

Reincarnation Of The Strongest Sword God

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“They still haven’t given us a price,” Hidden Soul answered. “As Snow and I couldn’t get in touch with you recently, we used that as an excuse to avoid discussions. But judging from their tone and how many unfamiliar Level 230-plus experts have appeared in Shadowring Town recently, I suspect they won’t take no for an answer.”

“Won’t take no for an answer?” Shi Feng sneered. “Okay, I understand. If they get in touch with you again, have them contact me directly.”

Evidently, Shadowring Town had become an even fatter sheep in the various powers’ eyes ever since the Tower of the Abyss’s addition. However, who would end up the hunter and the hunted remained to be seen.

“Oh, right,” Hidden Soul said, suddenly recalling something. “Miss Frey from the Galaxy Conglomerate sent you an invitation a few days ago.” She pulled out a gold invitation card and handed it to Shi Feng. “According to the invitation, you are invited to attend a once-in-a-century trade fair hosted by Desolate Star City, a newly promoted first-tier mobile city. It just so happens that the trade fair’s opening ceremony is today.”

“Even the Galaxy Conglomerate is sending out invitations? It seems this trade fair is quite something.” Shi Feng was surprised as he looked at the invitation card.

It was indeed rare for a second-tier mobile city to be promoted into a first-tier mobile city in the Greater World. Each interstellar continent typically experienced such an event only once every few decades, and some might see the birth of a first-tier city only once in a century.

Thus, Desolate Star City hosting a grand trade fair to celebrate its promotion wasn’t strange. The event could boost the city’s fame and announce its status to the rest of the Starlight Continent. If it could get many powers to attend the event, it could also showcase its strength and influence.

However, while the birth of first-tier mobile cities might be rare, after years of development, the various interstellar continents had come to possess quite a few first-tier cities. Nowadays, the average interstellar continent had at least ten first-tier cities,

while more developed ones have twenty or even thirty. The Galaxy Conglomerate, which reigned over the Starlight Continent, normally wouldn't even bother celebrating the birth of a first-tier city, let alone take the initiative to invite others to join the celebration.

The Galaxy Conglomerate's willingness to send out invitations on Desolate Star City's behalf showed that there was something special about the city. At the very least, it wasn't the average first-tier city.

"Are you going? I can arrange a flight for you if you are," Hidden Soul asked. "If you leave on a passenger plane now, you should be able to make it in time."

"That won't be necessary. Vice President Xia has already arranged it for me," Shi Feng said, shaking his head as he put away the invitation with a smile.

Subsequently, Shi Feng instructed Hidden Soul to recruit more members for Zero Wing in the Eternal Realm. He also instructed her to extend Zero Wing's recruitment to the rest of the Greater God's Domain. Any player who had reached the fourth-floor standard, regardless of their level or equipment, could join Zero Wing. Additionally, he had all core members and executives of Zero Wing gather in Shadowring Town within a day so that he could help them level up once he returned from the trade fair.

"Guild Leader, isn't it too soon for us to recruit fourth-floor experts from the rest of the Greater God's Domain?" Hidden Soul was shocked to hear that Shi Feng wanted to recruit fourth-floor experts from all over the Greater God's Domain.

She wasn't surprised that Shi Feng wanted to help them level up. After all, the Eternal Realm's native players were all frantically grinding for levels. They all wanted to increase their strength and seize more resources before high-level players entered the Eternal Realm en masse.

However, recruiting fourth-floor experts from the Greater God's Domain was an entirely different matter.

Setting aside whether Zero Wing had the manpower and resources to recruit members on such a large scale, nobody would respond positively to its recruitment, even if it could fulfill these requirements. On the contrary, Zero Wing would become a laughingstock in the Greater God's Domain.

Fourth-floor experts might be common in the Eternal Realm, but they held significant influence in the Greater God's Domain's various Realms. They typically occupied high positions in hegemonic powers, as hegemonic powers needed to make substantial investments to produce experts of such caliber.

Zero Wing was nothing more than an upstart Guild from the Eternal Realm. Even if it did hold significant influence in the Eternal Realm, it remained insignificant in the vast Greater God's Domain.

"It's fine. Just spread the word. While you're at it, you can announce that Zero Wing now commands a Mortal God. Additionally, core members of Zero Wing can redeem Life Potions without limit, while internal members can redeem one bottle a day, and normal members can redeem one bottle every three days," Shi Feng said firmly.

"A Mortal God?!" Hidden Soul was stunned. "Do we really have a Mortal God?!"

"Mhm." Shi Feng chuckled. "It's even someone you know."

"Someone I know?" Hidden Soul couldn't help but doubt her ears when she heard Shi Feng's words.

A Mortal God was akin to legends and myths in the Greater God's Domain. Until now, Hidden Soul had only heard about the existence of a Mortal God through Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss. According to them, when Ink Crystal was revealed to be a Mortal God during the Continental Championship, she shocked the three races' chosen ones. Moreover, she had thoroughly crushed the chosen ones of the three races; nobody had been able to draw out her true strength.

"It's Commander Frost," Shi Feng explained with a smile. "She was lucky enough to reach the sixth-floor standard ten days ago with the Tower of the Abyss's help."

Although Red Frost was Holy Dragon Spear's future Great Commander, she was also Zero Wing's training consultant. Thus, it wasn't a lie to say that Red Frost was a member of Zero Wing.

"Commander Frost has reached the sixth-floor standard? And it happened ten days ago?" Hidden Soul grew even more surprised.

Everyone who was an internal member of Zero Wing or above knew that Red Frost was a first-class expert, even among fifth-floor experts. Many experts in Zero Wing had sparred with Red Frost before, and Hidden Soul was no exception. Thus, she didn't find it impossible that Red Frost had achieved the sixth-floor standard. Even so, rationality still made her incredulous.

If Red Frost had truly reached the sixth-floor standard, it would bring Zero Wing unimaginable prosperity. Star Lake City would also undergo a metamorphosis because of her.

Once this news spread, players from all over the Greater World would flock to Star Lake City. Zero Wing would also become famous throughout the Greater God's Domain.

“Alright, enough daydreaming. Hurry up and go,” Shi Feng said, waving his hand in front of Hidden Soul’s eyes.

“Okay! I’ll get it done right away!” When Hidden Soul came back to her senses, her eyes shone with unprecedented joy. Then, she sped out of the room, practically teleporting.

While Hidden Soul was making her way to the God’s Domain Association and arranging for the promotion of Zero Wing’s recruitment drive in the Greater God’s Domain, Shi Feng rushed to the airport to await the arrival of the Green God Corporation’s private plane.

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Chapter 3832: Alternate Ending 906 - God's Domain's Strongest Player

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Starlight Continent, Green God Corporation’s Private Passenger Plane:

“Guild Leader Shi, we must be extra careful when buying Mana Sealing Wood in Desolate Star City later,” Xia Qingying said seriously as she led Shi Feng aboard the passenger plane. “The trade fair this time is out of the ordinary. It can be considered a first-class event, even compared to all the events hosted on the Starlight Continent and the neighboring continents throughout the years. Besides powers from the Starlight Continent, many powers from other interstellar continents have also been invited to attend the event, and some of them are bound to have established a foothold in the Eternal Realm.

“Since the Divine Engraving Scrolls started circulating in the Eternal Realm, many powers have thoroughly analyzed the scrolls. They should already know plenty about the scrolls by now, especially the scrolls’ material composition. If we slip up, it will be the end for us in the Greater World.”

“Don’t worry. I know the consequences,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “I’ll buy Mana Sealing Wood in small batches from different sellers and have them delivered to different Realms for your people to collect.”

Although Desolate Star City’s trade fair was held in the real world, the transfer of purchased goods had to be done in God’s Domain. With the God’s Domain Association insuring the transaction, neither party would dare to mess around. Otherwise, they would be punished by the God’s Domain Association and suffer dire consequences.

As for how he could avoid drawing attention, it was simple. Every power in God's Domain needed rare materials. So long as he didn't have all the Mana Sealing Wood he bought delivered to the same location, the sellers wouldn't think too deeply about his purchases.

He could also conduct his purchases in person without worry. Not all powers were qualified to participate in such a grand trade fair. Naturally, those who failed to qualify would try to get attending powers to make purchases on their behalf. Moreover, there would be plenty of such powers. After all, now that various powers were trying to accumulate Eternal Coins, it was an excellent opportunity to purchase rare items and materials at a bargain.

So long as the sellers he bought from didn't crosscheck their sales, nobody would suspect a thing.

"Alright, then." Xia Qingying blinked in surprise. She hadn't expected Shi Feng to be so quick on the uptake. Then, she smiled and continued, "By the way, I'll introduce you to someone later. You can think of the other party as your great senior. This person arrived in the Greater World much earlier than you. If you can join forces with this person, you'll have a much easier time in the Greater God's Domain."

"A person who arrived in the Greater World much earlier than I did?" Shi Feng had his interest piqued when he saw Xia Qingying snickering. "Could this person be one of the experts who went missing from our God's Domain?"

Many experts had abruptly disappeared from their God's Domain in this timeline. Although these disappearances had caused a huge uproar in God's Domain, nobody knew where these experts had gone. However, as Shi Feng had entered the Greater God's Domain in his previous life, he knew that most of these experts had entered the Greater God's Domain ahead of time because of the Green God Corporation's intervention.

After returning to this timeline, Shi Feng had thought of gathering these missing experts. After all, these experts had all accomplished extraordinary achievements in his previous life. It was also because of these experts that Zero Wing could survive Demon's Gate's persecution.

Unfortunately, he failed to gather much information on these experts. Now that Zero Wing's development was focused on the Eternal Realm, gathering these experts became even more difficult.

"It seems you know quite a lot," Xia Qingying said when she saw Shi Feng's relatively calm reaction. "You are correct. This person is one of the experts who went missing in our God's Domain. Also, it would be more accurate to say that the Green God Corporation can attend this fair only because that person received an invitation."

Otherwise, the Green God Corporation, a corporation that is based in only several dozen cities, wouldn't be qualified to attend this event at all."

"Are the requirements that high?" Shi Feng was surprised.

The Green God Corporation might have branches in only several dozen cities on the Starlight Continent, but it couldn't be considered an ordinary corporation. Otherwise, it wouldn't have the ability to let people from their homeworld live in a third-tier mobile city as soon as they entered the Greater World.

If even the Green God Corporation wasn't qualified for an invitation, how many corporations and powers from the Starlight Continent were qualified to receive one?

Two hundred?

One hundred?

"Extremely high!" Xia Qingying said, nodding solemnly. "As far as I know, only corporations with operations in 150 cities or more on the Starlight Continent have received an invitation. As for the Starlight Realm's powers, only upper-ranking hegemonic powers and a handful of pseudo-upper-ranking hegemonic powers were invited.

"The invitation conditions for foreign corporations and powers are even more stringent. To be invited, foreign corporations and conglomerates need to be among the top ten of their respective continents, while foreign powers in the Greater God's Domain have to be an upper-ranking hegemonic power."

When Xia Qingying spoke up to this point, a prideful expression appeared on her face.

"This trade fair will be the grandest trade fair that the Starlight Realm and the neighboring Realms have ever seen in the last century. It might even exceed the trade fairs hosted by pseudo-apex powers," Xia Qingying said as she led Shi Feng to the passenger plane's VIP cabin.

When Xia Qingying pushed open the door to the VIP cabin, a lounge half the size of a basketball court entered Shi Feng's sight.

Two people were currently seated in the lounge. One was an agile-looking, sixteen-year-old girl dressed in a short-sleeved shirt and shorts, while the other was a woman with a curly ponytail whose face was covered by a black veil.

Although the veiled woman's appearance was hidden, she radiated extremely powerful mental fluctuations that exceeded even that of one-star great grandmasters. Evidently, the woman had reached the two-star great grandmaster standard, a standard that only a handful of individuals had reached on the Starlight Continent.

“Big Sis Xia, what took you so long? Also, can you please talk some sense into my commander? This is my first time going on a long-distance trip, yet she won’t even let me get off the plane to look at this city! What if I miss out on a potential opponent?” the agile-looking girl grumbled as she approached Xia Qingying and tugged on her sleeve.

“Sit down. You will get to look around once we arrive in Desolate Star City,” the veiled woman said indifferently, her voice compelling the girl to return to her seat obediently.

As this awkward interaction took place, Shi Feng suddenly thought of a name as he looked at the veiled woman. This was the name of the strongest player of his home God’s Domain in this timeline. It was also the name of the legendary Midnight Tea Party’s strongest commander.

Endless Scars!

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Chapter 907 – Endless Scars

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“Let me start with the introductions.” After the agile-looking girl returned to her seat, Xia Qingying gestured toward Shi Feng and said, “This person here is Zero Wing’s Guild Leader Black Flame. As for this beautiful woman...”

“Endless Scars, right?” Shi Feng said before Xia Qingying could finish speaking.

“Do you know me?” The veiled woman stared at Shi Feng as if sizing him up. Yet, at the same time, it didn’t seem like she was looking at Shi Feng specifically.

“Have you seen Scars’s real appearance before?” Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng in astonishment.

Xia Qingying wasn’t surprised that Shi Feng knew Endless Scars’s name. After all, Endless Scars was a very well-known figure in their God’s Domain. At one point, she was even recognized as the strongest player, having accomplished many unimaginable achievements. Even the Green God Corporation’s chairman couldn’t resist meeting and chatting with Endless Scars in person.

However, despite her fame, few people had ever seen Endless Scars’s real appearance. Xia Qingying only met Endless Scars in person because she was the Green God Corporation’s liaison with Endless Scars. Even now, the other senior vice

presidents and Grand Elders of the Green God Corporation still did not know what Endless Scars looked like. They only knew that she existed.

“It’s just a hunch,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “Out of the experts who have gone missing in our God’s Domain, I can only think of a few.”

