

The Strongest

Chapter 421 - Did You Transmigrate?

Live combat was not without danger.

It was especially true in a fight between experts; injuries were commonplace. Although the current medical facilities were top-notch, capable of healing a large majority of injuries very quickly, there were still some injuries that one could not fully recover from. Not even S-rank Nutrient Fluid could cure them.

Moreover, martial arts masters were extremely rare; finding one was like finding a needle in a haystack.

Hence, it was incredibly costly to invite martial arts masters to face each other in the ring.

Even a martial arts master who had recently become famous would charge an appearance fee of over one hundred million Credits. This was in the case of an exhibition match, let alone an official match.

Moreover, martial arts masters normally fought using internal force. Internal force possessed great power. Even if an attack containing internal force did not strike a vital point, it could still cause significant damage to the opponent. Regardless of whether they would win or lose, martial arts masters would not agree to fight one another if there without sufficient potential gain.

Shi Feng's grasp of internal force had already reached the standard of a martial arts master. Although he was not famous in any way, he would not undervalue himself. His price of thirty million Credits was quite reasonable.

Shi Feng wouldn't have even considered the competition if it were not for his new flexibility.

After all, injuries were no laughing matter. The higher-ups of Big Dipper must be dreaming if they thought they could get him to fight for free.

This was why battles in God's Domain were gradually replacing fighting competitions in the real world, becoming increasingly popular among the public masses.

Not only were the battles in God's Domain safe, but players also had no scruples when they fought each other.

Furthermore, players in God's Domain possessed physiques that far surpassed their bodies in the real world. They could easily perform actions and combat techniques that were impossible in the real world.

Take Void Steps for example. This footwork had already far surpassed what ordinary humans could accomplish. It was simply impossible to perform in the real world. However, it was possible in God's Domain.

A fight between ordinary humans just couldn't compare to a fight between superhumans.

If it were only a battle inside God's Domain, Shi Feng might have agreed without an appearance fee.

Manager Xiao frowned in the video, hesitation appearing in his eyes. Suddenly, however, a disembodied voice addressed Shi Feng.

“Mister Shi Feng, I agree to your demands. If you win, we will deliver five virtual gaming cabins and 15 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids to your doorstep.”

“Elder Brother!”

The other voice from the call was Xiao Yan’s elder brother, Xiao Yu, the true wielder of the power of Big Dipper.

Xiao Yu then took over the call and spoke with Shi Feng directly.

Although Xiao Yu and Xiao Yan had very similar appearances, after being the Chairman of Big Dipper for so long, Xiao Yu projected an aura of natural dignity and power with both his voice and demeanor. This aura made one unconsciously bow with respect before Xiao Yu.

However, this aura of authority was useless against Shi Feng. He was not uncomfortable around this aura in the slightest.

“When is the battle?”

“We still need to prepare for this, so the fight should be in roughly four days. As for the exact time, we will contact Mister Shi Feng with the details in the future.”

“Alright.”

After Shi Feng and Xiao Yu set their appointment, the video call disconnected.

“Elder Brother, Big Dipper has already spent a huge sum of money on nurturing the student fighters. If we spend another thirty million, it will have a massive impact on Big Dipper’s future plans.” Xiao Yan looked at Xiao Yu skeptically.

“The premise of paying for those items is that Shi Feng can win. Before the battle has even begun, you are already so confident of his victory. It seems that this Shi Feng is not a simple man.” Xiao Yu glanced at Xiao Yan. He then shifted his gaze as he examined the test record on his table, smiling. The data on the test record was precisely what Shi Feng had left behind at Big Dipper. “Such a young man is actually capable of using internal force and achieving a punching power 576 kg. Although he cannot compare to those other martial arts masters, he is still impressive. This appearance fee is not expensive at all. If we deepen our relationship now, it will benefit future cooperation.”

“I understand.” Xiao Yan helplessly nodded.

Back in his apartment, Shi Feng logged into God’s Domain.

“What is going on here?” Shi Feng could not help his surprise when he saw the scene before him.

As far as the eye could see, corpses of players and Battle Monkeys littered the ground. Some of these players were Guild players, and others were independent. Overall, there were over 300 player corpses...

Furthermore, there were even more players currently engaged in combat, with five to six players dealing with a single Crimson-eyed Battle Monkey. The players fighting were all Level 20 and above, and they all

possessed significant strength. Many parties here were far more powerful than the elite parties of Guilds.

Originally, the White Fog Canyon had been a forbidden area for players. Now, however, it had become infested. Shi Feng was confused.

He had only logged out of God's Domain for slightly more than a day, yet, he was already so unfamiliar with the White Fog Canyon.

"Brother, are you alone?"

"Seeing as you are Level 22, you should have some decent skill. Why don't you join our party? If equipment drops, we'll split it equally. How about it?"

Before Shi Feng could digest the information before him, a party of six approached him. Leading the party was a red-haired beauty geared with light-blue scale armor. The woman had a forthright appearance, and the body-fitting scale armor fully displayed her tall and slender figure. She was no less attractive than Zhao Yueru.

This red-haired beauty was a Level 22 Shield Warrior, and the shield and one-handed saber hanging on her back were both Secret-Silver rank. The majority of her equipment was also Secret-Silver rank. Moreover, there was no sign of a Guild Emblem on her chest, so she was clearly an independent player.

As for the others in the woman's party, they were all at Level 21. Their equipment was also Mysterious-Iron rank and above. Overall, this independent party was stronger than even the elite parties from major Guilds.

“Are you referring to me?” Shi Feng asked strangely.

At this moment, he appeared as Black Flame. Although he kept his ID hidden, there was not a single soul in White River City who would not recognize him.

However, this red-haired beauty had actually said to him “you should have some decent skill” and had even invited him to join them.

Shi Feng was speechless...

“You’re funny. Who else would we be speaking to?” the red-haired beauty laughed as she pointed to the surroundings. She then continued, “Are you worried that we will go back on our word once the loot drops?”

“If you’re worried, then we can sign a Main God Contract. You can relax with that, right?”

At this moment, capable-looking male Elementalist said, “Cloud, what’s the point of wasting your time with this little brat? If he doesn’t want to join us, then so be it. We are more than enough to deal with these Crimson-eyed Battle Monkeys. We’ll just earn less if we invite another person.”

Shi Feng could not help but laugh bitterly as he shook his head.

He had guessed that none of them recognized him. Or, to be precise, none of them recognized the number one expert of Star-Moon Kingdom, Black Flame.

As for matters like swindling equipment, Shi Feng was not worried whatsoever.

In White River City, even an organization like Underworld would not get away with stealing loot.

“You guys are not local players of White River City, right? Why have you come to White Fog Canyon?”
Shi Feng asked curiously.

“You’re right. We are not local players of White River City or Star-Moon Kingdom. We came from Beacon City of the Black Dragon Empire. However, that’s really not surprising though, right? Many of the parties here have also come from different cities and countries. Didn’t you know that?”

“You couldn’t have transmigrated, right?”

Chapter 422 - Warfire Set Equipment

“...”

Shi Feng was rendered speechless by the red-haired beauty.

If possible, he really wanted to say that he had not transmigrated, but had reincarnated instead.

“Are there players from other countries as well?” Shi Feng looked at the surrounding players. Confused, he asked, “The teleportation fees between countries are not cheap. With an elite player’s income, it is simply impossible to accumulate enough unless they sold a majority of their equipment. However, if they did so, why would they come to White Fog Canyon?”

Previously, Shi Feng had spent close to 300 Gold to teleport Aqua Rose and her hundred-plus subordinates to White River City. On average, each person had spent over 2 Gold.

Of course, this was a little higher than average because the Storm Empire where Aqua Rose and the others had originally resided was very far away. However, even if a player came from the Black Dragon Empire, they would need to pay around 1 Gold 40 Silver to reach White River City. Only those powerful players might be able to afford such a fee. As for the party of independent players before him, even if they emptied their pockets, at most, they would have 20 to 30 Silvers.

Accommodations, food, potions, repairs, and such things required a lot of money, so it was not possible for players to save too much.

Yet, among the crowd of players in White Fog Canyon, many had traveled across countries to visit. This was simply madness.

“You came to White Fog Canyon without even knowing this?” The red-haired beauty’s eyes widened, looking at Shi Feng as if he were a fool.

Suddenly, Shi Feng was momentarily stunned as he thought of a possibility.

Don’t tell me they’ve already discovered the secret of the Starfire Ore? Shi Feng’s chest tightened. He then shook his head, denying his thoughts. No. Even if the secret of the Starfire Ore had been

discovered, there had not been this many players traveling to White Fog Canyon from other countries in the past.

Although Starfire Ore was quite valuable, it was not that easy to obtain in White Fog Canyon. The risks outweighed the benefits by far. Even in the past, not many players had risked themselves for the ore. On top of that, the levels of the current player population were much lower than in the past. With far greater risks, the canyon should not have attracted so many people.

Moreover, in the hands of others, Starfire Ore was not particularly valuable.

Each ore was only worth 1 Silver. Only by collecting 100 ore could one earn 1 Gold. However, with the level and tier of the current players, the difficulty of collecting 100 Starfire Ore was more difficult than clearing a 20-man Hard Mode Team Dungeon.

Shi Feng had considered Starfire Ore profitable because he had the Horizon Alliance, a Lifestyle Guild, working under him. There were even a large number of amazing forgers working for him. With the Starfire Ore, he could produce various high-level equipment and make a huge profit.

“Cloud, let’s stop wasting time with this brat. If this continues, the others will steal all the remaining Crimson-eyed Battle Monkeys. How are we supposed to make a profit then?” the Elementalist grumbled indignantly. “Don’t forget; we borrowed a lot of money to come here. If we waste any more time, our equipment will belong to someone else.”

“You really do not know?” the red-haired beauty asked again. However, seeing Shi Feng’s confused gaze, she didn’t think he was lying.

Previously, she thought Shi Feng belonged to another party when she saw him. However, after observing him for a while, she discovered that Shi Feng was alone. A Level 22 Assassin would find it very

difficult to venture so far into the White Fog Canyon, much less a Swordsman. For this reason, she was optimistic about Shi Feng's strength.

If their party had another strong player, they could explore further into the canyon. At that time, they would have fewer competitors, and their opportunity to make a fortune would grow.

"I really do not know. I haven't logged into the game for over a day now. What exactly happened while I was gone?" Shi Feng spoke truthfully, a bitter smile on his face.

"So that's why. However, you really are amazing. Despite not logging into the game for over a day, you are still Level 22," the red-haired beauty laughed. "I'll tell you, then. One day ago, one of the monsters in White Fog Canyon dropped an amazing item, so we hurried over. We'll make a fortune if we obtain that item."

"An amazing item? Making a fortune?" Shi Feng searched his memories. Soon, he laughed and said, "Might you be talking about the Warfire Set Equipment?"

"That's right! It's the Warfire Set Equipment!" The red-haired beauty nodded. Immediately, she rolled her eyes at Shi Feng, saying, "So, you do know about it!"

"I was just wondering if you had some other method to earn money," Shi Feng apologized. "However, the drop-rate of the Warfire Set Equipment is extremely low. Also, even if one did drop, it would not be sufficient to cover your travel expenses."

The Warfire Set Equipment was unique to White Fog Canyon, and any player could equip it. If a magical class wore it, the set would generate Attributes suitable to magical classes; if a physical damage-dealing class wore it, the set would generate Attributes suitable to physical damage-dealers. If a tank class wore it, the set would similarly generate Attributes suitable to tanks. Overall, the Warfire Set Equipment was very special.

In addition, the Warfire Set Equipment was evolvable. It started out as Bronze rank, and if one was willing to sacrifice a sufficient amount of EXP, they could evolve the set to Fine-Gold rank.

Meanwhile, the Warfire Set Equipment's Level ranged from 20 to 30. Similar to Epic items, it would level up according to the player's level. The Attributes of the equipment would similarly improve.

A Level 30 Fine-Gold Set Equipment... To the core team of any Guild, equipment of such quality was extremely precious. It was incredibly hard to obtain even from a Dungeon. Not to mention, Dungeons had a Cooldown time, making it far more difficult to obtain a complete set. Hence, in the past, the Warfire Set Equipment had been highly sought after by the various Guilds.

As long as they sacrificed sufficient manpower, time, and EXP, they could obtain a Fine-Gold Set Equipment. The Warfire Set Equipment was the easiest Fine-Gold Set Equipment to obtain.

"What do you know?" the Elementalist said disdainfully. "Someone has already offered to purchase each set piece for 5 Gold Coins. If we collect all seven set pieces, that person is willing to pay 80 Gold. Moreover, this price was offered up ten hours ago. Now, it's definitely higher than 80 Gold."

"Eighty Gold?" Shi Feng could not help but laugh.

If they could really farm the full Warfire Set Equipment, Shi Feng was willing to spend even 180 Gold.

Not to mention a Level 30 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, even the Fine-Gold ranked Arclight Shields Shi Feng previously made had sold for over 30 Gold Coins.

In the past, there were many players who had sought to make a fortune through grinding for the Warfire Set Equipment. However, the set's drop-rate was abysmally low. Only when Guild Teams had spent a long time grinding did they barely manage to obtain a few sets.

"Look at how excited you are. We need to get the full set in order to get 80 Gold," the red-haired beauty laughed.

"How about this; if you guys obtain any of the set pieces, I'll buy them for 10 Gold each." Shi Feng decided that the red-haired beauty's party was relatively powerful. If given a few days, they might obtain one or two set pieces. It was not a bad idea to purchase the Warfire Set Equipment directly. Items such as a Fine-Gold Set Equipment were mainly used for raiding Dungeons. To an independent player, its usage was limited. "If you gather all seven pieces, I'll buy the set for 180 Gold."

Hearing Shi Feng's offer, the red-haired beauty's party was stunned.

Shi Feng had so casually offered 180 Gold. It was not easy to obtain so many Gold Coins, even if one had the Credits to afford them. Not even the tycoon players could come up with so many Gold Coins at a moment's notice. However, they had actually met such a player.

At this moment, all six had the same thought.

They've met a godlike tycoon!

“Are you serious?”

The red-haired beauty could not help but reevaluate her opinion of Shi Feng, going as far as using an identification skill on him.

However, other than the fact that Shi Feng was Level 22, she could not uncover any information about Shi Feng.

The beauty’s companions had similarly focused on Shi Feng, hoping he would confirm their suspicions.

Shi Feng’s offer of 10 Gold Coins for each piece of the Warfire Set far surpassed any offer they had received thus far. Furthermore, if they could collect the entire set, they could sell it to this Swordsman for 180 Gold, making a fortune.

“Of course. We can add each other as friends. As long as you obtain the Warfire Set Equipment, you can contact me anytime,” Shi Feng said, smiling.

What a joke! That was the Warfire Set Equipment. If he bought it for 180 Gold, he would only profit.

Fine-Gold Set Equipment dropped from Level 20, 50-man large-scale Team Dungeons. Moreover, only Hard Mode dropped them. Only 100-man Hell Mode Team Dungeons would drop Dark-Gold Set Equipment. Unfortunately, it was too difficult to collect a complete set.

As for the Warfire Set Equipment, Shi Feng recalled a few valuable farming locations for it.

It was not because those locations had higher drop-rates, but because the Battle Monkeys there were densely packed. The more Monkeys one killed, the higher chances they would have of the Set Equipment dropping.

Although Shi Feng wished to grind for a few pieces himself, those locations required a sufficiently powerful team. With Zero Wing's current 500-man team, farming in those areas would be suicidal. At the very least, they needed a team of 500 Tier 1 players.

For now, the only thing Shi Feng could do was to enter the inner region of the White Fog Canyon and mine Starfire Ore.

"Excellent! My name is Virtuous Cloud. We will contact you if we obtain the Warfire Set Equipment!"
Virtuous Cloud sent a friend request to Shi Feng.

Shi Feng then clicked "Accept."

"Black Flame, is it? Okay, I will remember it," Virtuous Cloud nodded when she saw Shi Feng's alias appear on her Friends List. "I will contact you once we obtain the equipment. At that time, make sure you do not reject my call!"

Shi Feng simply smiled in response before walking towards the gorge. At the same time, he contacted Aqua Rose.

"Guild Leader, you're finally online. I have some important news for you," Aqua Rose said, smiling.

“You must be talking about the large number of outsiders arriving in White Fog Canyon, right? I’ve already learned about it. Where are you right now? Why don’t I see any of you in the gorge? What’s the status of the team?” By this time, Shi Feng had arrived at the gorge. However, the area was desolate, which worried him somewhat.

“We don’t know where we are right now. We had kept to the gorge, grinding. However, somewhere along the way, over a dozen Flame Guards suddenly ran out of the inner region of the canyon. These Flame Guards were all Level 28 Lords. Their Flame Domain was simply too powerful. As the Battle Monkey army waited for us outside the gorge, we had no choice but to go further into the White Fog Canyon.

“Fortunately, we got lucky. We retreated to a place called the Final Cave. The Flame Guards were huge; they couldn’t follow us into the cave. However, they’ve been standing guard outside the entrance, so we can’t leave...”

“Final Cave? Where is it?” Shi Feng was surprised.

He was very familiar with the White Fog Canyon. However, he had never once heard of the Final Cave.

“We don’t know, either. The system map doesn’t show our location. However, this cave is massive. There are also plenty of monsters here. Fortunately, there aren’t any Lord ranked monsters, so we have been able to cope.” Aqua Rose did not know their current whereabouts. While Shi Feng had been offline, they had been busy escaping for their lives and had no time to worry about where they fled to.

“Add me to the team. And don’t venture too far into the cave. I’m on my way,” Shi Feng hurriedly said, frowning.

There were many dangerous areas in White Fog Canyon, and it was highly possible that Aqua Rose and the others had found one.

In God's Domain, dangerous areas were forbidden lands for players like the cold water pool Shi Feng had encountered in the Origin Sword Domain. If one did not possess the appropriate countermeasures, they would die with absolute certainty!

After Aqua Rose sent a team invite to Shi Feng, she reminded, "Guild Leader, you need to be careful. There are over a dozen Flame Guards outside the cave's entrance."

"Ah, I understand." Shi Feng nodded.

After Shi Feng joined the team, he activated Team Tracking.

With this mechanic, Shi Feng could locate a specific team member and meet up with them.

"The stone forest to the south?"

After activating Tracking, Shi Feng could see faintly glowing footprints on the shattered rocks. These footprints belonged to Aqua Rose.

The stone forest in White Fog Canyon's inner region was complex and chaotic. Even with a map, it was incredibly easy to get lost there. However, the paths in the stone forest were narrow, so it was the perfect location to shake off enemy pursuit.

Along the way, Shi Feng cautiously avoided the high-level monsters as he followed the footprints.

However, after Tracking Aqua Rose for over ten minutes, the footprints suddenly vanished. It was as if Aqua Rose had disappeared.

“How could they disappear?”

Shi Feng’s frown deepened as he examined the empty space before him. There was no sign of any caves nearby, much less the large forms of the dozen or so Flame Guards.

Shi Feng decided to explore his surroundings. Even so, he still could not find any tracks. Aqua Rose’s footprints had just ceased to exist.

“Could there be a barrier?” After giving it some thought, he could only think of one possibility.

There were various kinds of barriers in God’s Domain. Some trapped people inside, some were lethal, and some even contained hidden areas.

However, certain conditions must be met to enter a barrier.

Aqua Rose and the others must have fulfilled those conditions, so they were able to enter the barrier. Shi Feng, however, had not.

This was what had troubled Shi Feng...

With a team of 500 players, who knew what they had triggered in order to enter the barrier?

Who would even know what the conditions were?

