

The Strongest

Chapter 301 - Fangs

The reinforcements from Ouroboros definitely won't make it now.

Zero Wing's forces had also been blocked at the outer perimeter of the Silverleaf Forest.

According to Shi Feng's understanding, Dark Star currently had over 3,000 members searching inside the Silverleaf Forest, including practically all of Dark Star's elites. The 6,000 or so players blockading the outer perimeter were merely cannon fodder.

If this stalemate continued, World Dominators might succeed in carrying out a pincer attack with Dark Star, annihilating Zero Wing's forces.

"Aqua, would it be possible to break through on your side?" Shi Feng contacted Aqua Rose and asked.

"With the current numbers we have at hand, definitely not. However, I've already mentioned this matter in the Guild channel and have sent for more members to hurry over. We should be able to gather another 3,000 members in half an hour. The level and quality of equipment of our Guild members are much higher than Dark Star's, so as long as we can join with these 3,000 members, we can break through their blockade," Aqua Rose said confidently. She had faith in their Guild's combat prowess.

Although Zero Wing had far fewer members than Dark Star, with Dark Star having well over 30,000 members, there wasn't much of a difference in the number of elite players each Guild possessed.

Of Dark Star's 30,000 members, more than 10,000 were newbies around Level 10. Meanwhile, the elites that managed to reach Level 16 only numbered around 6,000. On the other hand, despite recruiting only a small amount of players, their member count only hovering slightly above 5,000, there were actually over 4,000 elites in Zero Wing who were over Level 16.

If other Guilds discovered this fact, they would be shocked. This was also why Aqua Rose had maintained an optimistic view of Zero Wing's future.

As long as Zero Wing could assemble these remaining 3,000 members, they could easily deal with Dark Star's 6,000 extras.

However, it would be impossible for them to engage in an all-out war against Dark Star. After all, there was still a big gap in the total number of elites each Guild possessed. On top of that, Dark Star still had over 10,000 extras. Even if their combat prowess was weak, they could still overwhelm and kill Zero Wing's elites using the advantage of numbers.

"I understand. World Dominators is currently hindering Gentle Snow's group. You should stop trying to break through into the Silverleaf Forest from your side. Instead, turn around and begin a pincer attack on World Dominators. Let's take this chance to kick them out of White River City," Shi Feng issued his commands after some thought.

However, Shi Feng's words had shocked Aqua Rose into a daze.

"Guild Leader, we're here to save people. Wouldn't it be a bad idea to start a war with World Dominators right now?" Aqua Rose asked worriedly.

World Dominators was a first-rate Guild. Although the main force of World Dominators was not based in White River City, they still should not be taken lightly. Just like Ouroboros, even though their main force

was based outside of White River City, they were still the top Guild in White River City. Moreover, wasn't World Dominators similarly one of the top six Guilds in White River City?

If Zero Wing headed over and attacked the members of World Dominators right now, it would be a declaration of war.

Dealing with Dark Star was already a huge headache. If they had to face another one of the top six Guilds in White River City, how could Zero Wing continue mingling in White River City?

"It'll be alright; just go. Remember, the moment you arrive, immediately use a Guild War Order to seal the location. Don't allow anyone from World Dominators to use a Return Scroll to leave that area and make sure you kill every single one of those bastards. Teach them that there is a price to pay if they wish to take advantage of Zero Wing," Shi Feng growled murderously.

Although Shi Feng advocated a low-profile and secretive development, that did not mean that he would receive enemies with a smile, even when said enemy banged on their front door.

Whether it was Dark Star or World Dominators, if they really thought Zero Wing was a sickly animal that they could easily bully, they should get ready to pay a heavy price.

"But what do we do about Fire Dance and the others? There are still more than 50 players with them, and they are all the cream of the crop of our Guild. Now that they are all Red Names, if they die, our Guild will suffer tremendous losses." Although Aqua Rose could discern Shi Feng's rage and killing intent from the tone of his voice, she still tried to dissuade him.

"I'll save Fire Dance and the others." Shi Feng answered with absolute confidence.

Aqua Rose sighed at Shi Feng's answer. However, she no longer chose to pursue the matter, and instead, she said, "Fine, but as the Guild Leader of Zero Wing, don't you think you should say a few words to your fellow Guild members as well? You haven't expressed your intentions since Dark Star declared war against us. Although nobody in the Guild has said anything about it, considering the weight of this incident and the declaration of war against World Dominators, how can you stay silent?"

After the war with Dark Star began, both murderous intentions and excitement swept through everyone in Zero Wing. Many in the Guild had expressed their eagerness for vengeance, speaking in the Guild channel about how they were going to teach the bastards from Dark Star a lesson and show Dark Star know how amazing Zero Wing was.

However, as the intensity of the battle between both Guilds grew, and the number of deaths increased, the atmosphere in Zero Wing became heavy. Even though they had fought for so long, they still hadn't managed to break past Dark Star's blockade around the Silverleaf Forest. The number of dead Zero Wing elites inside the Silverleaf Forest also grew as time passed. Hence, it was inevitable that Zero Wing's momentum would falter.

At this point, most of the Zero Wing members had already lost their motivation to continue fighting, not to mention carrying out a pincer attack on World Dominators.

Shi Feng, of course, was aware of Aqua Rose's concerns. However, compared to just speaking through the Guild channel, Shi Feng had taken more decisive action and directly uploaded a post to the official forums.

Dark Star, today you've dared to send tens of thousands of players to hunt the hundreds of players of Zero Wing. My Zero Wing Guild will return this slight one hundredfold! Even if we're down to our very last breath, we will massacre your 30,000 members as payback!

The name of Black Flame, the Chief Forger of Star-Moon Kingdom, had long since spread throughout the Star-Moon Kingdom. Moreover, Zero Wing was also the first Guild to own a Guild Residence.

The moment this post uploaded, it immediately garnered the attention of the residents of Star-Moon Kingdom.

“Crap! Are they starting an all-out war?”

“I show my support for Zero Wing! Zero Wing is as amazing as expected! Even though there are only several hundred, Dark Star actually had to send tens of thousands of players to hunt them!”

“Does anybody know the final result?”

“I heard that Zero Wing had lost over 300 members to Dark Star already, and there are still a few dozen being hunted down. On the other hand, Dark Star has already lost over a thousand members. Right now, every player in White River City is discussing this matter.”

“Amazing! With just several hundred players on their side, even when faced with more than ten thousand players, they can still kill over a thousand players! Dozens are still alive, too! I also want to join Zero Wing and become an expert!”

“I despise Dark Star! If they can, they should duel Zero Wing fairly! What’s so great about using numbers to bully someone?”

“I am one of the members of Zero Wing that had been surrounded and killed.

You guys should have seen how amazing our Guild’s Sister Dance and Brother Black fought! Sister Dance weaved across thousands of players, killing over a hundred Dark Star members in a row! Brother Black’s

spells instantly vaporized hundreds of Dark Star members the moment it landed! I have a video recording of the battle, so come to Zero Wing's forum section if you want to have a look at it!"

After Shi Feng uploaded his post, the entire forum exploded in a storm of comments. The players that had only recently started playing God's Domain also started paying attention to Zero Wing as a result of this commotion, especially after seeing the battlefield containing thousands of players.

In comparison, the battle scenes they usually saw in movies were boring. The scene where countless stars crashed onto the battlefield, destroying the land and instantly turning hundreds of players into ash, especially stunned them. They couldn't help their boiling blood after watching this scene.

After watching this video, many players started considering joining Zero Wing.

Chapter 302 - Strong Capital

Shi Feng had used the name of Black Flame when he uploaded his post. Hence, just a few minutes after the post went live, it had already received a massive amount of visitors. The number of replies easily passed ten thousand. Shortly after, the post had been automatically pinned at the top of the forums by the game officials, and there was also an additional bright red "War" tag on the post.

This single word was eye-catching.

Meanwhile, due to Shi Feng's post, the originally crestfallen Guild members' fighting spirits immediately reignited, and they hungered for Dark Star's death.

Moreover, the video of Dark Star's ambush of Zero Wing had also shocked its viewers. The video allowed everyone to understand that even players could become so powerful. When the Stars of Light descended, the scene seemed as if the world was coming to an end, and within an instant, hundreds of players had been vaporized. Even players outside of the spell's damage range were not spared as the wind generated by the spell's impact sent them flying.

Seeing the power of this skill, everyone finally understood why Blackie had such a high Level.

While everyone else struggled to kill a single monster, Blackie could simply lure several hundred monsters and kill all of them with a single move. How could anybody hope to compare to such a leveling speed?

After watching this video, countless players started dreaming of the day that they, too, could possess such power.

Such a skill was far more useful than any piece of quality equipment.

"Dark Star, just you wait! I will kill everyone who tries to block our way!"

"That's right! Brother Black and Sister Dance are waiting for us right now! How can we be so shameful? Aren't they just 6,000 monkeys? Even if I have to die ten times over, I will extinguish Dark Star!"

The members of Zero Wing all released spirited battle-cries as they glared at the members of Dark Star blocking their path.

As long as Aqua Rose gave the command, they would charge and take action.

However, just as they turned their gazes to Aqua Rose, Zero Wing's Vice-Leader, Shi Feng's voice suddenly dominated the Guild channel.

"I'm sure everyone is clear about what has happened today. Dark Star has declared all-out war against us, and they wish to wipe our names from White River City. Although we, Zero Wing, have just started our journey and the member count of our Guild cannot compare to the other Guilds in White River City, Dark Star has actually started a war with us, thinking that we are easy to bully. What do you all think we should do about this?"

"Kill them all!"

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"That's right! Why should we fear fighting back?! Now, let's show those bastards that, if they wish to swallow us whole, they should prepare to lose a few teeth!"

"Since everyone is going to try their best, as the Guild Leader, I cannot be stingy. Before the battle, I sent for someone to retrieve some battle tools stored inside the Guild Warehouse. Everyone should now look for Vice-Leader Aqua Rose for your share. Also, for those who participate in today's battle, you will gain 10 Guild Points for each enemy you kill. Those who manage to accumulate 10 kills will be rewarded one piece of Secret-Silver Equipment; while those who kill 50 will get a piece of Fine-Gold Equipment! If you manage to kill 100, you will even receive a Private Room in the Guild Residence! Even if you die in battle, you will still receive 10 Guild Points as compensation!"

The moment Shi Feng finished his monolog, everyone's hearts beat fervently, and their eyes glowed with excitement.