Shi Feng recognized Endless Scars at first glance only because they were acquaintances in his previous life. Without his past life’s memories, he would never have recognized her. After all, the highest position he had achieved in the first ten years of playing God’s Domain in this timeline was the Guild Leader of Shadow, a second-rate Guild. There was no way he could become acquainted with a big shot like Endless Scars.

However, after meeting Endless Scars in this timeline, Shi Feng couldn’t help but admit that she had greatly exceeded his expectations. He had never expected her to be so terrifying...

A two-star great grandmaster on the verge of the three-star great grandmaster standard...

This was a standard that Endless Scars had never achieved in Shi Feng’s previous life. Her mental strength was already comparable to the old monsters of apex powers.

“You have quite an accurate intuition,” Endless Scars stated calmly.

“How boring. Couldn’t you have at least pretended to be surprised?” Xia Qingying shook her head and sighed when she saw Shi Feng’s calm reaction. “Anyway, you guessed correctly. Scars is the great senior I mentioned to you before. It is also thanks to her that newcomers like you get to live in a third-tier mobile city as soon as you enter the Greater World.”

“Because of Miss Scars?” His curiosity piqued, Shi Feng asked, “Could Miss Scars be the executive of a major power?”

It wasn’t easy to convince a third-tier mobile city to offer such a privilege to an entire world. After all, there were countless people immigrating into the Greater World from countless parallel worlds at all times. There was also a limit to how many inhabitants each mobile city could accommodate.

“It’s a pity, but you’ve guessed wrong!” Xia Qingying said, grinning. “Scars has established her own adventurer team in the Greater God’s Domain. She has also received the favor of one of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce’s Grand Elders, so she can be considered one of Eternal’s Internal Elders. As for Scars’s adventurer team, although it isn’t well-known in most Realms, it is incredibly famous in the Twelve Sanctuaries.”

“What is the adventurer team’s name?” Shi Feng asked curiously.

“The Angel Sanctuary’s Blood Wing adventurer team!” Xia Qingying answered proudly. “Although Blood Wing doesn’t have many members, it closely rivals the Angel Sanctuary’s pseudo-apex powers. Even the Angel Sanctuary’s pseudo-apex powers have to treat her with respect.”

The Blood Wing adventurer team? Although Shi Feng had never heard of this name before, he still couldn’t help but admire Endless Scars.

For players of their God’s Domain, simply establishing a foothold in the Greater God’s Domain could already be considered a significant achievement. Yet, Endless Scars had managed to entrench herself in the Twelve Sanctuaries and even make a name for herself there.

“As for this little girl here, she is Drifting Bean, Blood Wing’s latest chosen one. Don’t let her age fool you; her ranking on the Divine Glory List is higher than yours,” Xia Qingying said, pointing at the girl sitting obediently beside Endless Scars.

“Big Sis Xia, enough with the introductions. I know he is Zero Wing’s Guild Leader and an expert on the Divine Glory List. Let’s hurry up and take off. It’d be bad if we are late,” Drifting Bean interrupted, finding Xia Qingying long-winded. She wasn’t interested in learning about Shi Feng in the slightest.

Most experts on the Divine Glory List were jokes in the eyes of the Twelve Sanctuaries’ players. Only those ranked among the Divine Glory List’s top 30 were worthy of admiration, while those who weren’t even ranked among the top 100 were inconsequential.

“I guess you’re right.” At Drifting Bean’s reminder, Xia Qingying realized that now wasn’t the time for lengthy conversations. “I’ll inform the captain to take off immediately.”

A minute later, the Green God Corporation’s private plane took off from Star Lake City and departed for Desolate Star City at a speed far exceeding the speed of sound.

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When Desolate Star City was a second-tier mobile city, it operated in a remote part of the Starlight Continent. However, after becoming a first-tier mobile city, it quickly moved to the continent’s central region. This put it in close proximity to Star Lake City, so the Green God Corporation’s private plane reached the city’s airport in less than six hours.

When the Green God Corporation’s private plane arrived, the airport, which could accommodate over a thousand passenger planes, was packed. Passenger planes landed and took off from the airport once every few seconds.

When Xia Qingying and the others alighted from the plane, the head attendant in charge of welcoming arriving guests sensed the powerful mental fluctuations Endless Scars radiated. She immediately approached the group and said respectfully, "Welcome to Desolate Star City. As the city is celebrating its promotion, all arrivals must present an invitation to enter the city. Guests without an invitation can only enter the city after the celebrations. Furthermore, all passenger planes can only stop at the airport for fifteen minutes."

"Here is our invitation," Drifting Bean said as she handed the head attendant a silver invitation.

"Distinguished Silver Guests, please follow me." When the head attendant saw the silver invitation, she behaved even more respectfully. She didn't even bother to lead Xia Qingying's group into the arrival hall, where a long line of people was waiting to go through the formalities for entering the city. Instead, she summoned a limousine and drove the group into Desolate Star City.

"Crap! Why don't they have to wait in line?" a young man queued up in the arrival hall grumbled in dissatisfaction. "I'm also an invited guest, so why must I wait in line here?"

"Little friend, you might have been invited, but you only received a bronze invitation. Did you not see that girl's silver invitation? You need to be from a conglomerate, at the very least, to receive a silver invitation," an old man waiting in line behind the grumbling young man said. "The trade fair this time is extraordinary, and many big shots have been invited. Those are not people that we can afford to offend."

After hearing this, the young man shrank back and dared not say anything more.

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Chapter 3834: Alternate Ending 908 - Fourth Tablet

Chapter 908 – Fourth Tablet

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Starlight Continent, Desolate Star City:

After a one-hour drive, Xia Qingying's group arrived at a massive building in the heart of Desolate Star City.

The building was over 500 meters tall with a radius of three kilometers. Its entrance, measuring 100 meters in height, made arriving guests feel tiny.

“Dear guests, welcome to Desolate Star City’s trade fair. You are free to browse around in the next two days. There will also be a special auction open only to Silver Guests in the evening,” the head attendant introduced dutifully. “I will be your full-time guide during this period. If there is anything you would like to know about Desolate Star City, please don’t hesitate to ask me.”

“You are going to be our full-time guide?” Xia Qingying exclaimed in astonishment.

Had the head attendant before them been ordinary, Xia Qingying wouldn’t have said anything. However, the other party was a bona fide three-star grandmaster. The head attendant didn’t look particularly old, either. If she were to join a conglomerate, she would receive a role in senior management at the minimum. Yet, a three-star grandmaster like her had been tasked with working as a guide. Xia Qingying couldn’t fathom how powerful Desolate Star City was.

“That is correct,” the head attendant answered nonchalantly. “Feel free to let me handle any requests you have in the next two days.”

“Okay, I understand.” After suppressing the shock in her heart, Xia Qingying asked, “In which area are rare materials sold?”

“Rare materials are primarily sold in the east district. The various powers have representatives operating stalls there, so you can negotiate prices with them directly,” the head attendant answered. “If you want to rent a stall, an ordinary stall costs 200 million Star Coins for two days, while stalls in prime locations cost 500 million Star Coins for two days.”

Isn’t this daylight robbery? Xia Qingying was flabbergasted.

Even at its current size, the Green God Corporation could, at best, come up with two or three hundred million Star Coins on short notice. Yet, the corporation’s total liquid assets were only enough to rent an ordinary stall for two days. In other words, the average corporation wasn’t even qualified to set up a stall here.

At this time, only Endless Scars and Shi Feng looked calm. They behaved like they were used to having three-star grandmasters serve as their guides and seeing stalls with a daily rent of hundreds of millions of Star Coins.

When Endless Scars saw Shi Feng’s calm reaction, she was a little surprised.

Qingying has been to many grand events with me, but even she is still shocked by this situation, so how can he remain unfazed? After seeing Shi Feng’s response, Endless Scars couldn’t help but wonder what kind of Guild Zero Wing was that it could give him the confidence to think nothing of such a grand event. *Could he be naturally arrogant?*

“Will there be anything good sold at the evening auction?” Drifting Bean asked.

"I cannot say," the head attendant answered. "But according to the information I received, Fragmented Divine Artifacts will be sold at the auction. The highly popular Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls will also be available."

"Commander, this auction seems pretty good. It actually has Fragmented Divine Artifacts and Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls. Should we go and take a look?" Drifting Bean asked Endless Scars with an inquisitive look.

"Sure, but we are here for Qingying's sake, so we will finish buying materials first and then go," Endless Scars said.

Afterward, the head attendant led the group to the trade fair's east district. Many powers had already sent representatives to set up stalls in the east district and sell their specialties. Every stall had holographic projections displaying the goods it sold and a detailed introduction to them. The quantity and variety of goods sold in the east district could rarely be found, even in the Greater God's Domain's various Holy Cities.

Among the various stalls, the largest one belonged to the Galaxy Conglomerate. Even Endless Scars, who showed little interest in the other stalls, couldn't help but browse the Galaxy Conglomerate's stall.

Incredible! Xia Qingying was in awe when she saw that the Galaxy Shop displayed over a dozen Fragmented Divine Artifacts. When her gaze fell on a particular glowing staff for Clerics, her eyes locked on to it immediately as she asked the salesperson, "How much for this Sage's Will?"

"Dear customer, you have an excellent eye!" At Xia Qingying's question, the salesperson introduced enthusiastically, "The Sage's Will is a Fragmented Divine Artifact that the Galaxy Conglomerate had sacrificed thousands of elite experts to recover from a primordial ruin. It has a hidden ability known as Will Amplification that can enhance the wielder's neural reaction speed and resistance to mental impacts. Since you are the first customer to have expressed interest in this staff, the Galaxy Conglomerate will offer it to you at a bargain price of just 30,000 Eternal Gold!"

"Thirty thousand? That much?" Despite knowing that Fragmented Divine Artifacts for Clerics were rarely sold in the Greater God's Domain, Xia Qingying was still taken aback by the price.

Thirty thousand Eternal Gold was not a small sum in the current Eternal Realm—at least, it was not for her. Although she had been generating income by reselling items using her connections with the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, she still didn't have enough Eternal Coins to buy the Sage's Will. To afford it, she would have to sell her Legendary Weapon and all her Legendary Equipment.

"What about this tablet?" Shi Feng suddenly asked, pointing at a badly damaged stone tablet on display.

“That tablet was recovered from the same primordial ruin. Although we couldn’t identify it, we believe it should be very valuable, so it is priced at 20,000 Eternal Gold,” the salesperson explained awkwardly.

The Galaxy Conglomerate failed to identify the badly damaged tablet despite having used various means. It was as if the tablet was a piece of scrap. If the Galaxy Conglomerate tried to sell the tablet for 20,000 Eternal Gold without offering any explanations, it would be daylight robbery.

“Twenty thousand?” Shi Feng expressed hesitancy as he scrutinized the tablet.

Actually, Shi Feng was somewhat familiar with the damaged tablet. This was because he had seen more than one of such tablets already. Furthermore, the mana interpretation method engraved on the damaged tablet was the same as the ones engraved on Aqua Rose’s and Elise’s Goddess Tablets. However, due to the damage to the tablet, he could only glean limited information from it using the mana interpretation method. Even so, this information was enough to assure him of the tablet’s identity.

This was because the information he obtained labeled the damaged tablet as the Fourth Goddess Tablet!

According to the Sixth Goddess Tablet in Elise’s possession, there was a series of eighteen Goddess Tablets. The earlier a Goddess Tablet’s position in the series, the greater its significance.

Although Elise’s Goddess Tablet placed sixth in the series, Shi Feng still benefited from it greatly. He dared not even imagine what benefits he could reap from the Fourth Goddess Tablet.

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“You call that a bargain? A broken tablet for 20,000 and a Fragmented Divine Artifact for 30,000? What do you take Eternal Gold Coins for? Loose change?” Drifting Bean protested.

Although Drifting Bean had never been to the Eternal Realm, she knew that Eternal Coins weren’t easy to come by. Most players earned the Eternal Realm’s currency by

completing quests and trading with NPCs, and the output was pitifully low. To make matters worse, it cost a fortune to use the teleportation services of NPC Cities. Players seeking to teleport to NPC Fortresses situated in Level 200-plus maps had to pay at least two Eternal Gold per teleportation. Players also had to pay a hefty price to rest in NPC Fortresses.

Because of all these expenses, most upper-ranking hegemonic powers currently operating in the Eternal Realm had only accumulated around 40,000 Eternal Gold thus far.

To establish itself quickly in the Eternal Realm, the Blood Wing adventurer team also worked hard to acquire Eternal Coins. Even so, Blood Wing had only acquired a little over 100,000 Eternal Gold thus far.

Thirty thousand Eternal Gold!

This was already enough money to hire Blood Wing's main force to help raid multiple Taboo Dungeons. Moreover, Blood Wing wouldn't necessarily be able to find such offers.

While Drifting Bean was voicing her displeasure, Endless Scars fiddled with her quantum watch and sent a list to Xia Qingying, whose eyes were glued on the Sage's Will. Then, she said, "Qingying, if you want a good weapon, Blood Wing has some that are comparable to that Sage's Will. I can sell one to you for 20,000 Eternal Gold."

"Will that be alright?" When Xia Qingying saw the statistics of the several Fragmented Divine Staffs Endless Scars had sent to her, she was immediately tempted.

Fragmented Divine Artifacts were of great significance to any power. They weren't items that could be obtained easily. Oftentimes, much manpower and resources had to be invested to obtain just one Fragmented Divine Artifact.

Under normal circumstances, no power would sell its Fragmented Divine Artifacts. The only reason some powers were willing to do so now was for the sake of the barely explored Eternal Realm. Otherwise, they wouldn't sell their Fragmented Divine Artifacts for even 300,000 Eternal Gold, let alone 30,000.

In the current God's Domain, it was definitely a bargain to acquire a Fragmented Divine Artifact for 20,000 Eternal Gold. As Blood Wing was an adventurer team, obtaining Fragmented Divine Artifacts wasn't easy. If Endless Scars arbitrarily sold one to an outsider for such a low price, it would cause dissatisfaction among the adventurer team's members.

