red Frost's suggestion.

The Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty were no longer Holy Dragon Spear's only competitors in the Flame Dragon God's Nest. Many other pseudo-apex powers had also joined the competition. If Holy Dragon Spear were to stand out right now, it would have to face all these pseudo-apex powers simultaneously. Even if Holy Dragon Spear was a pseudo-apex power, it wouldn't last long against so many pseudoapex powers.

Since Holy Dragon Spear couldn't be depended on, Shi Feng might as well depend on himself from the beginning.

After watching Red Frost and the others enter the central plaza, Shi Feng went to a hotel in the Flame Dragon God's Treasury and rented the largest VIP lounge.

I originally wanted to wait a little longer, but it seems I have no choice but to summon them now.

Shi Feng smiled wryly as he looked at the Chapter of Space in his hands. Then, he took out a bunch of Seven Luminaries Crystals and began to summon Kowloon Demon and the other chosen ones of Dragon's Crown, whom he had added as friends beforehand.

When Shi Feng injected all the Seven Luminaries Crystals into the Chapter of Space, space-time passages appeared in the lounge one after another. Then, individual figures walked out of these space-time passages, exuding auras that caused the lounge's magic barrier to shake.

"Is this the world outside?"

When all 100 Dragon's Crown members appeared in the lounge, the magic barrier shattered, unable to withstand their terrifying auras any longer. As a result, their auras spread throughout the hotel.

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Chapter 3815: Alternate Ending 889 - Mind-Boggling Wealth

Chapter 889 – Mind-Boggling Wealth

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Flame Dragon God's Treasury, Advanced Hotel:

Shortly after Dragon's Crown's members appeared, Shi Feng noticed that their weapons and equipment had undergone earth-shattering changes.

Take Kowloon Demon, for example. When Shi Feng first met him, he was only equipped with Level 240 Taboo Fragmented Legendary Equipment. Now, he was fully equipped with Level 240 Taboo Legendary Equipment. He also wielded a Level 240 Legendary Weapon. It wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say he was completely different from when he participated in the Tosas raid.

However, the substantial improvement in equipment standards wasn't the only thing that surprised Shi Feng. Besides that, he also noticed that the equipment used by Kowloon Demon and the other Dragon's Crown members all came with battle arrays. More specifically, it was a 100-man Silver Battle Array that could provide an all-around improvement when activated.

Is this Dragon's Crown's foundation? When Shi Feng saw the current equipment of Dragon's Crown's members, he finally understood their initial disdain for the Greater God's Domain.

Although the remnant primordial world did not have access to Divine Artifact-ranked weapons and equipment, they had Level 240 Legendary Battle Array Equipment Sets. Anyone with such a set could be proud of themself, regardless of their whereabouts.

Divine Artifacts and Fragmented Divine Artifacts might be stronger than Level 240 Legendary Weapons, but they were incredibly rare. Even apex powers would have difficulty fully equipping a 100-man team with Fragmented Divine Artifacts.

While Dragon's Crown's Level 240 Legendary Battle Array Equipment Set might not provide as many Basic Attributes as a full set of Fragmented Divine Artifacts, it could definitely be considered among the best equipment in the Greater God's Domain.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, we meet again," Kowloon Demon said, smiling as he approached Shi Feng with his six-meter-tall frame. Then, he proffered a Fragmented Legendary Spatial Bag to Shi Feng and continued, "As per our agreement, here are 50 million Undying Souls and 10,000 pieces of Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment. Each piece currently goes for 50,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal on the market, so the total comes to 500 million units."

"Ten thousand pieces of Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment?" Shi Feng was shocked.

According to their previous agreement, Dragon's Crown only needed to trade 10,000 pieces of Level 235-plus Epic Weapons and Equipment with him on each teleport session. In the current Nightmare Holy City, Level 235 Epic Weapons and Equipment only went for 5,000 to 8,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. This was an absolute steal for the Greater God's Domain's players, as Level 235 Epic Weapons and Equipment that capped out at Level 220.

In the Greater God's Domain, even the weakest piece of Legendary Equipment cost more than 100,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Thus, the price of Level 235 Epic Equipment would only be higher. Shi Feng could easily make a tenfold profit by reselling it. Not to mention, Level 235-plus Epic Weapons and Equipment were currently regarded as mainstream by the various powers' main forces. They were key to raiding Level 220-plus Taboo Dungeons.

As for Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment, that was something Shi Feng had never considered obtaining in bulk. After all, Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment was incredibly rare in Nightmare Holy City. Even the Guild Leaders of the city's top two Guilds were equipped with nothing more than Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment. Under normal circumstances, there shouldn't be anyone willing to sell Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment in large quantities.

Yet, Dragon's Crown was willing to take out 10,000 pieces! This was absolute madness!

"Mhm. These 10,000 pieces are a sign of Dragon's Crown's sincerity. From now on, each time you summon us, we will bring you at least 10,000 pieces of such equipment," Kowloon Demon said, nodding.

"This equipment is excellent, but I'm afraid I can't come up with 500 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal on such short notice," Shi Feng said truthfully. Although he yearned to have the equipment in Kowloon Demon's spatial bag, he didn't even have 200 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal on him. Unless he returned to the Eternal Realm or sold some of the Taboo Equipment, it would be impossible for him to collect 500 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal quickly.

"Dragon's Crown can accept payment in installments if you have trouble obtaining the necessary funds. You simply have to settle the rest of the payment the next time you summon us," Kowloon Demon said nonchalantly. He had expected such a situation.

"How about this?" After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng pulled an Intermediate Divine Engraving Scroll from his bag and said, "This is an Intermediate Divine Engraving Scroll. It can enhance the Attributes of a Fragmented Legendary item by 30%. Although it isn't enough to elevate a Fragmented Legendary item to the Legendary standard, the difference will be small. What if I use this to trade with you?"

It was incredibly difficult for Shi Feng to come up with 500 million units of Seven Luminaries Crystal right now. This was because many Zero Wing members needed Seven Luminaries Crystals to challenge their Tier 6 promotion. The construction of the Dragon-Hunting Artillery also cost a huge sum of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Thus, even if he did return to the Eternal Realm, he wouldn't be able to pay for Dragon's Crown's equipment.

However, if he could pay with Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls, it would be a different story. He could mass-produce Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls, and each cost him only 1,260 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Thus far, he had only refrained from selling them in the Greater God's Domain for fear of empowering his enemies and attracting unwanted attention. However, he would have no such concerns if he sold the scrolls to Dragon's Crown.

Currently, Dragon's Crown's members could only enter the Greater God's Domain through the Chapter of Space and stay here for three days at a time. Since they couldn't remain here long term and had to rely on him to visit the Greater God's Domain, they were no threat to him.

Additionally, the remnant primordial world appeared to be no better than the Greater God's Domain in terms of divine engraving technology. He hadn't seen any Basic or Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls on sale in Nightmare Holy City, at the very least. As for the value of Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls, they shouldn't be much lower than Fragmented Legendary items.

"A 30% improvement?" Purgatory Jade, who had remained silent this entire time, exclaimed as she stared at the scroll in Shi Feng's hand. A hint of eagerness flashed in her eyes, though she quickly suppressed it before asking, "This is indeed a good item. May I know how you intend to conduct the trade, Guild Leader Black Flame?"

Shi Feng raised two fingers after thinking for a moment.

"Two pieces of equipment for one scroll? *That* cheap?" Shi Feng's offer took Kowloon Demon by surprise. Then, after noticing Purgatory Jade's elated expression out of the corner of his eye, he hurriedly added, "Guild Leader Black Flame, we have a deal! We will trade at least 5,000 Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls with you each time we come here!"

Kowloon Demon's response stunned Shi Feng. He had been ready to trade two Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls for one Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment. He hadn't expected Kowloon Demon to misunderstand him. Moreover, not only was Kowloon Demon willing to accept the misunderstood price, but he also seemed content with it.

However, Shi Feng didn't bother to correct Kowloon Demon. After all, this was a win-win situation.

Subsequently, Shi Feng accepted the 10,000 pieces of Level 235 Fragmented Legendary Equipment and 50 million Undying Souls from Kowloon Demon. As for the 5,000 Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls, he promised to hand them over to Kowloon Demon before Dragon's Crown's members returned.

"Brother Kowloon, I'm a little embarrassed to say this, but I need you all to help me with something right away," Shi Feng said awkwardly. "I will compensate you for your services with 500 Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls."

"Guild Leader Black Flame, do tell us what you need help with," Kowloon Demon said, his interest piqued when he heard the compensation offered. "You are now Dragon's Crown's most valued ally. Any trouble you face is Dragon's Crown's trouble."

"I need to head to a place to exchange for some items in a moment. I'm likely to encounter members of other powers looking for trouble. When that happens, I will need you all to take action," Shi Feng said, providing a rough summary of his request. "A fight with the powers of your world, is it?" Kowloon Demon subconsciously licked his lips when he heard Shi Feng's words, and his eyes lit up with fighting spirit. "Rest assured, Guild Leader Black Flame! If a fight happens, leave it to Dragon's Crown!"

After receiving Kowloon Demon's promise, Shi Feng had Dragon's Crown's members conceal their identities and follow him to the central plaza.

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Chapter 3816: Alternate Ending 890 - Disappearance of the Flame Dragon God's Access Key

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Flame Dragon God's Treasury, Central Plaza:

As more players entered the secret land, the number of players teleporting to the Flame Dragon God's Treasury also increased. After weaving their way through the crowd outside the central plaza, Shi Feng and Dragon's Crown's members arrived before the magic barriers enveloping the plaza.

"The various pseudo-apex powers have sealed off this place! Outsiders are not allowed to enter!" a Level 236 elven Berserker, the leader of a 20-man team stationed inside the magic barriers, stated to Shi Feng and his team.

"We are allies of Holy Dragon Spear. Here is my token," Shi Feng said, taking out the elder's token he received from Apocalypse.

"Holy Dragon Spear?" The elven Berserker glanced at the token in Shi Feng's hand. After verifying its validity, he raised his hand and opened a gap in the magic barriers. Then, he stated, "Friends of Holy Dragon Spear, as space in the plaza is limited, you can only stay inside for an hour. You must leave once you have reached the time limit."

"Okay." Shi Feng nodded.

After letting Shi Feng's team through the barriers, the elven Berserker suddenly smiled and said, "Brother, are you willing to sell your Undying Souls. I can buy them from you at a high price. I am buying each Undying Soul for 100 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. If you prefer real-world resources, I can also use Mental Strength Potions and Stardew to trade with you. I'm selling Mental Strength Potions for only ten Undying Souls per bottle and Stardew for only 100,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. These items are best for mental strength recovery and development!" "You can supply Mental Strength Potions and Stardew directly?" Shi Feng was surprised by the elven Berserker's offer.

Since the major system update, whenever players sustained injuries in God's Domain, their mental strength in the real world would also be negatively impacted. Additionally, their mental strength would also determine the quality of weapons and equipment they could equip in God's Domain. This led to the skyrocketing prices of potions that aided in the recovery and development of mental strength. Now, even Mental Strength Potions, which used to be the most common potion, were in short supply.

"Naturally. How about it? Would you like to stock up on some? I strongly recommend buying some Stardew. There's hardly any supply on the open market," the elven Berserker said, smiling. "If you can improve your mental strength, you'll be able to use much better weapons and equipment. Otherwise, even if you get your hands on better weapons and equipment, you can only stare at them without sufficient mental strength."

"It is a tempting offer, but I'm afraid it is out of my budget, sorry," Shi Feng said, chuckling. Then, he made his way into the plaza with Kowloon Demon and the others.

"What a bunch of cautious newcomers." The elven Berserker grimaced in displeasure as he watched Shi Feng's team walk away.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng arrived at the central plaza, they were greeted by the sight of a rowdy marketplace. At a glance, there were at least 10,000 players in the plaza. Of these players, a small minority were members of the various pseudo-apex powers, while the rest were independent players and members of other powers. Currently, these players were either redeeming items from the treasury or purchasing Undying Souls from other players.

After taking a moment to listen to the hawking players, Shi Feng found that many powers were buying Undying Souls at prices far more favorable than that of the elven Berserker. While it cost ten Undying Souls to buy one Mental Strength Potion from the elven Berserker, Mental Strength Potions could be had for just five Undying Souls in the central plaza. Some powers even offered them for four Undying Souls per bottle.

"That punk back there sure is evil," Kowloon Demon commented as he glanced at the hawking players. "Luckily, you didn't accept his offer, Guild Leader Black Flame."

"I'd say that he was pretty kind already," Shi Feng said. Casually pointing at some cloaked players standing in a corner, he continued, "Those people secretly monitoring the plaza are the real killers. They're keeping track of everyone who redeems items. Once they see something valuable disappear from the list, they will immediately know who redeemed it. If they see that it's not a player affiliated with them, they will most likely take action outside the plaza."

On the surface, it might seem that the various pseudo-apex powers were harmoniously sharing the treasury with each other. In reality, there was constant infighting.

"No wonder you wanted us to come here with you. Your world really isn't peaceful, Guild Leader Black Flame," Kowloon Demon said as he scanned the plaza. There were at least a thousand of these cloaked players loitering around the plaza. Moreover, they clearly belonged to several dozen different powers. The scale of the conflict here was unlike anything he had seen in his home world.

Most regions in the remnant primordial world were governed by one power. Even in contested regions, there would only be two or three powers competing for the ruling position; there had never been a situation where dozens of powers clashed.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, how will you conduct your exchange? Do you need our help?" Purgatory Jade asked.

After careful observation, she knew that every corner of the magic barriers was scrutinized. The instant a player clicked to redeem an item from the treasury, the cloaked players would immediately find out what they had redeemed by referencing the most recent item to have disappeared from the exchange list. The only way to trick these cloaked players was to have dozens of players pretend to redeem items at the same time. That way, the cloaked players would have difficulty determining who exactly had redeemed an item.