Zero Wing's administration was very thorough, and one could only use Guild Points to exchange for items from the Guild Warehouse. However, it was extremely difficult for members to earn Guild Points. If converted to Coins, each Guild Point was worth around 30 Copper. Meanwhile, trading them for a Level 10 Bronze Equipment required 30 Guild Points, which would be 9 Silver Coins. Currently, Level 10 Bronze Equipment only sold for around 7 to 8 Silver Coins on the market. To put it simply, it was not a worthwhile exchange. It was also for this reason that another batch of players had withdrawn from the Guild.

In fact, this was something Shi Feng and Aqua Rose had already taken into consideration. If the Guild sold equipment cheaper than market price, then many members would try to take advantage of this fact to trade for Guild equipment to resell elsewhere. They could then use the money to buy Guild Points again. Hence, the high prices were set to prevent an outflow of Guild equipment and items.

However, after the emergence of the Guild Residence and the additional benefit of renting Private Rooms, everyone in the Guild no longer had a disfavorable opinion of the Guild's administration. On the contrary, they all felt that the administration was extremely fair.

Private Rooms were something ordinary players dared not even dream of obtaining in other Guilds. After all, the land in White River City and each Guild Residence could only contain a limited number of Private Rooms. Meanwhile, the higher-ups of the Guild would surely occupy these rooms. Ordinary members would never be able to enjoy this benefit. Yet, Zero Wing had defied all expectations and actually opened up a few Private Rooms for ordinary members.

Ordinary members of Zero Wing could actually rent these Private Rooms for a low cost of only two Guild Points per day.

Although the price was slightly higher than staying a night at a Hotel, unlike Hotels, one could accumulate Double EXP buffs from Private Rooms. With this feature, it was definitely worth spending a few extra Copper Coins.

The members present in this battle also heard of the benefits provided by other Guilds. Although other Guilds also provided rewards and compensation to its members for killing and dying in battle, the amount offered was far worse than Shi Feng's.

Ten Guild Points equalled 3 Silver Coins...

There were 3,000 members participating in this battle. If each one of them managed to kill one enemy, the total Guild Points awarded would be the equivalent of 9,000 Silver Coins or 90 Gold. This was a massive sum of money. Moreover, Shi Feng also promised to compensate for each Guild member's death. At the very least, he would have to spend over 100 Gold.

If converted to Credits, 100 Gold would be worth over one million.

This situation reaffirmed everyone's confidence in Zero Wing's financial resources and background. With such great benefits, powerful financial resources, and most importantly, such an amazing Guild Leader, was it possible for such a Guild not to grow powerful?

"Even if I have to die, I'll still drag at least ten guys with me!"

"Humph! Don't you have any ambition? Didn't you hear the Guild Leader say that he would reward those who manage to get 100 kills with their own Private Room?"

"You have to be capable of actually doing that first!"

"Have you not seen how easily Brother Black and Sister Dance managed it?"

“...”

The momentum pushing the Guild members to kill their enemies was stronger than ever now. Although the Guild would only rent out not sell, any of the Private Rooms, one could imagine how much a Private Room would cost. It was definitely not something worth a measly 1,000 Guild Points.

Although their chances of actually killing 100 people were slim, there was still a small possibility. Naturally, they would fight for that glimmer of hope.

“Everyone, come to me to receive the Frost Grenades. Each person will only get two. Party leaders will get three Frost Grenades and one Tier 0 Attack or Defense Magic Scroll. Team leaders and vice team leaders will receive five Frost Grenades and one Tier 1 Magic Scroll.” After Shi Feng finished his speech, Aqua Rose started distributing the supportive tools to every Guild member.

In order to display Zero Wing’s might to everyone in Star-Moon Kingdom, Shi Feng bled his pockets dry this time. He retrieved all the supportive tools from inside the Guild Warehouse for this battle.

The moment everyone received the supportive tools, everyone felt even more certain of their victory over Dark Star. Just by arming all of them with a single Frost Grenade, they could easily force Dark Star’s 6,000 members to eat a huge loss. Adding in the control effect of the Frost Grenades, their chances of defeating these 6,000 players increased by at least 30%.

“Vice-Leader Aqua, how should we fight? We’ll all listen to your commands!”

“That’s right! With these tools of war, I can easily kill over ten people and earn a ton!”

“One hundred people, here I come! Let’s hope that those bastards don’t run away!”

Everyone started joking around as they felt confident in defeating Dark Star now.

“Since everyone is ready, follow me.” Aqua Rose nodded. The next moment, however, she turned around and ran in the opposite direction of the Silverleaf Forest.

Chapter 303 - Hold Nothing Back

Deep inside the Silverleaf Forest...

“Boss, I don’t know what’s going on with Zero Wing, but they’ve retreated from Silverleaf Forest’s entrance,” an Assassin who used Stealth to stalk Zero Wing’s troops reported in the team chat. “It seems that they’re giving up on trying to get in.”

“Hahaha! That Black Flame made such a bold statement, yet, now, he’s fleeing with his tail between his legs? If we upload this news to the forums, he will definitely become a laughing stock!” South Wolf laughed loudly when he received this report.

Lone Tyrant’s lips curled into a sneer as well, saying contemptuously, “Zero Wing is just a gathering of nobodies. Since the very beginning, they have never stood a chance at victory. They should consider themselves lucky. If they waited until we finished wiping out Zero Wing’s core team, we would have turned around and begun a pincer attack on them with World Dominators. At that time, even their

remaining three to four thousand members would have no hope, and Zero Wing would utterly disappear from White River City.”

“Guild Leader Tyrant is as amazing as expected. It turns out that you had such a plan readied as well; no wonder you are an expert capable of competing with Gentle Snow over White River City. Not only do you possess extraordinary strength, but your intellect is also at the top of White River City!” South Wolf flattered as he came to a realization. “As long as you can remove Zero Wing’s name from White River City, the only obstacle in your way will be Ouroboros. However, with Dark Star and World Dominators working together, even the team led by Gentle Snow would no longer pose a threat. At that time, Guild Leader Tyrant would become the true overlord of White River City.”

“It’s still too early to make such claims.” Lone Tyrant chuckled as pleasure filled his heart. He then continued, saying, “Ultimately, Gentle Snow is a well-known expert and leader in the virtual gaming world. I’m afraid that I’ll need more strength before I can chase her out of White River City. When the time comes, it will also depend on whether or not Underworld plays its part.”

“Hahaha! Guild Leader Tyrant can rest assured! As long as Dark Star possesses a high chance of becoming the overlord of White River City, Underworld will invest greatly in it. When the time comes, Underworld will send even more experts to help Dark Star solidify its position as overlord.”

South Wolf laughed, answering with certainty.

“With your word, South Wolf, I can rest assured.” Lone Tyrant laughed with South Wolf.

Currently, confidence regarding Dark Star’s future filled Lone Tyrant.

“Now that Zero Wing has given up on saving Fire Dance and the core members, although I pity them slightly, we should still quickly end their lives.” When South Wolf thought of Fire Dance’s sexy body, a lecherous smile unconsciously appeared on his face.

Elsewhere, Fire Dance and her group were currently in a very precarious situation. Players from Dark Star had them surrounded, and although they had constantly carved out a path of bodies, they could not use Return Scrolls to escape. Dark Star had the Silverleaf Forest under siege, and all exits were blocked. If this situation continued, they would, sooner or later, lose their lives.

However, they could not afford to die. At this moment, there were only 30-plus players remaining in their team, and they were all were Red Names. As for herself and Blackie, their names were already close to turning black now. If they died, losing three or four levels would only be a small matter. The most crucial point was that they could not afford the loss of their equipment.

“Sister Fire Dance, what are we going to do now? The bastards from Dark Star have discovered our location again,” Lonely Snow asked. At this moment, he appeared to be in quite a sorry state. After being surrounded and attacked over a dozen times, his willpower had started to falter as well. Unfortunately, no matter what they did, they could not find a way to escape from Dark Star.

“Let’s retreat first, then talk. Aqua Rose and the others are currently breaking through the entrance now. Moreover, they also have a large stock of supportive tools, so they can definitely break past Dark Star’s blockade. We just need to hold on for a little while longer before we’re rescued.” Fire Dance had also racked her mind, trying to think of a way to escape. However, Dark Star simply had too many players. No matter how they tried to run, another group of players always waited for them. If not for the fact that their equipment and techniques were so impressive, they would have long since died.

Just as everyone was desperately running for their lives, Shi Feng contacted Fire Dance and suddenly joined the team.

“Guild Leader!”

“Guild Leader! You’re finally here!”

A glimmer of hope immediately flared in Blackie’s heart when he noticed Shi Feng join the team. Blackie’s opinion of Shi Feng had reached blind worship long ago, and he believed that there was nothing that Shi Feng could not accomplish.

In fact, Blackie wasn’t alone in having such an opinion. Everyone in the core team thought so as well. Meanwhile, the originally gloomy atmosphere instantly dispersed upon Shi Feng’s arrival.

“Guild Leader, you’re even more amazing than the Fountain of Life! By simply joining the team, you have caused everyone’s spirits to recover instantly; their fighting powers have doubled!” Fire Dance joked.

“Hahaha! I never knew I had such an effect!” Shi Feng laughed.

They all could not help but laugh with him.

Instantly, the atmosphere relaxed.

“How are things on your side?” Shi Feng asked.

“Dark Star has us forced into a corner, and it’s practically impossible for barge through any of the exits. At most, I think we have another half an hour before we’ll have to make a final stand against them...”

Fire Dance gave Shi Feng a brief explanation of their current position. Meanwhile, as a veteran of the battlefield, Shi Feng quickly grasped the general situation.

If Fire Dance and her group faced Dark Star's 3,000 players in direct combat, the conclusion would be obvious. Even if they had Shi Feng with them, the result would be the same.

After a long moment of silence...

"I understand. Head to these coordinates. I'll meet you guys there," Shi Feng said.

Now that Fire Dance's group had been forced to such a corner, even Shi Feng could not turn the tides. Dark Star had 3,000 players fighting for them, not just one or two hundred. At this stage of the game, most players should have already learned quite a few Skills, and of them, there would definitely be a few lifesaving skills. Furthermore, their fighting techniques would have improved greatly. It was no longer possible for Shi Feng to slaughter them by the hundreds as he had with Martial Union. Fortunately, Shi Feng was very familiar with the Silverleaf Forest. After giving it some thought, he concluded that there was only one location Fire Dance and the others could head to survive.