“I wonder if the Omniscient Eyes will work.” Shi Feng walked to the location where the footprints had disappeared. He then activated Omniscient Eyes.

Omniscient Eyes could uncover all information within a 100-yard radius; nothing could hide from it.

After Shi Feng activated Omniscient Eyes, his heart skipped a beat.

A light blue wall loomed before him. Beyond the wall, there were over a dozen Flame Guards roaming around the entrance of a cave. However, due to their massive bodies, they could not fit inside. However, they would certainly make it difficult for a player to enter.

[Flame Guard] (Lord Rank)

Level 28

HP 700,000/700,000

As these Flame Guards were in a berserk state at the moment, they were far more powerful than ordinary Lord ranked monsters. A single Flame Guard could easily exterminate a 100-man team. With

over a dozen gathered, even an army of several thousand elite players would be nothing more than ants to them.

Originally, Shi Feng had considered his options of breaking into the barrier. However, as if the Flame Guards outside the cave had detected him, they all suddenly turned to stare at Shi Feng. Emitting low growls, they issued blazing flames from their hands that transformed into a sizable flame war hammers. One hit from this war hammer could instantly flatten a player, burning them to ash.

“No way.”

Shi Feng gaped at the Flame Guards as they charged at him, stunned. Every one of them radiated malicious intent.

Without hesitation, Shi Feng immediately turned and ran.

Before Shi Feng could get too far, the faint blue barrier wall instantly shattered as the Flame Guards' hammers struck it. The Lords then stormed towards Shi Feng.

Chapter 424 - Locked Dark-Gold Treasure Chest

The instant the Flame Guards broke out of the barrier, Shi Feng felt a wave of heat wash over him, the surrounding temperature rising rapidly.

This was the Flame Guards' Flame Domain.

Any enemy within a 50-yard radius would receive a Burning DoT and lose 400 HP every three seconds.

Currently, Level 20 players only had around 2,600 to 2,700 HP on average, while plate armor classes only had around 3,000. On top of that, most players didn't have any Fire Resistance. Under the effects of the Flame Domain, most players would not last very long. Hence, compared to other Lords, the Flame Guards were far deadlier to the current players of God's Domain.

Moreover, the Flame Guards had instantly shattered the powerful barrier that had hidden the cave. One could just imagine how powerful they were.

Even if Shi Feng activated Blade Liberation, he would not be a match for these Guards.

Faced with over a dozen Level 28 Berserk Lords, even as a Tier 1 Blade Saint, Shi Feng's only option was to flee for his life.

Fortunately, the Flame Guards were not very fast, and with the dense stone forest hindering their movements, they were even slower. Moreover, the most frightening aspect of the Flame Guards, the Flame Domain, was ineffective against Shi Feng.

With 60 points of Fire Resistance, Shi Feng was not even slightly uncomfortable inside the Flame Domain. On the contrary, he felt warm and cozy.

Considering that the barrier had shattered, Shi Feng had an idea. Suddenly, he spun around. He then activated Defensive Blade and dashed towards the Flame Guards.

“Aooo!”

The dozen or so berserk Flame Guards roared as they watched the ant charge at them. They raised their war hammers, ready to slam their weapons down on Shi Feng.

Shi Feng smiled faintly as he used Void Steps.

After having rested fully, Shi Feng suddenly felt that the burden on his spirit was much lighter when he used Void Steps than it had been. Moreover, Shi Feng had a sense of familiarity that he never felt before when using Void Steps; every movement felt natural.

Before the gigantic flame hammers could strike him, Shi Feng's figure suddenly vanished from sight.

When the Flame Guards lost their target, their flame hammers paused in midair as they scanned the area for Shi Feng.

After the dozen or so Lords searched for a moment, they still could not find any traces of their quarry. It was as if Shi Feng had never existed. Suddenly, the Flame Guards were at a loss.

By the time Shi Feng reappeared, he had already passed the Flame Guards' blockade and was about ten yards from the Lords.

Such a long distance!

Shi Feng was shocked when he discovered that he could actually move more than ten yards while using Void Steps.

Previously, he had only been able to move around a distance of five to six yards before reappearing. Now, he could cross over ten yards before he was discovered. Right now, he had almost caught up with the top-tier experts who had reached minor completion of Void Steps in the past.

Before Shi Feng could rejoice about his improvement, the Flame Guards spat scorching flames from their mouths.

Like a tsunami, the fire blanketed the ground, devouring everything in its path as it swept towards Shi Feng.

However, although the flames moved swiftly, Shi Feng was not any slower. With the 150% Movement Speed increase Wind Rider provided, Shi Feng had easily shaken off the inferno chasing him as he dove into the Final Cave.

Immediately after Shi Feng entered the cave, a notification sounded out from the system.

System: You have discovered the Final Cave.

The Final Cave's interior was dark. However, the cave walls looked like the starry skies, softly illuminating the gloom. With the weak starlight, Shi Feng could see up to fifty yards around him. If he encountered a monster, he could respond in time.

Meanwhile, inside the cave, the footprints that Shi Feng had previously lost track of had appeared once more. Shi Feng then gradually advanced while following Aqua Rose's footprints. Along the way, the

more Shi Feng observed the Final Cave, the more he realized that this cave was not as simple as it appeared.

Many mysterious runes and pictures were engraved onto the cave walls, and they gave off a similar feeling to the runes found in the Eternal Courtyard. They felt ancient and full of divine power.

Other than these runes, there were also many Earthen Puppets roaming inside the Final Cave. These Puppets were around the same size as a player. Though they were somewhat slow, their flesh consisted of stone; their bodies were extremely tough. Ordinary weapons would only dull, and Durability would decrease if they struck these Earthen Puppets.

[Earthen Puppet] (Special Elite)

Level 27

HP 100,000/100,000

Although there were many Earthen Puppets, Shi Feng could easily outdistance them after activating Windwalk. Once he was a certain distance away, he would simply use Void Steps. As these Earthen Puppets lost their target, they discontinued their pursuit.

After Shi Feng had followed the tracks for over half an hour, he finally discovered his Guild members who were currently resting.

After not seeing each other for more than a day, everyone had leveled by at least one. The lowest leveled player in the team was Level 23. Blackie had even reached Level 26. Their leveling speed was something to behold. On the contrary, Shi Feng had become the lowest leveled player on his team.

When everyone noticed Shi Feng's arrival, their eyes widened in shock. It was as if they had seen a ghost.

"Guild Leader, how did you manage to get in here?" the Guardian Knight Cola asked, concerned.

They knew full well just how powerful those Earthen Puppets were. Not only did they have high Magic Resistance, but their Defense was also powerful. Their attacks were just as frightening. To kill just one, they had to spend a long time wearing it out. However, those Earthen Puppets respawned indefinitely. Sometimes, if they took too long to kill one another would respawn the moment it died.

Meanwhile, when those Earthen Puppets discovered an enemy, they would not rest until their target was dead. If they did not kill them, these puppets would overwhelm them.

They had spent over half a day to reach their current location, yet, Shi Feng had arrived so casually. Moreover, only two hours had passed since he had started to search for them...

"I ran here, of course," Shi Feng laughed.

"Guild Leader, did you not encounter any Earthen Puppets?" Aqua Rose asked curiously as she stared at Shi Feng who did not appear exhausted in the slightest.

"I met them, but I managed to throw them off." Shi Feng smiled. "Alright, let's not worry about that. Let's leave."

“Guild Leader, we can’t leave,” Aqua Rose said, shaking her head. “Previously, when Fire Dance scouted ahead, she discovered a locked Dark-Gold Treasure Chest not far from here. She is currently trying to unlock it, while we’re helping her fend off the patrolling puppets.”

“A locked Dark-Gold Treasure Chest?” Shi Feng could not help his excitement upon hearing those words.

Shi Feng could count on one hand the number of Dark-Gold Treasure Chests he had encountered in the past. Countless Guilds would drool over a Dark-Gold Treasure Chest because there was a certain chance to obtain an Epic item.

Dark-Gold items were extremely rare in God’s Domain at the moment. As for Epic items, most players dared not even dream of owning one. Shi Feng had only obtained a few due to good luck. No other Guild had one.

“Let me have a look at it,” Shi Feng said as he walked over.

The Seven Luminaries Key Shi Feng had obtained from the God’s Grave allowed him to unlock up to three Dark-Gold Treasure Chests. He still had two uses left.

When he arrived at the Dark-Gold Treasure Chest, he noticed Fire Dance trying to unlock it. However, the difficulty of opening a Dark-Gold Treasure Chest was too high. Fire Dance’s Unlock skill level was not insignificant, and she had a very small chance of unlocking a Dark-Gold Treasure Chest. However, after trying over a hundred times, she had not succeeded.

“Let me try.”

Shi Feng walked over and took out the Seven Luminaries Key, inserting it into the ancient magic lock.

In the next moment, a faint blue glow emerged from the Seven Luminaries Key and flowed into the lock. With a click, the chest unlocked.

Chapter 425 - Jack of All Trades

After the Dark-Gold Treasure Chest unlocked, Shi Feng immediately tried to open it.

The instant Shi Feng touched the treasure chest, however, a sudden sense of danger flooded his mind. He felt as if some poisonous snake stared at him, his body trembling involuntarily.

“Guild Leader, what’s wrong?” Fire Dance, who stood to one side, asked curiously when she saw Shi Feng freeze.

Shi Feng did not answer Fire Dance’s question immediately. Instead, he frowned at the golden treasure chest in front of him, before examining his surroundings.

Suddenly, he discovered that the terrain here was somewhat unique.

The ground 30 yards around the Dark-Gold Treasure Chest was slightly indented. Although the ground around the treasure chest was 15 centimeters lower, the difference was indistinguishable due to the large area and the dim lighting in the cave.

To Shi Feng, whose five senses were extremely acute, he could even discover traces of spiderwebs.

While adventuring in the fields of God's Domain, one would frequently stumble across traps. These traps were very powerful, and in the past, many players had given their lives to these traps. High-tiered players were no exception. In the past, while Shi Feng was a Tier 3 Sword King, he had fallen into a trap, losing his life. Hence, no one could afford to be careless while adventuring in the wild.

With the strange terrain before him, how could Shi Feng not grow suspicious?

"Fire Dance, stay 40 yards away from this place." Although Shi Feng did not know what was special about the area, he would not give up this Dark-Gold Treasure Chest.

Even the most inferior quality item in a Dark-Gold Treasure Chest was Dark-Gold rank. There was even a small chance to obtain an Epic item.

"Mhm." Although Fire Dance had no idea what was happening, she listened to Shi Feng's command and distanced herself over 40 yards from the treasure chest.

As a safety precaution, Shi Feng unsheathed the Abyssal Blade from his waist.

Phantom Kill!

A doppelganger suddenly appeared beside Shi Feng. For 40 seconds, Shi Feng could swap positions with his doppelganger instantly.

Shi Feng had his doppelganger move 40 yards away from the treasure chest as well.

“Alright, everything seems in place.”

After Shi Feng prepared for the potential trap, he slowly opened the Dark-Gold Treasure Chest.

The instant he opened it, a blinding light escaped from the treasure chest, illuminating the cave. After the light dispersed, Shi Feng was stunned when he saw the contents of the treasure chest.

A lone dark-blue crystal pendant sat inside the chest.

Previously, Shi Feng had gained multiple items from the Dark-Gold Treasure Chest he had opened in the God’s Grave. Among those items, the most valuable was the Forging Manual for the Dragonscale Set Equipment. Now, however, there was a single pendant inside this Dark-Gold Treasure Chest.

“I wonder what’s so special about this pendant.” Although Shi Feng was slightly disappointed, pendants were extremely rare in God’s Domain. Dark-Gold ranked pendants were more scarce. Although it could not compete with the value of the Dragonscale Set Equipment Forging Manual, it was still a considerable harvest.

The moment Shi Feng picked up the pendant, a light-blue magic barrier appeared 30 yards around the treasure chest, trapping Shi Feng within.

“A trap that imprisons people?” Shi Feng carefully observed his surroundings, noticing that the light-blue barrier had sealed him in completely.

“Guild Leader!”

Fire Dance immediately grew anxious. Dashing up to the barrier, she used Instant Kill, a Tier 1 Assassination Skill. The skill allowed her to attack her enemy with astonishing speed while inflicting massive amounts of damage. It was one of the fastest and most powerful skills among the Tier 1 skills of Assassins.

However, when Fire Dance’s swift and violent attack struck the light-blue barrier, her attack was ineffective. The collision did not even generate a small spark.

After Fire Dance attacked the barrier, the earth began to tremble.

An Earthen Guard suddenly clawed its way out of the ground within the barrier. Similar to the Flame Guards, the Earthen Guard was a Lord ranked monster.

[Earthen Guard] (Lord Rank)

Level 28

HP 1,000,000/1,000,000

Compared to the Flame Guards, however, the Earthen Guard's Attack Power and Defense were far stronger. Although the Earthen Guard was inferior to the Flame Guards against a group of players, against a solo or a handful of players, it was significantly more devastating than the Flame Guards.

"So it's a twofold killing-type trap." Shi Feng suddenly understood his situation.

If any other player were trapped in this place, the Earthen Guard might annihilate them. Fortunately, Shi Feng was no ordinary player.

When the Earthen Guard swung its iron fist down on Shi Feng, the air felt as if it had been blasted apart. Not daring to tarry a second longer, Shi Feng immediately swapped places with his doppelganger.

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng's doppelganger arrived inside the barrier and sent a Chop at the Earthen Guard's fist. Meanwhile, Shi Feng had arrived outside the barrier, standing safely where his doppelganger had been.

However, the difference of strength between the doppelganger and the Earthen Guard was massive. Not only did the Earthen Guard toss the doppelganger, smashing it into the barrier, but it also dealt a damage of over -1,200 points; the doppelganger lost close to one-third of its HP after a single hit. If it had not attacked with its sword, its HP would have fallen to critical levels. The Earthen Guard's second punch would have then finished it.

Against the Earthen Guard, even Shi Feng would last a few hits at best.

“Let’s go,” Shi Feng said to Fire Dance, who stood by his side. He could not be bothered to manipulate his doppelganger.

“What about the Earthen Guard?” Fire Dance asked worriedly as she watched the Lord inside the Barrier.

Fire Dance knew about Shi Feng’s Phantom Kill skill. Although Shi Feng’s doppelganger only had 70% of his Attributes, it could still overshadow anyone else in the Guild. Yet, Shi Feng’s doppelganger had barely survived a punch from the Earthen Guard. Its frightening Strength definitely surpassed the Flame Guards by severalfold.

If such a powerful Lord ranked monster attacked the team, Cola and the others stood no chance against it.

“Relax. It can’t get out of there.” Shi Feng understood Fire Dance’s concern. Smiling faintly, he said, “The Earthen Guard should be the barrier’s core. If one wishes to break the barrier, they would first need to kill the Earthen Guard. If the Earthen Guard doesn’t die, the barrier will remain in place. Hence, even if the Earthen Guard were more powerful, it would never escape.”

With Shi Feng’s assurance, Fire Dance relaxed. Unable to help her curiosity, she then asked, “Guild Leader, what did you get from the Dark-Gold Treasure Chest? Not only was it locked, but it was also trapped. The item should be quite valuable, right?”

“Right, I had almost forgotten about it. There was only a single pendant inside the chest. I’m not sure what its quality is, either. However, at the very least, it should be Dark-Gold rank. We will have truly lucked out if it is an Epic item.” Shi Feng then took the deep-blue crystal pendant from his bag. As it was Unknown, it could neither be identified nor equipped.

“What a high-end item,” Shi Feng laughed as he shook his head.

He then activated Omniscient Eyes and began his appraisal. Compared to other advanced identification skills, Omniscient Eyes was a jack of all trades. It could ascertain, perceive, and appraise. It was very convenient.

During the later stages of God's Domain, most items players found would be Unknown, and such items needed to be appraised before use. As a result, players had another thing they had to spend money on—appraisal fees.

The more valuable an item was, the higher its appraisal fee would be.

As a result, many players had chosen to take on Appraiser as a subclass. That way, they could earn an impressive income. Only, it was not easy to raise an Appraiser's Proficiency. Hence, if one wished to have an advanced item appraised, they needed to look for NPC Appraisers.

If a player managed to learn Omniscient Eyes, they could simply set up their own shop and work full-time as an Appraiser. Their fees alone could grant them a life of luxury.

Chapter 426 - A Godly Tool

When Shi Feng appraised the pendant with Omniscient Eyes, the process actually required ten full seconds to complete.

Shi Feng had used Omniscient Eyes to appraise many Unknown items before. However, those normally took one or two seconds, with high-end items requiring two or three seconds. Even Dark-Gold items only needed four or five seconds.

However, the pendant required ten!

“Jackpot!” Shi Feng could not help but smile.

Ornaments were much more difficult to obtain than weapons and equipment. Even after reaching Level 40, a majority of the players in God’s Domain would still have around Level 20 ornaments. Moreover, these ornaments would be low quality, with Mysterious-Iron rank as the average, and Secret-Silver rank as the more powerful ones.

“Guild Leader, look at how happy you are. What sort of treasure is this?” Fire Dance asked curiously upon seeing Shi Feng’s grin.

“I don’t know.” Shi Feng shook his head. “It’s still being appraised.”

After ten seconds, a notification from the system sounded out, signifying appraisal’s completion.

Shi Feng then clicked on the dark-blue crystal pendant, checking its Attributes.

“What?!”

Shi Feng’s eyes shone upon seeing the Attributes of the pendant.

[Icarus's Heart] (Necklace, Bronze Rank [Can be evolved])

Equipment Requirement: All Attributes 90

Level 20 - Level 50 (Currently Level 20)

All Attributes +8

Luck +5

Additional Skill -

Divine Providence: Temporarily increases player's Luck by 20 points for 30 seconds.

Cooldown: 1 hour

Evolution Condition: Absorb the souls of 100 Lord ranked monsters to evolve to Mysterious-Iron rank.
(0/100)

Although the Icarus's Heart was only Bronze rank right now with low Attributes, the 5 points of Luck were extremely valuable. More importantly, it had Divine Providence, instantly increasing a player's Luck by 20 points. This offered a player 25 points of Luck.

The Luck Attribute was the most precious Attribute in God's Domain. Not only could it increase the equipment drop-rate when killing monsters, but it could also increase the success rate when producing items. It was an extremely valuable Attribute for Lifestyle players, and it was an Attribute that would never become outdated.

With just 1 point of Luck and players' current levels, their drop-rate would almost double. Although increased values of Luck offered diminished returns, 25 points of Luck could still increase the drop-rate by six or seven folds.

If Shi Feng activated Divine Providence when killing a Boss, skyrocketing his Luck, his chances of obtaining a high-quality item would improve significantly.

Previously, Shi Feng had reaped massive harvests with only the 3 points of Luck that Shadow's Blessing provided.

Normally, Lord ranked Bosses would only drop Secret-Silver items; Fine-Gold items if one were lucky. With 25 Luck, however, Shi Feng could almost certainly obtain a Fine-Gold item when he killed a Lord. If he killed a High Lord, it might drop a Dark-Gold item.

Icarus's Heart was most likely even more valuable than an Epic item.

Unfortunately, the Equipment Requirements for Icarus's Heart were quite high, requiring 90 points in All Attributes. Throughout Zero Wing, only Shi Feng could equip it.

I need to kill 100 Lords to evolve it? Its demand is quite high. After reading the Attributes of Icarus's Heart, many ideas flooded Shi Feng's mind. The Warfire Set Equipment unique to White Fog Canyon, in particular, was the Level 30 Fine-Gold Set Equipment that countless Guilds dreamed of obtaining.