"Big Sis Xia, don't worry. The commander has the authority to do this much," Drifting Bean said, chuckling when she saw Xia Qingying's worry. Then, she turned to Shi Feng and stated proudly, "Guild Leader Black Flame, seeing as you come from the same

world as the commander, if you want a Fragmented Divine Artifact, the commander should be able to sell one to you cheaply as well. It'll be much cheaper than anything you can get from the market."

At Drifting Bean's words, the Galaxy Shop's salesperson couldn't help envying Shi Feng and Xia Qingying.

Thirty thousand Eternal Gold was by no means an exorbitant price for a Fragmented Divine Artifact in today's market. If one could buy a Fragmented Divine Artifact for 20,000 Eternal Gold, one could resell it immediately for a profit of 10,000 Eternal Gold. Not even the executives of conglomerates could receive such a privilege.

"Why you little...!" Endless Scars was at a loss for words on Drifting Bean's initiative. However, when she considered how Xia Qingying was trying to help Shi Feng establish a partnership with Blood Wing, she ultimately decided against refuting the offer Drifting Bean made to Shi Feng.

"I'll pass. Commander Scars already has enough on her plate running her adventurer team," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. He might have considered it if it was an offer to purchase Fragmented Divine Artifacts in bulk, but just one piece didn't interest him. He turned back to the Galaxy Shop's salesperson and continued, "I want this tablet. Can we sign the contract now?"

"Dear customer, do you really want this tablet?" The salesperson looked at Shi Feng in surprise. After overhearing Drifting Bean's offer, he originally thought he wouldn't be making any sales to Xia Qingying's group. He hadn't expected Shi Feng to buy the expensive stone tablet.

"Of course. Since this tablet comes from the same primordial ruin as that staff, it should have its secrets. If I can uncover these secrets, I should make a good profit," Shi Feng said, feigning excitement. "Are you not going to sell it?"

"Sell! Of course, we're selling it!" The salesperson promptly took out the sales contract for the stone tablet, fearing that Shi Feng might regret his decision.

While Shi Feng was completing his purchase, Drifting Bean and Endless Scars looked at him in confusion. They hadn't expected Shi Feng to be indifferent to a Fragmented Divine Artifact.

Is he the type of person who dislikes owing favors? Endless Scars wondered. She couldn't figure out what kind of person Shi Feng was.

Many interests were linked between the Greater God's Domain and the Greater World. Soon after her adventurer team saw success, many friends and family sought her help. Although this development gave her many problems, it also allowed her to view the world around her with much greater clarity.

If there was an opportunity to obtain a Fragmented Divine Artifact cheaply, few people could resist taking advantage of it. Even the helmsmen of upper-ranking hegemonic powers couldn't necessarily resist it, let alone the Guild Leader of an upstart Guild.

"Big Sis Xia, there's nothing more I can do to help you. How can he refuse such a good opportunity?" Drifting Bean whispered to Xia Qingying in exasperation. She sincerely felt that Shi Feng was an idiot. After all, by refusing her offer, he missed out on a good deal *and* an opportunity to establish closer ties with Endless Scars.

Xia Qingying was also at a loss. Although she knew that Shi Feng was wealthy enough not to care about making a quick profit, she couldn't understand why he would dismiss the opportunity to get closer to Endless Scars.

Subsequently, after Shi Feng was done shopping at the Galaxy Shop, he visited several dozen other stalls and purchased a large amount of Mana Sealing Wood. He also had these sellers deliver the Mana Sealing Wood to various NPC Cities situated in various Realms for Xia Qingying to collect.

About two hours later, the female head attendant led Shi Feng and the others to Desolate Star City's high-end auction venue. Far fewer guests were in the auction venue's lobby than in the trade fair outside. Moreover, even the weakest guest was a one-star grandmaster. The leaders of some attending groups were even great grandmasters, existences rarely seen on the Starlight Continent.

"Greetings, distinguished guests. Welcome to the Desolate Star Auction. May I know if you would like to sit in the general area or in a private room?" the female receptionist at the front desk asked when Xia Qingying's group approached her. "Seating in the general area is free, while the private rooms cost one hundred Eternal Gold each."

"Give us a private room. We don't want others to know what we buy," Drifting Bean said.

"Understood. It just so happens we have one room left," the receptionist said after checking the electronic tablet in front of her. "I'll reserve it for you now."

However, before the receptionist could confirm the reservation, someone suddenly shouted for her to stop.

"Hold it! That last room belongs to us! Have them go to the general area!"

As soon as these words fell, a group escorted by one of Desolate Star City's male head attendants entered the lobby. Two young men, one chubby and one handsome, walked at the head of the group. Following them were six three-star grandmasters and one great grandmaster dressed like bodyguards. The one who spoke just now was the chubby young man. When Shi Feng and Xia Qingying saw these people, they were momentarily stunned.

Although they did not recognize the chubby young man, they were very familiar with the handsome young man. This was because the other party was Xiao Quan, the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord.

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Chapter 3836: Alternate Ending 910 - Gold Guest?

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"We were here first! What gives you the right to take our room?!" Drifting Bean frowned, seething at the chubby young man.

Many other guests glared at the chubby young man at Drifting Bean's words.

"Who is this person? How dare he act so arrogantly here?"

"We are in Desolate Star City's territory. Are they not afraid of being kicked out?"

Everyone capable of attending the auction was someone of extraordinary stature. They were either the heirs of conglomerates or executives of upper-ranking hegemonic powers. Rarely would anybody dare disrespect them in public.

Yet, someone not only had the gall to jump the queue, but this person even did so in a wildly arrogant manner. This person was challenging the authority of Desolate Star City.

While Desolate Star City might be only a first-tier city, everyone present knew that an extraordinary power backed the city. Otherwise, it couldn't have invited so many powers to attend its trade fair.

"What gives me the right?" The chubby young man glanced at Drifting Bean and said arrogantly, "The fact that I am Angel's Retribution's Crocodile Fang!"

The chubby young man's answer frightened everyone present. Even Drifting Bean paled.

"Angel's Retribution? Isn't that the Angel Sanctuary's number one power?"

"Heavens! Desolate Star City managed to invite even Angel's Retribution?"

"Crocodile Fang... I've heard of that name before. Isn't that the son of Angel's Retribution's current Guild Leader? Not long ago, the successor of the Cruise

Conglomerate provoked Crocodile Fang and ended up losing his successor qualifications. I heard he couldn't even stay in mobile cities anymore and could only wander outside..."

In the blink of an eye, the guests in the hall no longer dared to disparage the chubby young man. Some even fled the lobby, not daring to get involved in this conflict.

The Twelve Sanctuaries were the center of the Greater God's Domain. Any power capable of ranking as the number one power in any of the Twelve Sanctuaries was not an opponent the average power could afford to provoke.

Even if an extraordinary power backed Desolate Star City, it was unlikely that this power would dare to oppose Angel's Retribution.

"Why the sudden silence, little girl?" Crocodile Fang sneered at Drifting Bean. "I'm already showing you leniency by having you go to the general area. If you keep upsetting me, I might even decide to have you kicked out of Desolate Star City!"

Although Drifting Bean still wanted to fight back, she ultimately chose to grit her teeth and keep quiet.

As a local of the Angel Sanctuary, Drifting Bean knew plenty about Crocodile Fang. In reality, there was nothing remarkable about the chubby young man. His talent was mediocre, barely reaching the fourth-floor standard after receiving astronomical resources from his father, Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader. If they were to meet out in the fields, Drifting Bean was confident she could kill Crocodile Fang under three moves.

The problem was the authority Crocodile Fang's father wielded. Previously, when Crocodile Fang kill-stealed the Cruise Conglomerate's successor and got killed because of it, Angel's Retribution demanded the Cruise Conglomerate dismiss its successor and hand over the rights to ten Holy Cities. Failure to comply would mean making an enemy out of Angel's Retribution.

As the Cruise Conglomerate was no match for Angel's Retribution, it had no choice but to concede. Otherwise, its operations in the Angel Sanctuary would cease to exist.

Although the Blood Wing adventurer team was second only to the Angel Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers, it wasn't a pseudo-apex power. It was nowhere strong enough to compete with the Angel Sanctuary's number one power.

It should be known that Angel's Retribution was publicly acknowledged as being strong enough to rival the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers. If Blood Wing were to become enemies with such a behemoth, surviving in the Greater God's Domain would become a challenge.

When Drifting Bean chose to concede, Crocodile Fang noticed Xiao Quan's gaze directed at the woman beside Drifting Bean.

"Brother Xiao, do you know this beautiful woman?" Crocodile Fang asked in an amused tone. "You should have told me you knew her. Wouldn't that have solved our misunderstanding?"

"I do know her." In response to Crocodile Fang's question, Xiao Quan looked at Xia Qingying with a calm smile and said, "But Miss Xia has never given me the time of day. She even humiliated me a bunch in Silver Frost City. How would I dare introduce you to her, Brother Fang?"

"She humiliated you?" Crocodile Fang laughed. "In that case, how about I help you resolve the misunderstanding between you two?"

After saying so, Crocodile Fang walked up to Xia Qingying.

"Pretty lady, Brother Xiao and I are good friends, and it hasn't been easy for me to invite him out on a trip. For my sake, how about you share a drink with Brother Xiao to clear up your past misunderstandings?" Crocodile Fang said. Then, he glanced at Drifting Bean and continued, "If you agree, I will treat this little beauty's offense as nothing more than a misunderstanding. Otherwise, this little beauty will have to keep me company for a day as compensation."

"You..." Xia Qingying turned ashen upon hearing this. She had never thought Xiao Quan could be acquainted with someone like Crocodile Fang.

At this time, the female head attendant responsible for escorting Xia Qingying's group stepped forward hurriedly to intervene, saying, "Dear guest, please be reminded that we are in Desolate Star City. We have a duty to ensure the freedom of all guests visiting Desolate Star City."

The female head attendant's behavior surprised the spectating guests. They had never expected such a minor character to get involved in this situation. Did she not know of the consequences of angering Crocodile Fang?

However, everyone quickly noticed that Crocodile Fang did not react angrily to the female head attendant's intervention.

"Of course, I understand. However, my father is acquainted with *that* great personage. If I say a few words to *that* great personage, I believe she won't give you any trouble out of respect for me," Crocodile Fang said, chuckling as he looked at the female head attendant.

Just as the female head attendant was about to say something else, the male head attendant in charge of escorting Crocodile Fang's group stopped her.

“Shuoyun, stop interfering! Mr. Fang is a Gold Guest invited by *that* great personage! Mr. Fang knows what he is doing! You’ll be finished if you anger *that* great personage!” the male head attendant quietly dissuaded the female head attendant while pulling out an invitation made of gold.

When the female head attendant named Shuoyun saw the gold invitation, her expression darkened, and she dared not say anything more.

Although Desolate Star City had invited many people to its trade fair this time, very few received a gold invitation, and every one of them was highly valued by *that* great personage.

It seems I have no choice but to use my Elder status. When Endless Scars saw that Crocodile Fang did not intend to stop his persecution of Xia Qingying, she knew that an ordinary power’s authority would not be enough to deter him. If she wanted Crocodile Fang to back off, she would have to use her status as one of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce’s Elders.

At this time, though, a deep voice suddenly entered everyone’s ears, shocking them.

“Does Desolate Star City not know how to host a proper event? So what if they are Gold Guests? Aren’t we also?”

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Chapter 3837: Alternate Ending 911 - Starlight's Hegemon

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“Guild Leader Shi?”

“Since when were we Gold Guests?”

Shi Feng’s words confused Xia Qingying and Endless Scars. They wondered if he had indeed lost his mind. After all, even if he claimed to be a Gold Guest, his lie would quickly be exposed with a simple check unless he could back his words with evidence.

Besides Xia Qingying and Endless Scars, the female head attendant named Shuoyun was also stunned by this situation.

Since when did Shi Feng’s group become Gold Guests?

“Gold Guests?” Xiao Quan laughed at Shi Feng’s words. “Did you get promoted without my knowing, Guild Leader Black Flame? Or are you claiming that Zero Wing can already rival pseudo-apex powers? How about you show me your invitation to let me broaden my horizons?”

Xia Qingying gnashed her teeth at Xiao Quan’s words.

Originally, they still had a slim chance of escaping this mess if Crocodile Fang chose not to pry into Shi Feng’s claim. After all, of those present, only she and Xiao Quan knew about Zero Wing’s actual circumstances. But now...

“Broaden your horizons? Sure, I’ll grant you your wish!” Shi Feng said calmly as he pulled out the gold invitation Frey had sent him.

Upon seeing the invitation made of pure gold, Xia Qingying and Xiao Quan were dumbfounded.

“Impossible! It must be a fake!” Xiao Quan instinctively shouted when he saw Shi Feng’s gold invitation.

To receive a gold invitation from Desolate Star City, one had to be at least the representative of a pseudo-apex power or an individual of equivalent status. How could Zero Wing’s Guild Leader possibly receive a gold invitation?

“This is an authentic gold invitation,” Shuoyun said after inspecting Shi Feng’s invitation. “But this isn’t an invitation handed out by Desolate Star City.”

“It’s real but not distributed by Desolate Star City?” Xia Qingying smiled wryly when she heard Shuoyun’s analysis, the glimmer of hope in her heart vanishing.

However, despite her despair, Xia Qingying wasn’t particularly surprised by this outcome. Although Zero Wing had recruited plenty of fourth-floor experts in the Eternal Realm recently and even absorbed some of the Green God Corporation’s geniuses, it still wasn’t anywhere near strong enough to be considered a pseudo-apex power. Naturally, it wouldn’t receive a direct invitation from Desolate Star City.

Endless Scars also looked at Shi Feng, a little speechless. She hadn’t expected Shi Feng to pull such a stunt. Now, their entire group had become a complete joke.