The chances for survival was less than 30%.

However, a 30% chance of survival was far better than none at all. After all, if they faced Dark Star's 3,000-strong army, they would die ten out of ten times.

Hopefully, Aqua Rose can take action quickly. Otherwise, we really will suffer a total defeat.

Following which, Shi Feng disconnected his call with Fire Dance. He then activated the Seven Luminaries Ring's Space Movement once more, teleporting to the meeting location that he gave Fire Dance's group.

Although Guild War Orders could seal off the usage of teleportation scrolls, they were completely useless against the power of the Seven Luminaries Ring.

On the gravel road leading to the Silverleaf Forest, the players from World Dominators had already started battling the players from Ouroboros.

Throughout their battle, both sides had constantly sent for more reinforcements, involving more and more players in the fray.

Both sides were first-rate Guilds with extraordinary backgrounds. To hinder Gentle Snow's advance, World Dominators had sent over 10,000 players to this fight. Meanwhile, Gentle Snow had even more players on her side. Currently, her army had increased to over 14,000 players. The intensity of the battle between these two Guilds far outstripped the battle between Dark Star and Zero Wing.

This massive encounter had shocked many players in White River City.

Just what was happening in White River City?

Why were four of the top six Guilds in White River City battling it out against each other? Moreover, it wasn't just a minor skirmish between Guilds. These four Guilds had actually started a full-fledged war against each other, where only one side would rest when the other was obliterated.

Such a situation was simply unimaginable in other cities. Players were still in the initial stages of God's Domain, and currently, every Guild in God's Domain fully occupied themselves with raiding Dungeons and development. Yet, these four Guilds in White River City actually dared to start a full-fledged war. Regardless of which side won or lost, they would all be losers in God's Domain.

"Snow, this war is getting out of hand. Both sides have already incurred over a thousand fatalities. If this situation continues, Emperor's Light and the Assassin's Alliance might be tempted to take advantage of the situation. I think we should retreat for now. After fighting for so long, we have fulfilled our duty to Zero Wing," Zhao Yueru urged as she looked at Gentle Snow who currently issued commands.

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In reply to Zhao Yueru's suggestion, Gentle Snow merely shook her head and revealed a smile, not bothering to give any additional explanations.

"Are we just going to continue fighting like this?"

"Although we have the advantage right now, if we wish to repel World Dominators, our losses will be immense. We might very well ruin the great advantage we have in White River City. Snow, you should know that the people of Star-Moon City have long since had an opinion of you. If we lose the advantage we have in White River City, they will take advantage of the situation and cause you trouble."

Zhao Yueru could not make sense of Gentle Snow's thoughts.

Although they were good friends with Black Flame, it wasn't enough of a reason to destroy the influence they had obtained through painstaking efforts.

The fight between their two Guilds was no longer a simple skirmish, but a war that involved over ten thousand people.

Without sufficient benefits, one should never start a war.

War was not a child's game. Not only were they required to give out rewards and compensation to the participants, but they also needed to pay for many other expenditures. To put it plainly, war was just a way for players to waste money. Though, it would not have mattered as much if they could pay these expenses using Credits. After all, their families in the real world were both wealthy and influential; they could easily ignore such insignificant expenses. However, what they were not spending Credits, but Coins, a commodity that could not be easily obtained.

If they continued fighting this war, the advantage they previously held over the other Guilds in White River City would fall behind significantly.

Zhao Yueru knew that Gentle Snow was a person who spoke of righteousness and possessed high morals. If it were for a personal matter, she would never allow her companions to fight in such a desperate war. It was also the reason many experts willingly followed and respected her.

Even if it were for personal reasons, Gentle Snow absolutely would not drag in the entirety of Ouroboros in White River City.

"Is Zero Wing truly worth the effort to attempt to win this battle and protect them?" Zhao Yueru asked in confusion.

“Yes. I believe my own foresight.” Gentle Snow’s crystal clear eyes glowed with firm confidence. In truth, Gentle Snow wanted to say that she believed in Black Flame and Ye Feng’s potential.

In addition, there was also a great power hidden behind Black Flame. Even to this moment, Gentle Snow had yet to glean any important information about Black Flame.

Not only could he form a connection with the Starstreak Trading Firm, but he was also allowed to sell his products there. This was definitely not a feat that any ordinary power could help achieve. At the very least, to this day, Gentle Snow had yet to find any other Guild successfully forming a relationship with the NPCs of a trading firm. Moreover, the experts in Zero Wing had practically appeared from thin air. If one claimed that no power supported Zero Wing from behind, then how was it even possible for a recently established Guild like Zero Wing to draw in so many experts?

Hence, Gentle Snow felt confident that she had made the right decision.

However, if Gentle Snow discovered that Shi Feng had simply recruited people in Jin Hai City who had been experts in the past, just what would her expression be?

As the desperate battle between Ouroboros and World Dominators continued, the Vice-Leader of World Dominators, Blood Halberd, experienced a slight headache.

“Has that Gentle Snow gone insane? Isn’t she just helping out some foreign Guild? Is there a need to try so desperately?” Blood Halberd appeared disappointed and confused as he looked at the casualty report he had received. As of this moment, they had lost over 1,500 players. Just the compensation they had to pay out had already reached astronomical amounts. The more Blood Halberd read the death toll written in the report, the darker his expression became.

No matter how he considered things, World Dominators would undertake a huge loss this time.

“Guild Leader Tyrant, World Dominators has incurred an immense loss due to your great plan. If you don’t compensate us appropriately, don’t blame me if the relationship between our Guilds turns sour.” Blood Halberd was furious now. He felt that Lone Tyrant had used him as cannon fodder.

“Vice-Leader Blood, please calm your anger. This entire incident was purely an accident. I did not expect Gentle Snow to be a madman. Rest assured, I will definitely compensate you for your losses.” Lone Tyrant agreed to Blood Halberd’s demands without hesitation. Or to put it in another way, he did not dare hesitate.

Although Dark Star was powerful in White River City, it was still weaker than Ouroboros.

If a misunderstanding occurred with World Dominators, it would be a disaster if they joined hands with Ouroboros to deal with Dark Star. Hence, Lone Tyrant had no choice but to compensate them. After all, he was the one who had requested World Dominators to hinder Ouroboros. However, Lone Tyrant’s heart ached when he thought about how he needed to compensate for over 1,500 deaths.

“Fine. Since Guild Leader Tyrant has made such a promise, I won’t say anything more.”

While Blood Halberd and Lone Tyrant conversed, Aqua Rose and the members of Zero Wing finally arrived at the battlefield between Ouroboros and World Dominators.

“It’s up to all of you now,” Shi Feng spoke in the Guild channel.

“Guild Leader, leave it to us! At worst, we will just have to die once. No matter what, we are going to teach World Dominators that, if they wish to join hands with Dark Star to face us, they better not think of leaving unscathed!”

“Right! Since they wish to start a war, we will show them that anybody who dares provoke Zero Wing will suffer the consequences!”

Energy filled the 3,000-plus members of Zero Wing that had hurried to the battlefield. The moment Shi Feng gave the order, they would instantly transform into ferocious beasts and tear apart their enemies.

“Good, listen to my command. Assassins, your job is to use Stealth and sneak over to World Dominators’ healers. Shield Warriors, Guardian Knights, Berserkers, and Swordsmen, all of you are to charge into the heart of World Dominators and break their formation. Healers, follow the group closely and keep everyone in the unit alive. As for ranged attackers, block their path of retreat. We will not let a single one of them leave here alive. Aqua Rose will be in charge of commanding the ranged classes.”

Under Shi Feng’s commands, everyone from Zero Wing took organized action. Very quickly, more than 300 Assassins snuck to World Dominators’ rear lines. Meanwhile, as all of the players from World Dominators were occupied with their battle against Ouroboros, none of them managed to discover the forces of Zero Wing arriving behind them, let alone the Assassins sneaking up on them.

“Assassins, confirm your targets. Have two people deal with each target and kill the healers with certainty. Do not give World Dominators a chance to react,” Shi Feng said in the Guild channel.

“Guild Leader, we’re in position,” the Assassin party leader reported.

“Good. On the count to five, take action together. After the Assassins make their move, Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights, remember to activate your lifesaving skills immediately as you start your charge. You all are to become a wall for everyone else and block of every bit of damage sent at you. As you move closer to World Dominators, everyone is to attack using the Frost Grenades that you received to break their first line of defense. Afterward, shatter their formation. Does everyone understand?” Shi Feng said.

Following which, as Shi Feng started his countdown, everyone began to grow nervous. It was especially true for the Assassins tasked with launching the first attacks.

Meanwhile, the healers of World Dominators stood comfortably in their positions as they carried out their duties. None of them had any sense of danger instilled in them at all.

However, they could not be blamed for this.

After all, they had an army of over ten thousand strong between the perceived enemy and themselves. No enemy should be able to touch them unless they broke through the defensive lines. Also, even if one or two players managed to sneak past the front lines, what could they possibly do to several hundred healers? The moment they revealed themselves, they would die instantly.

“Good! On my command!

“Five... Four... Three... Two... One.

“Kill! Let not a single one of them go!”

After Shi Feng's shout, all 300-plus Assassins took action simultaneously, with every two Assassins launching attacks on a single healer.

When ambushed by an Assassin, any ordinary healer would lose more than half of their HP, let alone an ambush by two elite Assassins.

Momentarily, many of World Dominators' healers felt a sting at the back of their heads. After they were forced into a Fainted state, two piercing cold daggers slashed across their necks, followed by two frightening damages appearing above their heads. In the next moment, their bodies were no longer under their control.

In the blink of an eye, World Dominators lost close to 200 healers. Immediately, Zero Wing's melee players began their charge.

A moment later, Aqua Rose used a Guild War Order to lock down the entire region, preventing any from using a Return Scroll to leave the battlefield.

Chapter 305 - Zero Wing's Might

The sudden loss of almost 200 healers stunned everyone from World Dominators.

"It's an ambush! Run!"

Faced with several hundred Assassins so close without any protectors by their side, the only way the healers of World Dominators could escape death was to run towards the main army of World Dominators.

However, healers were inherently slow. The Assassins from Zero Wing quickly caught up to them.

Originally, if these healers had worked together to retaliate against the Assassins from Zero Wing, they could have at least offered some semblance of resistance. It would not have been so easy to kill them.