"That won't be necessary," Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

The items he would be redeeming ranked among the treasury's top five. Even if he had Purgatory Jade and the others pretend to redeem items, nothing would change. The observers already knew they were part of the same team when they entered the magic barriers. The various pseudo-apex powers would simply target the entire team.

Subsequently, Shi Feng pulled up the treasury's exchange list. When he saw that all five of the top five items were still available, he immediately spent ten million Undying Souls to redeem the Flame Dragon God's Access Key.

Before Shi Feng could redeem his second item, loud exclamations suddenly arose in the plaza.

"It's gone! The Access Key is gone!"

"Heavens! Someone redeemed the Access Key!"

"Quick! Check the Recording Crystals! See who redeemed the Access Key!"

Upon hearing these exclamations, everyone in the plaza subconsciously looked around, their eyes colored by greed and madness.

Chapter 3817: Alternate Ending 891 - Nobody Is Allowed to Leave

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The various powers' members in the plaza went into a frenzy following the disappearance of the Flame Dragon God's Access Key, frantically searching for the person who had redeemed it. Others contacted their respective superiors, causing the originally peaceful atmosphere to freeze.

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Ignoring the commotion around him, Shi Feng redeemed the Empress's Scales after acquiring the Flame Dragon God's Access Key.

When Shi Feng entered the remnant primordial world, he thought that he would be fortunate if he could obtain enough Undying Souls to exchange for the Empress's Scales. However, after the trade with Dragon's Crown, he had over 50 million Undying Souls. Even after factoring in the 30 million Undying Souls he needed for the Empress's Scales, he would have nearly 28 million Undying Souls left.

Although 28 million Undying Souls were nowhere near enough to let him exchange for the Flame God Set, it was enough to redeem the Flame Dragon God's Access Key.

Once he had the Access Key, he would have a greater chance of gaining control over the Flame Dragon God's Secret Land and turning it into Zero Wing's backyard. This, in turn, would allow Zero Wing's members to rise to Level 240 or higher without any bottlenecks.

I still have nearly 18 million left. What should I exchange them for? Shi Feng hesitated as he looked at the exchange list.

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The executives of various powers operating in the Flame Dragon God's Treasury received word of the Flame Dragon God's Access Key's redemption shortly after. The executives of ten pseudo-apex powers and over two dozen conglomerates immediately rushed back to the central plaza with their subordinates, none daring to drag their feet.

Meanwhile, the various powers' members resting nearby also hurried to the central plaza.

Although only a small portion of the ten pseudo-apex powers' forces was resting near the central plaza, their total forces still exceeded 30,000. The various conglomerates also had over 50,000 members resting nearby, while the independent players in the vicinity exceeded 100,000. Currently, all of these players had gathered outside the magic barriers enveloping the central plaza.

"How could you not have found out which pseudo-apex power redeemed the Access Key yet?! Why do you think I had you imbeciles keep an eye on this place?!" Ember Dragon, the Dragon God Palace's First Vice Guild Leader, bellowed at the cloaked man before him.

"Vice Guild Leader, we've already checked several times. None of the pseudo-apex powers' members were redeeming items at the time of the incident," the cloaked man said anxiously. "But we did find over a dozen suspicious people. These people were all redeeming items when the Access Key disappeared."

"Who are they?" Ember Dragon questioned coldly.

"Six of these people are members of four conglomerates, while eight are independent players. All eight independent players are executives of well-known adventurer teams. Besides them, there are three people from lesser-known Guilds, one of whom is closely related to Holy Dragon Spear," the cloaked man reported in a trembling voice.

"Closely related to Holy Dragon Spear?" A cold glint flashed in Ember Dragon's eyes. "Who is it?"

"Black Flame!" the cloaked man responded. Then, he hurriedly pulled up a video recording of Shi Feng and continued, "This is him. He used one of Holy Dragon Spear's elder tokens to enter the plaza. Out of everyone in Holy Dragon Spear, only Apocalypse is qualified to hold that token..."

"The little man supporting Red Frost? It seems he has benefited from her rise," Ember Dragon said, sneering as he looked at Shi Feng's figure in the video. "Notify the other pseudo-apex powers. Tell them that we should lock down the plaza immediately if they still want the Access Key. Besides the pseudo-apex powers' members, everyone else must stay put and hand over all their spatial bags. We can decide what to do with the Access Key after finding it."

"Understood!" the cloaked man responded, then left to execute Ember Dragon's command.

When the other nine pseudo-apex powers received Ember Dragon's proposal, they all agreed to lock down the central plaza, prohibiting anyone from leaving. They also paid special attention to the 17 individuals suspected of having redeemed the Access Key.

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Central Plaza:

"Why won't you let us leave? Why must we hand over our spatial bags?"

"Do you know who we are? We are core members of the Star Dragon Conglomerate! What is the meaning of confining us here?!"

"Aren't you pseudo-apex powers going too far? We paid you a bunch of Undying Souls to come here. Now, even though we haven't redeemed anything, you want us to hand you all our items? Do you think we won't retaliate?"

The many independent players and various conglomerates' members were infuriated when they saw the internal magic barriers becoming active and the various pseudoapex powers' members pouring into the central plaza. They had never expected the various pseudo-apex powers to be so crazy.

Besides targeting the suspicious individuals, the various pseudo-apex powers also prohibited players who were not members of the various pseudo-apex powers from leaving. Those who wanted to leave had to turn over their spatial bags or die.

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On the other side of the plaza, Xiao Yilong and the others, who had just finished exchanging their Undying Souls, also wore ugly expressions.

"Ember Dragon is definitely targeting you with this arrangement, Big Sis Frost!" Twilight Leaf expressed her anger after reading the message they had just received from Apocalypse. "Ember Dragon knows Guild Leader Black Flame must have brought a lot of resources since he is here to support you. If Guild Leader Black Flame's possessions get confiscated, your partnership with him will become a joke to the various powers."

"It is indeed a cunning move," Xiao Yilong said grimly. "The Dragon God Palace alone might not be enough to threaten us, but if Ember Dragon gets the other pseudo-apex powers to cooperate with him, we will have no choice but to concede..."

"It can't be helped." Red Frost also understood the situation's implications. After pondering for a moment, she said, "Yilong, go and meet up with the old commander. Have the old commander hold back those people as long as possible. In the meantime, I'll find Guild Leader Black Flame and have him transfer his items to me." "Okay!" Upon hearing Red Frost's decision, Xiao Yilong agreed this was the only thing they could do in this situation.

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Chapter 3818: Alternate Ending 892 - Kill Them

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Flame Dragon God's Treasury, Central Plaza:

The central plaza was the size of several stadiums. Sometime after the Flame Dragon God's Access Key disappeared, the ten pseudo-apex powers had amassed a force of over 50,000 inside the plaza.

After grinding in the Flame Dragon God's Nest for over a week, these pseudo-apex power members had all reached Level 230 at the very least. Over 20% of them had even reached Level 235 or higher. Currently, these pseudo-apex powers' members formed a tight encirclement around the players in the plaza.

Meanwhile, the core executives of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers had gathered at the edge of the magic barriers. The sight of these core executives made the independent players and members of various conglomerates extremely anxious and helpless.

"There are only ten pseudo-apex powers in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, and all ten have gathered for the Access Key. Are we doomed this time?"

"Don't despair just yet. Before they come to a conclusion, we still have hope of making it out alive."

"Dammit! I'm one of Primordial Rock Holy City's top ten experts! Why do I have to leave my fate in the hands of these powers?!"

"So what if you're one of Primordial Rock Holy City's top ten experts? Don't you see the people there? They are all members of conglomerates. Together, they represent over twenty conglomerates. Even though these conglomerates have more members gathered outside the barriers than the pseudo-apex powers, do you see them resisting? Aren't they still like us? They can only let their members wait for the pseudo-apex powers' verdict."

The players trapped in the magic barriers all stared at the Advanced Tent, where the core executives of the ten pseudo-apex powers had gathered, their anxiety levels reaching an all-time high.

The ten pseudo-apex powers' core executives were powerful individuals who could single-handedly influence the harmony in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary. It had been centuries since all ten pseudo-apex powers had last gathered for a meeting. Yet, they were unfortunate to be involved in such a rare event. This was an absolute disaster for them.

If the ten pseudo-apex powers were adamant about having everyone inside the barrier hand over their possessions, they would have to comply or be permanently erased from God's Domain. Even members of various conglomerates would not escape unscathed.

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Inside the Advanced Tent...

The representatives of the ten pseudo-apex powers sat around a round table, each accompanied by one or two bodyguards. Among those present, the ones from the Dragon God Palace and Red-Tailed Dragon stood out the most.

Ember Dragon was the Dragon God Palace's representative this time. Although he was only Level 237, the bandaged young man and demidragon woman who flanked him were terrifying. In addition to being Level 240, both were equipped with at least five Divine Artifacts, with the rest of their equipment comprising Fragmented Divine Artifacts.

Meanwhile, Tarnished Wind, a giant of a man, was Red-Tailed Dragon's representative. He was Level 240 and fully equipped with Divine Artifacts. He was also the Red-Tailed Dragon's designated successor. Although he only had one bodyguard, the man beside him was a Level 241 High Elf fully equipped with Divine Artifacts.

After the Dragon God Palace's and Red-Tailed Dragon's groups, Holy Dragon Spear's group stood out the most. Great Commander South Lake, who had risen to Level 240 after grinding in the secret land, represented the adventurer team, and standing beside him was Apocalypse.

"So, what should we do with those people?" The eight-meter-tall Tarnished Wind took the initiative to break the silence. "While having them surrender their belongings is a good solution, many of them are core members of conglomerates. If we confiscate their items, those conglomerates will be dissatisfied."

"So what if they're dissatisfied? Do you think they can topple us?" Cloud Rider, the Divine Wing Dynasty's Guild Leader and a Level 240 player equipped with seven Divine Artifacts, said disdainfully. "The secret land's Access Key is at stake here. While those 17 key suspects are the most suspicious, we can't guarantee they didn't transfer the Access Key to someone else. Rather than risk it, we might as well confiscate everyone's items."

"I disagree," South Lake said, shaking his head. "We are talking about offending every conglomerate in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary. Have you forgotten that they comprise a significant portion of our Mental Strength Potion supply? They might not be able to do anything against us in God's Domain, but they can reduce or even outright stop supplying potions to us. Are you sure you can afford such a loss?"

"Great Commander South Lake, what you say makes sense," Ember Dragon said, chuckling. "But this secret land is paramount. We can always find other suppliers of Mental Strength Potions, but there is only one Flame Dragon God's Nest. If we lose it, I doubt we'll ever find another secret land like it. Also, as Guild Leader Cloud Rider said, the people inside the magic barriers can transfer items among themselves. So, whether it is the conglomerates' or our members, I suggest confiscating everyone's items. This is the safest solution."

"Are you out of your mind, Ember Dragon?! Every player in God's Domain has their secrets!" South Lake bellowed. "Also, we have been taking turns guarding the magic barriers, and it is currently Holy Dragon Spear's turn to guard them! Do you intend to confiscate the items of all of Holy Dragon Spear's members?!"

"Why the need to be so angry, Great Commander South Lake?" Cloud Rider said nonchalantly. "There may be more of your members caught up in the mix, but Vice Guild Leader Ember is doing so out of consideration for all of us here. Not to mention, it's not like we won't return their items after inspecting them. All we want is the Access Key. None of us are interested in anything else."

The representatives of the other pseudo-apex powers nodded in agreement, none expressing any additional opinions.

Although ten pseudo-apex powers operated in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, they weren't equal in strength. Now that the first-ranked Dragon God Palace and the second-ranked Red-Tailed Dragon were confronting each other while the fifth-ranked Holy Dragon Spear and sixth-ranked Divine Wing Dynasty had taken sides, the other powers couldn't afford to speak their minds at all.

"Does that mean you will show the items in your spatial bags to everyone, Guild Leader Cloud?" South Lake asked sarcastically.

Players in God's Domain, particularly executives of the various powers, all had secrets they didn't want others to know. These secrets were usually unsafe to keep in warehouses and could only be carried in personal spatial bags. Needless to say, the Guild Leader of a pseudo-apex power would be carrying plenty of such secrets, such as offensive trump cards and lifesaving measures. Outside of critical situations, these secrets would never be revealed.

"I wasn't present in the plaza at the time of the incident like your adventurer team's chosen ones, so why should I show you my possessions?" Cloud Rider sneered. "Or perhaps Holy Dragon Spear has acquired the Access Key after all? Is that why you are constantly resisting?!"

"Don't you dare slander me!" South Lake bellowed, glaring at Cloud Rider.

"I agree with Great Commander South Lake's opinion. Everyone has their secrets. I am against having so many innocent people expose their secrets," Tarnished Wind spoke in support of South Lake.

Tarnished Wind's words put the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives in a bind. They didn't know whether to continue supporting Cloud Rider. After all, should Red-Tailed Dragon go crazy, they would suffer.

"How about we each take a step back," Ember Dragon suggested suddenly. "We won't have everyone surrender their belongings anymore, but you must stop worrying about the various conglomerates' members, Great Commander South Lake. We just need to permanently kill everyone besides our members and the innocent conglomerates' members. That way, we can minimize the possibility of the Access Key being stolen and thoroughly avoid offending the various conglomerates. We will vote by a show of hands, and the minority will obey the majority."

Before South Lake could say anything...

"The Hundred Dragon Assembly supports the proposal!"

"The Moonlight Family supports the proposal!"

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In no time, more than half of the pseudo-apex powers present had voiced their support for Ember Dragon's proposal. This situation caused South Lake's expression to turn ugly. Unfortunately, there was nothing he could do about it.