Currently, Icarus's Heart was only Bronze rank. If he evolved it to Fine-Gold or Dark-Gold rank, it would offer far more Luck points. At that time, it would be a godly tool when raiding large-scale Team Dungeons.

Zero Wing was already the center of attention right now. If other Guilds knew that Zero Wing possessed an item like Icarus's Heart, they would lose their patience with Shi Feng's Guild. It was highly possible that they would unite to attack Zero Wing. Hence, Shi Feng had no intentions of letting others discover Icarus's Heart.

Moreover, he would only make a fortune if he kept quiet about it. He would be a fool to reveal his hidden cards.

"Fire Dance, we're returning." Shi Feng smiled faintly as he switched out the Shadow's Blessing around his neck for the Icarus's Heart. He then said, "Let's go make a fortune."

"Guild Leader, there might be more treasures deeper in the cave. Are we not going to search for them?"

The Final Cave intrigued Fire Dance. She had discovered a Dark-Gold Treasure Chest just by exploring this far. If they searched the cave, they might stumble upon something greater.

Shi Feng shook his head, laughing bitterly, he said, "Our strength is still lacking. We will only find our deaths if we delve further. If you don't believe me, go down this passageway, and you'll reach a large, empty hall. Take a peek outside the hole, and you'll know."

Previously, while Shi Feng still had Omniscient Eyes activated, he had perceived everything within 100 yards of him. Roughly 70 yards away, there was a hole that led to a large hall. Inside the hall, there were two Level 30 Great Lords guarding a tightly sealed stone door. However, as the path was dimly lit, players could only see around forty to fifty yards ahead of them, so neither of them had noticed the hall before.

Two Level 30 Great Lords!

One of such monsters could easily annihilate a team of several thousand Level 30 elite players. With their team of 500, they would only die if they forged ahead. They wouldn't even be enough to fill in the gaps of the teeth of those two Great Lords.

Initially, Fire Dance had not believed Shi Feng and had chosen to advance. After walking for some distance, she suddenly froze.

She had not stopped because she did not wish to continue forward. Rather, it was because she could faintly see the hole. However, Fire Dance could feel power and killing intent that gave her goosebumps radiating from the hole. She felt as if she would plunge into an abyss if she took another step.

Fire Dance's intuition was undoubtedly correct. If she dared to enter the hall, the Great Lords inside would slaughter her mercilessly; thus, Shi Feng had told her only to take a peek from outside the hole.

"Alright, let's head back. We shouldn't make Aqua and the others wait for us too long," Shi Feng laughed as he saw the hesitant look on Fire Dance's face.

Fire Dance obediently nodded. She then pouted at Shi Feng, complaining, "Guild Leader, you're too evil!"

If Shi Feng had told her there were such powerful monsters ahead, she would not have approached them. Fortunately, she had sensed them and stopped. Had she not, the consequences would have been dire.

“Relax. Those monsters are only guarding the door. As long as we don’t go through the hole, they won’t attack us,” Shi Feng said, laughing. “However, after not seeing you for some time, it seems that your senses have grown sharper. You sensed the danger when you were halfway there.”

Upon hearing Shi Feng’s praise, a tinge of red appeared on Fire Dance’s cheeks. Even so, she was still somewhat frustrated.

Shi Feng could sense danger from so far away, yet, she had to be so close...

After rejoining the team, Shi Feng led everyone to the path they had come from.

Along the way, they continuously killed the patrolling Level 28 Earthen Puppets.

After Shi Feng joined the team, the journey that would have originally taken the team the majority of the day was shortened to only a few hours. Everyone’s experience bars had soared as they traveled. Shi Feng had also risen to Level 23 as a result. However, everyone was more shocked by the loot that dropped than they were by their EXP gain.

Before Shi Feng’s return, the majority of the loot they had obtained after killing the Earthen Puppets consisted of Level 25 Bronze Equipment; very rarely did they obtain Level 25 Mysterious-Iron Equipment. Now, however, more than half of the drops were Mysterious-Iron Equipment.

“Guild Leader, we’ve tried fighting the Flame Guards outside. Unfortunately, we don’t have any defense against their Flame Domain,” Aqua Rose said, feeling a slight headache coming over her as she watched the Flame Guards outside the cave entrance.

“The Flame Domain is indeed a problem. However, we are not without solutions,” Shi Feng said, smiling as he looked at the surrounding environment.

Originally, he had planned to lure the Flame Guards away from the cave. However, upon recalling that the Icarus’s Heart required him to kill 100 Lords to evolve it, he was sorely tempted to take on the Flame Guards.

Chapter 427 - Raiding the Flame Guards

“There’s a way to deal with them?”

Although she did not voice it, Aqua Rose doubted her Guild Leader’s declaration when she saw his confident smile.

With Shi Feng’s frightening damage and support, it would be a breeze to deal with an ordinary Lord ranked monster. Aqua Rose had also witnessed this before personally.

However, the Level 28 Flame Guards were somewhat different. Due to White Fog Canyon’s unique environment, they were constantly in a berserk state. Their Attack Power and Attack Speed were far

superior to Lord ranked monsters of the same level elsewhere. Their combat power could rival High Lords of the same level outside the canyon.

If they only had to kill one Flame Guard, they had a chance. However, there was a total of sixteen Flame Guards waiting outside the entrance. In other words, they had to face sixteen High Lords simultaneously. On average, they could only send 31 players to deal with each Level 28 High Lord.

In God's Domain, an ordinary High Lord in the fields required a team of over a hundred players to defeat. If it were a powerful High Lord, then a team of over 500 players might be necessary. Furthermore, the Flame Guards outside the cave possessed a Flame Domain that covered a radius of 50 yards; players who entered the Flame Domain would lose 400 HP every three seconds. Even with the healers going all-out, it was impossible to keep everyone's HP from plummeting.

If a team did not have high Fire Resistance, they would not survive in the Flame Domain.

Aqua Rose really could not think of any solutions to their predicament.

Without hesitation, Shi Feng ventured roughly 30 yards from the cave entrance. He then wandered around, adjusting his position. However, the Flame Guards standing outside the entrance had long since discovered Shi Feng. They all had squeezed against the cave opening, attempting to charge in and tear Shi Feng apart. Fortunately, the hole was just too narrow, and none of the Flame Guards could fit through.

Although these Flame Guards were unable to enter, the Lords were no fools. Immediately, they materialized Flame Spears and threw them at Shi Feng.

The scorching spears released a blazing white glow, causing even the air to tremble.

Xiu... Xiu... Xiu...

A series of six Flame Spears flew in from the cave entrance, heading straight for Shi Feng. The spears were so fast that their flight sounded like explosions. The ground that the spears passed over also erupted in flames.

However, although the Flame Spears were fast, Shi Feng wasn't slow, either.

As the Flame Spears entered the cave, Shi Feng moved. By the time the spears arrived at Shi Feng's position, the man had long since moved two yards away. As a result, all six Flame Spears struck empty air.

"This spot should be good."

Shi Feng ignored the Flame Guards' attacks. He focused on calculating the Lords' attack range and angle, leisurely appearing as if the Flame Guards had never attacked him...

"Guild Leader's dodge is so fast. He even avoided those supersonic attacks. If it were me, I would have no choice but to endure the attacks," Cola sighed with admiration as he watched Shi Feng effortlessly dodge the Flame Guards' spears. "It would be awesome if I had just half of Guild Leader's dodging speed."

If he had such a dodging speed, he might even become the number one tank in Star-Moon Kingdom or at least in the top ten.

“Cola, you have many things you need to learn, then,” Fire Dance chuckled. “Guild Leader didn’t just rely on his speed when he dodged the Flame Spears, but many other techniques such as his insight and judgment. Even if Guild Leader was just as fast as you are, he could still dodge those attacks easily.

“Linear attacks are monotonous. As long as one possesses sufficient insight, they can counter them easily. However, the Flame Guards’ attacks are too fast, and we are definitely not fast enough. Hence, we will also need to rely on accurate judgment to defend ourselves. The moment the Flame Guards launch their attacks, we need to make the most appropriate decision immediately and use the smallest of movements to achieve the best results.

“But that is still not enough. Look at Guild Leader’s position. As a precaution, he is standing precisely 40 yards away from the Flame Guards, a player’s maximum range. With this distance, even if the Flame Spears were 20 times faster than our Guild Leader, the spears would still have to cover a distance of 40 yards to reach him. As they do, Guild Leader has enough time to move two yards away. However, one must also have an accurate grasp of the Flame Guards’ attack timing. If one dodges too early, the Flame Spears will hit them.”

Although it looked like a simple dodging maneuver, it turned out that there were so many other techniques involved.

“The top seven ranged damage dealers come to my position and give it a try; see if you can dodge the Flame Spears. Healers, focus on healing them. Guardian Knights, activate your Fire Resistance Auras and give the seven of them Protection Blessings. Don’t let them die,” Shi Feng said in the team chat after confirming the positions.

The Flame Domain of the Flame Guards was indeed a powerful team-wipe skill. However, they were not without a fighting chance.

Shi Feng had already experimented with the cave’s size and distance. With a distance of 40 yards, they could fit eight players with each having three to four yards to dodge, allowing them to attack Flame Guards outside the entrance.

The Flame Guard was a Lord ranked monster that focused mainly on melee attacks, so its ranged attacks were limited and simple; it was certainly possible to avoid them. However, such a feat had a high requirement of a player's insight and judgment. As for speed, even if the Fire Spears were faster, they were not 20 times faster than Zero Wing's core members. This was even the case for the magical classes.

Shi Feng had even purposefully slowed down when dodging the Flame Spears. Yet, he still dodged the attacks effortlessly.

Also, as the effects of the Flame Domain did not stack, with the protection of the Fire Resistance Aura, each of the seven ranged players would only lose 300 HP every three seconds. There were over 60 healers in the team, more than enough to keep the seven of them alive. The healers could also take turns healing. They could afford to fight a battle of attrition.

Following which, the top seven ranged damage dealers took turns attempting to dodge the spears. The seven included Aqua Rose, Blackie, one of the Five Demon Generals, the Ice Queen Su Qianliu, another Five Demon General, the Ranger Minor Wind, Violet Cloud, and two others. Although they struggled in the beginning, none of these seven were ordinary players; they were all experts of Zero Wing. They quickly adapted to the Flame Guards' attacks, and soon, they could dodge the attacks effortlessly.

After finishing with his experiments, Shi Feng reformed the team once again. After repeating the process, they started raiding the Level 28 Flame Guards.

The moment the battle began, ice spells and arrows flew across the cave and bombarded one of the Flame Guards outside the entrance. However, the Flame Guard's magma armor possessed a frightening Defense, and a majority of the teams attacks only dealt around -300 damage. Among them, Aqua Rose managed to deal over -500 damage, whereas Blackie dealt over -600 damage with his Dark Arrow.

As for Violet Cloud, although she had already become an Astromancer, her instantaneous explosive power was still less than Aqua Rose's, a Tier 1 Elementalist, and Blackie's, who possessed an Epic staff and was a Tier 1 Cursemancer. However, even though she only dealt slightly more than -400 damage, it was still impressive.

The Flame Guard they struck bellowed with rage, growing more violent as it threw Flame Spears madly. Fortunately, they evaded each attack.

The Flame Guard was different from the Bosses in Dungeons. It only possessed 700,000 HP, and its battle recovery only replenished 7,000 HP every five seconds. The total damage dealt by the seven players far surpassed that, and they could gradually exhaust it to death.

At this moment, standing in the furthest corner, Shi Feng tossed the Blazing Meteor, striking the Flame Guard. Suddenly, a damage of over -1,000 points appeared above the Flame Guard's head. Immediately, the Blazing Meteor's Quadruple Phantom effect triggered, causing four consecutive damages of over -200 points. In an instant, Shi Feng became the highest damage dealer among the eight attackers.

Everyone was stupefied.

Shi Feng was a Swordsman, not a ranged class. Yet, his damage thoroughly overshadowed that of an Elementalist, a class known as a glass cannon. Moreover, this Elementalist was Aqua Rose.

If Shi Feng were not their Guild Leader, every team member would have cursed at him. How were ranged players like them even supposed to make a living now?!

"Guild Leader, you're shameless! Speak! What did you eat? Why is your damage so much higher than ours?"

Aqua Rose was speechless upon seeing the damages above the Flame Guard's head. Originally, she had intended to surpass Shi Feng in terms of damage output, satisfying her own little vanity. Now, however, even that dream had shattered...

Chapter 428 - Divine Providence

Shi Feng simply smiled at everyone's surprise, not bothering to explain.

His high damage was not only due to the Blazing Meteor being a Pseudo-extraordinary item. He also had the Seven Luminaries Ring's Aura of Fire effect, which increased his damage by 40% and reduced his target's Defense by 40%.

However, the Seven Luminaries Ring needed to remain a secret.

Moreover, Shi Feng was also a Tier 1 Blade Saint. His Attack Power had originally been high, so there was nothing odd about him dealing over -1,000 damage with one attack.

Because of Shi Feng's attack, the group's total damage overwhelmed the Flame Guard's battle recovery. It was utterly helpless. It could only roar furiously as it used its flame war hammer to defend itself against the eight's attacks while attacking with its Flame Spears.

For a time, both sides were at a stalemate.

However, none of the Flame Guard's attacks could land on any of its eight targets.

Only its Flame Domain could inflict any damage. However, with each player losing only 300 HP every three seconds, they only needed one healer per player to keep them at full health. As for Shi Feng, he did not even need a healer. With more than 60 points in Fire Resistance, he could ignore the Flame Domain.

On the other hand, Shi Feng's team launched a rapid assault against the Flame Guard. Although the Lord had fended off many of the attacks with its flame war hammer, it had still received a significant amount of damage, its HP constantly decreasing.

95%... 94%... 93%...

Time passed slowly. As the Flame Guard's HP fell, its attacks became frantic. The team began to feel the strain of dodging so many Flame Spears. Everyone's attack rate also started decreasing, slowing their enemy's HP descent.

In the end, the fight that should have concluded after a dozen minutes or so had lasted over half an hour.

Although everyone was bored from repeatedly dodging the Flame Spears, when they thought about how they could kill a Flame Guard just by repeating these actions, they began to feel reinvigorated. Moreover, they could also train their evasive techniques, killing two birds with one stone. The members watching from 50 yards away were envious.

After more than half an hour, the Flame Guard's HP finally fell to 15%.

Suddenly, the Flame Guard's eyes glowed a brilliant red. The flames covering its body writhed and expanded as the monster grew several times its original size. The scorching flames vaporized the moisture in the air, causing a shimmering heat haze.

Inside the Final Cave, aside from Shi Feng, everyone was stunned by the Flame Guard's intimidating aura.

In the next moment, the Flame Guard opened its mouth, gathering berserk fire-type mana inside it. Shi Feng exploded into motion, dashing between his teammates and his enemy.

"All of you, stand behind me. Healers, increase your healing!"

Shi Feng hurriedly shouted. He then switched the Seven Luminaries Ring's Aura of Fire to Aura of Illusion. Suddenly, all of his Attributes increased by 30%. Simultaneously, Shi Feng also activated Fantasy World, gaining immunity to all magic damage for 20 seconds.

As a Lord ranked monster, the Flame Guard was far more powerful than other monsters, and this was its sure-kill skill, Ragefire Roar. When activated, the skill would deal a devastating blow to all enemies in a cone in front of it, burning everything to cinders.

Even if Cola, a Tier 1 Guardian Knight, activated Protection Blessing, he still would not survive the attack.

After Aqua Rose and the others received Shi Feng's command, they all promptly moved behind him.

Shortly after the seven rushed behind their Guild Leader's guard, the Flame Guard roared and fired a blazing white cone. In the blink of an eye, the attack devoured everything 50 yards in front of Flame Guard. White light filled the once dimly lit cave, and the temperature inside the cave skyrocketed.

Everyone's hearts pounded as they watched the attack.

This was practically Armageddon. Even the healers who stood 70 yards from the Flame Guard watched their HPs rapidly decrease. They lost over 400 HP every second, needing the assistance of their fellow healers, who stood further back, to keep them alive. One could just imagine what kind of damage those within 50 yards had received. They might have been instantly obliterated.

The Ragefire Roar lasted a full six seconds, transforming the cone before the Lord into a blistering hell.

After the Flame Guard's attack ended, the blast area in front of it had scorched black. Only the area behind Shi Feng remained intact.

Among those present, Aqua Rose and the others' HP had fallen to critical levels; only Shi Feng was unharmed.

If Shi Feng had not blocked the magic damage of the Ragefire Roar for them, they would have lost their lives instantly. Fortunately, Aqua Rose and the others had only received some DoT damage from the high temperatures.

Even after the attack, they still received over -500 damage every second. If not for the healers working frantically to restore their HP, they would have fallen, their roasted husks decorating the ground.

“The Flame Guard has entered a weakened state! Hit it with everything you’ve got!” Shi Feng shouted as he glared at the shrunken Flame Guard.

Immediately, everyone scattered and returned to their respective positions, resuming their bombardment on their target once again.

When the Flame Guard only had 30,000 HP remaining and was about to use Ragefire Roar again, Shi Feng activated Divine Providence, increasing his Luck by 20 points for 30 seconds. Shi Feng also gave off a faint golden glow, becoming a dazzling sight to behold. Shi Feng then used Flame Burst, gathering power into the Blazing Meteor. He aimed at the Flame Guard and launched a series of rapid attacks.

One hit after another struck the Flame Guard, each attack dealing over -4,000 damage. After 12 consecutive attacks, the Flame Guard’s 30,000 HP had vanished. The Flame Guard did not even have the chance to use its Ragefire Roar again.

The moment the Flame Guard died, a large number of items scattered around its body.

Ordinarily, a Lord ranked monster would only drop around half a dozen items or so when it died. However, due to the White Fog Canyon’s unique environment, the drop-rates of the monsters inside the canyon had increased significantly. Coupled with Shi Feng’s 25 points of Luck, the Flame Guard dropped a mother lode.

With a simple glance, one could count over a dozen items scattered across the ground outside the cave entrance.

At the same time, everyone’s experience bars soared.

The Flame Guard was a Level 28 Lord. The amount of EXP gained from killing monsters inside White Fog Canyon was already high, three to four times that in the outside world. As the Flame Guard was Level 28, there was also the bonus EXP from the level difference. Hence, everyone received an abundance of EXP.

As a Blade Saint, Shi Feng required double the EXP needed by other classes to level up. Yet, even so, his experience bar still rose by 7%.

As long as they killed the remaining 15 Flame Guards outside the cave, Shi Feng would definitely reach Level 24.

“Let’s take a break. We’ll start another round after we rest.”

Shi Feng examined everyone’s statuses. Whether it was the magic damage dealers or healers, their Mana was nearly exhausted. Hence, Shi Feng decided it was best if they rested before challenging the other Flame Guards. Moreover, they had spent the past hour dodging and attacking frantically. This had definitely strained everyone mentally. Hence, it would be beneficial to rest and prepare themselves for the next assault.

There was also another important reason why Shi Feng chose to take a break.

Divine Providence had a Cooldown of one hour.

Now that they had such an amazing opportunity that allowed them to slaughter the Flame Guards, how could they waste it? Shi Feng had to wait until Divine Providence was ready before taking down the next Flame Guard.

“Guild Leader, what should we do about the drops at the entrance?” Aqua Rose asked as she gazed at the pile of loot outside the cave covetously.

There were still 15 Flame Guards guarding their exit, so it was impossible to collect the loot right now.