However, their decision to run immediately created chaos, and those who could have originally survived died as well.

Without any healing or resistance, these healers were lambs to the slaughter. Zero Wing's Assassins killed them arbitrarily. By the time the rear guards of World Dominators came to the rescue, a majority of their healers were already dead.

Just as the surviving healers thought they were safe, they quickly discovered several thousand players charging in their direction. Every one of these players was like a ferocious tiger as they crashed into their enemy's ranks, and the several hundred players who served as World Dominators' rear guards were instantly dispersed. This situation allowed the Assassins to continue their slaughter of the healers.

"Guild Leader, not good! Our rear line has been ambushed, and we've lost over half of our healers already. These newcomers are fierce, and the rear line needs help to hold them off," one of the team leaders defending against Zero Wing's ambush hurriedly reported.

"What? Who are these people?" Blood Halberd had been busy issuing commands from the frontlines all this time. The moment he received the report, he immediately turned to look. He discovered that there

were actually several thousand players charging and killing into their ranks, and anyone from World Dominators who tried to block their charge instantly died. These newcomers were like a sharp blade, instantly splitting World Dominators' forces in half with their precision charge.

World Dominators currently fought a desperate battle against Ouroboros, and the damage they received from such an ambush was self-evident.

Without the healers' support, the Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights who stood on the frontlines rapidly fell, one after another. The frontline was also continuously forced into a retreat, and within moments, over a hundred players from World Dominators had died.

"Damn! Just who are they? To actually dare start a war against World Dominators, do they not want to live anymore?" Blood Halberd's eyes had already become blood-red from anger. He wished he could immediately chop their ambushers into a million pieces.

"Guild Leader, they're wearing a six-winged emblem on their chests. They should be players from Zero Wing," a Ranger reported.

"Zero Wing? Weren't they fighting Dark Star? Why have they suddenly appeared here?" Questions filled Blood Halberd's mind. However, he halted his thoughts as he spoke through the Guild's war channel, "These losers have actually dared ambush us; they're simply overestimating themselves! Everyone, turn around and focus all your attacks on Zero Wing! Wipe these fools from Zero Wing out first!"

Blood Halberd was one of the upper echelons of World Dominators, and he had experienced many battles that involved tens of thousands of players in the past. Thus, he was very clear on what actions he needed to take right now.

World Dominators was no longer a match for Ouroboros in this battle. Now that Zero Wing had ambushed them from behind, launching a pincer attack with Ouroboros, World Dominators was in a fatal situation. If they continued this battle, they would suffer total annihilation. The only options they had was to either break through from one side, or defend their positions and wait for help.

Since the second option was clearly not viable, the only option they had left was to break through and escape this battlefield. However, it was clearly impossible for them to break through from Ouroboros' side. That left them with annihilating Zero Wing. Regarding numbers and total combat power, World Dominators was above Zero Wing by leaps and bounds.

Meanwhile, on Ouroboros's side, Gentle Snow very quickly noticed that someone had ambushed World Dominators. Moreover, the ambush came from directly behind World Dominators. Although Gentle Snow did not know who launched the attack, this was a great chance that she could not miss. They might even be able to give World Dominators a huge blow in this situation.

"Everyone, charge forward! Don't let World Dominators reorganize their formation!" Gentle Snow commanded her forces, wearing a faint smile on her face.

To readjust their formation, World Dominators turned around to attack Zero Wing. Unfortunately, that decision came at a high price. Unwittingly, World Dominators lost thousands of their members.

Blood Halberd's heart bled at this sight.

Although they had fought Ouroboros for a long time, they had only lost around 1,000 or so players. Now, in just a few short minutes, they lost several times that amount....

"Kill! Annihilate Zero Wing!" Blood Halberd bellowed through the Guild channel as he pointed his sword at Zero Wing's 3,000 members.

Currently, World Dominators still had close to 10,000 players alive. It would be an easy task for them to deal with just 3,000 players.

Both sides immediately entered a desperate struggle, flames and arrows filling the skies. A few independent players that stood a distance away were thoroughly shocked when they witnessed this scene. This battle was far more realistic and shocking than any movie they had watched before.

Sounds of smashing and swords clashing filled the surroundings. There was also the constant stream of spells bombarding the land, sending debris and dust flying into the air.

This was truly a bloody battlefield.

In this battlefield, personal strength was insignificant. When struck by hundreds of Fireballs and Frost Arrows, even the most powerful MTs would die instantly.

“Very good. It should be about time to use them now.” Shi Feng closely observed the battle through the live stream from Aqua Rose. After watching both sides clash for some time and seeing how closely packed the players on the enemy’s side were, Shi Feng commanded in the Guild channel, “Use all your Frost Grenades and Magic Scrolls now! Hold nothing back and use all of them at once!”

The members of Zero Wing who had long since hungered for this moment immediately tossed the Frost Grenades in their hands.

This time around, the members of Zero Wing only used Basic Frost Grenades. Moreover, Frost Grenades were only half as effective when used against players, so each Basic Frost Grenade only dealt 100 damage to players. However, with several thousand players using them simultaneously, the

accumulated damage could easily exceed 10,000 points. Currently, a majority of the players in God's Domain were around Level 15, and even top-tier experts would be Level 20 at best.

Meanwhile, a Level 20 Shield Warrior or Guardian Knight would only have around 3,000 HP. In the face of so many Basic Frost Grenades, these players were cannon fodder; they could die at any given moment.

Shortly after the Basic Frost Grenades were thrown, a large swath of players from World Dominators died. As for those lucky enough to survive, they transformed into pure-white ice sculptures.

Immediately, the reinforcements from World Dominators who were just about to charge over were stunned stiff on the spot, intense fear permeating their hearts.

As for Gentle Snow who stood at a far distance, she had only noticed the center of the battlefield suddenly transforming into a snowy field.

In this lush, green land surrounded by blistering hot temperatures, this white contrast made for relatively beautiful scenery.

However, Blood Halberd was not in the mood to appreciate this pleasing sight. Zero Wing's combined Frost Grenade attack had instantly killed over 1,000 players. Adding in the follow-up control effect of the Frost Grenades and Ouroboros' continuous assault from behind, the death toll in this brief moment was at least 3,000.

Moreover, even without this wave of Frost Grenades, Blood Halberd had discovered something very important.

Although Zero Wing only had around 3,000 members, a large majority of them were elite players. Not only did they possess high Levels, but their equipment was also of good quality. With these two advantages, these players could easily take on two to three average players.

If the 10,000 or so players of World Dominators faced off against 3,000 average players, it would not take them very long to annihilate the latter and break out of this pincer attack. However, it was a completely different story if they faced 3,000 elite players. There was absolutely no way to break through this hurdle in a short time. Not to mention, they also had to pay a huge price to do so.

It was the same situation when World Dominators had initially hindered Ouroboros's advance towards the Silverleaf Forest. At that time, they had only used several hundred elite players to block Ouroboros's army of 2,000 players.

Now that World Dominators faced 3,000 elite players, in addition to the previous Frost Grenade attack, Blood Halberd began to consider suicide. If he had known about this earlier, he would have chosen to break through the pincer attack through Ouroboros's side. It would have been much easier that way.

How did Zero Wing come into possession so many elite players?

Blood Halberd could neither understand why nor did he try to understand it, as there was only one thing he could do right now.

"Everyone, listen to my command! All of you use Return Scrolls and leave this place immediately!" Blood Halberd shouted reluctantly in the Guild channel.

This could not be helped. If they received several more waves of Frost Grenade attacks from Zero Wing, in addition to Ouroboros' assault, World Dominators would be annihilated. There was only one thing they could do now.

Escape!

Although it would be both costly and time-consuming to use Return Scrolls, and even more people would die, it was a much better alternative than suffering total annihilation.

"Guild Leader, this is not good! This area has been sealed! We can't use Return Scrolls!"

Chapter 306 - The Price of Being a "Passerby"

His subordinate's report stunned Blood Halberd.

"Do they really intend to fight to the bitter end?!" Blood Halberd's eyes turned crimson, his current mood similar to an imminent volcanic eruption.

With the entire area sealed off, preventing the use of Return Scrolls, World Dominators had no way to escape.

The steep slopes on both sides of this area left only one line of movement available. One could only advance forward or retreat backward; there was no third option available. Right now, however, Ouroboros blocked the road back to the city, while Zero Wing blocked the road to the Silverleaf Forest.

Originally, Blood Halberd felt only contempt for Zero Wing's attempt to launch a pincer attack on World Dominators. Now that he had personally witnessed Zero Wing's strength, however, Blood Halberd no longer dared underestimate Zero Wing.

Whether it was Ouroboros or Zero Wing, neither of them was easy to deal with.

Blood Halberd's current situation could be perfectly described as being stuck between a rock and a hard place. However, inaction would similarly result in World Dominators' complete annihilation.

Originally, World Dominators had come to this place simply to aid Dark Star in delaying Ouroboros's advance. Now, however, they had become the center of the war.

"Everyone, defensive formation!" Blood Halberd commanded after a bit of thought, not daring to delay any longer.

The members of World Dominators immediately formed a circle to repel attacks from both sides and reduce their losses. Meanwhile, Blood Halberd sent out a communication request to Lone Tyrant.

Originally, Lone Tyrant was still joyous over locating Fire Dance's group. However, he suddenly received an urgent call from Blood Halberd.

"Vice-Leader Blood, I will definitely send over the compensation after this entire matter is dealt with. Please stop rushing me," Lone Tyrant said, slightly annoyed.

“Compensation?” Blood Halberd’s anger boiled over when he heard this word. Originally, Dark Star was the one responsible for dealing with Zero Wing. However, World Dominators now had to handle both Zero Wing and Ouroboros, placing Blood Halberd’s Guild in such a dangerous situation. Was this something mere compensation could make up for?

“Guild Leader Tyrant, I promised to help you delay Ouroboros, not to start an all-out war with them! Now, not only have you let Zero Wing’s forces run away, you’re even making World Dominators face two Guilds at once! Meanwhile, you, Guild Leader Tyrant, only know how to utter the word ‘compensation’?! Guild Leader Tyrant, you’re good! You’re very good!” The more Blood Halberd spoke, the angrier he got. He felt that Lone Tyrant had plotted against World Dominators all this time.

First, Lone Tyrant had let them fight it out with Ouroboros. Then, he had allowed Zero Wing’s forces to escape. In order to escape, Zero Wing could only pass through the area where World Dominators and Ouroboros were fighting. In the end, Zero Wing had no choice but to start a fight with World Dominators.