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Chapter 3819: Alternate Ending 893 - Hephaestus's Flame

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Flame Dragon God's Treasury, Central Plaza:

While the players trapped in the magic barriers fell into a panic, Red Frost quickly found Shi Feng sitting in a corner, redeeming items, and tried to persuade him to transfer his possessions to her for safekeeping.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, we're running out of time," Red Frost said, slightly exasperated by Shi Feng, who refused to go along with her arrangement. "The old commander won't be able to buy us much time. Because of our partnership, Ember Dragon is bound to come after you. But as I am Holy Dragon Spear's future representative, nobody will dare confiscate my possessions unless they wish to start an all-out war with Holy Dragon Spear. Red-Tailed Dragon won't sit by and watch, either. So, your safest option now is to transfer your most valuable possessions to me for safekeeping."

"Commander Frost, I understand what you mean," Shi Feng said, a little moved by Red Frost's concern for him. After all, very few people would be willing to bear the pressure of multiple pseudo-apex powers to help someone. However, he still refused Red Frost's goodwill, explaining, "But I'm afraid there is no negotiating this matter. I really cannot take out the items in my bag. Otherwise, I will be plagued with endless troubles."

"I understand your concerns. Who in God's Domain doesn't have some secrets?" Red Frost rolled her eyes at Shi Feng, feeling that he was making a mountain out of a molehill.

She had seen many treasures before as the former number-one chosen one of Holy Dragon Spear. She had seen even Godly Relics before, let alone Divine Artifacts. Even if Shi Feng did have Godly Relics in his bag, it would be an exaggeration to say that he would be plagued with endless troubles if they were discovered. Only ordinary powers and independent players would think so.

"This..." Shi Feng didn't know what to say in response to Red Frost's skepticism.

His bag held items that could influence the entire Greater God's Domain. Moreover, there was more than one such item. Setting aside the Book of Eternity and the newly acquired Dragon-Hunting Artillery Design, just the two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spell Books could make every player in the Greater God's Domain lose their minds.

As for the Inferior Divine Tier 7 Promotion Land Scroll, it was an item that even the Holy Race would try to obtain at any cost.

While Shi Feng was wondering how to explain his situation to Red Frost, a soul-piercing scream suddenly echoed across the plaza, sounding like it originated from the depths of hell. Immediately afterward, silver-black flames erupted from a corner of the plaza, rising hundreds of meters into the air and causing the souls of all players in the area to shudder.

"Madness! These pseudo-apex powers must be out of their minds! They're trying to permanently erase us!"

"A Tier 6 Soul Fire?! Dammit! I knew these pseudo-apex powers were crooked! After having us gather Undying Souls for them, they are now trying to get rid of us!"

"Fight! We must fight back!"

"I agree! Even Legendary Equipment Sets will be reduced to ashes if burnt by a Tier 6 Soul Fire for several seconds! Our only hope is to break the barriers!"

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When the thousands of players trapped in the plaza saw the conclusion the ten pseudoapex powers had reached, they attacked the magic barriers and the pseudo-apex powers' members out of desperation. In the blink of an eye, the flames of war engulfed most of the plaza.

"Hephaestus's Flame?! Are the Great Commander and the others insane?!" Red Frost stared at the silver-black flames in stupefaction.

There were six tiers of Soul Fire. Tier 1 was the weakest, while Tier 6 was the strongest. Soul Fire also existed in different types, and Tier 6 Soul Fire came in various levels of strength.

However, even Basic Tier 6 Soul Fire, the weakest of the bunch, could incinerate a Tier 6 player's Immortal Soul in seconds. As for powerful Tier 6 Soul Fire, also known as Advanced Tier 6 Soul Fire, they could impart permanent death to players and render useless resurrection items that could give players a second chance at God's Domain.

Hephaestus's Flame was one type of Advanced Tier 6 Soul Fire. Normally, it was impossible for a single pseudo-apex power to command an Advanced Tier 6 Soul Fire. The cooperation of at least several pseudo-apex powers was necessary. This was because Soul Fire of such caliber burdened its users heavily. To control it, many players with Tier 6 Peak or Tier 6 Limit Concentration were required. Otherwise, using an Advanced Tier 6 Soul Fire would be counterproductive.

Amidst Red Frost's stupor, several hundred Level 235-plus experts—some of them fifthfloor experts—were killed by Hephaestus's Flame without resistance.

As expected of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers. They even managed to get their hands on a Tier 6 Soul Fire like Hephaestus's Flame. Shi Feng was astonished as he looked at the roaring silver-black flames.

Hephaestus's Flame wasn't easily obtained in the Greater God's Domain. It had been extinct since the Mythical Era, and its value exceeded that of Divine Artifacts. Besides

its ability to annihilate players' Immortal Souls, it was also highly valued because it could increase the production success rate of forging and alchemy.

As for Hephaestus's Flame's offensive capabilities, they were of secondary importance. This was because its offensive power only reached the standard of Profound Skills of Divine Artifacts utilized to 100% potential. While they might be equal in power, only one player with Tier 6 Limit Concentration was needed to exert a Divine Artifact to its full potential. There was no need to go through the hassle of mustering several dozen elite players.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you have to escape! Now! If you get hit by those flames, you can never be resurrected!" Red Frost hurriedly said after she returned to her senses. "I'll try to interrupt their casting in the meantime!"

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While Red Frost was persuading Shi Feng, the ten pseudo-apex powers' executives watched the battle through their Magic Mirrors.

Escape? What can someone ranked 281st on the Divine Glory List possibly do in this situation? Ember Dragon smirked as he watched Red Frost's actions. While I might lose the Access Key, at least I can remove one of your supporters.

Although the ten pseudo-apex powers did not commit their full strength to the frontlines, they still mobilized over a thousand Level 235-plus experts. These experts had mastered multiple Gold Combat Techniques and possessed at least Level 230 Epic Equipment. Each pseudo-apex power had also contributed one expert who could rank among the Divine Glory List's top 30 to lead the army. With these experts at the helm, Hephaestus's Flame could exhibit its full power at all times.

Even Red Frost, a sixth-floor expert who had reached Level 231, would succumb to such a line-up, let alone Shi Feng.

"Great Commander, should we try to negotiate with Tarnished Wind?" When Apocalypse saw Red Frost planning to make a move, his anxiety rose.

Red Frost was Holy Dragon Spear's hope. If Red Frost were to die while attempting to protect Shi Feng, the adventurer team would suffer a devastating loss.

"I want to, but Ember Dragon somehow managed to convince Tarnished Wind not to side with us," South Lake said, gritting his teeth. "If we don't have Red-Tailed Dragon's support, none of the other pseudo-apex powers will take us seriously..."

"Are we supposed to just watch, then?" Apocalypse asked.

"We wait! Once Red Frost is under attack, we can use her status as the future Great Commander of Holy Dragon Spear as an excuse to intervene. At that time, the others won't be able to say anything about us," South Lake said, clenching his fists so hard that his knuckles trembled. His expression also turned chilly as he gazed at the Magic Mirror before him.

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Meanwhile, as Red Frost was about to rush up to the ten pseudo-apex powers' army, a cloaked man with horns suddenly appeared before the army, exuding a terrifying aura akin to that of a dragon from primordial times. The souls of everyone in the army involuntarily shuddered.

"Who are you?! How dare you stand against us?!" someone from the army shouted.

"The pseudo-apex powers of this world, huh? Let me see what you're made of!"

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"He wants to see what the pseudo-apex powers are made of? This guy must be insane!"

"He is brazen, but he does have the strength to back his arrogance. He might have hidden his personal information, but I still gleaned some using my Peak Identification Skill. Surprisingly, he is Level 240. He is also fully equipped with Level 240 Taboo Legendary Equipment. Not even the various pseudo-apex powers can necessarily come up with a full set of Level 240 Taboo Legendary Equipment."

"Level 240? Could he be the old monster of a major power?"

When the resisting players in the plaza saw Kowloon Demon appear at the forefront of the battlefield, they stopped what they were doing to stare at and discuss Kowloon Demon, a hint of expectation brightening their eyes.

A Level 240 expert was undoubtedly among the highest-level players in the Greater God's Domain. Kowloon Demon was even fully equipped with Level 240 Taboo Legendary Equipment. If he fought seriously, the magic barriers set up by the ten

pseudo-apex powers would crumble in no time. If the magic barriers disappeared, everyone would have a chance to escape.

No wonder he's so bold. When the Level 237 Berserker representing the Dragon God Palace saw through Kowloon Demon's level and equipment standard, he immediately scrutinized the other party seriously. After all, even in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, few individuals could match Kowloon Demon's level and equipment standard. "Your level and equipment are not attainable by independent players. May I know which power you are from?"

The other leaders selected to lead the ten pseudo-apex powers' forces similarly scrutinized Kowloon Demon in silence, none willing to make the first move.

Suddenly, silence enveloped the plaza.

"Dammit! Aren't these pseudo-apex powers being too cautious?!" a Level 229 Cleric exclaimed out of anxiety when he saw the passivity of the ten pseudo-apex powers' forces.

"The leaders of these powers are all cunning people. They won't act rashly when dealing with experts of such caliber. The average power can't produce such experts, so this guy is likely the executive of a pseudo-apex power," a middle-aged Level 230 Berserker said, wearing a helpless expression as he looked at the pseudo-apex powers' silent leaders. "If that guy is from a pseudo-apex power, the ten pseudo-apex powers won't dare to kill him and risk thoroughly offending that power. Although the ten pseudo-apex powers powers have entered an alliance, they still can't afford to have a vengeful pseudo-apex power ambushing their core combatants all the time."

"Is this the end for us?" the Level 229 Cleric said bitterly. He had thought the Flame Dragon God's Nest was his ticket to success. In a way, his assumption wasn't wrong, as his level had skyrocketed since he had entered the secret land. Now, he was only one level short of qualifying for an executive position in the various powers. However, he hadn't expected to get dragged into this catastrophe.

"That's not necessarily true," the middle-aged Berserker said, gazing at Kowloon Demon expectantly. "So long as that guy doesn't come from a pseudo-apex power, we can still escape!"

If Kowloon Demon was not from a pseudo-apex power, the ten pseudo-apex powers would have to take action to maintain their reputation. After all, over 20 conglomerates were watching the situation. If the ten pseudo-apex powers conceded to a player not from a pseudo-apex power, the conglomerates involved in this incident would definitely strive to secure more benefits for themselves. Inside the Advanced Tent hosting the pseudo-apex powers' core executives...

"How surprising! This person is not only Level 240 but also has an aura comparable to yours, old commander," South Lake exclaimed via party chat as he scrutinized Kowloon Demon through his Magic Mirror. "But I don't recall hearing about such a person in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary. Could he be the expert of a foreign pseudo-apex power?"

Even among apex powers, Level 240 players were scarce. They were even rarer among pseudo-apex powers. Their respective powers typically treated them like treasures, never mobilizing them unless absolutely necessary.

"That's likely the case. As far as I know, no such person exists among the other powers in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary," Apocalypse said, stroking his beard as he looked at Kowloon Demon vigilantly.

"The heavens are truly in our favor!" South Lake exclaimed joyfully. "Although I don't know which power this person is from, it doesn't matter as long as he is from a pseudo-apex power. Ember Dragon will have trouble proceeding with his plan."

No pseudo-apex power in the Greater God's Domain was a pushover. If anyone dared to kill a pseudo-apex power's Level 240 expert, that power would retaliate in full force. The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers were only in a temporary alliance. If only the power directly responsible for killing Kowloon Demon suffered retaliation, the rest of them would most certainly stand by and do nothing.

"I doubt Ember Dragon will dare to take action," Apocalypse said after analyzing the situation. "While he might be the Dragon God Palace's First Vice Guild Leader, he has already exhausted his authority to wage war against us. He can't afford to offend another pseudo-apex power while he is still fighting us."

As South Lake and Apocalypse conversed, Ember Dragon revealed an ugly expression. He had not expected a lunatic like Kowloon Demon to come forward and disrupt his plans.

While the other pseudo-apex powers hesitated to voice their opinions, their Magic Mirrors suddenly showed Kowloon Demon speaking.

"Dragon's Crown," Kowloon Demon answered without reservation. Then, he eagerly added, "But you shouldn't have heard of it before. Can we start fighting now if you have nothing else to say?"

"Dragon's Crown?" The Level 237 Berserker from the Dragon God Palace confronting Kowloon Demon was visibly stunned. As far as he could recall, no pseudo-apex power in the Greater God's Domain went by the name of Dragon's Crown. "He's not from a pseudo-apex power?" South Lake's expression instantly turned ugly at Kowloon Demon's answer.

"So, he's just an expert from a no-name power? No wonder he doesn't have any Divine Artifacts! How audacious of him to stand against us!" Ember Dragon laughed as he looked at the Magic Mirror before him. "Relay my command! Kill this person and all those who dare stand against us!"

None of the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives objected to Ember Dragon's unilateral decision. Since Kowloon Demon wasn't from a pseudo-apex power, they had no concerns about killing him, so they naturally didn't need to stop Ember Dragon. After all, Kowloon Demon was merely a Level 240 expert without any Divine Artifacts.

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Central Plaza:

Dragon's Crown? When Red Frost heard the cloaked Kowloon Demon's words, her brain seized up momentarily. *How can someone from Dragon's Crown be here*?

Amidst Red Frost's confusion, the ten pseudo-apex powers' experts went into action.

"Since you are not from a pseudo-apex power, let me impart a truth to you today," the Level 237 Berserker from the Dragon God Palace said as he raised his hand. Suddenly, the Hephaestus's Flame behind him flared up, transforming into a thousand-meter-tall dragon that lunged at Kowloon Demon. "The consequence for provoking a pseudo-apex power is death!"

When the independent players in the plaza saw the Hephaestus's Flame-turned-dragon, despair overwhelmed them.

Hephaestus's Flame could exhibit the power of a Divine Artifact's Profound Skill exerted to 100% potential. When manipulated by over a dozen Level 235-plus experts, it could fight even a Level 240 expert equipped with multiple Divine Artifacts head-on. A Level 240 player without Divine Artifacts would face certain death against it, as would the other independent players in the plaza.

"Come!"