“Relax. No one else can enter this place. Also, loot dropped by monsters won’t disappear for 48 hours. We have plenty of time to take care of the rest of the Flame Guards.” Although Shi Feng also wanted to dash over and pick up the loot, the 15 Flame Guards were not there just for show.

After taking a short break, everyone resumed another round of attrition.

Now that everyone had experienced fighting a Flame Guard, it was much easier to deal with the rest.

Time passed quickly, and one Flame Guard after another fell.

Unknowingly, nearly 18 hours had passed in game. At this moment, the final Flame Guard died under Shi Feng’s hands. It, too, fell to the ground and scattered a ton of loot.

Outside the cave, the loot of the 16 Flame Guards had grown into a small mountain, and the team struggled to contain their drool over the sight.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng had finally reached Level 24. After allotting all of his Free Attribute Points into Intelligence, he was only 9 points away from reaching the Heavenly Dragon’s Breath’s requirement of 120 Intelligence.

Chapter 429 - Overflowing Luck

I'm only 9 points away now. Shi Feng smiled at his Attribute Panel. Knowing that he was only one level away from equipping the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, his anticipation grew.

When he could equip the Fragmented Legendary item, his combat power would soar once again.

In God's Domain, Fragmented Legendary items were as rare as a phoenix's feather. It was an item that countless players dreamed of obtaining. Even during his previous ten years of professional gaming experience, Shi Feng had never owned one.

Legendary items allowed players to overcome the gap between tiers. Although Fragmented Legendary items were not as powerful as Legendary items, they were still far more powerful than Epic items.

If Shi Feng could equip the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, his combat power could reach the same playing field as a Tier 2 class.

A Tier 2 class was in a whole different league compared to Tier 1.

It was like the difference between a Chieftain and a Lord.

Against a Chieftain of the same level, a direct confrontation required at least a party of elite players. Against a Lord, however, a direct confrontation required a team.

Shi Feng, as a Tier 1 Blade Saint, could solo a Chieftain of the same level. However, he stood no chance against a Lord of the same level unless he used some particular technique or advantage.

After equipping the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, however, Shi Feng could contend with the five Guilds controlled by Underworld by himself. He would not need to involve Zero Wing, allowing his core team to develop safely.

After killing the 16 Flame Guards, everyone's levels had similarly risen. At this moment, the lowest leveled player among the 500 team members was Level 24. They had far surpassed the average level of elite players in White River City and were on par with most of the expert players.

Among the members of Zero Wing, Aqua Rose, Fire Dance, Flying Shadow, Cola and the others had reached Level 26. Their levels were already on par with the top-tier experts of White River City.

Hence, instead of wasting time and fighting a war of attrition with Overwhelming Smile, they should take the opportunity to widen the gap between Zero Wing and the other Guilds further. After all, if a newly-established Guild like Zero Wing wished to become the overlord of Star-Moon Kingdom, they first needed sufficient combat power to strike fear into the other Guilds' hearts.

However, the loot the Flame Guards had dropped was the most valuable gain from the slaughter.

While the crowd was taking a break, Shi Feng tidied up all of the loot. He also appraised every single drop.

Although Shi Feng had expected the drops to be impressive, after he finished appraising the items, he could not contain his shock.

Icarus's Heart was truly a godly tool. With Divine Providence, they had obtained a total of 286 items from the 16 Flame Guards. Among the items, 105 were rare materials, 9 were individual pieces of the Warfire Set Equipment, 41 were Level 25 Mysterious-Iron Equipment, 53 were Level 25 Secret-Silver Equipment, 29 were Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment, 18 consisted of various recipes and forging designs, 15 were Tier 1 Magic Scrolls, 4 were Tier 2 Magic Scrolls, and 12 were Treasure Hunting Scrolls.

Currently, in God's Domain, the average players were around Level 20, whereas Guild elites were around Level 22. The Dungeons they could raid were all Level 20 Dungeons. Hence, the equipment they could obtain was limited to Level 20. It was extremely rare to come across Level 25 weapons and equipment.

In God's Domain, weapons and equipment would significantly impact a player's performance every five levels.

The Attributes of a Level 20 Fine-Gold Equipment were slightly inferior to a Level 25 Secret-Silver Equipment. In other words, a player wearing Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment was stronger than a player wearing Level 20 Dark-Gold Equipment.

How rare was Level 20 Dark-Gold Equipment? There were only very few items throughout Star-Moon Kingdom.

Yet, now, they had actually obtained 29 pieces of Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment, which was the equivalent of obtaining 29 Level 20 Dark-Gold Equipment.

Furthermore, they had obtained the Warfire Set Equipment and Treasure Hunting Scrolls, two of the rarest items available in White Fog Canyon.

Currently, although players were familiar with the Warfire Set Equipment, almost nobody knew about the Treasure Hunting Scroll.

Although the scroll was not as valuable as a Tier 2 Magic Scroll, it was extremely useful inside the White Fog Canyon. The scroll's greatest function was searching for Starfire Ore.

It was extremely difficult to locate Starfire Ore in White Fog Canyon. Originally, Shi Feng had intended to rely on his memories. With the Treasure Hunting Scroll, however, he could locate the ore with the system map. The scroll had a search radius of 1,000 yards and lasted for 30 minutes. When searching for valuable ores, it was the best tool one could have.

"Luckily, even this dropped." Shi Feng chuckled lightly upon seeing the Treasure Hunting Scrolls in his bag. However, when he swept a gaze over the individual pieces of the Warfire Set Equipment, he lamented as he muttered, "It would be awesome if I could complete the Warfire Set Equipment."

[Warfire Set Equipment] (Bronze Rank [Can be evolved])

Level 20 - Level 30

Can be equipped by any classes.

Set consists of seven parts: head, chest, belt, hands, wrists, legs, and feet.

Set Effect (Bronze Rank)

Two-piece effect: All Attributes +10

Four-piece effect: Ignore Levels +10. Obtain Free Will skill. Able to remove all control effects for 5 seconds. Cooldown: 1 minute.

Seven-piece effect: Main Attribute increased by 10%. Skill Cooldown decreased by 30%. Obtain Warfire Berserk skill. Damage increased by 50%, Attack Speed increased by 50%, and Movement Speed increased by 30% for 20 seconds. Cooldown: 5 minutes.

The Basic Attributes of the Warfire Set Equipment were average at best. It was referred to as a Level 30 Peak Fine-Gold Set Equipment was because of its Set Effects. In particular, the Free Will skill and Warfire Berserk skill were the main reason it ranked as Peak Fine-Gold Set Equipment.

Although Shi Feng now had nine individual pieces, there were duplicates for the head, hands, and legs slots. He was only missing the wrist pieces.

The Warfire Set Equipment only reached its true value when it was complete.

Following which, Shi Feng distributed the Level 25 Fine-Gold and Secret-Silver Equipment to Fire Dance, Aqua Rose, Cola, and the other core members who had reached Level 25. As for everyone else, they had yet to meet the level requirements and could not use any of the Level 25 equipment. However, they had obtained the corresponding Guild Points. When they returned, they could exchange these Guild Points items in the Guild's Warehouse.

Nobody argued Shi Feng's arrangements. After all, those who had contributed the most to the Flame Guards' deaths were Aqua Rose, the core members, and the healers. Everyone else had simply watched from the side, doing nothing at all. They were satisfied with receiving Guild Points.

Moreover, even if Shi Feng had given some of the equipment to them, they could not equip it. Guild Points were far more practical.

"Guild Leader, where are we heading next?" Aqua Rose had just replaced a few pieces of her equipment with the Level 25 Fine-Gold ranked cloth armor they had obtained, increasing her Attributes significantly. Right now, she was itching to test her newfound strength. "Are we going to look for more Lords?"

"No, we're going to the inner region to mine ores." Shi Feng smiled faintly as he took out a Treasure Hunting Scroll. He then unfurled the gray scroll and chanted an incantation.

Suddenly, several red dots appeared on Shi Feng's system map.

"Mine ores?" Aqua Rose could not help but ask.

Their team consisted of 500 elite players. Yet, they had not come here to grind and level up, but to mine ores? She was utterly speechless.

"You'll understand when the time comes," Shi Feng laughed. He then sent parties to the highlighted locations on the map.

If he had a large stock of Starfire Ore, he could mass-produce the Fine-Gold ranked Dragonscale Set Equipment for the Guild. At that time, how could Overwhelming Smile compete with them?

Chapter 430 - Frantic Beginning

The inner region of White Fog Canyon was complex and densely covered by stone forests. After the meteorite shower, the fog inside the canyon had also grown thicker, lowering visibility to less than 30 yards. In addition, Elite and Special Elite monsters would show up every now and then. If players entered the canyon without sufficient strength, they would easily lose their lives.

However, danger and opportunity coexisted with each other, such as the precious Starfire Ore could be found within the white fog.

Shi Feng separated the team of 500 into multiple smaller teams, with each team consisting of two parties. That way, even if a team encountered a Special Elite, they could safely deal with it themselves. As the Assassins possessed high survivability, Shi Feng allowed them to take independent action. Meanwhile, Shi Feng himself ran around the map, quickly recording the red dots that appeared in his system map and sending the coordinates to the various teams, having those closest mine the ore there.

Within the inner region of White Fog Canyon, not all red dots represented the Starfire Ore. There were actually many different types of ore. Hence, if Shi Feng wanted to harvest a large amount of Starfire Ore, he needed a large amount of manpower.

“As expected of the undeveloped White Fog Canyon, there really are a lot of ore deposits.” Shi Feng looked at the many red dots on his system map, joy blossoming in his heart.

In the past, he had to spend over half an hour just to locate a single ore deposit. Even if he had discovered one, he would still have had to contest over it with other players. As for discovering a hidden ore deposit, one needed to be significantly lucky.

He would have been fortunate if he had located eight or nine Starfire Ore deposits in a day.

Now, he was able to locate over a hundred Starfire Ore deposits in just half an hour.

Players could excavate Starfire Ore from Starfire Ore deposits. As for how many pieces of ore one could acquire, it relied on the player's own Luck and Mining level: one or two pieces if the number was low, and three or four pieces if it was high.

After several hours of hard work, Shi Feng's team of 500 managed to secure over a thousand Starfire Ore deposits and had amassed over 3,000 pieces of Starfire Ore, which was equivalent to over 30 Gold.

To Shi Feng, however, the value of these 3,000-plus pieces of Starfire Ore far exceeded 30 Gold.

After using up the 12 Treasure Hunting Scrolls, the team's speed at locating the Starfire Ore deposits gradually slowed. Even with 500 players continuously searching for the deposits, after an hour's worth of effort, they had only managed to harvest around 200 pieces of Starfire Ore. However, Shi Feng was still satisfied.

The Philosopher's Stone he possessed allowed him to refine the Starfire Ore into Starfire Essence, free of charge. At that time, with so many Starfire Essences, his certainty of producing the Level 20 Dragonscale Set Equipment would greatly increase.

Level 20 Fine-Gold Set Equipment was precisely what the current players of God's Domain needed and lacked the most. Currently, the majority of the player population were around Level 20. If it were a Level 25 Set Equipment, very few people would be able to equip it. Hence, the demand for it would also be low.

If Shi Feng produced a Dragonscale Set Equipment, he could sell it for over 100 Gold right now at the very least.

People were only offering 80 Gold to purchase the complete Warfire Set because, currently, no one knew its true value. Moreover, even if someone managed to gather the full Warfire Set Equipment, it would initially start at Bronze rank. They would have to sacrifice a lot of their EXP in order to raise it up to Fine-Gold rank, hence why it was so cheap.

In the past, the price of the Warfire Set Equipment had once soared up to 500 Gold. Yet, even with such an astronomical price, supply failed to meet demand.

Time passed quickly. Unknowingly, the members of Zero Wing had mined ore deposits in White Fog Canyon for two whole days, obtaining an abundant cache of ores. They had practically dug up every deposit in White Fog Canyon at least once, and the amount of Starfire Ore they gathered had exceeded 15,000 pieces. In addition, they had also obtained over 7,000 pieces of various other kinds of ore.

During these two days, aside from mining ore deposits, everyone from Zero Wing had also killed plenty of Lord ranked monsters. As long as one of the search parties encountered a solitary Lord, they would immediately notify Shi Feng of it and then kill it together.

After two days, Zero Wing's team had managed to kill 22 Lords. With Shi Feng's Divine Providence, they managed to obtain a large number of Level 25 equipment. Among them, most were Secret-Silver and Fine-Gold Equipment. They had also obtained many Warfire set pieces. By now, they had enough to complete close to three sets. Unfortunately, none of the set pieces they obtained were meant for the wrists slot, which greatly depressed Shi Feng.

Shi Feng had placed all the weapons and equipment they were unable to use in the Guild's Warehouse, instantly enriching its stores.

When the other members of Zero Wing saw the large stock of Level 25 equipment, they all grew excited. Enthusiasm filled every one of them as they actively completed Guild Quests and made contributions to the Guild.

Level 25 equipment was currently the pinnacle of equipment to God's Domain players.

Even before everyone had reached Level 25, the Guild had already prepared a large number of high-end Level 25 equipment for themselves. This had extinguished the Guild members' worries about obtaining Level 25 equipment. Now, the only thing they needed to do was frantically accumulate Guild Points. By the time they reached Level 25, they could simply exchange for the Level 25 equipment. This point alone made Zero Wing superior to every other Guild.

The appearance of Level 25 equipment in Zero Wing's Warehouse had undoubtedly punched a big hole into Overwhelming Smile's poaching plan. Now, those who originally planned to defect from Zero Wing started hesitating.

Although the benefits offered by Overwhelming Smile were very high, the equipment it possessed was unable to keep up with the times. Meanwhile, if their equipment fell behind, how would they hunt for even better equipment? How were they supposed to grind and level up quickly?

Once behind, always behind.

At this moment, many players who had previously defected from Zero Wing to Overwhelming Smile began regretting their decision.

“Just how did Zero Wing manage to get so many Level 25 high-end equipment? I hear that a guy who was a lot weaker than me has already obtained a Level 25 Mysterious-Iron chest piece. As soon as he reaches Level 25, he can replace the Level 20 Mysterious-Iron chest piece he is wearing. If I had known something like this would happen earlier, I would never have left Zero Wing. I might already have enough points to exchange for a Level 25 Secret-Silver Equipment by now...”

“I couldn’t agree more! A guy I know who was previously about equal in strength with me is now very well off. When I chatted with him six hours ago, he told me that he had managed to accumulate enough points to exchange for a Level 25 Secret-Silver Equipment. He is only Level 22 right now. By the time he reaches Level 25, he might accumulate enough points to exchange for five or six pieces of Level 25 Secret-Silver Equipment.”

In White River City, many of Overwhelming Smile’s members started having heated discussions in the bars, sighing enviously.

“Why are all of you lauding the spirit of the enemy and belittling that of our own? The higher-ups of Overwhelming Smile have already sent people to investigate the source of Zero Wing’s equipment. Soon, with our Guild’s strength, we can definitely obtain a large number of Level 25 high-end equipment much more easily than Zero Wing.”

“Zero Wing can only remain arrogant for now because all of our Guild’s core members are focused on raiding the Great Lord inside the Ruined Shrine. After they finish with it, not to mention Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment, we might even get Dark-Gold or Epic Equipment.”

Many Overwhelming Smile members had expressed their disdain regarding Zero Wing's recent performances. They firmly believed that Overwhelming Smile was a lot stronger than Zero Wing.

Meanwhile, inside White Fog Canyon...

During their two days of grinding and mining, everyone from Zero Wing had leveled up quickly, with many having already reached Level 25. Blackie had even broken through to Level 27, whereas Aqua Rose and the other core members had risen to Level 26. Violet Cloud had also reached Level 25, replacing her Level 20 equipment with Level 25 Secret-Silver and Fine-Gold Equipment.

Only Shi Feng remained at Level 24. He was still a short distance away from reaching Level 25.

However, this could not be helped. Shi Feng and Violet Cloud were both owners of hidden classes, so the EXP they required to level up was much higher than the others. Shi Feng required twice as much EXP as ordinary classes, whereas Violet Cloud required 1.6 times.

"Guild Leader, we discovered a Starfire Ore vein. However, we were suddenly ambushed by some Assassins from Overwhelming Smile. Although our party managed to get rid of the eight of them, two of our brothers were killed. Seeing that we are interested in the Starfire Ore, those bastards from Overwhelming Smile have sent three teams to guard the Starfire Ore vein. They are currently clearing out the surrounding monsters and are planning to mine the deposit," Flying Shadow reported, wrathful flames burning in his eyes. If not for the bastards from Overwhelming Smile outnumbering them, he really wished he could go over and massacre them right this instant.

Chapter 431 - Denounce

Beside one of the streams inside the White Fog Canyon, a team of over a hundred players currently guarded the entrance of a mine. Each of these players wore a Guild Emblem in the shape of a purple moon on their chests. This was none other than Overwhelming Smile's Guild Emblem.

At this moment, these players faced off against the eight Level 27 Special Elite ranked Flame Furbolgs that had emerged from within the mine.

[Flame Furbolg] (Special Elite)

Level 27

HP 70,000/70,000

Although the massive Flame Furbolgs were very powerful, the members of Overwhelming Smile fought with organization, continuously draining their enemies' HP.

"Boss Oriental, Zero Wing's party killed Monkey and the others," a Level 23 gray-clothed Ranger reported as he walked up to the Level 24 Swordsman who currently commanded the team.

This Level 24 Swordsman was fully geared with Level 20 Secret-Silver Equipment. The Snakebone Sword that hung on his back was even a Level 20 Fine-Gold Weapon. Currently, in God's Domain, his items were definitely top-tier.

“That was two parties of elite Assassins. A single party from Zero Wing actually wiped them out? Did Zero Wing receive help from someone else?” the Level 24 Swordsman, Oriental Sword, asked.

Although the Assassin named Monkey was not an expert, he was a PvP veteran. He sported a promising battle record, and even experts would find him difficult to take down in a short amount of time. If he focused solely on his escape, it would be even more difficult to kill him. Oriental Sword had not expected that not even one Assassin would return.

The only possibility he could think of was that Monkey and the others had been outnumbered and surrounded.

“No. There was only a single party from Zero Wing. However, the Assassin leading the team was a Level 26 expert,” the Ranger said, shaking his head.

“Was it that Fire Dance from Zero Wing?” Oriental Sword grinned. “Before I reached White River City, I had heard rumors of Fire Dance’s prowess. Some are even calling her the Flaming Rose. Originally, I thought she was merely one of Black Flame’s decorations. I expected as much from the team leader of Zero Wing’s core team. Not bad.”

“She isn’t the one who killed Monkey. That Assassin was a man called Flying Shadow. Monkey had only lasted five moves against him. Of the twelve players in the two parties, eight had died at that man’s hands. There was no mention of a person named Flying Shadow in any of the reports we had received.” The Ranger was very familiar with Oriental Sword’s personality.

Oriental Sword was absolutely confident of his own strength, and he would never consider anyone a worthy opponent. He loved PvPing more than anything, especially against experts. He was a complete battle maniac. However, he was also one of Overwhelming Smile’s top experts, which was why he had been sent to White River City. If not for the higher-ups prohibiting anyone from challenging Zero Wing, Oriental Sword might have been the first to launch an assault against the Guild.

“Flying Shadow? This seems intriguing,” Oriental Sword’s interest grew. “Ignore Zero Wing’s party. Since Monkey and the others had failed to kill them, they would definitely report back to their superiors. There is only one thing we need to focus on, and that is mining the ores inside this cave.”

“Boss Oriental, will our skirmish with Zero Wing cause an all-out war between our Guilds? Haven’t the higher-ups warned us not to create any friction with them?” the Ranger asked strangely.