With this plan, Lone Tyrant could kill three birds with one stone. Success meant that three of the top six Guilds in White River City would receive a huge blow, with Dark Star the only beneficiary of this chaos.

Lone Tyrant was certain that there was a misunderstanding the moment he heard Blood Halberd’s words. After all, he had not intentionally allowed Zero Wing to escape. Instead, the players from Zero Wing had left on their own, and they just happened to encounter World Dominators on their way back, which resulted in World Dominators suffering a pincer attack.

Everything was simply a coincidence.

As for Zero Wing’s decision to directly oppose World Dominators, any normal person would not do that.

Currently, Dark Star was in an all-out war with Zero Wing, a war that would end only when one side was completely annihilated. Just before, Black Flame had even publicly declared that he would make Dark

Star pay the price of 30,000 people. So, why would they suddenly go and provoke a first-rate Guild like World Dominators?

Only a person who wished to die a quicker death or a person with brain damage would declare war simultaneously on two of the top six Guilds in White River City.

However, no matter what Lone Tyrant said now, Blood Halberd definitely would not believe him.

Hence, Lone Tyrant hurriedly said, "Vice-Leader Blood, I truly know nothing about this matter. I'll send my army over there right away. If we execute a pincer attack, I'm sure we can wipe out Zero Wing."

"Well, come quickly, then!" Blood Halberd shouted in rage. The more he listened to Lone Tyrant speak, the more disgusted he was with this person. Lone Tyrant had actually used World Dominators as bait! However, the priority right now was for the Guild to escape this predicament; everything else was secondary.

"Okay, I'll have them head over immediately." Lone Tyrant ended the call and promptly contacted his troops stationed outside the Silverleaf Forest. Of the 6,000 players there, Lone Tyrant sent 5,000 over to deal with Zero Wing, while the remaining 1,000 stayed behind to continue blocking the exits of the Silverleaf Forest.

However, as time slowly passed, World Dominators' situation turned grimmer and grimmer.

Zero Wing's 3,000 elites were incredibly zealous. After several consecutive charges, although Zero Wing lost several hundred of their members, World Dominators lost at least three to four times that number. Not to mention, Ouroboros was also madly assaulting them on the other side.

After gathering up his courage, one of the team leaders of the elite teams, Lonely, walked up to Blood Halberd and asked in a soft tone, “Guild Leader! If this situation continues, we’ll definitely be finished! Are the reinforcements from Dark Star not here yet?”

If the elite members of World Dominators were to lose two or three Levels—in addition to most of the weapons and equipment on their bodies—World Dominators would definitely not be able to compete for White River City any longer.

“I know that! But they still need around 10 minutes before they can arrive!” At this moment, Blood Halberd’s heart was bleeding in pain. However, he was helpless in this situation—unless of course Zero Wing or Ouroboros showed mercy and let them go.

Blood Halberd’s eyes shone when this thought occurred to him. He was not out of options yet. World Dominators and Ouroboros were bitter enemies, so it was obviously impossible to ask Ouroboros to show mercy. However, there was a slight possibility of success with Zero Wing. After all, World Dominators had never come into direct conflict with Zero Wing before. Also, Zero Wing’s main enemy was Dark Star, while World Dominators was simply a “passerby” in this matter.

Hence, Blood Halberd immediately tried to contact Shi Feng.

“Vice-Leader Halberd, to what do I owe this pleasure?” Shi Feng asked, a smile on his face. When he received Blood Halberd’s call, he had chosen to accept it right away.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, the war between our Guilds is just a misunderstanding. World Dominators has a feud only with Ouroboros. We came here simply to fight Ouroboros, and we truly never intended to fight your Guild. In regard to the losses and inconvenience caused to your Guild, I can compensate you on behalf of World Dominators. As long as Zero Wing stops attacking us right now, I will immediately have our Guild’s finance department send over one million Credits to serve as compensation.

“What do you think, Guild Leader Black Flame?”

Although Blood Halberd had tried to speak casually, he could not completely hide the panic in his tone. After all, at least one elite member of World Dominators was dying with each passing second.

One million Credits.

In past virtual reality games, even well-known Gaming Workshops needed a month’s time to earn such a sum. Hence, Blood Halberd’s offer of one million clearly showed his sincerity.

“So it was all a misunderstanding!” Shi Feng acted as if he had come to a sudden realization, letting Blood Halberd feel a hint of hope. However, before Blood Halberd could even feel joy, Shi Feng’s tone changed abruptly as he said, “I am moved by Vice-Leader Halberd’s generosity. Sadly, one of my shortcomings as a person is that I am extremely headstrong. Since it is a misunderstanding, let us just continue this misunderstanding, then.”

“You’re making an enemy out of World Dominators! Aren’t you afraid of our retaliation?!” Blood Halberd screamed in anger.

“Vice-Leader Halberd, what’s there to get angry about? The moment we started playing this game, we were bound to meet with some trouble. If you aren’t even prepared to suffer such a small setback, I think it is better for you to retire sooner rather than later. Although World Dominators is only playing the role of a passerby in Dark Star’s plan this time, by provoking Zero Wing, you also have to pay a terrible price.” Shi Feng chuckled. “However, don’t you worry. Dark Star will soon be joining you all.”

After Shi Feng disconnected the call, he then contacted Aqua Rose, saying, “No need to be polite. Leave none of them alive. Show everyone the consequences for those who dare to be a ‘passerby’ and have thoughts about Zero Wing!”

Chapter 307 - Famous in a Single War

“Damn! This Black Flame is practically a mad dog that bites anyone it sees!” Blood Halberd cursed. “I’ll definitely remember this matter! If there is a chance in the future, I’ll definitely not let him off!”

“Vice-Leader, we’ve lost too many healers. This long battle is also taking a heavy toll on the remaining healers’ mana. They can’t leave their combat status to use the Magic Spring, so they can only rely on Mana Recovery Potions to replenish their mana. However, most of them have already consumed all the potions they have. If the reinforcements from Dark Star still don’t arrive, we will definitely be finished,” Lonely reported hurriedly.

Naturally, Blood Halberd was aware of this matter. Before Zero Wing’s intervention, World Dominators had been able to split its healers into two teams, with one team healing the players at the front and the other falling back to replenish their mana, and rotate them accordingly.

However, Zero Wing’s ambush had taken out over half of World Dominators’ healers. If World Dominators were to insist on maintaining the rotation system, its death toll would at least double.

“Damn that Lone Tyrant! If he had not goaded me into hindering Ouroboros, we would not have fallen into this situation!” Blood Halberd also hated Lone Tyrant greatly at this moment, regretting his decision to listen to him.

If he had known that Zero Wing was so powerful, and also how insane Black Flame was, he definitely would have chosen to watch this entire affair play out from a safe distance. In the end, he now suffered from his own decision.

Originally, there had already been a gap between World Dominators and Zero Wing in overall combat power. Now that World Dominators had lost the support of its healers, that gap had widened further.

Following the crippling of World Dominators' healers, its players were like wheat being reaped, their lives effortlessly harvested by the members of Zero Wing.

In contrast, Zero Wing's healers carried out their task with great zeal. The frontline players of Zero Wing found it hard to die even if they wanted to.

Within moments, the mortality ratio of the two Guilds soared to frightening heights.

When Zero Wing initiated their ambush, the mortality ratio had only been 1-to-3, with World Dominators having the higher number of deaths. Now, however, that ratio had risen to 1-to-8 and would soon approach 1-to-9. In other words, for every player Zero Wing lost, World Dominators would lose eight or nine players.

On the other front, the players from Ouroboros were fighting valiantly as well, and they had succeeded in pushing the original mortality ratio of 1-to-1.2 up to the current ratio of 1-to-3.

"No, we can't wait any longer. At this rate, we'll be completely annihilated by the time the reinforcements from Dark Star arrive." Both anger and grief filled Blood Halberd at this moment. World Dominators had started this war with over 10,000 members. Yet, now, only 5,000 or so members remained alive. Immediately, Blood Halberd shouted in the Guild channel, "All of you, charge together with me! We're leaving with as many lives as we can!"

At Blood Halberd's command, everyone from World Dominators commenced a desperate charge while ignoring even the magical bombardments from enemy mages.

Naturally, such an exodus only made it much easier for Zero Wing and Ouroboros to kill them. The price these two Guilds had to pay also lessened greatly. However, with 5,000-plus players desperately trying to escape en masse, it was also impossible for the two Guilds to kill every single one of them.

In the end, less than 500 of the 10,000-plus members World Dominators had started this war with made it out alive; everyone else died.

After suffering such a massive loss, World Dominators no longer had any chance of competing for dominance in White River City.

"Zero Wing really is amazing. Although they only number around 3,000 or so, a large majority of them are actually elite players." After obtaining victory in this battle, Zhao Yueru had a renewed opinion of the Guild called Zero Wing.

With only around 5,000 members in Zero Wing, its total member count was not even comparable to a third-rate Guild's. However, after Zhao Yueru witnessed the combat power its 3,000-plus members displayed in this battle, she no longer found it strange for Zero Wing to be considered one of the top six Guilds in White River City. Zero Wing was indeed worthy of its fame. Second-rate and third-rate Guilds would be no match for Zero Wing at all.

Moreover, the destructive force displayed by the Frost Grenades that Zero Wing had used was simply too shocking.

If not for those tools of mass destruction, this war might still be ongoing right now, while the price Ouroboros had to pay would also be greater.

“Snow, your foresight is as diabolical as always. Zero Wing is indeed not a simple existence,” Zhao Yueru giggled. “Although World Dominators managed to escape with a few hundred of its members, its heavy losses this time means it no longer has any chance of fighting over White River City. Without this old nemesis of ours, Ouroboros has a greater chance of becoming the overlord of White River City.”

Gentle Snow rolled her eyes at the giggling Zhao Yueru. The girl actually dared describe her in such a way.

However, Zero Wing’s performance had truly surpassed her expectations.

Although Zero Wing had a mere 3,000 or so members on their side, in the face of World Dominators’ overwhelming numbers, Zero Wing had lost only a paltry 1,000 or so members. This was definitely a brilliant battle record.

If the beginning of this battle had not been so intense, the peak of mortality occurring during this period of time, Zero Wing would have lost at most 500 or 600 members in this entire battle. Meanwhile, World Dominators had lost over 10,000 players. One could just see how powerful Zero Wing was.