When Kowloon Demon saw the incoming Hephaestus's Flame, he drew and brandished his four sabers, creating a dense web of saber lights before anyone could react. Immediately afterward, the Hephaestus's Flame-turned-dragon shredded into countless segments and dissipated.

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Chapter 3821: Alternate Ending 895 - Hidden Apex Power

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Silence!

Incomparable silence!

Time seemingly stopped in the central plaza. Be it the independent players waiting for death to claim them or the ten pseudo-apex powers' forces, everyone stared into the air in utter disbelief.

"The Hephaestus's Flame disappeared?"

"Wait... It's not just the Hephaestus's Flame! Even the magic barriers have disappeared!"

"What on earth did he just do?"

When the players in the plaza saw the thoroughly shattered sky, their minds went into overdrive, trying to process what just happened. All they had seen was a dragon of flames lunging at Kowloon Demon and Kowloon Demon retaliating with his sabers. Then, the dragon of flames disappeared, and the sky shattered.

Could he have Divine Artifacts hidden on him? The Level 237 Berserker from the Dragon God Palace goggled at Kowloon Demon, his mind roiling with confusion and horror.

The leaders of the other pseudo-apex powers' teams were equally puzzled.

Unlike most other players present, they were the chosen ones of pseudo-apex powers. They were fifth-floor experts who had mastered many Gold Combat Techniques and developed Gold Techniques of their own. Even the weakest among them had Concentration at the Tier 6 Peak standard. Thus, they had clearly perceived what had happened.

The instant after Kowloon Demon unsheathed his sabers, he had executed an attack that rivaled Peak Gold Combat Techniques against the Hephaestus's Flame-turned-dragon at an incredible speed. More specifically, he had executed one Advanced Gold Combat Technique with each of his four arms, superimposing them to create a fusion attack that overwhelmed the Hephaestus's Flame-turned-dragon.

A single person had executed four Advanced Gold Combat Techniques simultaneously! This was simply unheard-of!

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Meanwhile, a deathly silence also enveloped the Advanced Tent the pseudo-apex powers' core executives occupied.

"A Mortal God!" Apocalypse shouted as he stared at Kowloon Demon's figure in the Magic Mirror, his voice nearly cracking. "He's...a Mortal God!"

As soon as Apocalypse broke the silence, everyone in the tent revealed varying expressions.

Some reacted with excitement.

Some reacted with fear.

Some reacted with disbelief.

How can this be?! How can he be a Mortal God?! Ember Dragon's expression was beyond ugly as he glared at his Magic Mirror. How can there still be another person who has reached that realm besides Red Frost?!

Have we been mistaken this entire time? Confusion also engulfed the bandaged youth standing beside Ember Dragon.

Until recently, the sixth-floor standard, also known as the Mortal God standard, had been nothing more than an unattainable dream for the Greater God's Domain's experts. Red Frost's advancement to this legendary standard was a marvel in itself. Never in his wildest dreams did he anticipate seeing another sixth-floor expert so soon. This revelation completely invalidated the results of *their* previous investigations.

"It's over! How can this person be an expert of that standard? What are we supposed to do now?"

"What are we supposed to do? Nothing. We're doomed. Although this person has no Divine Artifacts, he's a Level 240 sixth-floor expert. Not even the Divine Glory List's current top three can necessarily beat him. If he is adamant about taking revenge, all we can do is bear the consequences..."

After realizing the severity of the situation, some of the pseudo-apex powers' representatives began a panicked discussion.

Previously, when the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's various pseudo-apex powers learned that Red Frost had become a Mortal God, they had taken the news in stride.

They only worried about the future Holy Dragon Spear. After all, Red Frost had yet to reach Level 240, and there was a massive difference between players who had reached it and those who hadn't.

However, it was a completely different ball game with Kowloon Demon. The thought of him going on a rampage was too terrifying to contemplate.

Unless they hid in their Holy Cities and relied on the cities' NPCs and magic arrays, Kowloon Demon could kill them whenever he wanted. If they left the safety of their Holy Cities, even if they operated alone or with a team, they would never be safe.

"Hahaha! I never thought there would be a time these bastards would panic." South Lake was delighted when he saw the frightened representatives of the other pseudoapex powers. Then, through the party chat, he said, "Thank goodness nobody on our side made a move. Now that these bastards have made themselves such a formidable foe, the old monsters behind them will have to be extra careful when going out in the future."

"That might be the case, but it's best if we also develop with caution moving forward," Apocalypse said worriedly as he looked at Kowloon Demon through the Magic Mirror. "Until recently, there has never been any news of Mortal Gods existing in the Greater God's Domain. Yet, shortly after Red Frost achieved the sixth-floor standard, another Mortal God suddenly appeared. There's no saying whether other powers have such experts hidden. We should be especially wary of this possibility now that we have extended our reach to the Eternal Realm. The various powers will certainly reveal many of their trump cards to secure the Eternal Realm's resources."

"Indeed. I have never heard of any power named Dragon's Crown. I even checked again just now, but no pseudo-apex power, conglomerate, or even upper-ranking hegemonic power goes by this name," South Lake said, solemnly looking at Kowloon Demon. "Logically, a power capable of nurturing such an expert cannot be unknown. Yet, we've never heard of it. It seems the Greater God's Domain's waters are deeper than we imagined."

While South Lake and Apocalypse were having a private conversation, an angry shout suddenly sounded in the tent.

"All of you, shut up!" Ember Dragon bellowed, his expression growing colder. "Why are you all panicking? It's only a Mortal God. Even if he is strong, he is only one person. We are an alliance of ten pseudo-apex powers. The Flame Dragon God's Treasury has placed a powerful suppression on all players. Even using combat techniques here is a great burden! He doesn't have any Divine Artifacts, either. If he wants to execute that powerful slash, he will have to use that combat technique at all times. We can easily rely on Divine Artifacts and Hephaestus's Flame to whittle him. Not to mention, we all have our trump cards. If we each use one, do you think he can survive?"

The various representatives calmed down at Ember Dragon's words.

Kowloon Demon was indeed powerful, but he was only one person. He didn't have any Divine Artifacts, either. In contrast, they had over ten Level 240 experts equipped with Divine Artifacts. In terms of Basic Attributes, they were superior to Kowloon Demon.

If Kowloon Demon were to fight using the same combat technique he used just now, he would quickly run out of steam, even if he was a sixth-floor expert. On the other hand, the Profound Skills of Divine Artifacts did not burden their users whatsoever; their Level 240 players could freely use various Divine Artifact Profound Skills against him. As long as they threw enough bodies at him, they could kill him.

"Since we have reached a consensus, let us take action together and teach this dastardly power a lesson! We must let everyone know that a mere Mortal God is still not enough to meddle with the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's affairs!" Ember Dragon said. As he spoke, he glanced at South Lake and Apocalypse, as if his words were addressed to Holy Dragon Spear.

Although South Lake knew Ember Dragon's words were a veiled threat to Holy Dragon Spear, he dared not express any opinions.

Originally, the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers maintained a delicate harmony, as there wasn't much difference in their strength. They had even formed mini-alliances to keep each other in check. However, that all changed following Red Frost's ascent to the sixth-floor standard. Even Red-Tailed Dragon, an ally of Holy Dragon Spear, had started to change its stance. If Holy Dragon Spear stepped too far out of line, it would likely face a similar fate as Kowloon Demon—ganged up on by the group.

However, Holy Dragon Spear was not a lone individual like Kowloon Demon. It was a large organization that many people depended on. It did not have the option of running away.

As Ember Dragon was about to leave the tent, the Magic Mirrors suddenly showed cloaked figures appearing in front of Kowloon Demon one after another. In just three seconds, 98 cloaked figures stood before Kowloon Demon.

Although these individuals' cloaks concealed their information, such simple concealment methods were useless against the Peak Identification Skills of the various pseudo-apex powers' representatives.

"This... How is this possible..."

"This must be an error! How can they all be Level 240 experts?! This is impossible!"

"Nearly a hundred Level 240 experts and a Mortal God? Could Dragon's Crown be a hidden apex power?"

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Chapter 3822: Alternate Ending 896 - Make Them Choose Peace

Chapter 896 – Make Them Choose Peace

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Following the appearance of the cloaked players, a momentary silence descended upon the central plaza once again.

"Madness! This is madness! Who are these people?!"

"Crap! Nearly a hundred Level 240 experts! Even the Dragon God Palace would have difficulty coming up with such a line-up!"

"Difficulty? More like impossible! What do you take Level 240 experts for? Cabbage? Only an apex power could possibly have so many Level 240 experts!"

The sudden appearance of the Dragon's Crown members stupefied the players in the plaza, especially the members of the ten pseudo-apex powers.

"Boss Tracer, are we doomed?" a Level 236 Elementalist from Red-Tailed Dragon asked as she looked at the Level 238 Demidragon Ranger before her. "If I can't log into God's Domain again, I'll get kicked out of the City Legion immediately. I just bought a house in the city center after saving up enough City Contribution Points..."

At the young female Elementalist's words, the other youths in Red-Tailed Dragon's team turned to the Demidragon Ranger anxiously.

Internal competition in first-tier City Legions was fierce. Although they were all geniuses, they still had to pay astronomical prices to secure a spot in these City Legions. Originally, they planned to save City Contribution Points until they were 50 before retiring. If they were to suffer a true death here, they could only live in the slums from now on.

"I don't know," the Demidragon Ranger named Light Tracer said helplessly. "The origins of these people are a mystery, but they likely come from a hidden apex power. Only an apex power can create such a team. We can't beat them in battle, so you all must pray you get lucky afterward. As soon as the fight starts, do your best to escape. If you can get away, stay as far away from Red-Tailed Dragon as possible to avoid retaliation and lie low. Then, once the storm subsides, go somewhere else to develop."

"Boss Tracer, aren't you coming with us?" the young female Elementalist asked when she saw Light Tracer reaching for his longbow.

"It's impossible for me," Light Tracer said, shaking his head. "As the leader of the vanguard this time, the Guild will sacrifice me to appease the other side. The Guild will find me, even if I escape. You guys, on the other hand, still have hope."

After hearing Light Tracer's words, the rest of the Red-Tailed Dragon team members felt bitter. It was bad enough that they were assigned the menial task of guarding the central plaza. Now, they even had to become scapegoats for their superiors.

However, they also recognized that there was nothing they could do to change the situation. Many past examples had shown the frailty of pseudo-apex powers when dealing with an apex power. Every pseudo-apex power that had ever bared its fangs against an apex power no longer existed today.

Aside from Red-Tailed Dragon's members, the expressions of the other pseudo-apex powers' vanguard members didn't look pleasant, either. Initially, they thought they were only dealing with a no-name power. They had never expected to encounter a hidden behemoth.

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On the other side of the plaza...

"Guild Leader Black Flame, did you bring them here?" Red Frost asked Shi Feng, unable to contain her curiosity any longer when she saw more Dragon's Crown members appear.

Dragon's Crown was a royal power of a remnant primordial world. While it might lack Divine Artifacts and Fragmented Divine Artifacts, it commanded far more Level 240-plus experts than all the apex powers in the Greater God's Domain did.

If Shi Feng truly had a way to transport Dragon's Crown's members to the Greater God's Domain, Red Frost couldn't imagine what would become of the Greater God's Domain.

"Mhm. I summoned them here," Shi Feng said, nodding. Then, he smiled and added, "Consider it one of the safety measures I prepared for redeeming items."

"A safety measure? You call this a safety measure?" Red Frost stared at Shi Feng blankly.

This was a team of chosen ones from a royal power. She refused to believe Shi Feng had summoned these chosen ones just to have them be his bodyguards. This was a blatant show of force. Moreover, this was without the ten pseudo-apex powers knowing that Dragon's Crown was a royal power. They would be frightened to death if they learned of Dragon's Crown's status.

"The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary has a long history. Who knows how many trump cards the pseudo-apex powers have in their possession? It never hurts to be cautious," Shi Feng said, chuckling. Then, he pointed at the pseudo-apex powers' teams and continued, "Of course, this can also be regarded as a reminder to the pseudo-apex powers. Otherwise, Zero Wing will have difficulty establishing a partnership with the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary in the future."

In reality, Shi Feng had summoned Dragon's Crown members with selfish motives.

The Flame Dragon God's Nest was one of the few super-large-scale Taboo Secret Lands in the Greater God's Domain. It was also one of the few secret lands that could allow players to quickly level up to Level 240 and beyond. It went without saying that the secret land would be fiercely contested. With Zero Wing's current strength, there was no way the Guild could occupy the secret land, even with the Flame Dragon God's Access Key.

The primary purpose of the Flame Dragon God's Access Key was to adjust the approximate location and size of the secret land's entrance. Its secondary function was to create Key Imprints so players could leave the secret land without dying or spending Undying Souls.

Although Zero Wing had recruited many experts in the Eternal Realm, the Guild's forces were already stretched thin to defend Shadowring Town. It had no spare forces to occupy the Flame Dragon God's Nest.

Hence, Zero Wing's only option to occupy the secret land was to partner with the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's local powers. The more, the better. After all, there was no way Holy Dragon Spear could defend Flame Vein Holy City by itself now that the secret land's existence had become public knowledge.

To convince the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's local powers to partner with Zero Wing, it was first necessary to set an example for the local pseudo-apex powers. More specifically, Zero Wing needed to convince the ten pseudo-apex powers that it had an extremely powerful backer they could not oppose, even if they all joined forces. Otherwise, with Zero Wing's current standards, no local power would negotiate with it peacefully.

"Partnership? What partnership?" When Red Frost saw Shi Feng's nonchalance, a ridiculous thought suddenly came to her mind. "Don't tell me you want to occupy the Flame Dragon God's Nest?"

Shi Feng might not have had enough Undying Souls to redeem the Flame Dragon God's Access Key previously, but it was a fact that the Access Key had disappeared shortly after he showed up in the central plaza. He had even brought Dragon's Crown's members with him. When Red Frost linked these two points, she suddenly felt that it wasn't out of the question for him to have redeemed the Access Key.