“Big Sis Xia, could Guild Leader Shi have stolen this golden invitation from somewhere?” Drifting Bean whispered to Xia Qingying worriedly.

Desolate Star City’s golden invitations held great significance. It might be fine if Shi Feng had received the golden invitation from someone affiliated with Desolate Star City, but it would be a big problem if he had stolen someone else’s.

"I...don't know..." Xia Qingying shook her head. She was similarly doubtful about Shi Feng's gold invitation, but she didn't find it appropriate to ask him about it in this situation.

"Pretty lady, you have a very interesting friend! It's not even a gold invitation from Desolate Star City, yet he dares to flaunt it before me!" Crocodile Fang laughed as he took in Xia Qingying's ugly complexion. "But don't you worry. While I might not know who gave your friend a gold invitation, he did give me a good laugh. So long as you and that little beauty beside you accompany us for a few drinks, I'll forget about today's offense."

As soon as Crocodile Fang finished speaking, the six three-star grandmasters and one elderly great grandmaster behind him walked toward Xia Qingying and Drifting Bean.

Crocodile Fang was painfully aware that he had no hope of succeeding his father as Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader if he relied on his own strength. However, he knew a secret that others did not know—Xiao Quan was in contact with Demon's Gate's core executives. If he could gain the favor of one of Demon's Gate's core executives through Xiao Quan, he might have a chance at competing for the position of Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader.

Now that there was such an excellent opportunity to get on Xiao Quan's good side, Crocodile Fang naturally couldn't miss it. Although Xia Qingying's group possessed an authentic gold invitation, he couldn't care less about offending the group since it wasn't a direct invitation from Desolate Star City. After everything he said before, if he failed to get revenge for Xiao Quan now, he could forget about getting the other party to introduce him to Demon's Gate's core executives.

"Mr. Fang! You are in Desolate Star City! Please abide by the city's rules!" Shuoyun said, interposing herself between Xia Qingying's group and Crocodile Fang's bodyguards. "These people are similarly Desolate Star City's distinguished guests. Although their gold invitation doesn't come directly from Desolate Star City, it is still a gold invitation to Desolate Star City. Anyone who can send a gold invitation on Desolate Star City's behalf must be one of the city's management powers. If *that* great personage learns of your actions, you will have difficulty explaining yourself."

"Why would I have a hard time explaining myself? Since you're going to such lengths to protect them, I'll let you in on a secret. Angel's Retribution was invited by the Great Miss Lunar River this time to discuss an alliance with King's Paradise. So, even if that gold invitation comes from one of Desolate Star City's management powers, I don't care. You can have them come to me. I'd like to see what they'd dare to say," Crocodile Fang stated confidently.

King's Paradise? Isn't that one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers that was second only to apex powers over half a century ago? When Xia Qingying heard Crocodile Fang's words, her complexion turned even gloomier. She had never expected Desolate

Star City to be backed by King's Paradise, the power that nearly unified the Angel Sanctuary long ago. Moreover, it would seem that Angel's Retribution and King's Paradise intended to enter an alliance. This news could not be any worse for her group.

Although Shi Feng's gold invitation was authentic, it only came from a power under Desolate Star City's management. Like Star Lake City, Desolate Star City also had many powers assisting its City Lord with the city's management. However, while these powers might wield significant authority in the city, it was far from that of the City Lord's. Having a management power challenge Angel's Retribution was nothing but a joke.

"This..." Crocodile Fang's words gave Shuoyun pause. A guest was only a guest. She would be doomed if she ruined the alliance between King's Paradise and Angel's Retribution. "I will have to report this to Miss River. Only she can decide on this matter."

"Sure. Feel free to call her if you don't mind the trouble," Crocodile Fang said nonchalantly. He only feared one power and one person across the Starlight Continent.

The power in question was King's Paradise. Although King's Paradise had to go into seclusion after challenging an apex power and failing, many years had passed since the event. By now, even if it hadn't recovered to its peak, it should at least be comparable to the current Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers.

As for the person he feared, it was Frey, the Fourth Princess of the Galaxy Conglomerate. In addition to being the Third Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation, Frey was also a popular figure in the Eternal Realm, and many pseudo-apex powers sought to partner with her.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, who gave you this invitation?" While Shuoyun was making a call with her quantum watch, Xia Qingying asked about the origins of Shi Feng's invitation. It might still be fine if the invitation came from one of Desolate Star City's management powers, but it would be terrible otherwise.

"Frey," Shi Feng answered honestly.

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Chapter 3838: Alternate Ending 912 - King's Paradise

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Desolate Star City, City Lord's Manor:

The City Lord's Manor was a majestic building levitating a thousand meters above Desolate Star City. Its top-floor reception room had a panoramic view of the entire city.

Many of the Starlight Continent's heavyweights had gathered in the top-floor reception room. These heavyweights included City Lords of first-tier cities, helmsmen of conglomerates, and presidents of corporations with branches in hundreds of mobile cities. Individuals such as the heirs of conglomerates and City Lords of second-tier cities were not qualified to sit here.

Although over a hundred people sat at the round table in the middle of the room, most kept their mouths shut. They didn't even dare to breathe loudly, staying as silent as possible as they observed the two young women at the main host and main guest seats.

Of the two young women, one exuded the aura of a noble princess; the other, the aura of an army general. The former was none other than the Galaxy Conglomerate's Fourth Princess Frey, while the latter was King's Paradise's First Vice Guild Leader Lunar River.

"Miss Frey, do you have anything to add to our partnership? You don't have to hold back with me," Lunar River said, smiling with satisfaction as she looked at the stack of mostly signed contracts in her hands. "So long as you can provide us with 10,000 of Shadowring Town's priority entry slots long-term, any conditions are negotiable."

"Miss River, that is a huge demand. The Red Dragon Nation only has 30,000 priority slots. The most we can give you is 5,000 slots," Frey said, exasperated by Lunar River's appetite.

This wasn't the first time Lunar River had brought up Shadowring Town's priority entry slots in their three-hour discussion. On the contrary, she had mentioned it many times. This situation gave Frey a huge headache.

Unlike in the past, Shadowring Town was now overcrowded with players at all times. As soon as someone stepped out of the town, someone else would immediately take their place. Some human and Holy Race players would even sell their place in the town to others for two Eternal Gold per slot.

Even in the current Eternal Realm, a fourth-floor expert would be fortunate to save 50 Eternal Silver a day. After all, players' daily expenditures in the Eternal Realm were extremely high, especially for players operating in high-level maps.

Due to the introduction of Soul Synchronization, players had to consume potions that aided in Concentration recovery and Concentration improvement if they wanted to operate out in the fields for long periods. Otherwise, the burden their weapons and equipment placed on their mental states would quickly wear them out. Such Master Potions typically cost 20 to 30 Eternal Silver per bottle and lasted no more than six

hours, while Grandmaster Potions of this variety cost upward of one Eternal Gold per bottle. Not to mention, once players returned to a city, they would need to rely on good food and accommodation to recover their Stamina and Concentration quickly.

“Five thousand it is, then,” Lunar River said when she saw that Frey refused to budge. “But if you decide to sell more slots, please get in touch with me first. I promise to give you a satisfactory price, Miss Frey.”

“You overestimate my abilities, Miss River. I only got a head start on the other powers due to a stroke of luck,” Frey said, shaking her head. Then, she sighed, “If you want more priority entry slots, your best bet would be to seek out Zero Wing. Like the other Guilds partnered with Zero Wing, I have only a few tens of thousands of slots.”

“You are too modest, Miss Frey. You are among the first batch of people to own private shops in Shadowring Town. Now, the various pseudo-apex powers have trouble even renting a shop in Shadowring Town, let alone owning any,” Lunar River said, wearing a respectful expression. Inwardly, though, she felt nothing but contempt for Frey. After all, the other party couldn’t even be bothered to hide the delight on her face.

Then, Lunar River continued, “I also heard that many powers have approached you about the 20,000 Tower of the Abyss allied entry slots in your possession. The Tower of the Abyss truly is a guiding light for fifth-floor experts. Even I can’t help but want to enter it. It’s a pity that there’s a daily limit on how many players can use the tower.”

“Yes, many have approached me about the allied entry slots. You are very well-informed, Miss River. I hadn’t expected you to know about the allied entry slots despite having yet to enter the Eternal Realm,” Frey said, nodding. Then, she sighed, “Regarding the Tower of the Abyss, I agree it is a wonderful place. It’s a pity that my comprehension is slightly poor. I have had barely any harvest, even with the allied entry slot’s two daily entries.

“As for the Red Dragon Nation’s 20,000 allied entry slots I possess, we only received them because Guild Leader Black Flame wants everyone in the alliance to improve together. However, after distributing the slots across the Red Dragon Nation’s subordinate powers, I only have 3,000 remaining. There aren’t even enough for my legions to share.”

“Each of your legions has at least 10,000 members, so 3,000 slots is indeed a bit too few.” Lunar River nodded, feigning sympathy. Inwardly, though, she did not believe a single word Frey said.

The Tower of the Abyss’s training system was one-of-a-kind. Unless the Red Dragon Nation had enough slots for its own use, it would have to be stupid to share its precious allied entry slots with its subordinate powers. If the Red Dragon Nation could afford to share its slots, the Guild had to have excess slots.

“Now that you mention it, I do hope I can meet Guild Leader Black Flame. His name has appeared many times during my research of the Eternal Realm. His success in establishing his Guild in the chaotic World Ark and constructing Shadowring Town are akin to legends,” Lunar River sighed. Then, she turned to meet Frey’s gaze and continued, “Of course, the support you and Azure Fang’s Vice Guild Leader have provided is also indispensable, Miss Frey. Without you two, Shadowring Town could never have achieved its current success, and Zero Wing could never have deterred the World Ark’s various powers from coveting its town.”

“Deter the various powers? Miss River, you truly overestimate us,” Frey said, shaking her head. “We might as well have been cheerleaders in that situation. Zero Wing’s strength is the sole factor deterring the various powers from taking action.”

“You are too modest,” Lunar River said, shaking her head. She refused to believe an upstart Guild was strong enough to deter the Holy Race’s royal powers and the human race’s apex powers from occupying Shadowring Town with force.

Frey could tell what was going through Lunar River’s mind, but she didn’t bother to explain herself. After all, even she would be just as skeptical if she were in Lunar River’s shoes.

While the two were chatting merrily, Lunar River suddenly received a call, and her expression quickly turned ugly.

“Did something happen?” Frey asked curiously.

“It’s nothing. It’s just an argument between a senior’s son and some little fellows that needs my intervention. As those little fellows have a gold invitation sent by one of Desolate Star City’s management powers, many powers are paying attention to this matter,” Lunar River said. Then, she suggested, “Since the Galaxy Conglomerate is now one of Desolate Star City’s management powers, how about you go with me, Miss Frey? This is a good opportunity to let the various powers meet you.”

“Okay.” After thinking about it, Frey felt it was necessary to let everyone know that the Galaxy Conglomerate had become one of Desolate Star City’s management powers.

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Chapter 3839: Alternate Ending 913 - Suffocation

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Desolate Star City, Auction Venue:

As time passed, more and more guests gathered in the auction venue's lobby because of the commotion Crocodile Fang caused. Many of these guests looked at Shi Feng's group sympathetically.

Angel's Retribution was the Angel Sanctuary's number one power. No matter how extraordinary the power backing Desolate Star City was, even it would likely have to defer to Angel's Retribution. It was especially so when this situation involved Crocodile Fang.

Crocodile Fang was a famous bully in the Angel Sanctuary. He was the pampered son of Golden Leo, Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader, who had an absolute say over the Guild. Because of this, he could go about his bullying fearlessly and only had to be wary of the executives of apex powers.

"Miss Shuoyun, are you done with your call? What did Miss River say?" Crocodile Fang asked tentatively when he saw Shuoyun had ended her call.

While Crocodile Fang might be a prodigal and a tyrant, he wasn't a fool. If he were to take action in King's Paradise's territory, even if King's Paradise's Lunar River chose not to say anything about it, she would be dissatisfied with him. Who knew what she would do to him in the future? He wasn't strong enough to ignore King's Paradise's retaliation, either.

Thus, he needed to know Lunar River's stance.

If Lunar River decided not to care about this matter, he could deal with Xia Qingying's group at will. If she reacted negatively to his intentions, he would have to tone down his actions as a show of respect to King's Paradise. If she expressed anger toward his intentions and had him get lost, he would have no choice but to give up on his persecution of Xia Qingying's group today and find an opportunity some other day. After all, he'd be provoking King's Paradise if he continued to take action after Lunar River's warning.

While King's Paradise might have chosen to operate behind the scenes in God's Domain after failing in its challenge to become an apex power over half a century ago, it still wasn't an opponent that Angel's Retribution could afford to provoke casually.

Crocodile Fang had to be especially wary of Lunar River, who had inherited the position of King's Paradise's First Vice Guild Leader at a young age.

Yes, inherited!

Unlike others, Lunar River did not have to compete for her position in the Guild. This was because of her monstrous talent. She was the most talented player to have

appeared in the Angel Sanctuary in the past few centuries, and she was practically certain to become King's Paradise's Guild Leader in the future.

At the age of 16, Lunar River had secretly debuted on the Divine Glory List under a pseudonym and achieved third place. Although her name suddenly stopped appearing on the list later on, Angel's Retribution had kept track of her actions throughout the past decade or so.

Lunar River's most recent public appearance was four years ago. Back then, she had already reached Level 240 and had killed the Giant Sanctuary's number-one player in ten moves, along with the 100 Level 230-plus fifth-floor experts accompanying him. The event terrified the Giant Sanctuary's powers; for some time, none dared to let their top experts leave the safety of their Holy Cities.

Four years had passed since then. Now, Crocodile Fang dared not imagine how terrifying Lunar River had become. The Angel Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers even guessed she might have achieved *that* standard already. Otherwise, King's Paradise wouldn't have made such a high-profile comeback.