After the end of the battle, both sides started distributing the spoils of war.

Even leaving aside the equipment that was originally dropped by both sides, the number of weapons and equipment dropped by the 10,000-plus players from World Dominators remained quite considerable.

Very quickly, Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow agreed to split the loot in a 2-to-8 ratio based on the total value of all the equipment dropped. Zero Wing would receive 20% of the total loot, while Ouroboros would receive 80%. However, Zero Wing would mainly receive equipment of Bronze rank or higher.

Aqua Rose settled for such an unbalanced ratio due to Shi Feng's arrangements. As to why Shi Feng would propose such a division, firstly, it was his form of gratitude for Ouroboros's aid. Secondly, they had no use for that many pieces of equipment.

The reason being, most of the equipment left behind by World Dominators were not even Bronze rank. As for Mysterious-Iron Equipment, there were only a pitiful amount of them dropped in this battle. Arming the Guild's normal members with such poor quality equipment might be fine, but for the elite members, Shi Feng had yet to fall to such a low standard. Hence, he was satisfied as long as he could obtain some Bronze ranked weapons and equipment to arm the newcomers of the Guild.

Meanwhile, after the battle involving tens of thousands of players ended, the independent players who had been observing it uploaded recordings of the entire battle to the forums. The battle instantly became a sensation in White River City.

Nobody could have ever imagined that Zero Wing was actually so fierce. Its battle record was also brilliantly amazing.

However, Zero Wing's decision to fight World Dominators confused many.

Instead of killing the members of Dark Star, they had chosen to annihilate World Dominators, which had played the role of a "passerby." Many people posted about Zero Wing's ruthlessness for such a decision.

In regard to this, Shi Feng did not offer any explanation. Even when Aqua Rose raised this matter to Shi Feng, he only laughed it off without saying anything.

In truth, Shi Feng really did have his own motives for making such a decision.

On one side, there was Dark Star, a Guild supported by a gigantic existence like Underworld. On the other, there was World Dominators, a first-rate Guild with an extraordinary background.

If these two Guilds cooperated to suppress Zero Wing, such an alliance would be detrimental to Zero Wing's development in White River City, even with the help of Ouroboros.

After Shi Feng found out that these two Guilds had joined hands, the first thing he thought to do was to annihilate World Dominators in White River City.

Although World Dominators was a first-rate Guild, their main force was not based in Star-Moon Kingdom. There were countless cities in God's Domain. After World Dominators spread its forces widely, it had only a few experts in each city. The Guild would only make a small investment in a small city like White River City.

However, everything would change if World Dominators truly had a good chance of becoming the overlord of White River City. At such a time, the Guild would definitely increase its investments greatly, and then, World Dominators' power in White River City would grow severalfold, making it even harder to deal with.

In the past, Blood Halberd had achieved amazing feats in White River City. He also had the help of a first-rate expert like Lonely, so he had managed to develop the Guild to the point where it had the possibility of becoming the overlord of White River City. As a result, World Dominators had boosted the number of experts and funding it sent over, in order to solidify its influence over White River City. Thus, the Guild's power in White River City greatly increased, and it became even more powerful than the current Ouroboros.

Now that World Dominators had decided to oppose Zero Wing, Shi Feng definitely could not allow it to develop in White River City. Otherwise, they would have to face a powerful foe in the future.

This was also the reason why Feng Xuanyang decided to annihilate Zero Wing without hesitation, after Shi Feng rejected Feng Xuanyang's proposal.

Although Feng Xuanyang's decision was due in part to his vicious personality, the more important reason was how very great a potential a Guild that possessed a Guild Residence had. If he did not destroy Zero Wing while the Guild was still in its infancy, he would be raising a tiger to serve as his future enemy.

Shi Feng's actions were exactly the same as Feng Xuanyang's; he was killing a powerful opponent that was still in its cradle.

Meanwhile, World Dominators' starting a fight with Ouroboros at a place with only one escape route was the perfect chance for Shi Feng to do so. Naturally, Shi Feng would not let such a rare chance get away.

Shortly after the battle with World Dominators ended, Fire Dance and the others also arrived at the location Shi Feng had appointed.

"Guild Leader, we've already arrived at the location you specified. What are we supposed to do next?" Fire Dance said in the team chat after confirming her group's location.

Chapter 308 - Black Flame and Ye Feng

“Good, I’ll head over there now,” Shi Feng said. Standing atop a tree, he inspected his surroundings before jumping off the tree and proceeding towards the meeting point.

Now that Fire Dance and the others had accomplished the difficult first step, what remained depended solely on luck.

If his plan worked, then Fire Dance’s group would succeed in escaping.

As for directly confronting Dark Star, choosing to face over 3,000 elites from Dark Star was simply suicidal.

Oh? Someone’s coming over.

While Shi Feng was transversing the forest, his keen five senses suddenly picked up on movement a short distance away. He promptly jumped up onto a tree.

Towards the west side of the forest, a team of over one hundred elite players was currently searching the vicinity as they moved. The majority of these players were Red Names, creating a very eye-catching sight. Moreover, none of them tried to hide their presence—which made it very easy for Shi Feng to discover them.

“Uncle South Wolf, Zero Wing has played a significant role in the war between Ouroboros and World Dominators this time. We also can’t overlook the combat power Zero Wing displayed. It is definitely not

as simple as it appears in the video recordings of their battle. If Zero Wing had not suddenly ambushed World Dominators from behind, World Dominators would not have lost so overwhelmingly.

“Now, World Dominators in White River City is only an empty shell of its past self. Blood Halberd is also continuously lambasting Lone Tyrant with a barrage of curses. However, since Lone Tyrant does not dare to become hostile with Blood Halberd, he has no choice but to suffer in silence. Black Flame is truly decisive with his actions.

“Not only did he eliminate World Dominators from White River City, he has also severed a large portion of Dark Star’s support. In addition, the post he made before declaring war on Dark Star has led to the war between Zero Wing and World Dominators receiving widespread attention. Using only 3,000 players to defeat a first-rate Guild like World Dominators, with such a brilliant battle record, Zero Wing has instantly risen to fame from this single battle.

“Killing three birds with one stone. Even I am starting to admire this person named Black Flame.”

The commentary of the female Summoner walking beside South Wolf on Zero Wing’s battle was eloquent. She spoke as if she knew every little detail of Shi Feng’s plan.

This girl was around 20 years old. She had a pair of beautiful eyes that was both bright and dazzling, making it difficult to discern the girl’s thoughts. Her cherry lips were currently tilted up slightly, while her eyelids were curved into small crescents. The girl exuded a calm and mysterious aura. During the few occasions when she giggled, she would also reveal a noble and elegant temperament that drew the attention of others despite themselves.

“Youlan, you are Underworld’s female Zhuge[1]. How can you uplift others’ prestige while downplaying your own worth? That Black Flame simply got lucky. He definitely isn’t as smart as you make him out to be.” South Wolf felt that Youlan overestimated Black Flame, who South Wolf believed was simply an arrogant and despotic person. Meanwhile, Zero Wing’s victory in the war this time and the subsequent trouble that visited Dark Star were simply coincidences. There was nothing worthy of their concern.

“Maybe I am overthinking things,” Youlan laughed, having no intention of refuting South Wolf’s words.

“Although Zero Wing has risen to fame with this single battle and they have also managed to cause us some trouble, their core team is still trapped in this Silverleaf Forest. We have them completely surrounded now. Even if Ouroboros and the rest of Zero Wing rush over here right away, they will still be too late to change anything. As long as Zero Wing’s core team is annihilated, the Guild itself will receive a fatal blow. At that time, we’ll see how Black Flame can continue acting rampantly,” South Wolf scoffed proudly.

Zero Wing had only managed to garner the reputation it had today due to their continuous monopoly of the top ten positions on the Ranking List of White River City. The eight experts of Zero Wing were known by all, and they still occupied the top eight positions on the Ranking List until this day; nobody had managed to threaten their positions all this time. If these eight players died today, they would definitely fall out of the top ten. Subsequently, Zero Wing would also lose the fame and prestige it possessed.

“I guess this could be considered a flaw of Guild Leader Black Flame. Players have always worshiped the strong. Although occupying the top position on the Ranking List would bring him great benefits, if he fails to maintain this position, it would instead become a sword that will stab him in the heart.” Youlan nodded.

In the middle of South Wolf and Youlan’s conversation, an Assassin suddenly spoke in the team chat, “Brother South Wolf, I’ve found them.”

Assassins were not only proficient in the art of assassination, they were also proficient in the art of tracking. Hence, Assassins were definitely the best choice when hunting for players.

“Good! Even the heavens are aiding me! I will bring an end to Zero Wing! Blade, immediately inform Guild Leader Tyrant of this and have them come quickly. We’ll go ahead and delay Fire Dance’s group. The moment everyone arrives will be their time of death.” South Wolf laughed. “It is a pity Ye Feng isn’t

with them. Otherwise, I will definitely make him regret making a mockery out of Underworld. Regardless, I will use the deaths of Zero Wing's core team members as a greeting gift to him."

"Ye Feng? Uncle South Wolf, are you referring to the god-ranked expert of White River City, that Ye Feng?" Youlan suddenly grew interested.

"What dog's fart expert? If he had not hidden himself, I would have already made him kneel and beg for forgiveness by now," South Wolf said in disdain.

Youlan entered a deep contemplation after hearing South Wolf's words. Suddenly, a smile appeared on her face and a hint of joy glimmered in her eyes. It was as if she had found a new toy to play with. Laughing lightly, she said, "First, there is Black Flame, and now, there is Ye Feng, a god-ranked expert. Zero Wing is truly an interesting existence."

Just as South Wolf's group was closing in on Fire Dance and the others, Shi Feng hid himself within the dense treetops, waiting for South Wolf's group to approach him.

"Guild Leader, we're ready," Fire Dance said through the team chat.

"Good. Fire Dance, you and the other Assassins sneak over to their healers and prepare an ambush. Make sure to maintain a certain distance from their group and be careful of detection. Although it is unlikely that any of them have learned a stealth-erasing skill, we cannot rule out even the slightest possibility. Wait until they have entered Blackie's attack range, then make your move. No matter what, do not let them discover our tracks," Shi Feng said quietly.

After Shi Feng had discovered South Wolf's group, he had immediately contacted Fire Dance and ordered them to ready themselves to get rid of these players.