"Indeed!" Shi Feng nodded. "Even if Zero Wing and Holy Dragon Spear join forces, it is unlikely we can safely defend the secret land from others. We can only truly occupy the Flame Dragon God's Nest by uniting more pseudo-apex powers."

"Impossible." Red Frost shook her head. "The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's local pseudo-apex powers all have ties with apex powers. They also don't have the best of relationships with one another, with some even holding grudges. They will jump at any chance to take each other's place in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary. Even if you have the Flame Dragon God's Access Key and Dragon's Crown's chosen ones, they will still get the various apex powers involved."

Shi Feng nodded, acknowledging Red Frost's concerns. Then, he smiled and said, "That's why I've sent someone to talk to them."

"You sent someone to talk to them?" Red Frost rolled her eyes at Shi Feng. The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers were incredibly stubborn and showed no respect for anyone. Even if the Seven Luminaries Alliance's Verdant Rainbow were to negotiate with them, she wouldn't achieve any positive results. After all, all these pseudo-apex powers were more or less backed by apex powers.

"Mhm. That person should have arrived already," Shi Feng said as he looked at the Advanced Tent at the edge of the magic barriers.

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Chapter 3823: Alternate Ending 897 - Another Mortal God?

Chapter 897 – Another Mortal God?

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Flame Dragon God's Treasury, Central Plaza, Advanced Tent:

The representatives of the ten pseudo-apex powers all wore gloomy expressions as they sat at the round table, staring at their respective Magic Mirrors.

"Everyone, voice your thoughts," Tarnished Wind said, breaking the silence. "Do any of you know the origins of Dragon's Crown?"

Nobody spoke after Tarnished Wind. Everyone merely shook their head as they focused on the figures of the Dragon's Crown members displayed in their Magic Mirror, intent on uncovering any helpful information.

"Sure enough, no one knows," South Lake sighed. "Our luck is truly rotten, coming across a well-hidden apex power under such circumstances. It'll be difficult for us to appease the other party."

"Appeasing the other party shouldn't be difficult," Ember Dragon countered calmly. "While we might have organized the operation this time, *that* person was the one who asked for a fight. We can just compensate Dragon's Crown for its troubles afterward. At worst, we will have to sacrifice those involved. I doubt an apex power like Dragon's Crown will demand anything more. After all, we all have connections with apex powers. The other apex powers won't sit back if Dragon's Crown tries to take things too far."

"That's true." Tarnished Wind agreed with Ember Dragon. "Although we aren't subordinates of those apex powers, we trade with them a lot. If a hidden apex power tries to get involved in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary and eliminate us all, it'd be no different from plundering the resources of other apex powers. Those apex powers won't sit still and do nothing. As a hidden apex power, I'm sure Dragon's Crown can understand this point.

"The problem is figuring out Dragon's Crown's goal in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary. Dragon's Crown has hidden its existence so well until now, so why did it suddenly make such a high-profile appearance here? If we can't figure this out, we might unknowingly offend it in the future and get destroyed."

The various pseudo-apex powers' representatives nodded in agreement.

Nobody doubted whether Dragon's Crown was a hidden apex power anymore. Even if it wasn't one, with its ability to muster nearly a hundred Level 240 experts, it still wasn't an existence pseudo-apex powers could recklessly provoke. Not to mention, the topic of hidden apex powers wasn't anything new in the Greater God's Domain.

Take Demon's Gate, for example. It was the most recent apex power to have appeared out of nowhere. Initially, nobody knew about this organization of lunatics. By the time everyone knew Demon's Gate was an apex power, it had already decimated over a dozen pseudo-apex powers.

The fact that Dragon's Crown was a hidden apex power wasn't concerning. After all, several apex powers were already operating publicly. These surface apex powers had long since established a balance of power in the Greater God's Domain.

If any apex power tried to overstep its boundaries, other apex powers would intervene for their own sake. This went double for hidden apex powers.

Dragon's Crown's high-profile appearance meant that this hidden apex power no longer wished to operate behind the scenes; it wanted to step into the limelight. To debut on the public stage, it would most certainly conduct an operation somewhere.

Thus, they needed to find out how Dragon's Crown planned to execute its debut. The last thing they wanted was to unknowingly stand in Dragon's Crown's way and get eliminated because of it. It was also unlikely that other apex powers would wage an allout war against another apex power because of one or two pseudo-apex powers.

"How about this? Rather than waste time guessing, let's ask them," Ember Dragon said, drumming his fingers on the table. "We don't need to know their exact plans. We only need a general idea of what they want to accomplish and offer our full cooperation. That way, we can largely avoid conflicts with Dragon's Crown."

"This..." South Lake frowned. Then, he skeptically asked, "Will they be willing to talk to us, though? Once a hidden apex power decides to debut, it will carry out every step of its plan in secrecy to prevent other apex powers from interfering. If we accidentally angered Dragon's Crown, wouldn't we worsen the situation for ourselves?"

"Do you think the situation will improve without us doing anything?" Ember Dragon scoffed. "Don't forget, we have a not-so-insignificant misunderstanding with Dragon's Crown. If we don't clarify our stance, Dragon's Crown might very well decide to dispose of us."

"It would be inappropriate to have the frontline personnel ask these questions." After pondering for a moment, Tarnished Wind suggested, "We should go there in person. That way, we can show Dragon's Crown our sincerity."

"I second this!"

"I second this, too!"

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The other pseudo-apex powers' representatives all agreed with Tarnished Wind's suggestion. They would only worsen their relationship with Dragon's Crown if they had their subordinates negotiate such an important affair.

"That won't be necessary!"

As the representatives were getting up from their seats, a clear and unfamiliar voice suddenly entered their ears, startling them.

When everyone turned to the source, they saw a graceful female knight standing at the Advanced Tent's entrance. She had an eye-catching divine pattern between her brows, and her level of 243 was even more striking.

"Who are you?"

"How did you get in here?"

"Where are the guards?"

Everyone in the tent, including Tarnished Wind and the other Level 240-plus experts, promptly armed themselves when they saw the female knight. They behaved as if they were facing a formidable enemy.

As the Advanced Tent they used was meant to host the core executives of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers, at least one large-scale Great Grandmaster Magic Array was set up to protect it. There were also a hundred Level 235-plus fifth-floor experts standing guard around it at all times.

Normally, even a Level 240 expert fully equipped with Divine Artifacts would need considerable time to break through a large-scale Great Grandmaster Magic Array. It was also impossible to break the barrier without making a commotion. Not to mention, everyone present was an expert. Nevertheless, nobody had noticed the female knight before she spoke.

"I am Purgatory Jade, Dragon's Crown's Second Vice Guild Leader. You don't need to doubt the safety standards of your tent. I could only enter here because I have this Tier 6 Divine Runic Teleportation Scroll." As Purgatory Jade introduced herself, a magic scroll appeared in her hands. The scroll had divine runes hovering around it, and it exuded mana that was denser than even that of Ancient Gods. "I can freely enter and leave any place not protected by a Craftsman Magician's magic barrier with this scroll."

"A Tier 6 Divine Runic Teleportation Scroll?!" South Lake was shocked as he looked at the scroll that Purgatory Jade held. "Isn't that the Teleportation Scroll rumored to be able to travel anywhere besides the Taboo Zones established by Primordial Gods?!"

"As expected of a hidden apex power. Pseudo-apex powers like us can only marvel at the strength and foundation you possess," Tarnished Wind sighed, the fighting spirit that flickered in his eyes disappearing. "If even a Mortal God like yourself can only serve as the Second Vice Guild Leader, I can't even fathom how big a gap exists between our Guilds."

At Tarnished Wind's words, many of the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives quickly realized a critical point they had missed.

Another Mortal God?

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A Mortal God?! Another Mortal God?! Ember Dragon felt an indescribable sense of oppression as he scrutinized Purgatory Jade's every move. Feeling his sanity reaching its limit, he turned to the bandaged youth beside him and quietly asked, "Didn't you say that there were no sixth-floor experts in this Greater God's Domain?! Why are they appearing one after another now?! Are you sure you're not playing tricks on me?!"

"I don't know." The bandaged youth was equally surprised as he looked at Purgatory Jade. However, he quickly stated in a firm tone, "But I'm certain she hasn't come into contact with *that* side yet."

"She hasn't?" Ember Dragon sighed in relief and quickly regained his composure. Then, when he returned his gaze to Purgatory Jade, a hint of passion appeared in his eyes as he thought, Although I don't know Dragon's Crown's origins, the fact that it has two sixth-floor experts should mean that it has a guide to the sixth-floor standard. If I can win Dragon's Crown's favor, I'll be able to advance to the sixth-floor standard before those people! At that time, pseudo-apex powers will be nothing but jokes!

Besides Ember Dragon, the representatives of the other pseudo-apex powers also marveled at Dragon's Crown's strength and foundation, and they all started to have their own designs.

Currently, none of the Greater God's Domain's surface apex powers had sixth-floor experts. Although these apex powers might have hidden their sixth-floor experts, the possibility was low. After all, if these apex powers gained a sixth-floor expert, it would be in their best interest to let everyone know about it.

Firstly, a sixth-floor expert could serve as excellent promotional material. In God's Domain, any power that wanted to flourish needed a constant influx of talented newcomers. By letting everyone know it had a sixth-floor expert, an apex power could attract many geniuses.

Take Holy Dragon Spear, for example. Talented newcomers from all over the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary flocked to Holy Dragon Spear once they discovered that Red Frost had achieved the sixth-floor standard. This was also why the various powers started to be wary of the adventurer team.

Secondly, a sixth-floor expert could be used as a deterrence. If an apex power had a sixth-floor expert under its command, other apex powers would have to think twice when picking a fight with it. Before a conflict escalated into an all-out war, they would likely avoid pulling small tricks on it.

These two points alone made it more than worthwhile for the various apex powers to reveal the sixth-floor experts under their command. Yet, there had never been any news of any apex power having a sixth-floor expert all these years. Even news of experts reaching the Half-step Mortal God standard was few and far between. Thus, the various apex powers most likely did not have any sixth-floor experts.

Although the current Dragon's Crown wasn't well-known, the fact that it commanded at least two sixth-floor experts already put it above all the surface apex powers. Not to mention, Purgatory Jade had introduced herself as merely Dragon's Crown's Second Vice Guild Leader. It should be known that a Guild's strongest member would never be a Vice Guild Leader. Many pseudo-apex powers' Vice Guild Leaders couldn't even rank among the top 20 of the Guild's strongest combatants.

Even if Dragon's Crown operated somewhat differently, the fact that Purgatory Jade was the Second Vice Guild Leader meant that the Guild should at least have ten sixth-floor experts. This number was utterly terrifying.

Compared to the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives, South Lake and Apocalypse reacted much more calmly to the latest revelation.

"This young lady looks about the same age as Red Frost. Between the two of them, who do you think is stronger, old commander?" South Lake asked Apocalypse through the party chat.

Although South Lake was surprised that Purgatory Jade was a Mortal God, he didn't find it unbelievable that Dragon's Crown could have two sixth-floor experts, considering that his adventurer team already had one.

"Both of them might have reached that realm, but..." After thinking for a while, Apocalypse continued, "If they fought with the same Basic Attributes, Frost wouldn't last more than five moves..."

"Only five?" South Lake looked at Apocalypse in astonishment.

"It pains me to say it, but this person... Even though she has no Divine Artifacts, I doubt I can last three moves against her..." Apocalypse said, deep-seated fear coloring his eyes as he gazed at Purgatory Jade.

"What?!" South Lake was thoroughly dumbfounded.

On the surface, South Lake might be Holy Dragon Spear's number one expert, but the truth was that Apocalypse was the actual number one. Furthermore, even after considering all the experts operating behind the scenes in the Greater God's Domain, Apocalypse could compete for a spot among the top ten.

Initially, South Lake thought that Apocalypse could still triumph over Purgatory Jade by relying on his vastly superior equipment standard. He had never expected to hear such an evaluation from Apocalypse.

"Vice Guild Leader Jade, may I know what brings you to our humble place? Do you have instructions for us?" Ember Dragon took the initiative to break the silence when he noticed the other representatives lost in their own thoughts. He also made sure to maintain a respectful attitude.

As Ember Dragon spoke, the representatives of other pseudo-apex powers snapped out of their daze and cursed their slow reactions.

"I'm not here to give instructions," Purgatory Jade said as she walked up to the round table and casually took a seat. "I'm only here to discuss a partnership with you all."

"A partnership?"

Everyone's eyes lit up at these words.

Dragon's Crown was an apex power that had at least two sixth-floor experts. It would be a godsend if they could collaborate with such a powerful Guild.

"Yes, a partnership." Purgatory Jade smiled as she took in everyone's reaction. "However, this partnership isn't with Dragon's Crown, but Dragon's Crown's most valuable ally instead."

"Your most valuable ally?" Ember Dragon was greatly shocked by Purgatory Jade's statement.

Tarnished Wind, South Lake, and the other representatives also gasped in shock, wondering if they had misheard.

Dragon's Crown was frighteningly powerful, even for an apex power. Yet, it was willing to act as an intermediary for someone else. Purgatory Jade even emphasized that

Dragon's Crown valued this ally greatly. Most likely, this "ally" was at least as strong, or even stronger than, Dragon's Crown.

"Vice Guild Leader Jade, it is our honor to be able to partner with Dragon's Crown's most valuable ally," Ember Dragon said, being the first to express his stance. "May we know how we can conduct this partnership? And can we know who your ally is?"

"The content of the partnership is something you all know. It is this secret land. It is also the Access Key you have been searching for," Purgatory Jade stated.

Although Purgatory Jade spoke leisurely, her words shocked the various representatives to their core. They also finally understood how the Access Key was redeemed so quickly.

After learning who was responsible for redeeming the Access Key, the various pseudoapex powers' representatives were more or less conflicted. However, when they realized that the other party was a power that could get Dragon's Crown to act as an intermediary, they immediately stopped fussing over the details and accepted the situation.