"She said that she would be here soon," Shuoyun answered. "Before she arrives, you are not allowed to do anything or leave!"

"She will come in person?" Crocodile Fang sighed in relief at this answer. "Okay, I'll wait for her here."

The news of Lunar River's decision to make a personal appearance was neither good nor bad. It showed that she was upset about the situation, but not so much that she was willing to offend Angel's Retribution. So long as he didn't go too far in persecuting Xia Qingying's group, Lunar River shouldn't have any problems.

After saying so, Crocodile River returned to Xiao Quan and patted the other party on the shoulder.

"Brother Xiao, I promise to get revenge for you. I will have that pretty lady accompany you for a drink and apologize," Crocodile Fang said confidently.

"I'll look forward to it, Brother Fang," Xiao Quan said joyfully. Originally, he had already given up getting revenge on Xia Qingying and Shi Feng after his superior instructed him to let go of this matter. He never expected fate to play in his favor.

"They want us to apologize?!" Drifting Bean exploded when she overheard Crocodile Fang and Xiao Quan's conversation. "We were here first! Yet, not only do they want to take our room, but they also want us to apologize?! They must be dreaming! I refuse to believe Desolate Star City will turn a blind eye to this!"

The surrounding spectators nodded in agreement. Inwardly, though, none of them were optimistic about the situation.

The various powers revolved around interests. Without sufficient benefits, there was no way Desolate Star City would casually offend a behemoth like Angel's Retribution.

"How about I reveal my Internal Elder status?" Endless Scars suggested. "With the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's influence, Crocodile Fang should tone down his actions."

"Absolutely not!" Xia Qingying vetoed. "Your identity must be kept secret for your safety in the real world! You are our world's greatest hope for achieving success! Nothing can happen to you!"

Very few people knew about Endless Scars's identity as one of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's Internal Elders. Only those extremely trustworthy were let in on the secret.

This secrecy was to ensure Endless Scars's safety in the real world. Internal competition within the Eternal Chamber of Commerce was extremely fierce and cruel. While revealing her status in Eternal might keep her safe from the Greater God's Domain's various powers, it would expose her to the dangers within the apex power. So long as her competitors learned of her identity, they would have plenty of methods to eliminate her.

"In that case, we can take shelter in the God's Domain Association if the situation looks bad," Endless Scars said after some thought. "With my mental strength standard, so long as Desolate Star City doesn't take any direct action, nobody can stop us."

The God's Domain Association had a branch in every mobile city. It was also an existence that no power dared disobey. So long as they entered the God's Domain Association, not even apex powers would dare touch them. They should also have no trouble leaving Desolate Star City. If Endless Scars had the Chamber of Commerce send a team of bodyguards to escort them, Angel's Retribution wouldn't dare continue standing in their way.

"I guess that's our only option if things don't go well," Xia Qingying said, nodding.

Although Xia Qingying had heard from Shi Feng that his gold invitation came from Frey, she still didn't feel safe. After all, Frey was the Galaxy Conglomerate's Fourth Princess and a Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation, a pseudo-apex power. She was also a popular figure in the current Eternal Realm. Why would such a big shot send Shi Feng an invitation to Desolate Star City? It was a gold invitation, no less. The two stood on parallel lines, and it was only due to luck that they had crossed paths before.

Suddenly, a commotion appeared outside the auction venue. Many of the guests in the lobby rushed to the entrance. It was obvious that Desolate Star City's representative had arrived.

"Since Miss River has arrived, you bunch should start considering what to do! Otherwise, I will have my people decide for you!" Crocodile Fang sneered at Xia Qingying's group when he saw the approaching crowd.

As Crocodile Fang finished speaking, a large group of people entered the lobby, led by two young women. The two women were none other than King's Paradise's Vice Guild Leader Lunar River and the Red Dragon Nation's Vice Guild Leader Frey.

"Big Sis River, you're here!" As soon as Crocodile Fang saw Lunar River, he immediately greeted her as if he were greeting a relative. He grew even more elated when he saw the woman beside Lunar River. He hadn't expected to be able to attract the attention of a big shot like Frey. "Greetings, Miss Frey! I am Angel's Retribution's Crocodile Fang! It is an honor to meet you!"

While Crocodile Fang was introducing himself, the bored Frey suddenly noticed a young man standing a short distance behind Crocodile Fang. A smile immediately blossomed on her face, and she approached the other party without hesitation.

"Guild Leader Black Flame! You actually showed up!"

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Chapter 3840: Alternate Ending 914 - Black Flame's Influence

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The lobby fell silent at Frey's words as every guest present looked at the inconspicuous young man.

"What's going on? Why is Miss Frey taking the initiative to greet that person?"

"Crap! Who is that guy? Miss Frey normally doesn't even care to greet the heads of the pseudo-apex powers based in Galaxy City. Could that guy be an apex power's chosen one?"

“Black Flame... I’ve heard of this name before. He made quite the name for himself in the Eternal Realm. He also recently debuted on the Divine Glory List as a top 300 expert.”

“What? That can’t be right. How can a top 300 expert on the Divine Glory List receive such treatment? I heard that Miss Frey didn’t even pay respect to the Skylight Association’s Nineteenth Sword, one of the current Ten Great Sword Gods.”

The guests present were executives of either conglomerates or top-tier upper-ranking hegemonic powers. They more or less knew about Frey’s circumstances, so they were greatly confused by her attitude toward Shi Feng. They now eyed Shi Feng as if looking at a monster.

Xia Qingying was also dumbfounded by this situation. She hadn’t thought that Shi Feng had been telling the truth when he said his invitation came from Frey.

After all, Frey’s current status had risen so much that even the Guild Leaders of pseudo-apex powers had to treat her with respect. She was already a popular figure in the Greater God’s Domain. When it came to influence, she stood among the top of the Greater God’s Domain. Hence, Xia Qingying couldn’t imagine how Shi Feng, who only entered the Greater World recently, could have dealings with Frey. Furthermore, judging by Frey’s tone, their relationship was not shallow.

So, he’s the Guild Leader of that Zero Wing? At Frey’s words, Lunar River looked at Shi Feng, intrigued.

“Miss Frey, do you know each other?” Crocodile Fang was stunned to see Frey greeting Shi Feng so affectionately.

Crocodile Fang visited Desolate Star City this time with two goals. He wanted to negotiate an alliance with King’s Paradise on Angel’s Retribution’s behalf and get acquainted with Frey, a popular figure in the current Greater God’s Domain.

Before the Eternal Realm’s appearance, the Red Dragon Nation was a mediocre pseudo-apex power and would never have garnered the attention of Angel’s Retribution. However, after the Eternal Realm appeared, Frey led the Red Dragon Nation’s forces to swiftly occupy a major city and expand the Guild’s operations. This brought the Red Dragon Nation abundant funds and resources. The many secret treasures the Red Dragon Nation obtained also enabled it to produce many experts, significantly increasing the Guild’s overall strength.

Now, the Red Dragon Nation already rivaled the Greater God’s Domain’s Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers. Moreover, its foundations in the Eternal Realm were vastly superior to what many of them had.

For pseudo-apex powers looking to expand into the Eternal Realm, it would be in their best interests to join forces with the Red Dragon Nation. With the Red Dragon Nation's assistance, they could establish themselves more quickly in the Eternal Realm. This point could be seen simply by looking at the attitude of King's Paradise's Lunar River toward Frey.

"That's right. Are you Crocodile Fang, the representative of Angel's Retribution that River mentioned?" Frey asked as she turned to Crocodile Fang.

"That is me." Crocodile Fang nodded, not daring to put on airs.

"River mentioned that you had a conflict with someone at the auction venue," Frey stated, narrowing her eyes. Then, she pointed at Shi Feng and questioned Crocodile Fang coldly, "You couldn't have caused trouble for my guest, Guild Leader Black Flame, right?"

"This is a misunderstanding! It's all a misunderstanding, Miss Frey!" When Crocodile Fang saw Frey's dissatisfied look, he knew that he had provoked someone he shouldn't have provoked. "I was only trying to invite Guild Leader Black Flame for a chat on my friend's behalf. I had no other intentions. I am willing to apologize if I offended Miss Frey's guest."

Crocodile Fang's words stunned the surrounding guests. Even Xia Qingying and Endless Scars hadn't expected the arrogant Crocodile Fang to react so flexibly.

"Misunderstanding? How can you call this a misunderstanding?! You were the one trying to snatch our room first! Not only that, but you even wanted to have Big Sis Xia apologize to that guy over there!" Drifting Bean retorted in dissatisfaction as she pointed at Xiao Quan. "Now, you say that this was all a misunderstanding?"

"Little girl, I already said I would apologize. What more do you want?" Crocodile Fang said, smiling at Drifting Bean nonchalantly. "Or do you want Miss Frey to make an enemy out of Angel's Retribution before you are satisfied?"

Drifting Bean gnashed her teeth at Crocodile Fang's words. However, she dared not say anything more.

Crocodile Fang had essentially just employed a feigned retreat. He knew he couldn't afford to offend Frey, so he took the initiative to apologize. By doing so, he could show his respect to Frey while minimizing the humiliation he had to suffer. If Xia Qingying's group continued to pursue the matter, they would become the inconsiderate guests in this situation.

Moreover, it was as Crocodile Fang said. Shi Feng was only a guest invited by Frey. Would Frey be willing to burn her bridges with Angel's Retribution for Shi Feng? It should be known that Angel's Retribution was the Angel Sanctuary's number one

power. It could rival the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers, similar to the current Red Dragon Nation.

“What do you think, River?” Frey suddenly asked Lunar River, acting like she had not heard what Crocodile Fang and Drifting Bean had just said.

However, Frey’s words elated Crocodile Fang.

It was obvious that Frey did not wish to offend Angel’s Retribution too terribly. Hence, she sought Lunar River’s opinion. And if King’s Paradise still wanted to ally with Angel’s Retribution, the result of asking Lunar River was self-evident.

“You are one of Desolate Star City’s highest authorities. Since this issue happened in Desolate Star City, you naturally have the final say,” Lunar River said, chuckling. Her behavior made it seem like she had already given her answer.

In the end, it’s still all about profits! Drifting Bean felt aggrieved when she heard the exchange between Frey and Lunar River.

“That person is ultimately Angel’s Retribution’s representative. This is already the ideal outcome for us,” Xia Qingying said, consoling the bitter girl beside her. “We can’t make things difficult for Miss Frey.”

Stronger! I must become stronger! Drifting Bean inwardly vowed. She decided that she must develop the Blood Wing adventurer team into a power that even Angel’s Retribution feared. At that time, she would be able to give Crocodile Fang a piece of her mind in a similar situation.

However, before Xia Qingying and Drifting Bean could react, a cold voice suddenly entered their ears and echoed in their minds.

“In that case, get lost! Desolate Star City doesn’t welcome you!” Frey shouted at Crocodile Fang and Xiao Quan, her voice sonorous and powerful. It sounded like a pronouncement of fate, and it made everyone in the lobby stare at her in disbelief.

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Chapter 3841: Alternate Ending 915 - Because I Am Stronger

Chapter 915 – Because I Am Stronger

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“Did I mishear?”

“Heavens! Does she want to fall out with Angel’s Retribution?!”

“Madness! This is madness! Who is that guy?! How can he get Miss Frey to go to such lengths for him?!”

Everyone present was a member of a major power, so they knew that nobody would casually offend a pseudo-apex power, much less do so for an outsider. Such behavior was extremely irrational in God’s Domain.

It should be known that Crocodile Fang represented Angel’s Retribution. Frey driving him out of Desolate Star City was tantamount to slapping Angel’s Retribution in the face. It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say she was making an enemy of Angel’s Retribution.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, what is your relationship with Miss Frey?” Drifting Bean asked, staring at Shi Feng in astonishment. “Why is she willing to help you to such an extent?”

Xia Qingying and Endless Scars also looked at Shi Feng, finding it incredible that a big shot like Frey would thoroughly offend Angel’s Retribution for the Guild Leader of a small Guild. If Shi Feng were to say that nothing was going on between him and Frey, nobody would believe him.

“Miss Frey?” Crocodile Fang was stupefied, his eyes filled with confusion as he looked at Frey.

Although Crocodile Fang knew that Frey shared close ties with Shi Feng, he had thought that Frey would, at worst, give him a harsh admonishment. Hence, he dared to say what he did to Drifting Bean. It was to remind Frey not to offend Angel’s Retribution for the sake of a guest.

Crocodile Fang had never expected Frey to be willing to thoroughly offend Angel’s Retribution for Shi Feng. This was insanity.

“Take them away! I don’t want to see them in Desolate Star City in the future!” Frey ordered Shuoyun, not bothering to even glance at Crocodile Fang.

“This...” Shuoyun was also confused by this situation, and she couldn’t help but turn to Lunar River.

Frey might be one of Desolate Star City’s highest authorities, but even King’s Paradise would have to properly consider whether it wanted to provoke a power like Angel’s Retribution. Furthermore, this issue occurred in Desolate Star City, the mobile city

controlled by King's Paradise, so Shuoyun felt it would be wiser to let Lunar River make the final decision.

"Big Sis River, could this be a mistake? I am here on King's Paradise's invitation!" Crocodile Fang said, looking at Lunar River with an ugly expression. "If I am driven out, there won't be any further negotiations between us!"

Crocodile Fang knew speaking with Frey was meaningless at this point, so he could only pin his hopes on Lunar River. If he truly was driven out of Desolate Star City, it would be a huge embarrassment for him.

"I already said that Frey has the final say," Lunar River said to Shuoyun, ignoring Crocodile Fang's words.

Shuoyun no longer held any doubts after hearing Lunar River's words. Even so, the shock she felt did not decrease in the slightest. On the contrary, these words intensified it.

As a member of King's Paradise, Shuoyun knew that King's Paradise did not have any relationship with Shi Feng. She also knew Lunar River was acquainted with Angel's Retribution's current Guild Leader. Yet, for Shi Feng's sake, or more specifically, for Frey's sake, Lunar River was willing to offend Angel's Retribution. This was a very confusing situation.