Shi Feng had chosen to do so mainly because it was of utmost importance that Dark Star not find out where they were going.

South Wolf's elite team consisted of over a hundred players. All of them possessed relatively good quality equipment. Although there were a few Bronze Equipment mixed in, most of them were using Mysterious-Iron Equipment. This team was definitely one of Dark Star's core teams.

Conversely, although Shi Feng had only around 30 players on his side, every one of them was an expert. It was not exactly impossible for them to eliminate these 100-plus elite players in a short amount of time. Not to mention, Shi Feng still had plenty of Basic Frost Grenades and Tier 1 Magic Scrolls on him. Naturally, he had distributed quite a lot of them to Fire Dance and the others.

In addition, if they could kill all these elite players, the deaths would cause significant damage to Dark Star.

So, why not?

"Leave it to me." Saying so, Fire Dance immediately led five Assassins and snuck over.

Although South Wolf's group consisted of 100-plus elite players, their levels were only around Level 17, with Level 19 being the highest. Meanwhile, Fire Dance was currently Level 21. Fire Dance's techniques and equipment also surpassed these elite players by leaps and bounds. All these factors combined allowed Fire Dance to effortlessly sneak up on the enemy's healers.

The five other Assassins accompanying Fire Dance were not weaklings, either. They were all core members of Zero Wing, sporting equipment of Mysterious-Iron rank or above, and were also at Level 20 right now. When they snuck up on the healers of Dark Star, none of them were detected.

So when South Wolf and his group walked into Blackie's attack range, they all remained unaware of the looming danger.

"Kill!"

Shi Feng commanded through the team chat, and immediately, everyone sprang into action.

TL Notes:

[1] Zhuge: a genius strategist during the Three Kingdoms period.

Chapter 309 - Boss-ranked MT

The ten healers from Dark Star did not detect the presence of the six figures swiftly closing in on them at all.

Fire Dance was extremely quick. She crossed the distance of eight yards within an instant.

The Level 19 Cleric that Fire Dance approached had no clue whatsoever. The Cleric did not sense even a thread of danger as a snowy cold dagger stabbed into the back of his head. Before the Cleric could even feel pain, another dagger, this one scorching hot, slashed his neck.

After placing the Level 19 Cleric in a Fainted state, Fire Dance immediately followed up with a flurry of attacks.

Backstab!

Shadow Strike!

Quadruple Assassinate!

A series of frightening damages appeared above the Cleric's head. Fire Dance was currently using the pair of Fine-Gold ranked daggers she had received from Shi Feng. In addition, the equipment she wore consisted of Fine-Gold and even Dark-Gold items. For her, dealing with a cloth armor class like a Cleric was a piece of cake.

She instantly killed the Level 19 Cleric, who did not possess even 1,800 HP.

The other five Assassins that moved with Fire Dance performed similarly well, killing their targets almost as quickly as Fire Dance had hers.

"They actually dared to lay an ambush on us. What a bunch of suicidal fools. Everyone, do not panic. Guardian Knights, cast Protection Blessing on the healers. Rangers, mark those fools immediately; absolutely do not let them disappear again. Elementalists, use ice-type magic to restrict their

movements. Everyone else, charge at them.” South Wolf quickly issued commands after discovering the deaths of six of their healers, a cold sneer on his face.

The Shield Warriors and Berserkers closest to the healers reacted quickly. They used Charge on the six enemy Assassins in an attempt to save the remaining healers in their team.

Simultaneously, the Guardian Knights of Dark Star cast Protection Blessing on the four remaining healers, reducing the physical damage they received by 50%.

One could not help but admit that the Dark Star elites were truly skilled players. Their response made it practically impossible for Fire Dance’s group to kill the remaining four healers now.

In the face of the Shield Warriors’ and Berserkers’ Charge and also the barrage of Frost Arrows sent by the Elementalists, Fire Dance and her fellow Assassins promptly used Wind Steps, gaining more than a second’s worth of invincibility, thanks to the skill’s effect. All six of them then turned around and ran, leaving behind only the corpses of the six healers they killed as they plunged into the forest.

“Despicable! Assassins, chase after them! Make sure you don’t lose track of them!” South Wolf bellowed, anger filling his heart.

Their team consisted of 100-plus elite players. Yet, not only had they lost six of their healers in an ambush by six Assassins, they had even allowed these ambushers to escape. Wouldn’t they become laughingstocks if others were to find out about this matter?

Before the elites of Dark Star could set off in pursuit of Fire Dance’s group, the female Summoner, Youlan, suddenly shouted loudly, “Do not chase after them! Everyone, scatter immediately!”

The moment Youlan finished speaking, she promptly sprinted away from this part of the forest.

South Wolf was confused by Youlan's actions, failing to understand why she would do such a thing. However, he still chose to listen to her advice and started running.

At the same time, in the distance, Blackie finished chanting the final verse of his spell's incantation.

In the next moment, an enormous, golden magic array appeared in the sky, covering a large part of the forest. Shortly after, a dazzlingly brilliant star appeared from the magic array and plummeted towards the forest.

One after another, the Dark Star Elementalists with quick reactions responded by immediately activating Instantaneous Movement. Meanwhile, the other classes also activated their own lifesaving skills while doing their best to escape the effective range of the attack. However, there were a few players from Dark Star that failed to respond appropriately. Moreover, Blackie's Stars of Light possessed a very large effective range. Hence, when the first star impacted the ground, the blast caught over a dozen Dark Star players. The continuous bombardment of the Stars of Light easily wiped out even Shield Warriors that possessed more than 3,000 HP.

To put it simply, all those within the Stars of Light's effective range died.

"What an amazing skill. Now that I'm seeing it in person, this skill is extraordinary as expected. Aside from Black Flame and Ye Feng, the top ranker of White River City cannot be taken lightly, either." Although Youlan had managed to avoid the bombardment of the Stars of Light, she still could not help but marvel at the terrifying destructive power of the skill.

“Youlan, if not for your reminder, we would have lost more than just a dozen or so members.” At this moment, South Wolf had yet to recover from his shock. After all, he had originally been standing at ground zero of the attack. If he had not escaped as quickly as he had, he might have been among the dozen or so players who had died.

“Uncle South Wolf, please contact Guild Leader Tyrant immediately and have them on the lookout in their vicinity. Make sure they don’t split up, as the ambushers from Zero Wing are definitely not limited to just those six,” Youlan said in the team chat after surveying her surroundings.

“Youlan, you worry too much. Although we have lost some of our people, this team of ours consists entirely of Dark Star’s elite. Fire Dance’s group has only around 30 or so members remaining. In a direct confrontation, they stand no chance against us at all. The most they can achieve right now is an ambush on us. Now that they have revealed themselves, it is the perfect chance for us to pursue them. So, how can we choose to wait for our deaths in this place?” South Wolf felt that Youlan was panicking slightly after seeing the Stars of Light.

Originally, Youlan had wanted to dissuade South Wolf. However, the latter was simply too impatient. He also did not wish to miss this great chance to get rid of Fire Dance and her group. Hence, before Youlan could say anything more, South Wolf had already led the team off, charging in the direction where Fire Dance and the others had disappeared.

“Just in time.”

Seeing South Wolf and his team running over, Shi Feng revealed a smile as he waved his hand. At Shi Feng’s gesture, Cola and the other plate armor classes immediately charged forward to meet with the Dark Star members.

The moment South Wolf’s group noticed the dozen or so Zero Wing members charging at them, they, too, did not hesitate to hasten their steps, their eagerness to get rid of Cola and the others showing clearly in their eyes.

Cola was the Chief MT of Zero Wing, and his current level was at Level 21. In addition, Cola was mostly geared with Fine-Gold Equipment, Secret-Silver being the poorest quality for the items he had on him. The Arclight Guard in his hand was also a Dark-Gold ranked shield. With such good items, Cola's HP exceeded the 3,900 threshold, and his Defense was likewise frightening. When a Flame Explosion sent by one of Dark Star's Elementalists landed on him, the spell barely managed to deal slightly over -300 damage. The caster of the spell goggled from shock when he saw such a low damage, his eyes nearly popping out of their sockets.

Meanwhile, an arrow shot by a Ranger from Dark Star dealt only around -100 damage. The attack could barely be considered a scratch on Cola.

To make matters worse, Cola also excelled at dodging. In the face of a sky filled with spells and arrows, Cola actually managed to dodge over half of these attacks.

Meanwhile, standing at the rear, Violet Cloud merely had to gesture with her delicate hand, casting a basic Recover on Cola.

Instantly, the spell fully restored the 400-plus HP Cola lost, returning the Guardian Knight to full health. Moreover, Recover was a skill that restored the target's HP once every three seconds for a duration of 15 seconds.

Seeing this scene, everyone from Dark Star was immediately dumbfounded.

"What kind of healer is she?! I am a Cleric as well, yet my Recover can restore only around 200 HP each time! She's already comparable to the top five healers of Dark Star!" a Cleric for Dark Star commented in shock.

Originally, they were already having a hard time trying to kill Cola. Now that there was also an amazing healer supporting him from behind, it was simply impossible for them to kill him.

Shortly after both sides started confronting each other, the players from Dark Star suddenly discovered a shocking matter: Cola's HP had actually risen past 5,000!

Moreover, the heals he was receiving had also increased from the original 400-plus to 500-plus, making him even more impossible to kill.

Unknown to the members of Dark Star, Cola's sudden upgrade was all due to the Arclight Guard's passive skill, Sound of Life. Every time Cola received an attack, he would receive a stack of Power of Life. Each stack of Power of Life increased Cola's maximum HP by 3% and the healing he received by 2% for one minute, and Cola could accumulate a maximum of 10 stacks of Power of Life.

Hence, Cola suddenly became much more powerful.

"Kill him! All ranged classes, focus fire on him!" South Wolf knew that if Cola did not die, it would be a huge blow to the team's morale. Therefore, killing Cola had priority.

Immediately, half a dozen Berserkers surrounded Cola, while the ranged damage dealers sent a continuous stream of attacks at him. They no longer treated Cola like a player but a Boss monster.

In response to their actions, Cola simply smiled in disdain. He then activated Protection Blessing, reducing the damage he received by 50%.

Now, the highest damage the players from Dark Star managed to inflict on Cola did not exceed -200 points. A majority of the attacks were even below -100 damage. In the face of Cola's 5,000-plus HP, such damages were simply insignificant. However, due to the large number of attacks, Cola's HP quickly fell below the 50% threshold.