“Recently, Zero Wing has been mining ores in White Fog Canyon. Their movements are unusual. In addition, they have somehow managed to obtain a lot of Level 25 equipment. There might be a relation between these incidents. Our superiors agree; it doesn’t matter if a small conflict occurs. So what if we ambush those cowards from Zero Wing? What will they do to us?”

“Do you think they will start a war?”

“Don’t be a fool. Since Zero Wing had not declared war on us when Overwhelming Smile started investing in White River City, they missed their best chance. If they start a war now, they will only gamble their lives. However, I, on the other hand, hope that Zero Wing takes action. Unfortunately, they don’t have the guts.”

Oriental Sword laughed as he resumed commanding his team, wiping out the Flame Furbolgs inside the mine.

Before anyone noticed, however, a party of six had appeared in the misty forest a short distance from the mine. This party disregarded the team of over a hundred elite players under Oriental Sword’s leadership, walking leisurely towards the mine.

“Guild Leader, I’ve discovered the mine after using a Treasure Hunting Scroll. I’ve even used Stealth and scouted its interior. It is full of Starfire Ore deposits. If we excavate them all, we can get at least 300 to 400 Starfire Ore,” Flying Shadow said as he pointed towards the cave that Oriental Sword and his men guarded. “However, after I left, we were ambushed by Assassins from Overwhelming Smile. Although I tried to rescue them, I was too late, resulting in two of my party members dying. Overwhelming Smile has since occupied the cave.”

Shi Feng nodded before commanding, “Violet, go and revive the two who died. Everyone else, let’s take a look.”

Following which, Violet Cloud ran over to where the two players had died as Shi Feng led Aqua Rose, Blackie, Fire Dance, and Flying Shadow towards Oriental Sword.

Shi Feng’s movements had undoubtedly attracted the attention of Overwhelming Smile’s team.

“The fellows from Zero Wing are kind of interesting.” Oriental Sword grinned upon seeing Shi Feng and the others.

“Boss Oriental, that Level 24 Swordsman is Black Flame. The two beauties by his side are the Elementalist Aqua Rose and the Assassin Fire Dance. The Cursemancer is Zero Wing’s famous expert, Blackie, and that male Assassin is the person who killed Monkey and the others, Flying Shadow,” the Ranger beside Oriental Sword briefly introduced the members of Shi Feng’s group.

Black Flame’s arrival surprised every member of Overwhelming Smile.

Black Flame’s fame was truly too immense.

He was the publicly acknowledged number one expert of Star-Moon Kingdom. There was nobody in White River City who had not witnessed Black Flame's battle videos. Killing every player with a single hit, he had massacred over a hundred Dark Star members. He suppressed more than ten thousand players with his aura alone, causing all of them to freeze. In the end, he even escaped unharmed.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, what brings you here today, I wonder?" Oriental Sword asked playfully as he smirked at Shi Feng.

"A straightforward person does not resort to insinuations. Today, you sent your men to ambush members of our Guild. Now, you've occupied the mine that we found after much difficulty. Don't you think that you've gone a little overboard?" Shi Feng asked calmly.

Although Shi Feng's voice had been soft, his overbearing tone intimidated the crowd from Overwhelming Smile.

"Overboard?" Oriental Sword laughed madly. "Twelve of my men died. I have not even asked for compensation, yet you come here to denounce me?"

"Since you're here, we can use this opportunity to discuss compensation. I don't want much. Just pay me 100 Gold per person for a total of 1,200 Gold. How about it?"

Mockery filled Oriental Sword's expression.

He believed that Shi Feng was a complete fool. With just five players, Shi Feng had dared come into his territory looking for trouble.

At this stage of the game, players' levels were no longer insignificantly low. Their equipment was decent quality, and they had learned many skills. It was not possible to kill a player with a single hit anymore.

Currently, he had close to 150 players on his side, and they were all elite members of the Guild. They were also Level 22 or higher, and they possessed impressive combat power. They could easily take out fifty players, much less five.

Chapter 432 - One-hit Extermination

Upon listening to Oriental Sword's words, a cold glint flashed across Shi Feng's eyes.

Suddenly, the surrounding atmosphere froze.

"What? Want to fight?" Although Oriental Sword could feel a heavy pressure enveloping him, his confidence did not waver. He then unsheathed the longsword hung on his back, provocatively saying, "Come if you can, then. Seeing as everyone out there is calling you a god, I really wish to see just what kind of ability you possess."

When Oriental Sword spoke in such a way, everyone from Overwhelming Smile sneered, secretly making preparations for battle.

With 150 players on their side, it would be a piece of cake for them to take care of just five players.

They were different from those noobs Black Flame had massacred before. They would not easily be defeated just because their skills were Silenced.

After learning and training in God's Domain for such a long time, they had long since familiarized themselves with the combat styles of the game. Right now, they had no problems fighting solo with an Elite monster. Although a handful of them might not be a match for Black Flame, if all one hundred and fifty of them stood sparsely apart from each other and attacked together, they did not believe that Black Flame could walk out of this place alive!

However, before the crowd from Overwhelming Smile could react, Shi Feng, who stood ten yards away, suddenly disappeared.

"Where is he?"

Oriental Sword's eyes were filled with disbelief when he suddenly lost sight of Shi Feng.

A Swordsman could actually suddenly vanish from thin air? Even Assassins required some time to enter Stealth.

Not to mention Oriental Sword, even Aqua Rose and the others were stunned. Shi Feng had just suddenly disappeared.

Did he log off? The only reasoning Aqua Rose could come up with was that Shi Feng had logged out of the game. However, when she checked the list of party members, Shi Feng's status showed that he was still online; his name did not turn gray.

However, before one second had passed, Shi Feng suddenly reappeared beside Oriental Sword. Following which, blades of light slashed apart the air, silently cutting up Oriental Sword's body. Before Oriental Sword knew what was going on, he suddenly felt pain bloom in his body. In the next moment, he saw blood gushing out like a waterfall in front of him.

"What's going on?"

Oriental Sword touched the wounds covering his body, confused. Suddenly, his body lost all strength as it slumped down onto the ground. Laying on the ground, Oriental Sword saw Shi Feng through his grayed vision. He also saw the Abyssal Blade grasped in Shi Feng's hand, fresh blood slowly dripping off the weapon.

The blood dripped to the ground as if it were a countdown to death.

"How?" Even at his moment of death, Oriental Sword still could not believe what had just happened.

He, a top-tier expert of Overwhelming Smile, had actually died without a chance to respond...

After Oriental Sword died, everyone from Overwhelming Smile who was originally feeling confident halted.

They simply could not comprehend what had just happened.

Shi Feng had just suddenly disappeared, before reappearing once again beside Oriental Sword. Immediately after, blood gushed out from Oriental Sword's body. Simultaneously, a damage of -4,368 points appeared above the man's head, the damage completely exceeding the Swordsman's total HP.

Oriental Sword's sudden death had struck fear into the crowd from Overwhelming Smile. The gaze they used to look at Shi Feng was as if looking at a ferocious beast.

When Shi Feng's eyes landed on them, they felt as if they had lost control of their own bodies.

"Bug! This must be a bug!" a player from Overwhelming Smile suddenly shouted in fright. "He must have grasped a loophole in the system! Let's send feedback to the Main God System right now! We'll see what he can do then!"

Everyone present felt that those words sounded logical. Otherwise, how were they supposed to explain this unbelievable incident?

Hence, everyone started sending reports to the Main God System. Only by doing so would they possess a chance for survival.

"Guild Leader couldn't have abused a bug, right?" Aqua Rose could not make sense of the situation, either. She was similarly shocked by the scene she had just witnessed.

The Main God System controlled God's Domain. It was simply impossible for such a glaring loophole to exist in the game. Yet, if it was not a loophole, how could they explain the situation before them?

"Of course it is not a loophole in the system. Guild Leader is the number one expert of Star-Moon Kingdom. Previously, he had simply used an advanced combat technique. These people are simply too

ignorant,” Fire Dance said proudly, a faint smile on her face. She spoke as if she were the one who had personally finished off Oriental Sword.

Within the Ruined Shrine in the inner region of White Fog Canyon, a large number of Guild players had gathered. Among them, members of Overwhelming Smile numbered the most, with over 5,000 members present.

There were a large number of monsters inside the Ruined Shrine. Moreover, a majority of these monsters were Special Elites. Among them were plenty of Chieftains. The monsters here ranged from Level 24 to Level 27. To the current elite members of Guilds, it was a level that they could barely handle. If not for the fact that they had the advantage in numbers, they would have long since been wiped out by the monsters inside the Ruined Shrine.

“Damn! The monsters here are endless! They’re even more troublesome than the Battle Monkeys before!” Lone Tyrant said, somewhat exhausted. Currently, he was going up against a Level 27 Chieftain, a Goblin Warrior.

Despite the Goblin Warrior being twice as large as an ordinary player, it was quite agile. In addition, the hammer it wielded contained frightening, destructive power. Even a Tier 1 MT of the same level would find it difficult to endure its series of violent assaults, much less Lone Tyrant, who was only a Level 25 Tier 0 Guardian Knight.

Although Lone Tyrant possessed impressive techniques, his dodging capabilities being first-rate, the Goblin Warrior also possessed powerful combat techniques. Whenever the Goblin Warrior attacked Lone Tyrant, it would always predict where Lone Tyrant would dodge and take that into account in its attack, forcing Lone Tyrant to accept the damage.

Moreover, every time he received an attack from the Goblin Warrior's hammer, his defensive posture would always fail. This resulted in him being unable to use his shield to block the next attack, and instead, he received the attack with his body.

From just a single strike of its hammer, Lone Tyrant received close to -1,300 damage. Lone Tyrant only possessed 4,520 HP; he could endure four hits, at most.

If he were only dealing with a single Goblin Warrior, Lone Tyrant would not end up in such a miserable state.

However, aside from the Goblin Warrior, there were also many Goblin Mages at the sides. These Goblin Mages were all Level 26 Special Elites. They bombarded players with ice and fire, and any players struck by their spells would instantly lose around 1,700 HP. Other than MTs, nobody else could survive two hits.

Within the Ruined Shrine, aside from the members of Overwhelming Smile having a hard time, the other Guilds were similarly facing great difficulties.

The monsters inside the Ruined Shrine were simply endless. No matter how many they killed, the monsters just kept coming. Without sufficient strength, they simply had no way of reaching the Level 25 Great Lord in a short amount of time, let alone raiding it.

Before Overwhelming Smile had finished off the monsters at hand, another wave of Goblins charged over.

Suddenly, everyone from Overwhelming Smile felt a headache overcome them.

“Cursemancers, Cripple them. Elementalists, use Ice Walls and separate the incoming monsters. Rangers, lure some away and kite them; do not let the pressure on the MTs increase!” Youlan immediately shouted in the team chat.

Immediately, the elites of Overwhelming Smile started taking action, luring the Goblins away and letting the MTs take a breather.

Lone Tyrant could not help but send a glance at the charming and graceful Youlan. Inwardly, he felt displeasure towards the woman. He was actually required to listen to her commands. However, he also had no choice but to admit that Youlan was indeed amazing. They were only able to reach their current location thanks to Youlan. Otherwise, they would not have been able to pass through the Battle Monkeys. Even if they could, they would have had to suffer immense losses.

Take Emperor’s Light and the Assassin’s Alliance for example: since entering White Fog Canyon, their total numbers had already decreased by a quarter.

Meanwhile, under Youlan’s command, Overwhelming Smile was able to advance through White Fog Canyon easily. Along their way to the Ruined Shrine, they had only lost a small number of players.

Shortly after Overwhelming Smile cleared out all the Goblins, Youlan received a message. After reading the message, her expression turned grim.

Lone Tyrant could feel Youlan’s mood suddenly changing, and he could not help but ask, “What happened?”

After spending some time together, Lone Tyrant had a general grasp on this woman. She was always calm and collected. Even in the face of several Lord ranked monsters, she would remain unfazed. Yet, now, after seeing a single message, her expression had turned solemn...

How could Lone Tyrant not grow curious at this situation?

Chapter 433 - Evil Rakshasa

Hearing Lone Tyrant's question, Youlan, who had originally planned to explain, suddenly received another message notification.

When she read the contents of the message, her frown deepened.

"Oriental Sword, that fool! I told him to investigate the secret Zero Wing had used to obtain their stock of Level 25 high-end equipment, yet, he brazenly killed Zero Wing's members! He has even provoked Black Flame!" Youlan was furious after reading the message.

Youlan had previously investigated Black Flame. However, the more she looked into the man, the more creeped out she felt.

Black Flame had appeared silently, and like a rising comet, he shocked everyone with every action.

In White River City, not only had he massacred so many players, but he had also been able to move about freely. This strength alone was sufficient to strike fear into others. After all, if such a powerful person ambushed someone out in the field, and the victim was not strong enough to survive, they would still meet tragedy.

If they were dealing with an ordinary expert, they could simply form larger teams when leaving the city. That way, those experts would not dare attack them. However, Black Flame was different. He was too powerful. Even if they formed teams, Black Flame could still slaughter them with little effort, and they could only helplessly watch as he did so.

The only real solution was to form a team of several hundred players. However, they could not do that every time they left the city.

Not only would this be detrimental to the Guild's development, but it would also make them the laughingstock of God's Domain.

However, if Black Flame constantly hunted and ambushed their members, his growth would stagnate. Moreover, such ambushes would not significantly impact the Guild if they only occurred one or two days. Black Flame needed to ambush them over a long period of time to wound Overwhelming Smile. Meanwhile, it would be detrimental if Black Flame neither leveled up nor upgraded his equipment for a long time.

There were countless experts in God's Domain. If one did not continuously improve their strength, others would quickly surpass them.

Zero Wing's success today was largely due to Black Flame's strength. If Black Flame let himself go, it would damage Zero Wing.

Hence, Youlan had prohibited the members of Overwhelming Smile from crossing any lines, maintaining the balance between both parties. She was worried that, if angered, Black Flame would disregard all consequences and act so roguishly.

Now, however, Oriental Sword had broken the balance that they had maintained!

At this point, Youlan wanted to hunt Oriental Sword down personally and strangle him.

After Youlan received the message, Shi Feng began to annihilate Overwhelming Smile's members with Aqua Rose and the others by his side.

Shi Feng's Void Steps had long since petrified his opponents. Later, they even reported to the Main God System, stating that Shi Feng had abused a loophole in the system to kill players. They all hoped that the Main God System would bring them justice, giving Shi Feng his deserved punishment!

Yet, the reply they had received stated that there were no issues. Shi Feng's every action had been within the rules of the system.

Overwhelming Smile's members had been even more shocked upon receiving this reply.

That ghost-like method Shi Feng had used to kill Oriental Sword wasn't actually a bug...

For a time, the crowd from Overwhelming Smile despaired. In the face of Shi Feng's merciless slaughter, their previous confidence was nothing but a joke. The only thing they could do was escape.

As for battling Shi Feng? That was a fool's errand!

Just how were they supposed to fight an enemy that they could not see? Moreover, said enemy could kill them instantly upon reappearing.

“You guys wish to escape? Try it.” Without hesitation, Shi Feng activated Skywheel Sword.

Previously, to kill Oriental Sword in one hit, Shi Feng had specially activated Aura of Fire and Purgatory Power, holding nothing back. Now, after activating Skywheel Sword, countless swords of light appeared in the sky above the mine’s entrance. When the swords descended, not only did they deal over -2,400 damage to all enemies within an area of 20*20 yards, but it also sealed all enemies within range, preventing them from leaving the region for 4 seconds.

Instantly, the members of Overwhelming Smile were trapped within the mine.

When everyone from Overwhelming Smile saw that there was no longer hope for escape, they tried to resist.

Unfortunately, Shi Feng did not give them a chance.

Shi Feng then used the skill of the Aura of Fire, Firestorm. Suddenly, flames filled the interior of the mine. A damage of close to -10,000 points appeared above every player and monster within. After Firestorm’s duration of five seconds, only ash remained.

Since Shi Feng began his assault, the whole process only lasted a few seconds. Just like that, over a hundred elites from Overwhelming Smile had been exterminated. Moreover, Shi Feng had collected the Immortal Souls of every player that he killed. Within a short time, all of these players had been locked out of God’s Domain...

If Shi Feng had been a wild beast that gave other Guilds massive headaches before he had become a Blade Saint, now, he was an Evil Rakshasa that others would avoid at all costs.

Meanwhile, inside the Ruined Shrine...

“So what if it’s Black Flame? We have the advantage of numbers. We can easily get rid of him.” A wrathful flame immediately blossom within Lone Tyrant’s eyes when he heard Black Flame’s name. Hurriedly, he said, “Why don’t I take some men to assist Oriental Sword and kill Black Flame?”

Ever since dying by Shi Feng’s hands, Lone Tyrant had toughened his heart and trained arduously every night and day. He had done so to exact his revenge. He was no longer the same as he had been in the past.

If not for Youlan restraining him, he would have long since avenged his deaths.

Now that Oriental Sword had provoked Black Flame, it was only natural that he go and help out. Youlan could not possibly sit by and watch as more than a hundred elite members fell under Black Flame’s swords, right?

Ultimately, these elite members were the backbone of the Guild. If the Guild did nothing as over a hundred of these elites were slaughtered, not only would it damage the Guild’s reputation, but it would also affect the hearts of those within the Guild.

“No need. Black Flame killed Oriental Sword with a single hit. As for the others, they’re most likely dead by now,” Youlan said, revealing a bitter smile.

Youlan had a clear understanding of Black Flame’s strength. None of the titled experts on the God’s Domain Experts List were for show. Furthermore, Black Flame currently had several experts by his side. Those hundred-plus elite members had zero chance of surviving. Only a top-tier expert might have a chance of walking away.

Upon hearing Youlan’s statement, Lone Tyrant was stunned. He said, “I am very familiar with Oriental Sword’s strength. Moreover, he has so many people with him. How could Black Flame kill him with one hit?”

“I do not know how exactly he died, but according to the reports sent from above, Oriental Sword had not managed to respond before dying,” Youlan said. “It seems that after not encountering Black Flame for a while, he has grown even stronger. We need to hurry and take down this Great Lord.”

“Are we just going to let this go?” Lone Tyrant had yet to give up on the idea of killing Black Flame. Staring at Youlan, he asked, “If others find out that, despite Black Flame having killed so many Overwhelming Smile’s elites, we are indifferent, we will become a laughingstock. What will we do if our inaction angers those above us?”

Youlan frowned. Just as Lone Tyrant had said, if they did not take any sort of action now, they would become a joke to the public.

“Youlan, what’s going on with you? You shouldn’t wear such an ugly expression. Do you need big brother’s help?” Just as Youlan struggled with her indecision, a lean man walked over, smiling.

This man was a Level 26 Assassin, his level surpassing everyone in Overwhelming Smile. Yet, despite there being no Guild Emblem on his person, everyone from Overwhelming Smile treated him with respect and reverence. Even Lone Tyrant was no exception; he was deeply afraid of provoking this young master.

The reason they were behaving in such a way was not only this young man's high level. More importantly, this man was the key to their operation of killing the Great Lord.

Back then, Young Master Feng had repeatedly instructed them to treat this youth before them with respect. If they provoked this youth...

They would be responsible for their own actions!

Chapter 434 - Free Combat System

"Big Brother Summer, it's great that you are willing to help, but the opponent is very hard to take down. We might even miss out on our chance to kill the Great Lord. I'm worried that it will affect Big Brother Summer's task." Youlan was familiar with the lean man's strength, and she appreciated his assistance.

The lean man was Summer Sunshine. Not only was he unrelated to Underworld, but he was also an independent player. However, due to his backing and his overwhelming strength, even Feng Xuanyang attempted to build a strong relationship with him.