"Why are you still standing there?" Lunar River glared at Shuoyun.

"Understood!" Shuoyun snapped out of her daze and had the other head attendants nearby surround Crocodile Fang's group.

"Big Sis River! Are you going to destroy the long relationship between our two Guilds for some outsiders?!" Crocodile Fang panicked when he saw the approaching head attendants. He felt Lunar River must be out of her mind to choose to abandon King's Paradise's partnership with Angel's Retribution to befriend Frey.

"Shuoyun, take them away!" Lunar River said, acting as if she did not hear Crocodile Fang as she had Shuoyun escort Crocodile Fang's group to the airport. Her nonchalant expression also made it seem like what she had just done was something trivial.

Ultimately, Crocodile Fang could only leave the auction venue in shock and frustration. He had never expected Lunar River to drive him out without hesitation. He felt that she must have truly lost her mind.

What Crocodile Fang didn't know was that Lunar River didn't do all this to gain Frey's favor. Instead, she had done it for Shi Feng, Zero Wing's Guild Leader.

Originally, Lunar River believed that the Red Dragon Nation and Azure Fang were the true owners of Shadowring Town with Zero Wing serving as a front. Although Frey had stated otherwise, Lunar River had been skeptical.

However, after seeing Frey's attitude toward Shi Feng, Lunar River felt that Shadowring Town might genuinely be under Zero Wing's control.

"As expected of one of the most popular figures in the current Greater God's Domain. Even Desolate Star City's administrator is willing to do Miss Frey such a huge favor," Xia Qingying exclaimed softly as she watched Crocodile Fang and Xiao Quan getting escorted out of the auction venue. Then, she turned to the silent Shi Feng and asked, "Guild Leader Black Flame, you couldn't have gotten some dirt on Miss Frey, right? Otherwise, why would she stand on your side so decisively?"

As the person who had brought Shi Feng into the Greater World, Xia Qingying felt that she knew plenty about him. Based on what she knew, it should be impossible for him to have anything to do with Frey. After all, one stayed in Star Lake City this entire time, while the other stayed in Galaxy City, one of the best first-tier mobile cities in the Greater World. The two were worlds apart in status.

If Xia Qingying had to come up with a reason for Frey to side with Shi Feng, it would be that Shi Feng had blackmail material on Frey.

Endless Scars also couldn't help but look at Shi Feng curiously.

Frey was the spokesperson of the Red Dragon Nation, an existence that rivaled the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers. Even the Grand Elders of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce would have difficulty getting such staunch support from her.

"I don't have anything like that," Shi Feng said, shaking his head with a smile. "As for why Miss Frey is willing to help me, I can think of only one reason."

"What is it?" Xia Qingying grew even more curious.

Frey stood at the top of the Greater God's Domain in status. It wasn't easy to convince someone like her to provide help to such an extent. When Xia Qingying put herself in Frey's shoes, she couldn't think of any reason to offend Angel's Retribution, a pseudo-apex power as strong as the Red Dragon Nation, for Shi Feng.

"It's because I am stronger than them!" Shi Feng said confidently.

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Chapter 3842: Alternate Ending 916 - Everlasting City

Chapter 916 – Everlasting City

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“Stronger than them?”

Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng’s average-sized body, feeling he was joking with her. As for Endless Scars, although she had her face covered with a veil, it wasn’t difficult for those around her to see the disdain under that veil.

Realistically speaking, Shi Feng, as a great grandmaster, was indeed stronger than Crocodile Fang. However, Xia Qingying obviously wasn’t asking about mental strength standards but why Frey would go against Angel’s Retribution for Shi Feng.

Zero Wing was stronger than Angel’s Retribution?

No matter how they looked at it, there was no comparison between the two Guilds. The two Guilds were worlds apart simply in the number of fifth-floor experts and Level 230-plus experts each commanded. The current Zero Wing was vastly inferior to even the Blood Wing adventurer team, let alone Angel’s Retribution.

“If you don’t want to say it, forget it,” Xia Qingying said, giving up on getting an answer from Shi Feng. “Regardless, thanks to your acquaintance with Miss Frey, we managed to get out of this mess. Otherwise, we would have been in deep trouble.”

When Shi Feng saw Xia Qingying’s skepticism, he did not try to explain himself. The current Zero Wing was no longer the same Guild that Xia Qingying knew before. Zero Wing had changed dramatically since the Tower of the Abyss’s construction, and the Guild’s fifth-floor experts were skyrocketing in number by the day. Aside from levels and equipment standards, Zero Wing’s experts had already exceeded the various pseudo-apex powers’ experts in quantity and quality.

As Zero Wing’s ally, Frey was well aware of these changes. Although the Red Dragon Nation’s fifth-floor experts didn’t get the privilege of using the Tower of the Abyss at least ten times a day like Zero Wing’s fifth-floor experts, they still got to use the tower twice daily. This allowed Frey to create a legion rivaling even the trump card legions of apex powers.

At this rate, it wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that the Red Dragon Nation was guaranteed to rival apex powers. All it needed was time to digest the Tower of the Abyss’s benefits.

It was also because Frey knew about the Tower of the Abyss’s astonishing effects that she knew how terrifying Zero Wing was. If comparing only the quantity and quality of fifth-floor experts in the Eternal Realm, Zero Wing was likely superior to even apex

powers, let alone Angel's Retribution. Furthermore, this was only the trump card that Frey currently knew about.

Zero Wing's true trump card right now was Dragon's Crown. However, besides the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers, no other powers in the Greater God's Domain knew about Dragon's Crown. It was also unlikely that this information would spread any time soon, as none of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers wanted others to know about Dragon's Crown.

Regardless, so long as Frey wasn't dumb, she would naturally know how she should choose in this situation.

While Shi Feng and Xia Qingying were talking, Lunar River approached them.

"Dear guests, I am truly sorry for the upsetting incident you have experienced in Desolate Star City," Lunar River apologized sincerely. Then, she put on an indescribably friendly smile and continued, "As compensation, the auction venue's third-floor allied rooms will be permanently open to you all. Additionally, the city will provide you a 20% discount on all transactions you make in the auction this time."

"Twenty percent? Is that okay?" Drifting Bean asked excitedly.

Although many excellent goods were sold at the trade fair, nothing had grabbed her attention. However, Desolate Star City's auction was a different story. It was rumored that the auction would sell even Divine Artifacts. Although she wouldn't necessarily be able to afford a Divine Artifact, she should be able to buy the materials needed to repair her Fragmented Divine Artifact. Such materials were rarely seen under normal circumstances. Now that the various powers were willing to sell even Divine Artifacts, they would naturally sell materials necessary to repair Fragmented Divine Artifacts as well.

However, many auction items did not come from King's Paradise. If Lunar River offered them a 20% discount, this also meant that King's Paradise would have to foot the bill for that 20%. With each transaction worth tens of thousands of Eternal Gold or more, this 20% discount could end up becoming a significant expenditure for King's Paradise.

"Of course. This is Desolate Star City's apology," Lunar River said, smiling. Then, she guided Shi Feng and the others into the auction hall.

This scene made the various powers' members present jealous. However, when they considered the relationship between Shi Feng and Frey, they kept their jealousy to themselves. Those local to the Starlight Continent even reported this situation to their superiors in detail, prohibiting their members from provoking Zero Wing. Otherwise, they would be responsible for the consequences of their actions.

As for Desolate Star City's auction, it turned out grander than expected. Over 10,000 items were sold in the auction, many of which were Fragmented Divine Artifacts and rare materials needed to repair Fragmented Divine Artifacts. There were even two Divine Artifacts. However, as each Divine Artifact sold for more than 500,000 Eternal Gold, most attending powers could only sigh helplessly. If Shi Feng hadn't secretly spent 1.27 million Eternal Gold to buy 120 Eternal Stones, he would have bid on those two Divine Artifacts.

Xia Qingying and Drifting Bean also gained a significant harvest. Xia Qingying bought herself another high-quality Fragmented Divine Artifact, while Drifting Bean collected enough materials to repair her Fragmented Divine Artifact.

After the auction, Xia Qingying hastily returned to the Green God Corporation's main headquarters because of an urgent matter. As for Shi Feng, just as he was about to take a passenger plane back to Star Lake City, Shuoyun suddenly invited him to have a chat at the City Lord's Manor.

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"Guild Leader Black Flame, forgive me for inviting you here on such short notice," Lunar River said, getting up from her seat when she saw Shi Feng entering her office. Then, she poured a cup of tea and pushed it across her desk. "It's nothing special, but have a taste of this tea steeped with Stardew. Its mental recovery properties are slightly stronger than that of Stardew. It should accelerate the recovery of your mental strength."

Shi Feng drank the tea without reservation. Immediately, he experienced a sense of comfort that spread to his soul. Like Lunar River said, the tea's recovery properties were superior to Stardew's. He even felt that his mental strength would make a full recovery by the time he returned to Star Lake City.

After experiencing the tea's effects, Shi Feng bluntly asked, "What business do you have with me, Miss River?"

"You are a very straightforward person, Guild Leader Black Flame," Lunar River said, stroking her long hair. Then, she sat down and continued with a smile, "In that case, I will speak frankly on behalf of King's Paradise. I have heard from Miss Frey that your Guild is fully responsible for constructing the Tower of the Abyss. I dare say that the tower's value is limitless.

"The only problem is that the Eternal Realm's players have outgrown the maps surrounding Shadowring Town, making it wasteful to have the Tower of the Abyss remain there. If the Tower of the Abyss is constructed in a big city with a player population exceeding one hundred million, the profits it can generate for Zero Wing will increase by at least one hundredfold.

“Could you elaborate on the main point, Miss River?” Shi Feng asked, then calmly took another sip of tea.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, you may not be aware, but there is a reason why the Eternal Realm’s various pseudo-apex powers and apex powers, as well as its many hidden powers, are not rushing to attack Shadowring Town,” Lunar River said leisurely, looking at Shi Feng’s calm composure. “Seven days ago, a massive island appeared in the Eternal Realm’s central region. There is an incredibly old city on that island called Everlasting City. The city is very special. Although many NPCs live in it, it is enveloped by a barrier that prevents players from entering.

“According to investigations, Everlasting City hosts a monthly competition for players. During the competition, the various powers can send as many teams of players as they want into the city to occupy land. Currently, though, all players who exceed Level 220 will have their levels suppressed to Level 220 once they enter the city.

“Of the teams that participate in the competition, the top ten teams that occupy the most land can receive a Great Lord Token, which can be used to construct a Guild City anywhere in the Eternal Realm. Teams that manage to occupy at least four plots of land will also receive a set of Eternal World Magic Array Scrolls that can help defend against the Eternal Realm’s Void Beast Tide!

“You might not have heard of the Void Beast Tide, but it is a periodic disaster that occurs in the Eternal Realm once every few months or at least once a year. In the face of a Void Beast Tide, most cities and towns will be devoured; only a few cities can barely withstand it.

“Currently, King’s Paradise is one of the few powers that have the ability to secure the Eternal World Magic Array. Our teams even have the potential to enter the top ten. So long as Zero Wing is willing to hand over half the shares of the Tower of the Abyss and reconstruct it in King’s Paradise’s Guild City, King’s Paradise will guarantee that Zero Wing receives a set of Eternal World Magic Array scrolls after every competition and never falls to a Void Beast Tide. What do you think of this proposal, Guild Leader Black Flame?”

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Chapter 3843: Alternate Ending 917 - Laura's Gift

Chapter 917 – Laura’s Gift

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“Of course, if you find that the price is too much, I am willing to settle for just one-third of the Tower of the Abyss’s shares.” Lunar River quickly amended her words when Shi Feng remained silent. Then, she continued in a confident tone, “Everlasting City’s competition will involve all three races living in the Eternal Realm, so its intensity will be unprecedented. Most participating pseudo-apex powers might have trouble occupying even one plot of land, let alone four.

“Although King’s Paradise has been operating behind the scenes for quite some time now, we can absolutely rival apex powers. We were only unlucky in timing when we tried to take the next step over half a century ago.”

Lunar River was confident that Shi Feng would ultimately side with King’s Paradise. This was because the average pseudo-apex power couldn’t even make any waves in an all-out fight among the three races, so Everlasting City’s competition was destined to be a contest among apex and royal powers.

If Zero Wing wished to survive the Eternal Realm’s upcoming disaster, its best choice would be to partner with King’s Paradise. Although it also had the option of partnering with one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers, their asking price would be much more excessive.

In fact, Lunar River was certain that Shi Feng already knew why the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers hadn’t taken action against Shadowring Town thus far. It was because they were waiting for the upcoming Void Beast Tide to destroy Shadowring Town and give them an opportunity to occupy the Tower of the Abyss for themselves.

“The Void Beast Tide, is it? That is indeed troublesome.” Shi Feng nodded. The monsters of the Void Beast Tide came from the depths of the void, so they had incredibly high levels. This was something he had witnessed in his previous life. It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to call the Void Beast Tide an apocalyptic disaster. Subsequently, he smiled at Lunar River and asked, “Miss River, may I know how your Guild compares to a royal power?”

“A royal power?” Shi Feng’s question stunned Lunar River. She couldn’t understand why he would ask such a question. However, she still made a rough estimate and answered, “Compared to the Holy Race’s royal powers that currently operate in the Eternal Realm, I’d say we have 30% of a royal power’s strength.”

“Thirty percent? That’s quite significant,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “That should put King’s Paradise in an above-average position in the struggle among the three races.”

“May I know what you mean by this, Guild Leader Black Flame?” Lunar River frowned at Shi Feng’s nonchalant evaluation. “Do you think King’s Paradise is weak?”

“No, that’s not what I meant,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. Then, he calmly smiled and continued, “What I mean is that King’s Paradise still isn’t strong enough to take one-third of the Tower of the Abyss’s shares.”