After all, it would be suicidal to try to compete with a power as strong as Dragon's Crown.

"As for Dragon's Crown's most valuable ally, its name is Zero Wing!"

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Chapter 3825: Alternate Ending 899 - Astonishing Zero Wing

Chapter 899 – Astonishing Zero Wing

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"Zero Wing?"

"To my knowledge, there is no apex power named Zero Wing. Could Zero Wing be a hidden apex power as well?"

The pseudo-apex powers' representatives were confused momentarily when they heard the name of Dragon's Crown's ally. Red-Tailed Dragon's Tarnished Wind even began rummaging through his memories for information about all the apex and pseudo-apex powers he knew, hoping to find information about Zero Wing. However, no matter how much he racked his brain, he couldn't recall anything about a power named Zero Wing. Meanwhile, South Lake and Apocalypse were stunned to learn the name of Dragon's Crown's ally.

"Did we mishear her?" After regaining his senses, Apocalypse quietly asked South Lake, "Or is the Zero Wing that Miss Jade mentioned just a Guild that goes by the same name as *that* Zero Wing?"

Apocalypse knew the name of Zero Wing well. It would be hard not to know.

After learning that Red Frost had recovered from her condition, Apocalypse had promptly launched an investigation of Zero Wing, which shared close ties with her. Hence, he was well-informed about the Guild's situation.

Zero Wing was not at a Guild with an established history. Instead, it was an upstart Guild that had gained popularity following the Eternal Realm's birth. Thus far, the Guild's achievements included occupying an entire second-tier city by itself, establishing a solid foothold in the Eternal Realm's Crystal City of Secrets, partnering with two pseudo-apex powers, and occupying a Neutral Town in the Eternal Realm.

However, even with all these achievements, Zero Wing could barely reach the standard of upper-ranking hegemonic powers when placed in the vast Greater God's Domain.

If not for Red Frost, Apocalypse wouldn't even have paid a second glance at a Guild like Zero Wing. Therefore, he had difficulty envisioning Zero Wing having any sort of connection to a hidden apex power, let alone receiving equal treatment.

"I don't think we misheard," South Lake said, shaking his head. "Also, it shouldn't be possible for two Guilds with the same name to exist in God's Domain. The system won't let that happen."

"Could it really be *that* Zero Wing, then?" Apocalypse was filled with disbelief. "But I've already thoroughly investigated Zero Wing. I am certain it is an upstart Guild. Even its Acting Guild Leader entered God's Domain only recently. How can it possibly have any dealings with a power like Dragon's Crown?"

"Could it really be an overlapping name?" After hearing about Apocalypse's investigation, South Lake couldn't help but wonder if the Main God System really had made a mistake.

None of the Greater God's Domain's hidden apex powers were ordinary. Although South Lake didn't know why these apex powers had chosen to hide themselves, history had shown that they were all incredibly closed and arrogant. They would only pay attention to powers of equal standards. Even if they decided to have dealings with a weaker power, they would maintain only a superior-subordinate relationship. They would never treat weaker powers as equals, much like humans would never treat ants as equals. *Zero Wing? It can't be, right?* Ember Dragon was also confused by Purgatory Jade's answer, and he couldn't help but scrutinize South Lake's and Apocalypse's reactions, hoping to gain verification from them.

Ember Dragon naturally knew about Zero Wing. He had even tried to use the recent commotion to eliminate Zero Wing's Guild Leader to reduce Red Frost's influence over Holy Dragon Spear and strengthen his own. Of course, like Apocalypse, had it not been for Red Frost, Ember Dragon would have never known or cared about Zero Wing in the first place.

Even after observing South Lake and Apocalypse, though, Ember Dragon failed to glean any useful information. He only saw them reacting with astonishment. Evidently, they didn't know anything more than the others in the tent.

As for Cloud Rider, the Divine Wing Dynasty's Guild Leader, when he heard Zero Wing's name, the first thing that popped into his mind was Zero Wing's Guild Leader, the person responsible for killing the Divine Wing Dynasty's number one chosen one. However, he quickly dismissed the idea that this Zero Wing was the same as the one mentioned by Purgatory Jade.

After all, it was impossible for any dealings to exist between a dragon and an ant.

After a long silence, Purgatory Jade spoke up again.

"Do you have any other questions?" Purgatory Jade asked, observing everyone's confusion. Although she found it strange how Zero Wing seemed to have little to no fame in the Greater God's Domain, her expression remained unchanged. "If nobody has any problems, I will let Zero Wing's Guild Leader discuss the specifics of the partnership with you."

"Please do." Ember Dragon, Tarnished Wind, and the other representatives nodded in response.

Subsequently, Purgatory Jade pulled up her Friends List, sent a message, and had everyone in the tent follow her out to welcome "Zero Wing's Guild Leader."

None of the pseudo-apex powers' representatives objected to her arrangement, either. They could not afford to neglect the Guild Leader of a Guild capable of standing on equal footing with an apex power. Thus, they followed Purgatory Jade out of the tent without hesitation.

After Ember Dragon and the other representatives exited the tent, they waited about five minutes before two figures approached them, along with the rest of Dragon's Crown's Level 240-plus experts. The powerful aura these Dragon's Crown members exuded made the ten pseudo-apex powers' members tremble in fear and automatically make way for them.

"Black Flame?"

"Zero Wing's Guild Leader?"

Upon getting a clear look at the two figures walking in the lead, South Lake, Apocalypse, Ember Dragon, and Cloud Rider revealed colorful expressions.

Impossible! Impossible! How can it be that *Zero Wing?!* When Ember Dragon saw Shi Feng and Red Frost approaching the tent with Dragon's Crown's members, his brain froze.

As for South Lake and Apocalypse, they were indescribably shocked and excited.

Am I dreaming?! It really is that *Zero Wing?!* South Lake couldn't help but rub his eyes as he looked at Shi Feng and Red Frost, wondering if he was hallucinating.

Zero Wing's Guild Leader? When Apocalypse saw Shi Feng, he was similarly at a loss for words.

Initially, Apocalypse thought that Shi Feng had thrown his full support for Red Frost to ride on her coattails and form a connection with Holy Dragon Spear. At the time, he had been contemptuous of Shi Feng's behavior. But now, he realized that he had gotten everything wrong. Rather than Shi Feng riding on Red Frost's coattails, it was the other way around.

"Elder Apocalypse, didn't we meet just recently? Have you forgotten me already?" Shi Feng joked when he saw Apocalypse gawking at him.

"How can that be?" Apocalypse promptly snapped out of his daze and coughed awkwardly. "It's just that I didn't expect you to be such a big shot, Guild Leader Black Flame. You have really hidden yourself well. I bet Frost has been having a good laugh this whole time."

Red Frost couldn't help but chuckle when she saw Apocalypse's awkward expression. She had never thought a day would come when her extremely stern teacher would show such a nervous expression. As for Zero Wing's actual situation, she had no intention of informing Apocalypse or South Lake. She felt that it might be more beneficial to maintain this misunderstanding.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, I've already conveyed your intentions to them," Purgatory Jade respectfully told Shi Feng. "You can hash out the details of your partnership with them."

"Sorry for the trouble, Vice Guild Leader Jade," Shi Feng said, nodding. Then, he looked at Ember Dragon and the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives and continued, "I

won't waste everyone's time. Besides the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty, everyone willing to cooperate can come inside and chat."

After saying so, Shi Feng stepped into the Advanced Tent with Red Frost, followed closely by Holy Dragon Spear's South Lake. As for Tarnished Wind and the representatives of the other pseudo-apex powers that weren't explicitly mentioned, they glanced at Ember Dragon and Cloud Rider sympathetically before entering the tent as well, leaving the two standing outside with ugly expressions.

When the various conglomerates' members and the independent players saw this scene, they were greatly shocked.

"Who is that person? He got the other pseudo-apex powers to cast aside the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty!"

"I think that person is called Black Flame!"

"Black Flame? Do you mean the Divine Glory List's 281st-ranked expert?"

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Chapter 3826: Alternate Ending 900 - Times Have Changed

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Central Plaza, Advanced Tent:

"Guild Leader Black Flame, is it okay to exclude those two powers?" Red Frost asked Shi Feng quietly, worried about the other party's decision.

Red Frost knew that Shi Feng had chosen to exclude the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty primarily for her and Holy Dragon Spear's sake.

However, the partnership regarding the Flame Dragon God's Nest was of utmost importance. If the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty were to harass Zero Wing secretly, Zero Wing would have trouble coping. After all, she knew that Zero Wing's actual circumstances were nowhere near as optimistic as the various pseudoapex powers were led to believe. It didn't actually have the strength to stand as equals with a power like Dragon's Crown. Furthermore, the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty both knew the location of the Eternal Realm's entrance. They could easily enter the Eternal Realm to strike at the heart of Zero Wing's development.

"Don't worry. Even if they enter the Eternal Realm, they can't do anything to Zero Wing," Shi Feng said nonchalantly after sitting down.

The Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty were indeed much stronger than the current Zero Wing. However, what Red Frost didn't know was that Zero Wing's partnership with Dragon's Crown wasn't an act. Zero Wing had indeed established deep ties with Dragon's Crown. Should Zero Wing come into real trouble, Dragon's Crown would intervene.

Not to mention, there was the Dragon-Hunting Artillery Design he obtained from the remnant primordial world. So long as Zero Wing constructed a few in Shadowring Town, not even the Holy Race's royal powers could threaten the town, let alone the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty. Additionally, once Zero Wing stabilized its control over the Tower of the Abyss and the Flame Dragon God's Nest, it would not lack experts to command. Even surpassing the Holy Race's royal powers would be possible.

Now, all Zero Wing needed to do was occupy the Flame Dragon God's Nest successfully.

"Just in case, once this incident is over, I will lead Holy Dragon Spear's main force to stabilize the route to the Eternal Realm. That way, Holy Dragon Spear will have an easier time reinforcing Zero Wing, while Zero Wing's members can access the Flame Dragon God's Nest more conveniently," Red Frost said. When she saw that Shi Feng was willing to help her and Holy Dragon Spear to such an extent, she made up her mind to throw Holy Dragon Spear's support behind Zero Wing.

"Okay. I'll leave the passage to you," Shi Feng said, smiling when Red Frost took the initiative to help.

If Holy Dragon Spear could establish a stable route between the Eternal Realm and the Greater God's Domain, it would be a big help to Zero Wing. Although he could transport players in and out of the Eternal Realm with the Abyss Workshop Certification's World-Breaking Teleportation, the number of players he could transport was limited. It'd be impossible for him to let Zero Wing's hundreds of thousands of members enter and grind in the Flame Dragon God's Nest en masse.

If Zero Wing could secure a stable way out of the Eternal Realm, it could send thousands, or even tens of thousands, of members to grind in the Flame Dragon God's Nest at a time. This would undoubtedly accelerate Zero Wing's growth by a large margin.

As Shi Feng and Red Frost conversed, the various pseudo-apex powers' representatives sat around the table and quietly stared at the two.

"South Lake, Holy Dragon Spear's luck truly leaves me speechless," Tarnished Wind said, feeling a little envious of Holy Dragon Spear when he saw Red Frost sharing a rather close relationship with Shi Feng. "First, you got an expert like Red Frost. Now, you even managed to latch on to Zero Wing."

"It's a fluke. It's all a fluke," South Lake said modestly. Inwardly, though, he was all smiles.

"What happened to the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty is a shame, though. If not for Ember Dragon, they could have also had a share of the secret land," Tarnished Wind sighed.

The other representatives nodded in agreement with Tarnished Wind's comment.

The grudge between Ember Dragon and Red Frost wasn't much of a secret in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary. Originally, everyone thought that Red Frost would fade into obscurity after her downfall. Nobody had expected her to find a powerful patron like Zero Wing. Now, the tides had turned, and the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty would eventually fall to the bottom ranks of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary because of their inability to participate in the partnership this time.

"Since everyone is here, I will get straight to the point," Shi Feng stated when he saw that the various pseudo-apex powers' representatives had quieted down. "Firstly, I would like to clarify that the Flame Dragon God's Access Key is already in Zero Wing's possession. I'm sure everyone here knows about the Access Key's effects, so I won't go into detail about them. Secondly, due to a lack of manpower in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, Zero Wing will need everyone here to cooperate in defending the secret land.

"Of course, Zero Wing won't let your efforts be in vain. In exchange for guarding the secret land with all your might, Zero Wing can promise entry for your members at a fee of half their income in the secret land and ten bottles of Life Potion per day."

Following Shi Feng's words, silence enveloped the tent again as everyone stared at him in disbelief.

After a while, Tarnished Wind raised his hand tentatively and asked, "Guild Leader Black Flame, are you sure this is your only condition?"

At this time, South Lake, Apocalypse, and even Red Frost couldn't help but doubt Shi Feng's words.

In the Greater God's Domain, powers that occupied Level 230 secret lands or below typically charged their allied members exorbitant fees to grind in their Taboo Secret Lands. Some even required payment of a piece of Level 230 Taboo Legendary Equipment or a Fragmented Divine Artifact per player or party. As for the loot obtained in the secret land, it was standard practice for powers to collect everything their allied members obtained. After all, each secret land was limited in resources.

Yet, Shi Feng only charged a fee of ten Life Potions per person per day. Moreover, he only asked for half of their harvest in the secret land. He was basically letting them in for free.

Although the value of Life Potions had skyrocketed due to the major system update, it was still nothing compared to being able to level up to Level 240 quickly. Many powers would be willing to pay a fee of twenty or thirty bottles of Life Potion a day, let alone ten.

"Of course. If you are fine with this condition, we can establish a God's Domain Contract for the partnership immediately," Shi Feng replied, smiling.