Youlan had once witnessed a fraction of Summer Sunshine's strength.

Before entering White Fog Canyon, Summer Sunshine had fought Underworld's pride, the leader of the Underworld Guards, Ming Sha, in a PvP. In the end, however, Ming Sha lasted only five moves against Summer Sunshine. Moreover, Summer Sunshine had not used any skills, relying on basic attacks to defeat his opponent.

The results of that fight had surprised everyone.

As a member of Underworld, Youlan knew full well how strong Ming Sha was. He was one of the few great experts in Underworld. Gentle Snow of Ouroboros was only slightly stronger than him.

However, such an expert was nothing more than a child to Summer Sunshine.

One could just imagine how powerful the Assassin was.

If Summer Sunshine was willing to lend a hand, they had a fairly good chance of defeating One-hit Asura Black Flame.

"It won't take long to deal with the Great Lord. I don't mind delaying our attack for a little bit. In any case, I am bored. If you need help with something, just ask," Summer Sunshine laughed.

"Zero Wing's Guild Leader, Black Flame, has killed many of our elite members. We want to return the favor and kill him. Would you be interested in helping us with this, I wonder?" Youlan asked softly as she stared at Summer Sunshine.

"Black Flame?" Summer Sunshine nodded, saying, "Alright. I've heard many rumors about him when I was in White River City. I hear that he's pretty amazing and has the title of One-hit Asura. He is even

Star-Moon Kingdom's number one expert. I'd love to exchange a few moves with him. If I kill him, won't I become Star-Moon Kingdom's number one expert?"

"Of course! If you kill Black Flame, you will officially become Star-Moon Kingdom's number one expert. However, don't underestimate him. He once killed Ming Sha with one hit. We need to plan carefully to avoid Black Flame escaping." When Youlan received Summer Sunshine's answer, the tension between her brows loosened, a few ideas of how to deal with Black Flame already brewing.

"He killed Ming Sha with one hit? Not bad. My last fight with Ming Sha wasn't even a warm-up. I wonder if Black Flame is strong enough to take seriously?" Summer Sunshine licked his lips, a hint of excitement flashing in his eyes. "As for your plans, forget about them. As long as we find him, I have my own ways to prevent him from escaping."

"Big Brother Summer, Black Flame has a large-scale silencing skill. If he discovers us and activates the skill, trapping him will be very difficult. It is best if we have a plan to silence Black Flame," Youlan reminded.

"Don't worry. I have something better than that. When I see him, I'll trap him like a bug in a jar," Summer Sunshine laughed. Confidently, he said, "Let's hunt down Black Flame. Since he has provoked and angered you, you can watch as I take care of him."

Following which, Youlan immediately sent a large number of players to search for Black Flame. Meanwhile, Overwhelming Smile's army also slowly withdrew from the Ruined Shrine.

At the entrance of the Starfire Mine, Shi Feng and the others tidied up the loot scattered across the ground.

When Shi Feng had activated Firestorm, not only had he wiped out the players, but he had also dealt with all of the Level 27 Special Elite ranked Flame Furbolgs that had emerged from the mine.

With the Flame Furbolgs' drops accompanying the items from players, weapons, equipment, and materials littered the area in front of the mine.

"The elite members of Overwhelming Smile sure are poor. The majority of their weapons and equipment are Level 20 Bronze and Mysterious-Iron ranked. There are only two pieces of Secret-Silver Equipment. The Flame Furbolgs dropped more Secret-Silver Equipment than those elites," Blackie commented after they had finished collecting the items. He could not help but sympathize with the elites of Overwhelming Smile.

The loot from the players versus the Flame Furbolgs was easy to differentiate, as one group had only dropped Level 20 items, while the other had only dropped Level 25 items.

The Flame Furbolgs had dropped four pieces of Level 25 Secret-Silver Equipment alone, which was the equivalent of four pieces of Level 20 Fine-Gold Equipment. To God's Domain's players currently, Fine-Gold Equipment was top-tier equipment, whereas Dark-Gold Equipment was the cream of the crop. As for Epic items, they were the stuff of legends.

Meanwhile, if an ordinary player joined Zero Wing around Level 10 and completed their Guild Quests each day, they could trade their Guild Points in for a piece of Mysterious-Iron Equipment by the time they reached Level 20. If they were lucky and managed to join a party to complete advanced Guild Quests, they might even have enough points for three or four pieces of Secret-Silver Equipment. More than half an elite's equipment would be Secret-Silver rank at the very least.

On the other hand, the equipment Overwhelming Smile's elite members wore was mostly a mix of Bronze and Mysterious-Iron rank. Practically none of them had any Secret-Silver Equipment. They could not compare with Zero Wing's members.

Furthermore, Level 25 weapons and equipment were now available for Zero Wing members. This was unheard of in any other Guild.

Any Level 25 equipment obtained by the other Guilds would be prioritized to their core members. These items would never be available for their ordinary members.

Compared to Level 25 Secret-Silver and Fine-Gold Equipment, the benefits that Overwhelming Smile offered were a joke.

After organizing the loot, Shi Feng had the two recently-resurrected members take the dropped weapons and equipment back to the Guild. As for Aqua Rose and the others, they all entered the Starfire Mine and started mining.

The Starfire Mine was a naturally occurring maze. Moreover, when wandering inside the mine, the players were often ambushed by groups of three to five Flame Furbolgs. As a result, Shi Feng's team progressed slowly.

The Flame Furbolgs were Level 27 Special Elites. Their Strength was frighteningly high, and they could send a Berserker of the same level flying with a single hit. Although they were somewhat slow, the Flame Furbolgs also had an AOE control skill called War Stomp. When activated, all enemies within a radius of 8 yards would be placed in a Fainted state for four seconds. In this narrow cave, avoiding this skill was not easy.

Normally, a party had no chance against these Flame Furbolgs. At the very least, they needed a larger team and the willingness to make sacrifices to get rid of these Special Elites.

Unfortunately for the Flame Furbolgs, the opponent was Shi Feng.

Moreover, there were also the Tier 1 Assassins, Fire Dance and Flying Shadow, and the unpredictable Astromancer, Violet Cloud.

Before Shi Feng and the others, the Flame Furbolg's 70,000 HP was only decoration.

Shi Feng and the others were Tier 1 classes. They were only slightly inferior to the Special Elites.

After activating the Aura of Fire, Shi Feng could easily deal over -1,000 damage with every attack. When he used the Tier 1 Chop, he could deal over -6,000 damage, over -10,000 damage if he achieved a critical hit.

As for the Flame Furbolg's War Stomp, the skill was child's play to an expert.

Faced with groups of three to five Flame Furbolgs, Shi Feng's party of six could either incapacitate the monsters throughout the altercation or kill them swiftly with brute force, preventing them from activating War Stomp either way.

Shi Feng's group continued to delve into the mine, their experience bars rising quickly.

The EXP earned from killing a Level 27 Special Elite was already abundant. There was also the bonus EXP due to the level difference and the fact that there were only six players in the party to share the EXP. Most importantly, there were a lot of Flame Furbolgs, and no matter how many the party killed, more awaited them further in the mine. They leveled faster here than when they had killed Lord ranked monsters in a team of 500 players. On top of everything else, they also obtained plenty of Level 25 equipment.

After Shi Feng and the others had killed Flame Furbolgs in the Starfire Mine for over three hours, the group arrived at a wide and beautiful crystal cavern. A gigantic flaming star took up the center of this cavern.

The moment Shi Feng set foot in the crystal cavern, a system notification suddenly rang out.

System: You have entered the Land of the Fallen Star. Activating Free Combat System.

Chapter 435 - Land of the Fallen Star

After entering the crystal cavern, Shi Feng had not been the only one to receive a system notification. His party members also received one.

“Activating Free Combat System?” Shi Feng was stunned.

The Free Combat System was an unfamiliar term to the current players of God’s Domain. Shi Feng, however, could not be more familiar with it.

This was a mechanic that would only exist after the second evolution of God’s Domain.

In order to make combat in God’s Domain more realistic, friendly fire was now active.

Originally, if two players were in a party together, their attacks would not damage each other. However, after activating the Free Combat System, if one were not careful and struck a party member, said party member would receive damage from the attack.

Players could also damage themselves with their own skills. For example, if a player used an AOE skill and they were within the skill's effective range, they would receive damage. In the past, after the Free Combat System had activated, many players had ended up in the graveyard because of either themselves or each other.

As a result, when attacking, players needed sufficient control of their attacks. Otherwise, no one would be willing to join their party regardless of the benefits.

"Guild Leader, what just happened?" Aqua Rose could not contain her curiosity when she saw Shi Feng's surprise.

"We have activated the Free Combat System. From now on, our attacks will not differentiate from friend and foe, so we need to be careful in the battle. Don't mistakenly injure yourselves or your teammates," Shi Feng explained.

However, before the others could respond, a deep purple barrier sealed off the cavern's entrance.

When Blackie accidentally touched the barrier, he suddenly lost 1,000 HP.

Frightened, Blackie hurriedly backed away from the barrier.

“We’ve fallen into a trap. Be careful of your surroundings and don’t take action casually.”

Shi Feng considered the purple barrier at the cavern’s entrance before observing his surroundings.

Suddenly, a large group of Wolfman Warriors appeared in the Land of the Fallen Star, which had originally been void of any monsters. The Wolfman Warriors each carried a shield and a weapon, and they stared at Shi Feng’s group with fangs bared and smelly drool leaking from their mouths. They treated Shi Feng and the others like a meal.

[Wolfman Warrior] (Elite Rank)

Level 27

HP 42,000/42,000

Although the Wolfman Warriors were much weaker than the Flame Furbolgs, there were many of them. They moved in groups of a dozen or so, making them far more difficult to deal than the groups of three to five Furbolgs.

“Guild Leader, what should we do now?” Blackie said, his heart wavering as he watched the hundreds of Wolfman Warriors slowly walk towards them.

“Fight as we look for an exit.” Shi Feng could not think of any better ideas. With the entrance sealed off and the sudden appearance of so many Wolfman Warriors, the only plan he had was to fight as they ran. “I’ll open a path. Fire Dance and Flying Shadow, cover me. Aqua, focus on controlling those Wolfman Warriors.”

Based on Shi Feng's experience, all traps in God's Domain gave players a chance of survival. As long as they found the trick to unlock the trap, they could escape with their lives.

Meanwhile, the trap before them was clearly directed towards those who were unfamiliar with the Free Combat System. If everyone randomly used their skills, they would kill themselves before laying a scratch on the monsters before them.

Hence, it was safer if only he took action.

Following which, Shi Feng led the party and charged towards the area with the least number of Wolfman Warriors. Even so, there were still over a dozen Elites ahead of him.

Seeing Shi Feng's group barreling towards them, these Wolfman Warriors opened their mouths and howled. They raised their weapons and charged at Shi Feng. At this moment, the other Wolfman Warriors had similarly started to surround Shi Feng and the others.

"Don't fight. Just lure them to a single location and then kill them."

With that order, Shi Feng took the fight to these Wolfman Warriors, leading his own band of elites. He then unsheathed the Abyssal Blade and the Purgatory's Shadow, brandishing his swords and sending over a dozen swords of light to strike the Wolfman Warriors' vital points.

Shi Feng's Attack Speed was extremely fast. Although the Wolfman Warriors tried to defend themselves, Shi Feng's swords of light reached the monsters first. A single sword strike sent a Wolfman Warrior that was over two meters tall flying backward, a damage of over -1,000 points appearing above its head.

Shi Feng had no desire to continue fighting. After having sent the dozen or so Wolfman Warriors flying, he led the party and moved past the Wolfman Warriors.

If possible, Shi Feng wanted to finish off these Wolfmen. If he did, however, they would end up surrounded by more of these Elite monsters. If that happened, they wouldn't escape despite their efforts.

In such a way, Shi Feng, Fire Dance, and Flying Shadow opened a path for the party, the six continuously advancing.

Regarding the Wolfman Warriors chasing them relentlessly, Aqua Rose continuously cast Ice Walls and Ice Spheres behind her, using the spells to reduce the monsters' speed.

Although the Wolfman Warriors could not catch up, the number of monsters chasing after Shi Feng's party had increased past a thousand. If Shi Feng and the others made a single mistake, they would most likely lose their lives.

"We can use the terrain ahead. Fire Dance, Flying Shadow, and I will block the Wolfman Warriors behind us. Blackie, use Stars of Light. It doesn't matter even how far you cast it; just remember not to include us in the spell's effective area."

Shi Feng had constantly observed the surrounding terrain as he ran, and he caught sight of an elevated area. The path there was also very narrow; two or three people would be sufficient to block it completely. Hence, he hastened towards that elevated ground.

"Leave it to me! Watch me get rid of these wolf pups!" Blackie nodded.

When the party entered the narrow path, Shi Feng and the two Assassins spun around, facing the oncoming Wolfman Warriors.

Twenty yards... Fifteen yards... Ten yards...

Watching the Wolfman Warriors come closer and closer...

“Release!” Shi Feng shouted.

Having prepared, Blackie waved his staff, and in the next moment, a Star of Light descended from the sky. One after another, the Stars of Light bombarded the thousand-plus of Wolfman Warriors. Those near the epicenter of the crash received over -7,000 damage, while the others in the spell’s vicinity received over -3,000 damage.

The Wolfman Warriors had 42,000 HP. They could only endure a few waves of Stars of Light before dying.

However, the Wolfman Warriors outside of Blackie’s spell were intelligent. They had not foolishly charged into the range of the Stars of Light. Instead, they stood in place, waiting for the spell to end.

Although the effect of Stars of Light was frightening, the spell only took the lives of slightly over 200 Wolfman Warriors. To an army of over a thousand, that was nothing.

However, after Stars of Light ended, the experience bars of Shi Feng's party skyrocketed. If they could repeat this process, they could easily reach Level 30 in a few hours.

Before anyone could catch a breather, dozens of Wolfman Warriors charged into the small path, howling as they brandished their weapons.

Due to the Free Combat System, Blackie had not had a perfect grasp of his skill's coverage area. As a result, the Wolfman Warriors that had been at the very forefront of the charge had not been caught in the effective area of Stars of Light.

Fortunately, the small path only allowed for five or six Wolfman Warriors. Without hesitation, Shi Feng sent a Tier 1 Thundering Flash at the incoming Elite monsters.

Compared to the Tier 0 Thundering Flash, the Tier 1 skill was far more agile. Whether it was in terms of speed, power, distance, or number of attacks, all had massively improved. Most importantly, Shi Feng could now use it to attack horizontally, increasing its attack area.

A blue arc of lightning tore through the path in the blink of an eye, splitting the path in two. Following which, another arc of blue lightning streaked towards its target. After five consecutive arcs of lightning, astonishing damages appeared above the dozens of Wolfman Warriors.

-1,624, -2,240, -3,136, -4,394, -6,152...

Thundering Flash's effect stacked, and each consecutive hit would have its damage increased by 40%. If a target were struck by all five lightning strikes, the total damage would be terrifying.

However, the might of Thundering Flash could not deter these crazed Wolfman Warriors. They still threw themselves forward with little regard for their lives.

Aqua Rose waved her staff, and suddenly, three Ice Walls appearing on the small path, reducing the Wolfman Warrior's speed. Blackie also cast Hell Flame, dark green flames emerging from the ground. Immediately after, Shi Feng used the Tier 1 Earth Splitter.

Before these Wolfman Warriors could reach Shi Feng, they all died.

With the perfect combination of the six and the advantageous terrain, they had only spent a short amount of time finishing off the thousand-plus Wolfman Warriors.

After decimating the last wave of Warriors, a golden glow illuminated Shi Feng's body.

He was finally Level 25!

Chapter 436 - Combat Power Soars

"Guild Leader, you're finally Level 25," Blackie sighed with relief when he saw the golden brilliance illuminate Shi Feng's body.

"That's right," Shi Feng laughed bitterly. "After choosing this Blade Saint class, I'm doomed to level up slowly."

“Guild Leader, here’s the Level 25 Swordsman Fine-Gold and Secret-Silver Equipment we saved for you,” Fire Dance said, retrieving a few pieces of equipment from her bag. She had deliberately held on to these items for Shi Feng. As for the other Level 25 equipment, she had sent them to the Guild’s Warehouse.

Shi Feng’s hidden class was no secret among the core members of Zero Wing. This included Violet Cloud’s Astromancer class as well. Originally, everyone had envied and admired hidden classes, searching desperately for a Legacy that would give them the chance to obtain a hidden class. However, they could now see both Shi Feng’s and Violet Cloud’s leveling speed for themselves; their progression could only be described with one word—slow.

Some of the team members who were originally a lower level than Shi Feng and Violet Cloud had even surpassed the two over these past few days in White Fog Canyon.

More importantly, their levels were currently in the 20s. When they reached the 30s, 50s, or even 100s, the two’s leveling speed would most likely slow to a crawl.

When the others thought about how they would level far slower than other players, they promptly dismissed their intentions of searching for a hidden class. If they encountered an Advanced Legacy in the future, they would change classes then. If not, so be it.

Levels were very important in God’s Domain. Moreover, everyone paled at the thought of dying just once as a hidden class.

“Thanks.” Shi Feng accepted Fire Dance’s offer. His current equipment mostly consisted of random Level 20 pieces. If he switched them out for Level 25 Fine-Gold and Secret-Silver Equipment, his Attributes would increase significantly.

Shi Feng also retrieved a fiery-red pair of boots from his bag. The delicate boots each had three beautiful Flame Crystals embedded in them, and a bright red glow circled the footwear.

These were super-top-tier boots that Shi Feng had obtained after killing the Scorching Lamia.

[Flame Boots] (Plate Boots, Dark-Gold Rank)

Level 25

Defense +175

Strength +21, Agility +30, Endurance +15

Movement Speed +8

Fire Resistance +5

Additional Skill-

Flame Rush: Increases Movement Speed by 100% for 10 seconds.

Cooldown: 2 minutes

The boots were worth at least 30 Gold. As Shi Feng had not met the level requirement for the boots when he had first obtained them, he had kept them in his bag until now.

After equipping the Flame Boots, Shi Feng's Attributes soared once more. He had even obtained a new skill, Flame Rush. This was a must-have skill for both escape and pursuit. Undoubtedly, the Flame Boots had significantly increased Shi Feng's mobility.

"Guild Leader, what kind of boots are those? They're so beautiful!" Aqua Rose asked excitedly upon seeing the Flame Boots on Shi Feng's feet.

Aqua Rose wasn't the only person with this opinion as both Fire Dance and Violet Cloud similarly eyed the Flame Boots.

Women always loved beautiful things.

"I got these boots from killing a High Lord in the Flame God's Cave. However, you guys are mages, so you can't equip them. If you could, we'd go back and farm more High Lords." Even with his experience in countless battles, Shi Feng squirmed under the intense stares of the three beauties. In the end, he had no choice but to display the Flame Boots' data.

When everyone saw the boots' Attributes, they were stunned.

"Guild Leader, is this a Level 25 Dark-Gold item?" Flying Shadow's eyes nearly popped out of his sockets in shock. Originally, he had thought the Flame Boots were Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment. After all, ever since they started killing Level 25 and above Lord ranked monsters, the best equipment they had obtained was Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment.

“These Attributes are amazing!” Blackie said enviously. He was not particularly surprised that the Flame Boots were Dark-Gold ranked.

“Guild Leader, when did you kill a Level 25 or above High Lord?” Aqua Rose asked with disbelief.

When Fire Dance and the others heard Aqua Rose’s question, they suddenly realized the weight of Shi Feng’s words.