Shortly after the Holy Race constructed the Tower of the Abyss in his previous life, many of its royal powers had fought over it. At the time, apex powers weren’t even qualified to participate in the conflict. Yet, despite only rivaling apex powers, King’s Paradise dared to demand one-third of the Tower of the Abyss’s shares. It even demanded that the Tower of the Abyss be moved to its Guild City. This was nothing more than a pipe dream. King’s Paradise simply did not understand the horrors of owning the Tower of the Abyss.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, it is estimated that the next Void Beast Tide will occur in less than a month, while Everlasting City’s competition will be held tomorrow. This is Zero Wing’s last chance to get a good price. Once the competition is over, King’s Paradise’s price will no longer be as generous,” Lunar River said, half-amused and half-fuming. She had never imagined that there would come a day when someone would look down on King’s Paradise.

“Thank you for your goodwill. If there is nothing else, I will be taking my leave,” Shi Feng said before turning around and leaving. He had no intention of continuing this discussion.

“Bastard! Arrogant bastard! You are as arrogant as the rumors say!” When Shi Feng had left the room, Lunar River finally snapped, throwing Shi Feng’s teacup to the floor and cursing. “Fine! Have it your way! We’ll see if you can stay arrogant after the competition!”

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After leaving the City Lord’s Manor, Shi Feng quickly rented a supersonic passenger plane through the God’s Domain Association, returned to Star Lake City, and logged back into God’s Domain. Additionally, he had Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow try to have all of Zero Wing’s Level 200-plus fifth-floor experts gather at Shadowring Town as soon as possible.

Although his discussions with Lunar River had not ended on a happy note, she had reminded him about Everlasting City’s competition.

Everlasting City’s competition was very well-known in his previous life during the Eternal Realm’s middle stages. This was because it was one of the few events where the three races had competed with one another using their full might. However, due to the Holy Race’s overwhelming strength, the human race never saw success in the competition. The various human powers could only rely on themselves to survive the Eternal Realm’s Void Beast Tides. Hence, the various human powers had suffered tragic losses

whenever a Void Beast Tide occurred, with some even having their progress in the Eternal Realm wiped out.

Now that Zero Wing had Dragon's Crown backing it, it naturally had to compete in Everlasting City's competition.

When Shi Feng came online, he noticed a pair of big blue eyes staring at him. These eyes belonged to Heiser, the current strongest chosen one of Holy Dragon Spear.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you're finally back. Do you know how long I've been waiting for you?" Heiser grumbled at Shi Feng.

"Do you have business with me?" Shi Feng looked at Heiser in surprise.

"Of course! Before my teacher left, she wanted me to pass on an item and a critical message to you," Heiser said as she retrieved an old, dilapidated stone tablet from her bag. "Teacher said that you might have refused this item before, but you'd certainly need it in the future. She mentioned that it was especially useful for people who were challenging *that* step."

A Golden Law? People who were challenging that step? Shi Feng was confused when he saw the stone tablet that Laura had offered to give him in the past.

The existence of Gold Tablets was no secret in the Greater God's Domain. There were 88 Gold Tablets, each recording a complete Gold Combat Technique. For the various powers, it was indeed a precious treasure. Even for the current Zero Wing, a Gold Tablet could significantly add to the Guild's foundation. However, Laura's message puzzled him.

People who were challenging *that* step!

If Laura was referring to experts trying to advance to the sixth-floor standard, a complete Gold Combat Technique was indeed a helpful reference. However, it was by no means necessary. Moreover, judging by Laura's words, she wasn't referring to the sixth-floor standard.

"Ahh! I'm drained! Now that I've passed that item to you, I can finally log off!" After handing over the tablet, Heiser promptly pulled up her system interface and logged out of the game, leaving Shi Feng staring blankly at the stone tablet in his hand.

About half an hour later, a chill suddenly ran down Shi Feng's spine as he looked at the seemingly familiar stone tablet.

A Goddess Tablet?!

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Chapter 3844: Alternate Ending 918 - Nineteenth Goddess Tablet

Chapter 918 – Nineteenth Goddess Tablet

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Could this be a mistake?

Shi Feng had analyzed Laura's stone tablet using many mana interpretation methods. However, no matter how many methods he applied, the outcome was always the same.

They all pointed to the dilapidated tablet being a Goddess Tablet!

However, this Goddess Tablet wasn't any of the eighteen Goddess Tablets. According to the information he deciphered, this was the nineteenth tablet the Goddess of Space had created long after the Eighteen Goddess Tablets.

At first glance, the stone tablet merely recorded three Golden Laws. In reality, these three Golden Laws were the key to unlocking the biggest secret contained within the Eighteen Goddess Tablets. They also served as a tracker for the Eighteen Goddess Tablets. However, this function cost 10,000 God Crystals per activation and had a cooldown of one natural day.

Ten thousand God Crystals per activation... Even apex powers would choke at this price. Shi Feng stared at the Nineteenth Goddess Tablet in exasperation. Originally, he wanted to contact Laura and ask her about the tablet, but he found that her name was grayed out, indicating that she couldn't be reached. *It seems I'll have to find a solution on my own.*

The Eighteen Goddess Tablets were indeed of utmost importance to him. They recorded rare and powerful combat techniques and Mana Techniques, and they were likely crucial to his promotion to Tier 7.

Judging by the actions of Ink Crystal's party during the Continental Championship, the Crystallians knew how to advance to Tier 7. They even had a sixth-floor expert long before the Tower of the Abyss was constructed. Yet, never had he heard of anybody from any of the three races successfully getting promoted to Tier 7 in his previous life. This showed that the difficulty of reaching Tier 7 was beyond imagination.

Based on the information he had now, he was certain that sixth-floor experts fully equipped with Divine Artifacts were not strong enough to reach Tier 7. In other words, if he did not find a way to become even stronger, he'd have no chance of conquering his Tier 7 promotion land.

Besides the Fourth Goddess Tablet that I own, I know the whereabouts of two other Goddess Tablets. Therefore, I only need to accumulate 150,000 God Crystals to locate the remaining fifteen Goddess Tablets. After thinking it over, Shi Feng felt he had a good chance of collecting all of the Eighteen Goddess Tablets. He only needed 150,000 God Crystals to do so. But before that, I need to get my hands on an Eternal World Magic Array. Otherwise, Shadowing Town might not survive the impending disaster.

Shi Feng pulled up his Friends List and contacted Purgatory Jade.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, do you have good news for us again? You contacted me so soon after you came back online,” Purgatory Jade said jokingly.

“Vice Guild Leader Jade, you jest. But I do have a beneficial offer for Dragon’s Crown,” Shi Feng said, slightly shocked when he noticed the change in Purgatory Jade’s equipment.

It had only been a day since they last met, yet Purgatory Jade had already replaced her Level 240 Taboo Legendary Equipment with Fragmented Divine Artifacts. She had also replaced her previous shields with Divine Shields. The transformation was simply terrifying.

If he hadn’t known that Dragon’s Crown had no foundations in the Greater God’s Domain, he would have suspected that the Guild had been operating in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary for many years already.

“Well, what is it?” Purgatory Jade asked, smiling. “So long as it is something Dragon’s Crown can accomplish, we will cooperate to the best of our abilities, Guild Leader Black Flame.”

After separating from Shi Feng, Purgatory Jade had promptly tasked Dragon’s Crown’s members with investigating the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary and the Greater God’s Domain. Although they couldn’t conduct a comprehensive investigation due to time constraints, they still managed to learn about Zero Wing’s circumstances in the Greater God’s Domain.

While Zero Wing might not be as strong as Purgatory Jade expected, she felt it was a worthwhile partner for Dragon’s Crown. On the contrary, Dragon’s Crown might even benefit from Zero Wing being weaker than expected. After all, this gave Dragon’s Crown more opportunities to display its value to Zero Wing, thereby encouraging Zero Wing to continue summoning Dragon’s Crown’s members to the Greater God’s Domain.

In only a day, Purgatory Jade had already benefited greatly from the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, which increased her ambitions toward the Greater God’s Domain. Now, all she needed was more time to realize these ambitions, and the only way she could get more time in the Greater God’s Domain was by getting Zero Wing to keep summoning Dragon’s Crown’s members.

“I’m afraid I will need you all to take direct action this time, Vice Guild Leader Jade,” Shi Feng said after some thought. “As you will have to fight against many experts, how does 1,000 Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls sound?”

“Experts? Are they strong?” Purgatory Jade was surprised to hear Shi Feng mention the word “expert.”

Purgatory Jade knew about Shi Feng’s strength. While he might not be a sixth-floor expert, he was strong enough to trade blows with sixth-floor experts. Since he recognized their upcoming opponents as experts, it must mean that these opponents were quite strong.

However, according to their investigation, the Greater God’s Domain barely had any Half-step Mortal Gods, let alone bona fide sixth-floor experts.

“They are very strong!” Shi Feng said sternly.

Although he had never heard about any sixth-floor experts existing during the Eternal Realm’s early stages in his previous life, Ink Crystal’s appearance in the last Continental Championship proved that at least one hidden sixth-floor expert existed before the Tower of the Abyss’s advent. And now that Ink Crystal had revealed herself, her appearance might cause a butterfly effect that led to other hidden sixth-floor experts making their public debut.

If the Holy Race and the Crystallian race’s hidden sixth-floor experts were to appear, paired with their equipment advantage and the competition’s level restriction, Dragon’s Crown would be in for a tough fight.

“How interesting.” When Purgatory Jade saw Shi Feng’s serious expression, she knew he wasn’t joking. This led her to wonder how there could be so many experts in the Greater God’s Domain. “Okay, we’ll accept this deal. When will we meet? And where?”

“As soon as possible. I will send you the coordinates of our meeting point,” Shi Feng said as he sent his hotel’s coordinates to Purgatory Jade.

“Okay, we’ll be there in half an hour!” Purgatory Jade answered after looking at the coordinates. Then, she disconnected the call.

“Big Sis Jade, did something happen on Zero Wing’s side again?” Kowloon Demon asked as he looted the weapons and equipment scattered on the ground. They were all items dropped by players.

“It’s nothing. He just wants us to fight some experts,” Purgatory Jade said, smiling. “Alright, pack up! We’re returning immediately!”

“Are there really experts for us to fight in the Greater God’s Domain, Big Sis Jade?” Kowloon Demon asked, feeling a little frustrated as he looked at the ruins of the Twin Wolves Guild’s Holy City. “That Berserker God called Fierce Wolf who came to challenge us was supposed to be the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary’s sixth strongest expert. Yet, he didn’t last even one move against you.

“I thought the Twelve Sanctuaries were supposed to be the center of the Greater God’s Domain. If that guy’s performance is indicative of the Greater God’s Domain’s standards, I doubt any of the Greater God’s Domain’s experts can pose a challenge to us. This place is nothing like our homeworld.”

“Just obey my orders! You’ll get a chance to show off once we return!” Purgatory Jade glared at Kowloon Demon. Then, she promptly had everyone teleport back to Flame Vein Holy City using a Return Scroll.

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On the other side, after his call with Purgatory Jade, Shi Feng promptly used a Tier 6 Teleportation Scroll to go to a vast forest several maps away from Flame Vein Holy City.

It should be fine to summon Kalisha here. After surveying his surroundings, Shi Feng retrieved the Empress’s Scales from his bag and activated the Primordial Dragon Legacy Crystal to summon Kalisha.

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Chapter 3845: Alternate Ending 919 - Primordial Dragon's Blessing

Chapter 919 – Primordial Dragon’s Blessing

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As Shi Feng held up the Primordial Dragon Legacy Crystal and chanted, a spatial crack spanning dozens of kilometers appeared above the vast forest. It looked like the sky was being torn apart, striking fear in the monsters and players in the map.

A moment later, a pair of gigantic hands emerged from the spatial crack and pried it wide open. Then, a titanic figure over 10,000 meters tall walked out of the spatial crack, radiating a terrifying Divine Might that made the souls of all creatures in the forest shudder.

Subsequently, the titanic figure pointed at a figure on the ground, emitting invisible ripples that instantly spread hundreds of thousands of yards. All creatures that came

into contact with these ripples—whether Level 200-plus Regional Bosses or Level 220-plus, Tier 6 players—fainted without resistance.

Thank goodness I didn't summon her in the city. Shi Feng sighed in relief when he saw the commotion Kalisha had caused.

A mere mental ripple from Kalisha had caused all life within a several-hundred-mile radius to lose consciousness. The consequences would have been unimaginable if he had summoned her inside Flame Vein Holy City.

Although traces of Gods could be found in the Greater God's Domain's Twelve Sanctuaries, it was a different story for Ancient Gods. Should an Ancient God appear, the various powers would immediately mobilize all their forces in pursuit. In the case of Kalisha, an existence capable of rivaling Primordial Gods, even apex powers would try to track her down at all costs.

Normally, players who completed quests assigned by Ancient Gods could obtain lost Legacies from the Greater God's Domain's Primordial Era. If they were lucky, they might even obtain clues pertaining to the Tier 7 promotion. These factors were more than enough to make the various powers go crazy. With Kalisha being an existence that rivaled Primordial Gods, it would only be natural to assume that her quests would offer even greater rewards.

"Heaven's blessed, it seems you are very lucky. I didn't think you would recover my lost possession so quickly," Kalisha said with a satisfied smile when she saw the Empress's Scales in Shi Feng's hands. "With this item, I will soon be able to regain all my strength and no longer have to hide from those Evil Gods and Demon Gods. As per our agreement, you are now my true contractor. For your valiant efforts, I will give you three options for your reward.

"The first option is a Phantom Crystal I made. Sealed inside it is a trace of my consciousness. You can use it to conjure an illusion doppelganger of me to assist you in battle for three hours.

"The second option is a request for me to take action once in person.

"The third option is a Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book passed down by a Primordial God. It is something that I found in the depths of the Void Sea.

"I have yet to fully recover my strength, so I cannot stay for long. You have thirty seconds to consider."