The Flame Dragon God's Nest was certainly valuable. By relying on Dragon's Crown's banner, Zero Wing could also monopolize the secret land's harvests if it wanted to. However, Life Potions were much more useful to the current Zero Wing than the secret land's harvests. After all, unlike the various pseudo-apex powers, Zero Wing did not have many Life Potion manufacturing facilities and connections that could handle the needs of millions, or even tens of millions, of members.

Thus, Zero Wing needed to stock up on Life Potions to continue growing. Otherwise, if the Guild were to engage in an all-out war with any power, its operations would quickly get crippled. Even if Zero Wing had a stable supply of weapons and equipment, if its members couldn't quickly recover their mental strength, they wouldn't be able to keep fighting. Moving forward, the stockpiling of mental strength recovery potions was also an essential step for powers in God's Domain when preparing to wage war against other powers.

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Chapter 3827: Alternate Ending 901 - Pseudo-Apex Powers' Wealth

Chapter 901 – Pseudo-Apex Powers' Wealth

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"Okay! Red-Tailed Dragon is willing to cooperate!"

Tarnished Wind accepted the partnership with Zero Wing on Red-Tailed Dragon's behalf without hesitation. He didn't even bother to discuss it with Red-Tailed Dragon's current Great Commander.

"The Hundred Dragon Assembly is also willing to cooperate!"

"I can sign a God's Domain Contract on behalf of the Moonlight Family!"

Upon seeing Tarnished Wind's response, the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives promptly followed suit, worried that Shi Feng might regret his decision or limit the number of partners.

Five minutes later, eight of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers finished signing a God's Domain Contract with Zero Wing. Another hour later, the eight pseudo-apex powers jointly took control of the Flame Dragon God's Nest's entrance with the help of the Access Key in Shi Feng's possession. Each also mobilized several of their trump card legions to take turns garrisoning Flame Vein Holy City. This situation dumbfounded the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty, which were still contemplating occupying Flame Vein Holy City by force.

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"Have they lost their minds? Isn't it just a partnership? Why have they gone as far as to commit their trump card legions?" Ember Dragon nearly went crazy when he received the latest report from his subordinates.

It was already bad enough that this incident had tarnished his reputation in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary and caused the Dragon God Palace's Guild Leader to doubt his capabilities. Now, the eight pseudo-apex powers' behavior was even testing his sanity.

To his utter confusion, the eight pseudo-apex powers mobilized their trump cards to clear out the players in the Flame Dragon God's Nest. Furthermore, they did not hesitate to start a war with the Dragon God Palace's and the Divine Wing Dynasty's members, preventing them from grinding in the secret land.

"It seems Black Flame is quite capable," the bandaged youth said jokingly. Unlike Ember Dragon, he did not react angrily to the news. "But you don't have to worry. I've looked into Zero Wing."

"Well? What's up with that Zero Wing?" Ember Dragon asked, looking at the bandaged youth with eagerness in his eyes. "Is it really one of those hidden ancient powers?"

"I can only say that you were unlucky," the bandaged youth said, shaking his head. Then, he calmly explained, "*They* have already gone through all their records and are certain that Zero Wing isn't some hidden ancient power, and neither is Dragon's Crown. However, Dragon's Crown is indeed powerful. It is likely to be an existence that closely rivals apex powers. Zero Wing's Guild Leader must have gotten lucky and acquainted himself with one of Dragon's Crown's executives. I wouldn't even be surprised if Zero Wing turns out to be a Guild secretly cultivated by Dragon's Crown. Black Flame has deceived those pseudo-apex powers."

"Dragon's Crown only closely rivals apex powers?" Ember Dragon's gaze turned cold after learning this. "Black Flame! How dare you deceive me! I will make you and Dragon's Crown pay for this!"

"Hold your horses," the bandaged youth said. "It still isn't time to expose ourselves."

"What about this secret land, then? Even the Guild Leader is considering replacing me because of Black Flame!" Ember Dragon bellowed. "Black Flame is only an ant ranked 281st on the Divine Glory List! If I don't deal with him, my days in the Dragon God Palace will be numbered!"

"I understand your troubles," the bandaged youth said sternly. "But the situation is different now. *That* side might be taking action soon, so we haven't much time left. We need to establish a stable route to the Eternal Realm quickly. Black Flame is nothing but a clown flaunting strength he doesn't have. We have plenty of time to deal with him later. While we are at it, we can even take care of Dragon's Crown at that time!"

"That side is taking action soon?" Ember Dragon cooled down when he heard the bandaged youth's words, the anger in his eyes replaced by fear. *"I understand. I'll personally lead a team to establish a route immediately."*

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Flame Vein Holy City, Flame Vein Advanced Hotel:

After officializing his partnership with the eight pseudo-apex powers, Shi Feng left the Flame Dragon God's Nest.

Players inside the Flame Dragon God's Nest could not communicate with the outside world or go offline. Additionally, ten days had gone by in the Greater God's Domain while he was away in the remnant primordial world. It was unhealthy to spend such a long time in God's Domain, even for great grandmasters. Thus, he needed to relax his mind and body in the real world.

I got quite a harvest this time. In addition to the Empress's Scales, I even got the World's Scar. Shi Feng felt delighted as he looked at the World's Scar, which he had spent five million Undying Souls to redeem, in his bag. With this weapon, I should be able to rope Aurebeth into Zero Wing and add another sixth-floor expert to the Guild.

Originally, Shi Feng had intended to use the World's Scar himself. After all, the weapon was publicly acknowledged as the Greater God's Domain's number one Divine Sword in his previous life. No Swordsman could resist owning such a weapon.

However, Shi Feng changed his mind after redeeming the World's Scar.

This was because the current World's Scar was a thoroughly damaged Divine Artifact that players couldn't wield. There was also no mention of how the World's Scar could be repaired.

Under such circumstances, Aurebeth was probably the only person in the Greater God's Domain who could return the World's Scar to its former glory. After all, Aurebeth had wielded the complete World's Scar in Shi Feng's previous life.

While Shi Feng was sorting his harvest, a knock came from the door of his hotel room. Then, the door opened, and Apocalypse entered the room respectfully.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, excuse my interruption," Apocalypse said as he walked up to Shi Feng. Then, he took out a list and awkwardly continued, "After discussing with the other powers, we have decided on the first batch of players we will send into the secret land. The eight of us will send a total of 80,000 players into the secret land for ten days. According to our agreement, we will pay you eight million bottles of Life Potion through the God's Domain Association. They should reach Star Lake City in three days."

"Eighty thousand players will be entering for ten days?" Shi Feng was surprised.

Assuming that each pseudo-apex power would send 10,000 players into the Flame Dragon God's Nest for ten days, each would have to pay Zero Wing one million bottles of Life Potion. This was a significant amount, even for a pseudo-apex power.

"Yes. We decided to send a few more people since this is the first batch," Apocalypse said, nodding. "Of course, if you think there are too many, we can reduce the number."

"No need. Eighty thousand is fine," Shi Feng said as he stamped the contract list with the Flame Dragon God's Access Key. Contrary to Apocalypse's opinion, Shi Feng was glad to see the eight pseudo-apex powers send more players into the secret land. After all, this would increase the number of Life Potions he could obtain. As for whether the eight pseudo-apex powers would redeem the Flame Dragon God's Treasury's items, he did not prohibit it.

Although the Flame Dragon God's Treasury had plenty of good items, the only precious item that remained was the Flame God Set. However, the Flame God Set required 50 million Undying Souls to redeem. That wasn't an amount that the eight pseudo-apex powers could obtain in ten days. On the other hand, he could collect the remaining 50 million Undying Souls Dragon's Crown had promised him the next time he summoned

Dragon's Crown's members. Hence, he wasn't worried that someone would snatch the Flame God Set.

After Shi Feng settled his agreement with the eight pseudo-apex powers, he logged out to rest. However, five seconds after he disappeared, a lithe figure suddenly entered his hotel room covered in sweat.

"I was still too late?" When Heiser saw that Shi Feng was no longer in the room, she couldn't help feeling frustrated as she recalled the instructions her teacher Laura had given her before abruptly leaving. "I guess I can only wait until he comes back online..."

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Chapter 3828: Alternate Ending 902 - Missing Realm

Chapter 902 – Missing Realm

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Star Lake City, Zero Wing Training Center:

Illuminated by the midday sun, the hatch of Shi Feng's virtual gaming cabin opened, and Shi Feng climbed out of it, a sense of weakness spreading across his body.

Sure enough, spending ten days in-game is draining on the mind, Shi Feng thought as he looked at himself in the mirror and saw that he had lost weight. Fortunately, the flow of time in the remnant primordial world wasn't too different. Had a month gone by while I was there, I'd need several days to recover, even with Stardew.

After the major system update, the souls of players and their accounts had essentially been synchronized. This had thoroughly changed the way players played God's Domain.

In the past, it didn't matter how long players spent in God's Domain each gaming session. Only when they engaged in mentally stressful activities such as high-intensity battles would their exhaustion be reflected on their resting bodies in the real world.

However, after the major system update, even if players didn't engage in battle, they would be subjected to constant mental stress so long as they had high-quality weapons and equipment equipped. It was as if players were genuinely living in God's Domain and carrying their heavy weapons and equipment around all the time.

This situation made it impossible for players to rest properly in God's Domain and required them to recuperate in the real world. Otherwise, they would eventually collapse from exhaustion in God's Domain and be forcibly logged out.

While Shi Feng was about to drink the drop of Stardew he had retrieved from the refrigerator, a holographic projection suddenly appeared in his living room. The projection was of a graceful woman with an imposing appearance. This woman was none other than Xia Qingying, one of the Green God Corporation's Senior Vice Presidents.

"Guild Leader Shi, you really don't make it easy for others to get in touch with you," Xia Yingqing grumbled, looking fatigued. "Where have you been this whole time? I've contacted Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow multiple times, but every time, they say you are busy with something. Yet, they refuse to tell me where you went."

"They weren't lying. I was indeed occupied with something urgent recently," Shi Feng answered. Before he left for the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, he had informed Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow not to share his whereabouts. "Did something happen on your side?"

The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary was one of the Greater God's Domain's Twelve Sanctuaries, which every power in the Greater God's Domain wished to engage. Meanwhile, as Zero Wing's Guild Leader, he had long since become a thorn in the side of the Eternal Realm's various powers. This was especially so after the appearance of the Tower of the Abyss, which had earned the attention of even apex powers.

If he was merely operating in the Eternal Realm, he wouldn't fear anyone targeting him.

Although an entrance to the Eternal Realm had already been discovered, very few Level 230-plus experts could actually enter it right now. Additionally, the ones who did make it into the Eternal Realm didn't have particularly good weapons and equipment. This was because most Level 230-plus experts did not wish to risk suffering a permanent death in the dangerous space-time passage. Furthermore, Level 230-plus players were the leading force in clearing out the monsters in the passage. Hence, he was more than capable of defending himself in the Eternal Realm.

However, it was a different story if he were to operate in one of the Twelve Sanctuaries.

The Twelve Sanctuaries were filled with Level 230-plus experts. A Tier 6 player who had yet to reach Level 220 like himself would be incredibly weak there. If any apex power intended to target him, his chances of survival would be less than 20%. Hence, before leaving for the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, he had reminded Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow not to share his whereabouts. He had even told them not to interrupt him if nothing serious happened.

"Of course, something happened! Something huge happened!" Xia Qingying huffed, rolling her eyes at Shi Feng. "Since you left me with the task of training an absurd number of Divine Engravers, I've been trying every means to gather the necessary manpower across numerous mobile cities! Although I eventually secured the required manpower without attracting attention, the cost of materials is killing me! Do you know how many connections I had to pull to barely cover the expenditure of all these people?"

"Are you lacking Seven Luminaries Crystals?" Shi Feng quickly understood Xia Qingying's problem after hearing about the other party's complaint. "If it's Seven Luminaries Crystals, I can have Hidden Soul send some to you now."

It was indeed difficult for a single corporation to nurture 10,000 Divine Engravers in one go. This was because the main material used to produce Divine Engraving Scrolls was Seven Luminaries Crystals. The various powers considered Seven Luminaries Crystals a strategic resource, so it was difficult to obtain them in bulk under normal circumstances. Recently, the only reliable way to obtain Seven Luminaries Crystals in bulk was by selling Eternal Coins.

Fortunately, the current Zero Wing did not lack Seven Luminaries Crystals. Thanks to the Tower of the Abyss, Zero Wing had become the number one earner of Seven Luminaries Crystals in the Eternal Realm.

"Seven Luminaries Crystals?" Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng in astonishment. "Where have you been all this time?"

"The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary," Shi Feng answered truthfully. "What's wrong?"

He had already established a partnership with eight of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers. He was even staying in Flame Vein Holy City, protected by over a hundred Level 240-plus experts. Even if apex powers sent Level 240 elite experts after him, he would not be in any danger. Thus, he didn't mind revealing his current whereabouts.

"The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary? I didn't think you'd have the means to go there." At Shi Feng's answer, Xia Qingying couldn't help but scrutinize him in surprise. "But that's not right. Even if you are in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, how can you not know about the Cruise Wing Realm's disappearance?"

"The Cruise Wing Realm disappeared?" Shi Feng was momentarily stunned. "How is this possible?! Who did it?! Did a Primordial God take action?!"

Although some Realms had disappeared in his previous life, they were some of the weaker Realms in the Greater God's Domain. However, he had never received any specific information about the reason for their disappearance; all he had heard were speculations.

As for the Cruise Wing Realm, it had always existed in his previous life. There had never been any problems with it. He knew this because the Cruise Wing Realm was no ordinary Realm. Even among the thousands of Realms in the Greater God's Domain, it ranked among the top 100. Thus, any power that was a hegemonic power or above would know of its existence.

Furthermore, the Cruise Wing Realm was among the Greater God's Domain's top 30 Resource Realms. It was extremely rich in various resources. Because of this, various resources could be obtained from the Cruise Wing Realm at a much cheaper price than other places. Many powers could even profit by reselling the Cruise Wing Realm's resources to distant Realms.