Zero Wing had only recently entered White Fog Canyon. Based on Shi Feng’s behavior, he had obtained the Flame Boots long before entering the canyon. However, only High Lords had a chance of dropping Dark-Gold Equipment. Moreover, as the Flame Boots had a Level 25 requirement, Shi Feng would have had to kill a Level 25 High Lord at the very minimum. Meanwhile, since Shi Feng always acted independently, it meant that he had most likely killed a Level 25 High Lord by himself.

Was something like that really possible in God’s Domain?

“If I remember correctly, I think it was around the time when I was Level 15,” Shi Feng said after giving it some thought. “However, I used some special methods to defeat that Scorching Lamia. If it were a direct confrontation, she would have killed me instantly.”

“Amazing!”

“Inhuman!”

“Guild Leader, you’re too insincere! We are all in the same boat, yet you still keep so many secrets to yourself!”

Due to their shock and surprise, Aqua Rose and the others were utterly speechless.

They all knew full well how powerful a High Lord was. They also knew how inconceivable it was to kill a High Lord. A team of 50 players stood no chance against one, much less a solo player. Even if Shi Feng had used some particular method to kill one, it was still an amazing feat.

It turns out that Guild Leader has hidden his strength all along. It seems that I’ll need to work harder from now on. Aside from her shock, Fire Dance was also disappointed. She inwardly lamented over her lack of strength. Originally, she had thought that she was only a short distance from catching up with Shi Feng. She now realized that not only had the gap not shortened in the slightest, but it had even grown wider. However, this revelation had not discouraged Fire Dance. At the very least, she could see how wide the gap was now.

Shortly after Aqua Rose and the others had renewed their opinion of Shi Feng’s strength, a terrifying roar echoed throughout the Land of the Fallen Star.

“This is a wolf’s howl.”

“The sound seems to be moving closer.”

“Is the boss coming for revenge because we killed the wolf pups?”

Aqua Rose and the others were no ordinary players; their five senses were very acute. By sound alone, they could feel danger approaching. Meanwhile, anything that could instill that kind of feeling was not a typical monster. Immediately, everyone went on high-alert, searching for any movement.

“The monster heading for us is at least Lord ranked. All of you, stand back.” Shi Feng could feel the threat of death.

When one had reached his standards, they could determine an enemy’s strength through the degree of danger they instinctively felt without even seeing their enemy. If it were a Chieftain, although Shi Feng would feel danger, he would not sense the threat of death. For him to feel such a threat meant that the approaching monster was at least a Lord.

While everyone waited quietly for the enemy’s arrival, Shi Feng retrieved the Fragmented Legendary ranked Heavenly Dragon’s Breath from his bag.

Previously, Shi Feng’s Intelligence had been below the required 120 points, so he had not been able to equip the Fragmented Legendary item. Now, however, he finally possessed enough points in his Intelligence.

As he had a Tier 1 class, he received 8 Free Attribute Points each time he leveled up. In addition, the Abyssal Blade also gave him two points for each level. The Golden Stigmata also gave him 10 Free Attribute Points and raised all Attributes by 5 points every 5 Levels.

When Shi Feng reached Level 25, he had received a total of 20 Free Attribute Points. After increasing his Intelligence to 120 points, he added the remaining points into Strength.

The Equipment Requirement of the Heavenly Dragon’s Breath was 200 Strength, 200 Agility, and 120 Intelligence.

Both Shi Feng's Strength and Agility had long since exceeded 200 points; they had even exceeded 300. Now that his Intelligence had reached the minimum requirement, he could equip the Heavenly Dragon's Breath.

"Such power."

After equipping the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, Shi Feng could feel an immeasurable strength flow into him from the Fragmented Legendary ring. Although this was not his first time equipping the item, the ring still gave his mind a clarity that he had never had before. He also felt warm and fuzzy, power leaking from his body. It felt as if he was capable of destroying anything and everything in his path.

Chapter 437 - Tier 2 Combat Power

As the howls approached, everyone became more focused. They kept their eyes glued on the numerous stone pillars in front of the small path.

None of them spared even a glance for the loot that the thousand-plus Wolfman Warriors had dropped.

It was not because Shi Feng and the others did not want to, but because they couldn't afford to.

They had all experienced just how powerful and cunning a Lord ranked monster was.

Even Elites knew how to ambush players, much less Lords. The frightening aspect of Lords was that they knew how to strike a player's blind spots, landing a fatal blow. Previously, Zero Wing's Chief MT, Cola, had very nearly died several times in a Lord's ambush. If not for the Arclight Guard's heaven-defying skill, Time Arc, Cola would have died at least half a dozen times.

Currently, none of Shi Feng's party had such an overpowered skill. They would only taunt death if they moved forward to pick up the loot.

After a short moment, the howling stopped. Instantly, an aura of death washed over the party, and the air surrounding them seemed to freeze.

"Where's the monster?" Blackie asked, confused when nothing appeared.

"It has probably hidden itself. The stone pillars ahead are perfect cover, and it is highly likely that the monster is looking for a chance to strike," Flying Shadow, who was in Stealth, answered. "Guild Leader, should I scout ahead and investigate?"

"No, it's already heading towards us," Shi Feng said, shaking his head as he unsheathed the Abyssal Blade and the Purgatory's Shadow. With a grim expression, he said, "Everyone, prepare for battle. Flying Shadow and Fire Dance, cover me. Violet, you focus on healing. Aqua and Blackie, use your control skills but don't pull too much aggro. This monster is far more powerful than any of you can imagine."

"It's coming? But I don't see it." Aqua Rose scanned the area ahead of her, failing to detect any traces of a monster.

"It's normal that you can't see it. It's in Stealth right now; even I can barely see its blurred figure." Due to the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, Shi Feng had massively improved in all areas. Even so, he had almost missed his opponent's presence.

“Stealth?! It can’t be possible, right?”

When the others heard Shi Feng’s words and saw his solemn expression, they immediately grew anxious as they examined their surroundings.

A Lord that could use Stealth... It was a player’s worst nightmare. A single careless moment could result in their deaths.

Not daring to take any risks, Shi Feng immediately activated Omniscient Eyes.

He immediately discovered a small-sized, red-furred Wolfman. This red Wolfman wielded two pitch-black sawtooth daggers in each hand. The Lord had already reached the small path and was less than 30 yards away, slowly approaching the party.

[Crimson Shadow Wolf] (Rare Lord)

Level 28

HP 1,000,000/1,000,000

Rare Lords were not as powerful as High Lords, and in terms of Attributes, they were the same as ordinary Lords. However, Rare Lords possessed an additional innate skill.

It was just like how a player with a hidden class possessed Legacy Skills unique to their class.

Hence, Rare Lords were significantly more powerful than ordinary Lords, and to certain players, that difference might even be fatal.

If Shi Feng had a team of 500 players, he could kill the Crimson Shadow Wolf with absolute certainty. However, not only did his party only consist of six players, but they also did not have an MT. Facing this Rare Lord would prove quite difficult.

When Shi Feng saw the red Wolfman's information, distress filled his heart. Fortunately, after equipping the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, his mind could remain extraordinarily calm. His Attributes had also significantly increased.

Strength increased by 40%.

Agility increased by 40%.

Intelligence increased by 30%.

Endurance increased by 50%[1].

Movement Speed increased by 20%.

Attack Speed increased by 30%.

The improvement that the Fragmented Legendary item had provided to his Attributes was much higher than the growth he had received when he became a Tier 1 Blade Saint.

Furthermore, he also had three new skills: Dragon's Authority, Dragon's Breath, and Heavenly Dragon's Power. With these new skills, he could easily contend with a Lord of the same level.

If Shi Feng had not equipped the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, he would most likely have given a single command.

Escape!

In God's Domain, a Tier 1 class could compete with a Special Elite, whereas a Tier 2 class was on the same level as a Lord.

This was why Shi Feng could not face a Lord in direct combat. However, now that he had the Heavenly Dragon's Breath, although it was not as impressive as a Legendary item, it could still allow a player to transcend tiers, granting Shi Feng the combat power of a Tier 2 player.

It was the equivalent of crossing the threshold to a Tier 2 class. Right now, Shi Feng's Attributes approached that of a Tier 2 class. He only lacked Tier 2 skills.

Simply put, Shi Feng was fully capable of contending with a Lord of the same level.

He also had the skill, Heavenly Dragon's Power. This skill was even more powerful than the Tier 1 skill, Blade Liberation. Previously, when Shi Feng had activated Heavenly Dragon's Power, he had been able to suppress the final Boss in the Demon's Castle.

When Shi Feng activated Omniscient Eyes, the Crimson Shadow Wolf knew that it had been discovered. It dashed towards Shi Feng with astonishing speed. Before Shi Feng could react, the Crimson Shadow Wolf had closed the distance by more than 20 yards and stood before him. Without hesitation, it slashed its sawtooth daggers towards Shi Feng's neck.

Startled, Shi Feng hurriedly activated Defensive Blade. The two sawtooth daggers froze just before they struck him, unable to proceed by even an inch.

So fast! Shi Feng was shocked.

If anyone else stood in his place right now, they would have been a dead man.

Shi Feng had activated Defensive Blade the instant he discovered the Crimson Shadow Wolf, yet he had nearly been Decapitated...

Not only could Decapitate Silence players, but it could also inflict a massive Bleeding DoT and significant damage.

If players were Silenced, they would only be able to defend themselves by relying on their Basic Attributes. However, not even an MT of the same level could fend off a Lord for more ten seconds.

Realizing that its first attack had been unsuccessful, the Crimson Shadow Wolf spun backward and vanished right before Shi Feng's eyes. In an instant, it appeared behind Shi Feng and used Backstab. Fortunately, Defensive Blade deflected that attack as well.

Standing in the back, Aqua Rose and the others were stupefied by this scene.

They had only seen the Crimson Shadow Wolf when it first launched its attack. Then, in the blink of an eye, it had appeared behind Shi Feng and launched another attack.

However, the Rare Lord was far from done. Within one second, it had launched no less than six attacks. Just as Defensive Blade was about to run out, the Crimson Shadow Wolf sent a Flying Knee-kick towards Shi Feng's abdomen.

A Flying Knee-kick could easily break an enemy's combat stance and send them flying through the air, making it difficult for them to dodge or attack.

Just before the Crimson Shadow Wolf's Flying Knee-kick struck Shi Feng, the Rare Lord revealed a human-like sneer. Suddenly, it reversed its grip on one of its daggers and sent an Eviscerate at Shi Feng's chest, intending to end Shi Feng's life with one strike.

"Guild Leader!"

Everyone watched anxiously.

However, they were helpless. The Crimson Shadow Wolf was simply too fast. This was the first time they had witnessed such speed since they started playing God's Domain.

However, just as the sawtooth daggers were about to slide into Shi Feng's heart, the screech of metal against metal reached the team's ears.

The Crimson Shadow Wolf was confused when it heard this sound. Looking at his adversary carefully, the Wolfman's cold smile suddenly vanished. Now, it wore a grim expression as it bared its fangs and growled.

Chapter 438 - Twofold Liberation

Aqua Rose and the others noticed the Crimson Shadow Wolf's sudden change immediately.

However, the Zero Wing team was more focused on Shi Feng than they were on the Rare Lord's reaction.

Despite having been struck by the Crimson Shadow Wolf's Flying Knee-kick, not only had the Wolf failed to throw his prey into the air, but Shi Feng also managed to block the Rare Lord.

"How did Guild Leader manage to do that?"

Flying Shadow was thoroughly confused when he saw the gray Abyssal Blade block the sawtooth dagger, halting its advance. Was there really a person capable of defending against that kind of speed?

The rest of the team was similarly tongue-tied.

“He should have used some sort of special skill, I think,” Fire Dance said with uncertainty.

Fire Dance had barely seen the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s attack. Although she knew that Shi Feng was astonishingly fast, he was still much slower than the Rare Lord.

The Crimson Shadow Wolf’s attack was just like Shi Feng’s Void Steps: extremely elusive. However, in the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s case, it had not incorporated any techniques into its attack; it had relied solely on its speed.

Compared to Void Steps, where its user would momentarily disappear and reappear shortly after, the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s disappearance and reappearance occurred simultaneously. There had been no time between the two occurrences at all. It was like a mage’s Instantaneous Movement skill. However, no mage could use the skill frequently. Moreover, the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s Attack Speed was much faster than its Movement Speed.

In martial arts, only speed was unbreakable!

This saying was not baseless. If players could not even see or sense an attack, how were they supposed to block it?

Yet, Shi Feng had detected such the strike and promptly blocked it...

Fire Dance considered herself to be an expert among Assassins, and she was slightly more insightful than others. However, she did not understand how Shi Feng had managed to block the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s attack.

However, before anyone could figure it out, the Crimson Shadow Wolf continued its assault.

Shadow Strike!

Suddenly, the Rare Lord transformed into a streak of black light that pierced through Shi Feng's body.

"Look out!" Fire Dance shouted a warning, but she was too late.

Shadow Strike was one of most lethal moves an Assassin possessed. It could devour almost half the HP of an MT of the same level with a single hit. The attack could even drop a Berserker's HP to a critical level. Shadow Strike was also the fastest skill in an Assassin's repertoire. One could only defend themselves against this skill with a skill. Fire Dance had never expected that the Crimson Shadow Wolf would know it as well.

However, even after the Rare Lord struck Shi Feng, its intense expression had not relaxed in the slightest. On the contrary, it had grown even more solemn as it glowered at Shi Feng, emitting a low, angry growl.

It turned out that the skill had not struck Shi Feng, but his afterimage.

"Aooo!" The Crimson Shadow Wolf was furious. Suddenly, it launched a series of violent attacks at Shi Feng, disappearing in one moment and appearing in the next.

The pitch-black daggers transformed into countless streaks of light that bombarded the formidable Blade Saint.

However, Shi Feng also vanished and reappeared repeatedly, and the Abyssal Blade and the Purgatory's Shadow responded with their own streaks of light, blocking every attack sent at their owner.

The one-sided situation had suddenly become a stalemate.

As both sides clashed, sparks flew into the air around them. The storm that rolled in with every collision frightened Aqua Rose and the other spectators.

"Just what is this..." Fire Dance's eyes widened, her mind unable to keep up with the battle before her.

Since when had Shi Feng become so fast?!

"Blackie, you know our Guild Leader better than any of us! Speak! Just how much of his strength is he hiding?!" Aqua Rose demanded, frustration filling the gaze that pinned Blackie.

Originally, when Shi Feng had said he had used special methods to solo a High Lord, Aqua Rose could still understand. Even so, she already considered Shi Feng inhuman for being capable of achieving such a feat. Now, however, they watched as he contended with a terrifyingly fast Lord. By this point, she had even begun to suspect that Shi Feng was not a player at all, but the Main God System's son or the System itself. How else could they explain his speed?

Not even a High Lord could compete with the Crimson Shadow Wolf's speed, yet, Shi Feng matched it. Moreover, the player and monster were also matched in terms of Strength. Even after exchanging so many attacks, Shi Feng had not lost any HP.

How was it possible for a player to become so powerful? Even if it were possible, it could not happen at this stage of the game.

“Me?” Very innocently, Blackie said, “I really don’t know.”

If he had not known Shi Feng, as a brother no less, he might not believe that Shi Feng was human at all, but a monster wearing Shi Feng’s skin.

As both parties fought on, Shi Feng’s HP began to decrease rapidly. Even though Shi Feng currently had 8,460 HP, far surpassing Zero Wing’s number one MT, Cola, he could not outlast the Crimson Shadow Wolf. Against the Rare Lord’s 1,000,000 HP, Shi Feng would grossly overestimate himself if he tried to do so.

After roughly 20 seconds, Shi Feng’s HP fell to around 3,000.

“Violet, why aren’t you healing me yet?” Shi Feng asked, concerned, through the team chat.

“Ah...!”

Violet Cloud was so mesmerized by Shi Feng and the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s battle that she had forgotten her responsibilities. She immediately began to wave her staff, sending one heal after another at Shi Feng. She also cast a Sacred Shield on him, granting him some damage mitigation.

Violet Cloud’s heals were very powerful. Her Recover healed close to 600 HP every two seconds, whereas her Rapid Healing recovered over 1,600 HP every second. Her Greater Healing replenished close to 3,000 HP instantly. In a short moment, Shi Feng’s 8,460 HP was back to full.

However, Violet Cloud's heals paled in comparison to the Crimson Shadow Wolf's. With 1,000,000 HP, the Rare Lord's battle recovery restored 10,000 HP every five seconds. However, Shi Feng could not deplete its HP by that much in that short time.

"Aqua, attack. Focus on using ice-type spells. Blackie, restrict the Shadow Wolf with your curses. Fire Dance and Flying Shadow, stand at a distance and use your flying daggers," Shi Feng commanded as he fought.

There was a limit to Violet Cloud's Mana. If they dragged this battle on the Crimson Shadow Wolf would slaughter them all. Hence, they needed to increase their damage output. However, the Rare Lord was simply too fast. With Fire Dance and Flying Shadow's melee attacks, they would only be easy targets for the Crimson Shadow Wolf.

The team leaped into action as they received their orders, casting one skill after another at the Rare Lord and continuously depleting its HP. Compared to Lords like the Flame Guards, the Crimson Shadow Wolf had a weaker Defense. Hence, although the Crimson Shadow Wolf dodged most of the attacks effortlessly, those that landed still inflicted significant bursts of damage.

Aqua Rose's Frost Arrow dealt over -1,000 damage, and her Flame Barrage dealt around -3,000 damage. As for Blackie, his Dark Arrow achieved over -1,300 damage; over -2,000 damage if it was a critical hit. His Unstable Affliction also dealt close to -1,000 damage every two seconds. Fire Dance and Flying Shadow could deal around -300 damage with each of their throwing attacks.

In addition, Shi Feng would occasionally deal over -2,000 damage with his attacks. As a result, everyone's total damage within five seconds easily exceeded 10,000 points.

After an hour or so, the Crimson Shadow Wolf only had 43% of its HP remaining. As long as they continued to wear it down for another few hours, they would kill the Rare Lord.

With the hope of killing the Crimson War Wolf in sight, everyone sighed relief. Previously, the Rare Lord had been terrifying, causing everyone to despair. They had been certain that they would die.

“Guild Leader, why are you so good at hiding yourself? You must have been lying when you said you defeated the Level 25 High Lord using special methods before, right? In reality, you must have relied on your own strength to kill it,” Aqua Rose grumbled.

“You guys misunderstand me,” Shi Feng suddenly said while he continued to face-off against the Rare Lord.

“Misunderstand?” Everyone was confused.

“I don’t have the ability to defend against such a astonishing speed.” Shi Feng explained, “Previously, I, too, was afraid of the Shadow Wolf. Against its speed, I’m not a match for it even if I go all-out. However, while the Shadow Wolf was attacking me, I took a look at the system time.

“Afterward, I realized why the Shadow Wolf was so fast.

“It’s not because the Shadow Wolf is fast. It’s because the Shadow Wolf’s innate skill slows our reaction time, altering our perception to think that it’s fast and unstoppable.”

Upon hearing Shi Feng’s explanation, everyone did what Shi Feng had said. Sure enough, they understood.

At the beginning of the fight, Shi Feng was similarly frightened. However, when he had glanced at the time displayed by the system, he realized that something was off. Originally, Shi Feng believed that the Crimson Shadow Wolf's attack had happened instantaneously. Yet, the system had indicated that a short moment had passed. In particular, when the Crimson Shadow Wolf had charged at him, Shi Feng saw the Rare Lord cross the 20-yard distance in an instant, but according to the system clock, two seconds had passed.