Right then, Violet Cloud took action again. She casually cast Guardian Shield and Recover on Cola. At Violet Cloud's current level, her Guardian Shield would provide her target with a buff that could absorb over -700 damage. She followed up with Healing Light.

In the next moment, a healing value of +1,600 appeared above Cola's head, in addition to the 500-plus HP regenerated with Recover. Cola's HP instantly went back up to full again...

Chapter 310 - Reversal

Originally, the Guardian Knight Cola was already a huge headache due to his high HP and Defense, and Dark Star's players exerted quite a lot of effort in order to reduce his HP by over half.

Yet, in the next moment, he was now back to full health.

South Wolf nearly popped a vein when he witnessed this scene.

Although Cola was an MT, the damage he dealt was not one bit low; a casual slash from his sword could deal around -300 to -400 damage to Dark Star's Shield Warriors. If Cola used a skill, he could even deal -500 to -600 damage—which was even higher than that of the Berserkers of Dark Star. Moreover, Cola could tank four Berserkers simultaneously, all by himself, and he even managed to send them flying back.

Meanwhile, such a Boss ranked MT was now immortal due to a single Cleric from Zero Wing.

However, this still was not the end of South Wolf's headache.

The MTs in his team were relatively high-ranking MTs in White River City.

But... But... the two Berserkers named Lonely Snow and Water Buffalo still sliced them up in no time. For example, one of the Guardian Knights of Dark Star had come under the combined assault of the two Berserkers. At first, the Guardian Knight had received two normal attacks from the Berserkers. Unfortunately, both attacks had achieved a critical hit, with Lonely Snow dealing over -1,400 damage and Water Buffalo dealing over -1,300 damage. Without leaving any gaps, the two then followed up with Beheaded, both of their skills dealing over -1,000 damage each. As a result, even though the Guardian Knight had two healers focusing on him, his 3,000 HP was still reaped away within an instant.

Meanwhile, Fire Dance was even more amazing than the two Berserkers. After dishing out a flurry of attacks, she followed up with a 7-star Eviscerate that achieved a critical hit, dealing over -2,300 damage. Within moments, one more Guardian Knight of Dark Star died.

South Wolf had even begun to suspect that the members of Zero Wing were no longer playing the same game Dark Star's players were.

After all, whether it was Zero Wing's MT, healer, or DPS, all of them were so powerful. On the other hand, the players of Dark Star were like paper, dying from just a touch.

With merely a brief exchange, South Wolf's team had already lost nine members. It should be known that all these players were core members of Dark Star; they were not random noobs that could be found anywhere on the streets of White River City. Each and every one of them was a skilled player and they

all had a good sense for battle. Although they were not comparable to experts, neither were they far from one. Yet, even so, these elite players still died with barely any resistance.

As the battle continued, the players from Dark Star grew more and more frightened.

They had yet to kill a single player of Zero Wing, even until now. This was definitely a huge psychological blow to the elites of Dark Star.

“Don’t panic! We outnumber them thrice over! Assassins and Rangers, take out their healers first! As long as the healers are dead, the others will soon follow, even if their combat power is superior!” South Wolf was no idiot, and he immediately sought to utilize Dark Star’s advantage.

Zerg tactics. It was the easiest tactic for obtaining victory in any virtual reality game. As South Wolf had the numerical advantage, he could afford to divide his troops into two groups: one to pin down the enemy forces, and another to circle around and strike at the enemy’s weak point.

Very quickly, over twenty Assassins and Rangers from Dark Star flanked Zero Wing’s forces and immediately charged towards Violet Cloud’s group of five healers. Contrary to expectations, however, even when Violet Cloud’s group noticed Dark Star’s players charging towards them, none of them chose to run away. Instead, they continued healing their allies at the front, paying no attention to their attackers at all.

In regard to the healers’ lack of reaction, Dark Star’s players did not give it too much thought. They simply continued charging forward, having concluded that Zero Wing’s healers had already given up on escaping.

When there was only a short distance of eight yards between the Assassins and Violet Cloud’s group, an Intermediate Frost Grenade suddenly landed, exploding in the midst of the Assassins. Dark Star’s Rangers, who stood 30 yards away, also received an Intermediate Frost Grenade of their own.

In the blink of an eye, both groups were frozen solid. A damage of -400 also appeared above each of their heads.

Although the eight Assassins immediately used Vanish to escape the freezing effect, they were still unable to advance as an Ice Wall appeared, blocking the path between them and Violet Cloud's group.

Meanwhile, the person responsible for casting this Ice Wall was one of the Five Demon Generals that Shi Feng had recruited, Ice Queen Su Qianliu.

Ice Wall was the perfect skill for this scenario.

Without magic immunity, if the Assassins were to charge into the Ice Wall[1], their Movement Speeds would slow to a crawl. At that time, their fates would be as good as sealed.

Although Ice Wall had a short duration of only two to three seconds, it still provided the healers with a brief, but important, moment of respite.

As for the Rangers of Dark Star, none of them had any skills that could be used to dispel the effects of control skills, and neither did any of them possess any lifesaving skills. Hence, they could do nothing but stand there and watch.

At this moment, Shi Feng used Silent Steps and suddenly appeared behind these frozen Rangers.

To Shi Feng, a group of immobile players was entirely negligible. Shi Feng was currently at Level 23. He was also equipped with the newly acquired Seven Luminaries Ring, and had recently received the Golden Stigmata. His overall Attributes surpassed these elite players manyfold. Moreover, Shi Feng currently had the Aura of Fire activated, the aura effect increasing his damage by 30% while also reducing his target's Defense by 30%.

Immediately, Shi Feng sent a Level 8 Thundering Flash at the group of Rangers.

Green arcs of lightning crackled as they instantly pierced the bodies of these Rangers.

Damages of -1,102, -1,528, and -2,140 appeared above each of the twelve Rangers' heads.

Although none of Shi Feng's attacks had achieved a critical hit, these Rangers had only around 2,000 HP. Meanwhile, Shi Feng's Thundering Flash had dealt more than -4,700 damage in total, far surpassing the Rangers' maximum HP.

The members of Dark Star saw Shi Feng killing all those Rangers with a single strike.

Each and every one of the witnesses was completely dumbfounded, their jaw hanging wide open.

South Wolf nearly had his eyes pop out of their own sockets.

The twelve Rangers simultaneously collapsed to the ground, their actions in complete unison. In the next moment, piles of weapons and equipment were scattered around their bodies. In this chaotic battlefield, this scene was both striking and shocking.

The twelve Rangers were all either Level 18 or Level 19 players. Most of the equipment they used was also Level 15 Mysterious-Iron Equipment, and every one of them had more than 2,000 HP.

Yet... they were killed off so easily.

Moreover, it wasn't just one person that got killed but an entire group.

For a moment, South Wolf believed that he was dreaming. He even considered giving one of his subordinates a slap and then asking said subordinate if it hurt, to confirm whether or not this was a dream.

As for the Assassins of Dark Star who had been waiting for the Ice Wall to disappear, after witnessing this unforgettable scene, they had completely forgotten their original task of dealing with Violet Cloud's group of healers. They idly stood there as they watched their Ranger companions die, their minds empty of all thought. They then swallowed a big gulp of saliva as they suddenly recalled an important matter...

With the number of murders they had committed so far, if they died as well, not only would they lose two to three levels, they would even lose all the equipment on their bodies!

Watching from a distance, Blackie was similarly astonished by the instant deaths of the twelve elite players. However, he had long since grown inured to Shi Feng's horror-inducing feats, so he quickly regained his composure and threw a Basic Frost Grenade at the still-dazed Assassins of Dark Star, freezing them once more.

This time, none of the Assassins could use Vanish to remove the freezing effect on them. Hence, they could only obediently stay frozen.

Following which, Blackie chanted an incantation and used Hell Flame.

One could easily imagine the might of a Hell Flame that was powered by the Epic ranked staff Mavis's Guard. Damages of over -1,000 points immediately appeared above these Assassins' heads, and within three seconds, all of these Assassins turned into ashes, leaving behind a pile of shining weapons and equipment.

However, this was still not the end.

After Shi Feng had dealt with Dark Star's Rangers, he then cast Firestorm, the activatable skill of the Aura of Fire, at the heart of the battlefield.

[Firestorm]

Inflicts 500% damage within a range of 10*10 yards for 5 seconds.

Cooldown: 5 minutes

In terms of damage, Firestorm did not lose out to Stars of Light by much. However, it had a much smaller effective range.

Currently, Cola was surrounded by plenty of Dark Star's elite players. Before anyone could react, a storm of flames suddenly emerged above them, and the HP of all of Dark Star's players within 10 yards of Cola fell at a crazy rate.

Although Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights were classes with high HP and Defense, Shi Feng's equipment was simply too amazing, which resulted in his current Attack Power being well over 800 points. With such a high base value, even though the Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights of Dark Star possessed plenty of damage reduction items, they still received more than -2,000 DPS. As for the other classes, they received more than -3,000 DPS.

Even when the Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights activated their lifesaving skills, which allowed them to halve the damage they received, they still could not avoid death.

After Firestorm ended, all of Dark Star's players caught within its effective range were reduced to cinders. Only Cola and the other frontline members of Zero Wing remained alive; Dark Star's forty or so frontline players had died.

All of a sudden, Zero Wing's side outnumbered Dark Star's.

"Black Flame, why are you here?" South Wolf instantly recognized the person responsible for killing the majority of Dark Star's players. At this moment, South Wolf's eyes were filled with incomparable shock as his trembling finger pointed at Shi Feng's crimson red name.

South Wolf failed to understand why Black Flame would appear at this place. He also could not understand why Black Flame was so powerful. Wasn't Black Flame just a forger?

Originally, there had been a huge numerical difference between the two sides. However, in the blink of an eye, a strategic change occurred, all because of Black Flame's fleeting blow.

Dark Star was no match for Zero Wing even when Dark Star had the advantage of numbers. Now that the situation was reversed, the end result was obvious.

TL Notes:

[1]Ice Wall:

Uh, if you play Dota/ Dota2, no further explanations are needed.

If you don't play Dota, this is a skill belonging to one of the Heroes in the game, Invoker.

Although Ice Wall is an actual wall of ice, it is not a pathing blocker (determined by the game developers), and any unit can pass through it. However, those who touch the Ice Wall summoned will have their Movement Speeds slowed significantly.