The Cruise Wing Realm was also incredibly strong overall. While not as strong as the Twelve Sanctuaries, it had as many as three pseudo-apex powers. Thus, even mighty Level 240 Ancient Gods could not make the Cruise Wing Realm disappear. Only a Primordial God could accomplish such a feat.

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Chapter 3829: Alternate Ending 903 - New First-Tier City

Chapter 903 – New First-Tier City

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"You really don't know." After seeing Shi Feng's surprised reaction, Xia Qingying explained, "The Cruise Wing Realm went missing five days ago. Shortly after the incident, news of it quickly spread across the Greater God's Domain. The players operating in the Cruise Wing Realm were also abruptly logged out of the game and could no longer log back in."

"Everyone was logged out of the game and can't log in again?" Shi Feng was even more confused after hearing this.

In his previous life, although some Realms had disappeared abruptly, the players caught in these Realms could still log into God's Domain. There had never been a case where a Realm's disappearance caused players to lose access to God's Domain.

"Yes. Because of this incident, the supply of raw materials in the Greater God's Domain has become tight, and prices have increased by 50% to 100%. Some materials can't even be bought with money anymore," Xia Qingying said helplessly. "The production of Basic and Intermediate Engraving Scrolls requires Mana Sealing Wood. Although it's a

material that's available in every Realm, the Cruise Wing Realm made up 40% of the Greater God's Domain's supply.

"Without the Cruise Wing Realm, I'd have no choice but to source Mana Sealing Wood from other places. In that case, I can only source several hundred players' worth every so often. Any more than that, I'll start attracting unwanted attention."

"That is true." After hearing Xia Qingying's explanation, Shi Feng admitted that they had a huge problem.

Mana Sealing Wood was a rare material in the Greater God's Domain. Although every Realm produced it, most only produced it in small quantities. The good news was that the demand for Mana Sealing Wood was low, and it was typically only used when producing special high-ranking Magic Scrolls. The bad news was that Mana Sealing Wood was one of the main materials needed to produce Divine Engraving Scrolls.

If Zero Wing intended to nurture only a few dozen Divine Engravers, it could easily procure Mana Sealing Wood without attracting attention. However, to source enough Mana Sealing Wood to nurture 10,000 Divine Engravers without relying on the Cruise Wing Realm, it would have to source from dozens of Realms or more. It was impossible to conduct an operation of such scale with absolute secrecy.

"That's why I have been looking for you," Xia Qingying sighed. "Originally, the Cruise Wing Realm's disappearance already presented a huge headache. Now, the various powers have even started frantically investigating the reason for its disappearance, fearing their Realms might be next. They aren't letting any details slip past them. Although I stockpiled some Mana Sealing Wood before this incident, it can only last us another two days."

"I can get some Mana Sealing Wood, but I'm afraid it's impossible to supply tens of thousands of players long-term without attracting attention..." Shi Feng frowned.

There were many ways to obtain large amounts of Mana Sealing Wood. The simplest method would be to buy it from the Seven Luminaries Alliance. If they purchased it through the Alliance, they could easily nurture hundreds of thousands of Divine Engravers, let alone tens of thousands. However, if they were to buy such a large amount of Mana Sealing Wood, the Seven Luminaries Alliance would definitely look into the matter.

If it were revealed that Zero Wing could produce Divine Engraving Scrolls, it would truly be the end for Zero Wing.

It should be known that the significance of the Divine Engraving Scrolls was far greater than even that of the Tower of the Abyss.

Although the Tower of the Abyss could provide fifth-floor experts with opponents and directions to advance beyond the fifth-floor standard, the benefits of owning the Tower of the Abyss were still resistible to powers that could enter it. After all, not everyone could succeed, even when offered a path to success. Very few experts possessed the talent necessary to advance to the sixth-floor standard.

As for the Tower of the Abyss's wealth-generating capabilities, it was true that it could generate astronomical amounts of Seven Luminaries Crystals. However, while it might be enough to tempt ordinary powers into action, it wasn't enough to make apex powers forgo the method of reaching the sixth-floor standard. In a situation where Zero Wing allowed everyone besides its enemies to use the Tower of the Abyss, apex powers that weren't hostile to Zero Wing wouldn't care to seize the Tower of the Abyss.

Zero Wing didn't have to concern itself with the envy of ordinary powers, either. Nobody could threaten Zero Wing in the Eternal Realm outside of apex powers.

However, it would be a different story if the various powers learned of Zero Wing's ability to mass-produce Divine Engraving Scrolls.

Since the major system update, players had been subjected to a constant mental burden when using high-quality weapons and equipment. Because of this, Epic and Fragmented Legendary Weapons Equipment became mainstream in the Greater God's Domain. In such a situation, having the ability to produce Divine Engraving Scrolls that could enhance the Basic Attributes of Epic and Fragmented Legendary items would be a game changer. There was no way the various powers could resist seizing this opportunity for themselves, especially when it was in the hands of a weak power like Zero Wing.

"Are you free these next two days?" Xia Yingqing asked suddenly.

"I don't have anything planned," Shi Feng answered without much thought.

"Good." Xia Qingying smiled. "A new first-tier mobile city has appeared on the Starlight Continent. The birth of a first-tier city is rare and happens only once every few decades or centuries. To celebrate its achievement, the first-tier city in question has decided to host an auction of unprecedented scale, and the Green God Corporation just so happens to have received an invitation.

"Rumor has it that the auction will feature Fragmented Divine Artifacts and Eternal Stones. However, all transactions must be made with Eternal Coins. Many powers are also considering using this auction to earn Eternal Coins, so they are willing to auction some of their wealth. I dare say this will be the grandest trade fair the Starlight Continent has ever seen in the past century."

"Even Eternal Stones are being sold?" Shi Feng's eyes lit up after hearing this.

He had been trying to obtain Eternal Stones all this time. Unfortunately, since the Holy World became the Eternal Realm, obtaining them became even more difficult. Additionally, as everyone knew about the Eternity Set, those with Eternal Stones treated them like family heirlooms. This situation prevented him from turning the Eternity Gauntlets and the Eternity Crown in his possession into Divine Artifacts.

If Eternity Stones were sold at the aforementioned auction, it would be an excellent opportunity for him to obtain some. So long as he could get about a dozen more, he could turn the Eternity Crown into a bona fide Divine Artifact. At that time, the Eternity Crown alone would trump the God Chaser Set he currently used.

"All attendees will have their identities hidden, so we can buy Mana Sealing Wood in bulk without worry. I heard that you made a lot of money in the Eternal Realm, so it will be up to you then," Xia Qingying said, smiling when she saw Shi Feng's eagerness. "The Green God Corporation's passenger plane will arrive at Star Lake City in three hours. Do you have any problems?"

"Three hours is enough." Shi Feng nodded. "I'll head over to the airport after I take stock."

Zero Wing currently had plenty of Eternal Coins because of the Tower of the Abyss. After all, each player had to pay five Eternal Gold and 2,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal each time they challenged the Tower of the Abyss, and there were tens of thousands to over a hundred thousand players challenging the tower each day. Even after he repaid the debts he incurred for purchasing the upscale shop in Luminous Sky City and materials from the Seven Luminaries Alliance, Zero Wing should still have plenty of Eternal Coins on its books.

"Okay. Don't be late," Xia Qingying said, hanging up the call after getting Shi Feng's agreement.

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On the Green God Corporation's supersonic passenger plane, a tall woman sat beside Xia Qingying. The woman sported a ponytail, and a black veil covered her face. Although the woman's expression was hidden, she exuded a cold aura that made those around her tremble subconsciously.

After Xia Qingying ended her call with Shi Feng, the veiled woman glanced at the holographic projection of Shi Feng displayed above Xia Qingying's wrist and asked, "Is he the rumored Black Flame from our world?"

"Mhm. He's the one I mentioned to you before," Xia Qingying replied, nodding. Then, with a playful smile, she continued, "Had he entered the Greater God's Domain with your batch, his current achievements might have matched yours."

Chapter 3830: Alternate Ending 904 - Changes to Star Lake City

Chapter 904 - Changes to Star Lake City

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Star Lake City, Zero Wing Training Center

After his call with Xia Qingying ended, Shi Feng tidied up and went to the combat simulation hall where Hidden Soul, Gentle Snow, and the other Zero Wing executives usually trained.

Since the major system update, combat simulation halls had become the primary place for players to visit when resting offline. Besides being able to train against simulated experts, players could also recover the Concentration they expended in God's Domain. Most importantly, players could watch the top experts of their respective Guilds spar.

Before the introduction of Soul Synchronization, the top experts of the various Guilds could be considered elusive creatures in the real world. They typically spent most of their time in God's Domain, rarely appearing before others. However, following Soul Synchronization's introduction, even great grandmasters with powerful mental strength had to go offline regularly to rest and recuperate. This situation resulted in the usually unpopular combat simulation halls becoming a gathering place for top experts.

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The Zero Wing Training Center's combat simulation hall was an indoor stadium with six floors. The first and centermost floor was a vast open space, the second and third floors comprised small and medium simulation fields, and the fourth to sixth floors held viewing boxes.

The viewing boxes on the fifth and sixth floors were exclusive to the Guild's core members and executives; normal members could only use the fourth floor's viewing boxes.

"Those newcomers named Lin Yaoyue and Zhuo Yalin are incredible! They actually lasted ten moves against Big Sis Fire when working together! They can probably rank among the top ten newcomers this time!"

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"Indeed. Everyone in the latest batch of newcomers is incredibly strong. Even the Myriad Forest Empire's Empress Blood Arrow Leroja and the Red Star Kingdom's Undefeated Battle Maniac Cross have withdrawn from their respective Guilds to join us."

"We have to work harder. The Guild only has so many simulation fields. Normal members like us might still get to use them now, but as more members move to the Guild's headquarters, we'll probably have to rent simulation fields outside to rest."

The youths gathered in the fourth floor's general area sighed as they watched the physical combat on the first floor. A sense of urgency welled up in their hearts when they considered Zero Wing's rapid growth.

Before Zero Wing's fame extended beyond Star Lake City, only some people from the city applied to join the Guild. However, after Zero Wing became famous, geniuses from Star Lake City and experts from neighboring mobile cities and the Starlight Realm began to flock to the Guild.

While Zero Wing's youths were talking, a young man with black hair wearing a white sweatshirt walked past the crowd in the fourth floor's general area and entered the fifth floor.

"The fifth floor?"

"Who is that person? Since he can enter the fifth floor, he should be a core member at the minimum, but why haven't I seen him before?"

"He's probably another one of those peerless geniuses who joined our Guild. I really envy these people. They become core members as soon as they join. In contrast, normal members like us have to undergo many rigorous tests to get promoted. We also have to wait in line to use simulation fields."

"That's only the tip of the iceberg. I heard that core members get to spar with the Vice Guild Leaders. Many heirs of corporations have offered our two Vice Guild Leaders millions of Star Coins to host a lesson. Even then, the Vice Guild Leaders rejected all such offers."

"I heard that, too! If I could spar against the two Vice Guild Leaders, I can die without regrets!"

Envy colored the eyes of the youths in the fourth-floor general area as they watched the black-haired young man walk up to the fifth floor. This situation, in turn, stunned the black-haired young man.

Millions of Star Coins to host a lesson? Shi Feng was astonished when he overheard the discussion of the Zero Wing members on the fourth floor. He hadn't expected Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow to become so popular in Star Lake City. Even the Guild

Leaders of hegemonic powers would rarely receive such treatment from the younger generation of corporations.

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While marveling at the changes in Star Lake City, Shi Feng arrived at a viewing box on the sixth floor.

"Guild Leader, I've finished sorting out all of Zero Wing's profits like you asked," Hidden Soul reported after Shi Feng entered the viewing box. She handed him an electronic tablet and stated proudly, "After deducting the funds needed for the Guild's expansion, Shadowring Town's maintenance, and repaying the money you owe, the Guild has 1.35 million Eternal Gold Coins left on its books."

"That much?!" Shi Feng was shocked.

Although he had long since known that Shadowring Town would be incredibly profitable after the Tower of the Abyss's addition, he hadn't expected it to be *this* profitable. It should be known that Zero Wing owed 5.55 million Eternal Gold to the Seven Luminaries Alliance and 0.7 million Eternal Gold to Luminous Sky City. Furthermore, the current Eternal Realm's player population was still relatively low, and it was challenging for players to reach Shadowring Town.

Nevertheless, Zero Wing still had 1.35 million Eternal Gold remaining after repaying all its debts and covering its operational costs!

Aside from apex powers, no other power could have such wealth in the current Eternal Realm. Even pseudo-apex powers would be fortunate to have half a million Eternal Gold right now.

"If you urgently need Eternal Coins, tomorrow is the lease renewal date for Shadowring Town's shops. We should be able to get another 400,000 Eternal Gold," Hidden Soul said seriously.

"That won't be necessary," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Register these Eternal Coins for me at the God's Domain Association. I need to use the money today."

The God's Domain Association was the Greater World's largest and most mysterious organization. Not only was it present in all mobile cities in the Greater World, but it also offered insurance for player transactions made outside of God's Domain. However, this service came at a hefty price, with the God's Domain Association charging anywhere from 10 million to over 100 million Star Coins to insure each transaction. It was not a service the average player could afford.

"Okay. I'll have someone do it right away. It should take two hours at most," Hidden Soul said, nodding. Then, she hesitantly continued, "By the way, Guild Leader, while you were out of reach, many pseudo-apex powers and some hidden pseudo-apex powers contacted me and Snow."

"Contacted you two? What did they want?" Shi Feng asked calmly.

"All these pseudo-apex powers were powers with few to no members present in the Eternal Realm during its inception. Now that an entrance has been discovered, these powers are thinking of expanding into the Eternal Realm. However, they won't have any advantage over other pseudo-apex powers if they enter the Eternal Realm now, so they plan to acquire Zero Wing to remedy that problem," Hidden Soul said worriedly.

"Acquire us?" Shi Feng chuckled. "How much are they offering?"

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