As Crimson Shadow Wolf was about to land the finishing blow, Shi Feng activated the Aura of Space, becoming immune to all control effects. Since the Crimson Shadow Wolf's innate skill no longer had an impact, he had no problems defending against the Rare Lord's normal Attack Speed. After all, he, too, possessed the combat power of a Tier 2 class.

If anyone else had stood in his place, they would have fallen to the Crimson Shadow Wolf's innate skill.

However, after engaging in the battle for such a long time, Violet Cloud's Mana was almost depleted. Although she used Mana Recovery Potions constantly, with her current consumption rate, she would last another ten minutes or so at most. Unfortunately, the Crimson Shadow Wolf still had 43% of its HP remaining...

"I can only give it a shot!" Shi Feng gritted his teeth as he glared at the Crimson Shadow Wolf's HP.

Purgatory Power, activate!

Heavenly Dragon's Power, activate!

Suddenly, Shi Feng's body released a dazzling golden glow. The glow this time was far more impressive than it had been in the Demon's Castle. His aura was more intense, forming the faint figure of a gigantic dragon. In the next moment, the dragon released a roar that made one's eardrums tremble.

Simultaneously, Shi Feng's Attributes underwent a massive transformation.

Shi Feng's HP instantly rose to 25,380, and his Strength slammed past the 800-point threshold. His Defense had also improved.

With a wave of his sword, Shi Feng forced the Rare Lord back, dealing over -400 damage with the strike. He then took a step forward and used a Tier 1 Chop. Due to the Attack Speed and damage buffs of Purgatory Power, critical double damages of -4,920, -7,312, and -7,324 appeared above the Wolf's head before it could react.

The Crimson Shadow Wolf was sent crashing into a stone pillar by the side of the small path.

The Rare Lord and Swordsman's Strengths were no longer on the same level.

Suddenly, Shi Feng's furious roar echoed throughout the cavern.

Dragon's Authority!

[Dragon's Authority]

Suppress all enemies in the surroundings with the might of the Heavenly Dragon, inflicting the Fear status onto enemies within a 30-yard distance, reducing their Attack Power by 20%, Attack Speed by 20%, and Movement Speed by 20% for 1 minute.

After the Crimson Shadow Wolf's speed fell, the Rare Lord was even less of a match for Shi Feng.

Within seconds, the Crimson Shadow Wolf's HP plummeted to 30%.

As it reached this threshold, the Crimson Shadow Wolf began to change, growing larger. It also tossed its daggers to the side. It was now four times larger than it had been, as tall as a two-story building. The ground trembled as it took a step.

By appearances alone, the Zero Wing team understood how terrifying this monster had just become.

However, Shi Feng couldn't care less. Gritting his teeth, he activated Blade Liberation.

Suddenly, the Abyssal Blade released a dazzling silver light, its power flowing into Shi Feng.

Chapter 439 - Overpowered Strength

The angry roar of the berserk Crimson Shadow Wolf shook the very space around them. The pressure it emitted was far heavier and more powerful than before.

With a light step, cracks formed on the solid ground beneath its feet, and its claws gouged deep furrows into the solid ground.

The strength and sharpness of its claws shocked all who saw them.

Without a doubt, an attack from the Wolf's claws could even destroy a Secret-Silver Weapon. Even a Fine-Gold Weapon would only last a few hits. Only Dark-Gold Weapons might endure a long beating.

The Crimson Shadow Wolf abruptly leaped forward and brandished its sharp claws at Shi Feng.

“Guild Leader!”

Everyone worried for Shi Feng upon seeing the ferocious Crimson Shadow Wolf.

The Rare Lord's Strength had more than doubled. If a Tier 1 MT of the same level did not activate a lifesaving skill, they would most likely die from one hit. Although Shi Feng had over 25,000 HP after activating Heavenly Dragon's Power, and his Defense had significantly improved, he most likely would not last more than a few hits.

To the gigantic Crimson Shadow Wolf, attacking Shi Feng with its claws was no different than slapping an ant.

Boom!

The ground shattered and fist-sized gravel erupted into the surroundings.

Initially, everyone had believed that it was game over. However, the Crimson Shadow Wolf's claws had actually stopped a few centimeters above Shi Feng's head, and no matter how hard the Rare Lord tried, it could not move its claws any further. Instead, the ground beneath Shi Feng's feet had begun to fracture.

"Ao..."

At this moment, doubt began to seep into the Crimson Shadow Wolf's eyes. Despite its increased strength, it was still useless.

Standing at a distance, Aqua Rose and the others were similarly slack-jawed, overcome with shock.

By the time they noticed it, waves of red gas had surrounded Shi Feng's body. Meanwhile, the silvery-gray Abyssal Blade in his hand had actually stopped the claws that had contained frightening power. Moreover, Shi Feng had not lost even a single HP from the collision.

"Aooo!"

The Crimson Shadow Wolf bellowed angrily and began a brutal assault.

One swipe... Three swipes... Six swipes...

However, each successive attack only caused the ground beneath Shi Feng to fracture further, filling the air with dust and debris.

Seeing this, the Crimson Shadow Wolf's eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

Just as the Rare Lord sent another subsequent attack, Shi Feng finally swung his arm, slashing his sword at the incoming paw.

Peng!

The Crimson Shadow Wolf's body was suddenly pinned flat against a stone pillar like a picture on a wall. In addition, a damage of over -1,000 points appeared above the Rare Lord's head.

"Crap!" Blackie shouted in surprise.

A monster as tall as a two-story building had been thrown into the stone pillar with just one hit. The watching team was stupefied.

However, Shi Feng was not done. Moving his feet, he instantly appeared before the Crimson Shadow Wolf.

Although the Rare Lord tried to retaliate, Shi Feng immediately launched a series of attacks striking at its four limbs, breaking them.

Unsatisfied, Shi Feng continued to wield his two swords, sending a storm of blades at the Crimson Shadow Wolf.

Shi Feng's every attack inflicted over -2,800 damage on the Crimson Shadow Wolf, whereas a double critical hit dealt over -5,700 damage, and a triple critical hit dealt over -8,500 damage, rapidly obliterating the Rare Lord's HP.

Shi Feng's Strength had suppressed the Crimson Shadow Wolf, rendering it helpless. From beginning to end, the Rare Lord remained pinned to the stone pillar, never falling from its high position.

However, this was only the beginning. Shi Feng then began to use his skills.

Chop!

Three swords of light converged at a single point, striking the Crimson Shadow Wolf.

-4,310, -6,440, -6,460.

Although Shi Feng's damage was lower than his previous use of Chop, this attack had not achieved a critical hit.

After Chop, Shi Feng followed up with Phantom Kill.

Shi Feng's doppelganger possessed 70% of his Attributes. Even so, it was still extremely powerful, and each of his attacks dealt close to -2,000 damage.

Following which, Shi Feng activated Nine Dragons Slash. Twelve Abyssal Blade phantoms devoured the Crimson Shadow Wolf, each phantom dealing over -1,000 damage.

However, Shi Feng was still not satisfied. Both Shi Feng and his doppelganger then used Thundering Flash, Earth Splitter, Wind Blade, Thunder Flame Explosion, and every other damaging skill they possessed...

Watching the battle unfold from a distance, Aqua Rose and the others were dumbfounded. They had even forgotten to help Shi Feng attack.

How was this still a battle against a Level 28 Rare Lord? Shi Feng was practically bullying a weak, little monster.

The pitiful Crimson Shadow Wolf could do nothing but howl with pain. It could not even move its four limbs, as Shi Feng would immediately follow up with a slash the moment it tried.

The Crimson Shadow Wolf's remaining 300,000 HP could not withstand Shi Feng's brutal assault. Shi Feng only needed 10 seconds to eliminate the Rare Lord's remaining 300,000 HP.

Soon, Shi Feng abruptly stopped his frenzied assault.

The Crimson Shadow Wolf also stopped its tragic howling. At this moment, its blood-red eyes revealed its fear and shock as it stared at Shi Feng.

As the Crimson Shadow Wolf slowly tumbled from the cracked stone pillar...

Shi Feng revealed a calm smile as he activated Divine Providence, his Luck instantly increasing by 20 points.

“Die!”

Shi Feng then used his sure-kill skill, Flame Burst. Both the Abyssal Blade and Purgatory’s Shadow suddenly released a blazing, white glow, transforming into streaks of light that struck the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s body.

-21,415, -43,024, -21,389, -21,425...

Instantly, the Crimson Shadow Wolf’s remaining HP fell to zero. Meanwhile, Shi Feng’s attacks had left multiple scorch marks on the stone pillar behind the Rare Lord.

When the Crimson Shadow Wolf died, perhaps due to Shi Feng’s 25 points in Luck, the Rare Lord dropped close to 20 items, scattering them across the ground.

Rare Lords dropped the same quality of items as a High Lord, maybe better, which was why players in God’s Domain loved to hunt them. However, as the name suggested, Rare Lords were extremely difficult to find.

Upon seeing the dropped items of the Crimson Shadow Wolf, Shi Feng heaved a deep sigh of relief as he sheathed the Abyssal Blade and the Purgatory’s Shadow.

Originally, Shi Feng had not intended to use Blade Liberation.

The first reason was that the skill possessed a detrimental side-effect and a long Cooldown.

The second reason was that the skill duration was too short, lasting only 20 seconds. If Shi Feng could not finish off his enemy within that time, it would be game over.

The third reason was that, after killing the Crimson Shadow Wolf, he did not know if another enemy would appear. If he saved Blade Liberation, he could still use the skill should the need arise.

However, after seeing the Crimson Shadow Wolf's transformation, Shi Feng knew that he had no chance against it if he relied on Heavenly Dragon's Power. If he could not defeat the Crimson Shadow Wolf, he wouldn't have to worry about monsters appearing after it.

When Shi Feng looked down at the Crimson Shadow Wolf's corpse on the ground, he was overcome with emotion.

A twofold berserk was simply too powerful!

If it had lasted slightly longer, he could definitely solo a Lord. He might even be able to challenge a High Lord.

"Guild Leader, just what is that berserk skill of yours? It was amazing! You killed berserk Lord by yourself! How are people like us even supposed to play the game with any dignity now?" Blackie joked as he walked up to Shi Feng.

"If we release the video of this battle, no one will believe it is real."

“Of course. Slamming a berserk Lord into the wall with a single hit...who would believe that something like that is possible?”

Everyone nodded in agreement. They were immensely excited.

It was obvious that Shi Feng had used a berserk skill. Only, this berserk skill was too frightening, and not even a berserk Rare Lord stood a chance against him.

Originally, no one had paid any attention to berserk skills.

However, they had never expected that such a skill could play such a significant role during a crucial moment.

At this moment, a yearning for berserk skills grew in everyone’s hearts. They all swore to gain one for themselves after returning.

“Alright, let’s hurry up and collect the loot. We don’t know what kind of danger awaits us,” Shi Feng laughed.

While everyone collected the loot, Blade Liberation’s duration ended.

Suddenly, like a deflated balloon, Shi Feng’s body shrunk. His Attributes fell by 80% as well.

“What’s going on?” Shi Feng was surprised when he saw the duration of the Weakened debuff.

Originally, the Weakened state imposed by Blade Liberation only lasted for three minutes. Now, however, the debuff would last for three whole hours...

Chapter 440 - Truefire Blade

Shi Feng's sudden change immediately attracted everyone's attention.

"Guild Leader, why do you seem smaller? Even your aura has diminished significantly." With her refined observation skills, Fire Dance instantly noticed Shi Feng's transformation.

The rest of the team was also curious. When they took a look at Shi Feng's HP bar, they were suddenly very afraid.

Shi Feng, who had originally possessed over 8,400 HP, now had a maximum HP of 1,700. He could not even compare to a Level 20 ordinary player right now.

"It's nothing, just the Weakened debuff I got after going berserk. Many Lord ranked monsters deal with the same thing. I'll be fine after some time has passed," Shi Feng laughed.

Giving it some thought, everyone understood the logic behind the mechanics.

A skill that could render a Rare Lord helpless... If there were no side effects to it, it would be far too overpowered.

Following which, everyone finished collecting the loot scattered across the ground.

The thousand-plus Wolfman Warriors before had dropped a ton of items. Although it was only the loot of Elite monsters, the quantity was more valuable than even the loot from a Lord.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng stored the loot the Crimson Shadow Wolf had dropped.

As for Weakened state's extension to three hours, Shi Feng had some idea of why this had occurred.

Dragon's Power significantly increased one's Attributes. Coupled with Blade Liberation's Sword's Power, his body could not bear the fusion of the two buffs, which resulted in his extended Weakened state.

"It seems that twofold berserk should only be used as a last resort in the future." Shi Feng could only smile bitterly at his three-hour Weakened state.

If nothing special happened during these three hours, all would be fine. However, he did not know what sort of trouble they would encounter as they moved on. With his Attributes reduced by 80%, even if his original Attributes were overwhelming, he would not be a match for an ordinary player. If they encountered danger, he could only helplessly watch from the sidelines.

Fortunately, they were safe for now.

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“Guild Leader, the monsters here are stingier than the monsters outside. The Wolfman Warriors rarely drop weapons or equipment. Moreover, the majority of the items are Common rank with a small amount of Bronze Equipment.” Blackie was already used to grinding Lord ranked monsters. Now, he could only feel contempt when he saw the loot of Elite monsters.

“It’s actually quite good. Previously, I had never carried more than 1 Gold Coin. Now, I pick up more than 2 Gold. There are also 37 pieces of Level 25 Bronze Equipment and over a hundred Common items. If we sell them, each item could fetch at least 6 or 7 Silver Coins; 100 pieces is worth 6 or 7 Gold Coins.” This was the first time Flying Shadow had joined Shi Feng’s party on an excursion. When he saw that the money inside his bag had exceeded 3 Gold, he was elated.

If he grinded monsters outside of White Fog Canyon, at most he would obtain a little EXP. Very rarely would the monsters drop weapons or equipment. Even if they did, 95% of the time the items would be Common ranked.

“Guild Leader, what did that Crimson Shadow Wolf drop? Let us have a look!” Aqua Rose held little interest in the loot of the Wolfman Warriors. At this point, she was only interested in the loot from Lords.

“Not bad. We have a total of 12 weapons and pieces of equipment, one Intermediate Strength Potion Recipe, and the rest are materials.” Shi Feng had just finished appraising the drops. Smiling, he said, “Among the 12 weapons and equipment, five are Dark-Gold rank, three of which are weapons, one is cloth armor, and one is leather armor. The remaining seven items are all Fine-Gold rank. Have a look for yourselves.”

Saying so, Shi Feng displayed the data of all the dropped weapons and equipment.

“Damn! This Rare Lord is awesome! It even dropped such top-tier weapons!” Blackie immediately grew excited upon seeing dropped items’ information.

“Guild Leader, are you blessed by god? Even such weapons managed to drop!” Flying Shadow’s eyes bulged upon seeing the weapons.

Of the three Dark-Gold Weapons, one was a two-handed battle axe, and two were short swords.

Unlike the battle axe, which had a silvery-gray color, the two short swords were blood-red. There was even a spark circulating the blades of each sword, the spark resembling a fairy of fire.

[Truefire Blade] (Short Sword [Main-hand], Dark-Gold Rank)

Level 25 - Level 30

Attack Power +376 (Level 25)

Strength +29, Agility +36, Endurance +20

Attack Speed +3

Ignore Levels +5

25% chance to deal double damage.

15% chance to awaken Flame state, ignoring all defensive and block skills, causing 220% damage.

Set effect:

When both main and sub Truefire Blades are equipped, damage increased by 15%. Obtain Truefire Dance skill. Strength increased by 30%, Agility increased by 40%, Attack Speed increased by 60%, and damage received increased by 20% for 20 seconds. Cooldown: 5 minutes.

[Truefire Blade] (Short Sword [Sub-hand], Dark-Gold Rank)

Level 25 - Level 30

Attack Power +352 (Level 25)

Strength +25, Agility +40, Endurance +21

Attack Speed +3

Ignore Levels +5

When attacking, 20% chance to activate Swift state, increasing user's Attack Speed by 30% for 6 seconds.

10% chance to activate Flame Guard, absorbing 1,000 damage.

Set effect:

When both main and sub Truefire Blades are equipped, damage increased by 15%. Obtain Truefire Dance skill. Strength increased by 30%, Agility increased by 40%, Attack Speed increased by 60%, and damage received increased by 20% for 20 seconds. Cooldown: 5 minutes.

Level 25 weapons were extremely rare in God's Domain currently. Equipping a Level 25 Fine-Gold Weapon was already incredibly impressive. Meanwhile, the Truefire Blades were both Dark-Gold rank, and they were a set.

In God's Domain, sets of weapons or equipment were usually half a rank higher than their stated rank.

As a Dark-Gold Set Weapon, the Truefire Blades were the best quality weapons below Epic rank. Moreover, the set effect of the Truefire Blades as intensely powerful; they did not seem the slightest bit inferior to Epic Weapons. The short swords only had somewhat weaker Basic Attributes.

"Although Swordsmen, Rangers, and Assassins can use the Truefire Blades, these short swords are most suited for Assassins. Fire Dance and Flying Shadow, the two of you will Roll for them, then." In truth, even Shi Feng was surprised that the Crimson Shadow Wolf had dropped such top-tier short swords.

One was lucky if even one Truefire Blade dropped. Now, the Rare Lord had dropped both of the set weapons...

Sure enough, the 25 points of Luck was incredible!

After Shi Feng said so, Flying Shadow shook his head, saying, "Guild Leader, forget about me. Let Sister Fire Dance have the Truefire Blades."

Although he the Truefire Blades were very attractive, he knew that he was not worthy of them. Moreover, he had done almost nothing during the battle with the Crimson Shadow Wolf. Such weapons were only suited to the number one Assassin of Zero Wing. Only in Fire Dance could wield these weapons to their full potential.

"The party had killed the Crimson Shadow Wolf, resulting in these items dropping. If more than one player can use them, we will Roll. Don't be shy. They're just Dark-Gold Weapons," Shi Feng laughed, having long since understood Flying Shadow's personality. "There is also a leather armor shirt among the Dark-Gold Equipment. The winner gets the weapons, while the loser gets the shirt."

"Guild Leader has already told us to Roll. Let's just do it," Fire Dance said as she chose to Roll.

After a moment of hesitation, Flying Shadow decided to Roll as well.

In the end, Fire Dance rolled a 91, while Flying Shadow rolled an 86. The system automatically distributed the Truefire Blades to Fire Dance, whereas the Level 25 Dark-Gold ranked leather shirt went to Flying Shadow.

After equipping the Truefire Blades, Fire Dance's combat power abruptly soared. Moreover, the streams of light on the Truefire Blades further enhanced her beauty. At this moment, Fire Dance looked like an elf standing in fire.

Blackie successfully Rolled for the Level 25 Dark-Gold cloth armor, while Aqua Rose and Violet Cloud both obtained a piece of Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment. Shi Feng gained two pieces of Level 25 Fine-Gold plate armor. One was a pair of gauntlets, while the other was a set of leg guards. Now, the majority of his equipment consisted of Level 25 Fine-Gold Equipment.

After happily distributing the equipment, everyone returned to their search for the exit.

Time passed quickly, and unknowingly, Shi Feng's party had made a full circle around the Land of the Fallen Star. Although they had not encountered a single monster, they had mined plenty of Starfire Ore, over a thousand pieces in total.

Just as Shi Feng began to grumble about the exit's mysterious location, the system suddenly announced an emergency notification.

Before Shi Feng could react, he was thrown out of God's Domain.

Moreover, Shi Feng had not been the only one; Aqua Rose and the others had also been expelled from the game.