System: Congratulations! You have completed the second stage of the Inferior Mythical Quest Sanctuary's Rise. Rewarding five levels. Kalisha's Favorability of you has increased by 100 points. You have become Kalisha's true Soul Contractor and obtained the complete Primordial Dragon's Power.

Following the system notification, Shi Feng's level increased from 218 to 223, catching up to the Greater God's Domain's mainstream Tier 6 players' levels. However, the increase in his level did not attract Shi Feng's attention. Instead, he focused on the three options Kalisha had given him.

Any of the rewards Kalisha offered could cause an uproar across the Greater God's Domain.

Regarding the first option's Phantom Crystal, while the conjured phantom wouldn't be as strong as Kalisha herself, it could stay in battle for three hours. Whether it was used to fight a Guild War or raid a Taboo Boss, it would be very useful.

The second option's request was also amazing. Although he could request Kalisha to make only one move for him, she would do so in her peak condition. In other words, he could get an existence that rivaled Primordial Gods to make a move for him. He wouldn't trade away this valuable opportunity, even for multiple Divine Artifacts.

As for the third option's Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book, countless Tier 6 players would go crazy over such an item. Normally, even if a Tier 6 player obtained a Tier 7 Spell Book by some miracle, they wouldn't be able to learn it due to tier restrictions. However, Growth-type Spell Books were an exception. Players of any tier could learn them. Moreover, players could upgrade a Growth-type Spell all the way to its maximum tier as long as the growth conditions were met.

In other words, a Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book could let players who were Tier 6 or below obtain a bona fide Tier 7 Spell. The value of such a Spell Book easily exceeded that of several dozen Divine Artifacts. It was truly a priceless treasure.

As the 30-second time limit approached, Kalisha asked, "Have you decided yet?"

"I pick the Phantom Crystal!" Shi Feng answered firmly.

Although the second and third reward options were extremely tempting, they couldn't solve his immediate concern, which was the fight against the Undying Mother.

After nearly getting wiped at the end of the Tosas raid, Shi Feng knew better than to rely on a devastating strike to kill a Taboo Boss. If he wanted good odds for conquering the Undying Mother, his best bet would be the Phantom Crystal. Although Kalisha's phantom wouldn't be as strong as the real deal, it should still be able to hold its ground against one of the Twenty-Two Taboos. After all, while the Twenty-Two Taboos were powerful, they ultimately hadn't reached the standard of Primordial Gods. On the other hand, Kalisha was an existence that rivaled Primordial Gods.

As for the third option's Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book, while it might be priceless to others, Shi Feng didn't strictly need it, as he had the Abyssal Eye.

“As you wish.” At Shi Feng’s answer, Kalisha conjured a silver crystal and handed it to him. “Now that you have obtained my complete power, this also means that you have become a thorn in the eyes of those Evil Gods and Demon Gods. Those things will remain a significant threat to you before I fully recover and eliminate them, so try to master my strength as quickly as possible.”

After that reminder, Kalisha turned into a streak of light and disappeared into the spatial crack, leaving Shi Feng stupefied as he stared at the latest system notification.

System: Warning! Warning! Evil Gods and Demon Gods now view you as a true enemy. You have triggered a Life Curse, causing you to lose 10% of your Basic Attributes permanently every time you die. An Evil Demon’s Shadow will also attack you once every 30 natural days. The Evil Demon’s Shadow will grow stronger with time. To lift the curse, you must kill the Evil Gods and Demon Gods responsible for cursing you.

“Fuck!” Shi Feng swore subconsciously when he saw the system notification.

Previously, the curse of the Evil Gods and Demon Gods only caused him to be periodically attacked by Evil Demon Shadows, which was not a big problem for him. But now, the curse would also cause him to lose 10% of his Basic Attributes every time he died. This was a massive penalty, especially when he was aiming to get promoted to Tier 7.

However, despite his frustration, Shi Feng didn’t dwell on the matter for long. He quickly shifted his thoughts to the power Kalisha mentioned.

Although he had already enjoyed Kalisha’s blessing before, its effects were limited, as she had lost much of her strength. Now that Kalisha had obtained a Primordial Dragon Relic and recovered her lost strength, he could finally use the complete Primordial Dragon’s Power.

TL Notes:

Fyi, the Soul Contract was introduced in Chapter 291-“*Players who signed a Soul Contract would have to permanently contribute a portion of their soul to the contractor to gain a portion of the contractor’s power.*”

Chapter 3846: Alternate Ending 920 - Zero Wing's Blade

Chapter 920 – Zero Wing’s Blade

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So, this is the true Primordial Dragon's blessing?

Surprise colored Shi Feng's eyes as he read the Primordial Dragon's Power's introduction.

[Primordial Dragon's Power]

As the Soul Contractor of the Dragon Princess Kalisha, you may have Kalisha possess your body and transform you into a Primordial Dragon for five minutes. You will have the intuition of a Primordial Dragon throughout this duration.

Cooldown: 3 natural days

Primordial Dragons were akin to myths to the Greater God's Domain's players. Even the various apex powers' executives had only ever heard about Primordial Dragons; never had they seen one. Everyone only knew that Primordial Dragons were existences equal to Primordial Gods.

Generally, even a sliver of a Primordial Dragon's strength or Legacy could let an ordinary player stand at the apex of the Greater God's Domain. As for becoming a Primordial Dragon, that was not something players dared to think about.

No wonder the system warning was so over the top! If it means being able to have such power, getting hunted by every Evil God and Demon God in existence is a small price to pay! Many players would even be willing to get hunted by the entire Greater God's Domain! As Shi Feng looked at the dragon pattern on the back of his right hand, he suddenly felt that he had received an enormous windfall. He even felt this was the most significant harvest he had ever obtained since he started playing God's Domain.

Transforming into a Primordial Dragon!

Setting aside the all-around improvements players could receive from becoming a Primordial Dragon, simply the intuition of a Primordial Dragon could already be considered unimaginable wealth. So long as players utilized it properly, it could help them improve their strength much more effectively than even the Tower of the Abyss.

Although the Tower of the Abyss was incredible, it ultimately only functioned to provide players with opponents. Players' intuition remained unchanged, and they'd have to rely on themselves to fumble around and achieve enlightenment.

However, it was a different story if players transformed into a Primordial Dragon. Besides their extremely high Life Rating, Dragons were strong because their intuition was vastly superior to that of other races. As Primordial Dragons were existences that transcended Dragons, their intuition was naturally even more superb. If players could learn with a Primordial Dragon's intuition, they'd be able to improve at the speed of light.

After Kalisha left, the monsters and players in the forest regained consciousness. Noticing this, Shi Feng dared not linger, promptly using a Return Scroll to teleport back to Flame Vein Holy City. Then, he met up with Dragon's Crown's members and used World-Breaking Teleportation to travel back to Zero Wing's Residence in Shadowring Town.

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Eternal Realm, Shadowring Town, Zero Wing's Residence:

Due to Shi Feng's summons, the originally crowded Guild Residence became even more congested. Teams of Zero Wing experts returned to the Residence every few minutes, the sight shocking many of Zero Wing's new members and passersby.

"What's going on? Why have so many of Zero Wing's experts returned?"

"The Snow Goddess Gentle Snow, the Reincarnated Spear Demon Fervent Samsara, Knight's Blade Heavy Abyss, Demon Queen Phoenix Rain, the Twin Shadows Hidden Soul and Fire Dance, the Phantom Flower Shadow Flower, the Purple Witch of Lightning Ji Luorong, Shadow Spear Crimson Heart... Why have all these Divine Glory List debutants gathered? Aren't they supposed to be fighting the Holy Race on the World Ark's frontlines?"

"It's not just them. Even Zero Wing's younger generation experts have gathered. Half an hour ago, I saw Wordless Ember, Sleeping Quicksand, and Jun Luosha returning to Zero Wing's Residence. These are all experts who have gone undefeated in the Battle Arena."

"Why have so many experts gathered? Is something going to happen to Shadowring Town?"

The players residing in Shadowring Town were very familiar with Zero Wing's experts. Initially, everyone thought that Zero Wing was doomed after the Holy Race decided to give it special attention and Zero Wing's Guild Leader Black Flame suddenly went missing. However, as Zero Wing's casualties increased, experts started emerging in the Guild one after another. These experts thrived on the World Ark's frontlines, their contributions eventually earning Zero Wing the recognition that it was comparable to pseudo-apex powers.

Now that all of these Zero Wing experts had gathered, it was difficult for others not to overthink matters.

"Vice Guild Leader Soul, why did the Guild Leader gather us so urgently?" Nightingale Zhuo Yalin asked Hidden Soul out of curiosity. "Is an apex power planning to attack us?"

Clear Sky Lin Yaoyue also looked at Hidden Soul curiously.

Zhuo Yalin and Lin Yaoyue had joined Zero Wing not long ago. Although they had never participated in any of Zero Wing's major battles, they knew something big must be happening now that so many of the Guild's fifth-floor experts had gathered.

"I have no idea," Hidden Soul said, smiling wryly. "The Guild Leader simply contacted Snow and me and told us to gather everyone out of the blue."

"An apex power is attacking us? Isn't that great news? I've been wanting to test the Gold Combat Technique I created in the Tower of the Abyss," Ji Luorong, who had risen to Level 224, said eagerly.

"Indeed." Phoenix Rain, who had reached Level 225, agreed with Ji Luorong's sentiment. "Although the Tower of the Abyss can simulate various powerful opponents, those fifth-floor opponents are too strong for us to fight properly. If we could fight fifth-floor experts of roughly equal strength, we might have an easier time achieving a breakthrough."

Although they had fought many experts from the Holy Race and other human powers since entering the Eternal Realm, these experts varied in combat standards, and most hadn't even reached the fifth-floor standard. With the recent improvements they had achieved, thanks to the Tower of the Abyss, the improvements they could achieve through field PvP had become extremely limited.

In their current state, they could only improve quickly by fighting the experts of apex powers.

Amidst the discussions of Zero Wing's experts, Shi Feng arrived at the Residence's courtyard with the cloaked members of Dragon's Crown. When the thousands of Zero Wing members in the courtyard saw him, they promptly stood to attention.

"Guild Leader!"

"Guild Leader, are we really going to war with an apex power?"

Shi Feng was astonished as he looked at the experts in the courtyard. It was especially so when he looked at Hidden Soul, Phoenix Rain, Crimson Heart, Shadow Flower, and the others who had come forward to greet him.

In his previous life, these were all experts who had made a name for themselves after entering the Greater God's Domain. Now, not only had they joined Zero Wing, but their talents had also started to shine. Additionally, they had all reached the fifth-floor standard and were all at Level 220 or higher. Moreover, they were fully equipped with Legendary Equipment, and the weapons they wielded were at least Fragmented Divine Artifacts.

Of all these experts, Gentle Snow's and Phoenix Rain's improvements stood out the most.

Since Gentle Snow passed the Goddess Armament's trial and received the Tower of the Abyss's assistance, her combat standard had soared to indiscernible heights. Shi Feng already felt threatened when he got within 20 yards of her.

As for Phoenix Rain, she had apparently encountered a fortuitous opportunity since entering the Eternal Realm. Not only did she sport a Divine Staff, but her Concentration had also reached the Tier 6 Limit standard. This was simply incredible.

So, this is Zero Wing? When Purgatory Jade scanned the courtyard, she found that Zero Wing had far more experts than she anticipated. It looked nothing like a recently established guild.

"Guild Leader, all 534 of the Guild's Level 200-plus fifth-floor experts have gathered," Hidden Soul reported after arriving before Shi Feng.

"Good!" Shi Feng was surprised that Zero Wing now had over 500 fifth-floor experts. He hadn't expected the Tower of the Abyss to be so effective. Now, Zero Wing already had enough fifth-floor experts to rival what the pseudo-apex powers had in the Eternal Realm.

"Also, Vice Guild Leader Frey had someone deliver a confidential letter to you not long ago. It was entrusted to her by King's Paradise," Hidden Soul said as she proffered a letter to Shi Feng. "She said you might change your mind once you read it."

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Chapter 3847: Alternate Ending 921 - Commotion at Everlasting City

Chapter 921 – Commotion at Everlasting City

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"No need. Have someone return this letter to Vice Guild Leader Frey," Shi Feng said, waving his hand and refusing to accept the letter. "Tell her that I won't be negotiating that matter."

"Guild Leader, are you sure you don't want to take a look?" Hidden Soul asked worriedly. Although she knew nothing about the power known as King's Paradise, it was unlikely to be a nobody, considering it could get Frey to send a message on its behalf.

Moreover, even if they ignored King's Paradise's strength, the letter's contents should be of great importance since King's Paradise chose to send its message through such confidential means. Not to mention, Frey had deliberately emphasized that the letter might change Shi Feng's mind.

"I already know what's written inside, so there's no need to read it," Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at the worried Hidden Soul. "But you can let everyone have a look at it."

"Let us have a look?" Hidden Soul was stunned. "Can we?"

"Of course. I was about to tell you all about the letter's contents anyway," Shi Feng said, nodding.

Even without reading Lunar River's letter, Shi Feng could tell that the woman was going to tell him how intense Everlasting City's competition would be and that he should give up his pointless struggle and trade away his control over the Tower of the Abyss. However, what she didn't know was that he understood the competition better than anyone else from the human race.

Subsequently, Hidden Soul followed Shi Feng's instructions and shared the letter's contents with everyone who would participate in Everlasting City's competition.

"Everlasting City?" Phoenix Rain's pupils shrank as she read the letter's contents.

"Heavens! Six royal powers, thirty-five apex powers, and over a thousand pseudo-apex powers from the three races will participate in the competition?" Hidden Soul was similarly shocked.

It should be known that the human race's Greater God's Domain had fewer than 200 pseudo-apex powers, while its apex powers numbered less than ten. Yet, the number of pseudo-apex powers that would participate in Everlasting City's competition was more than five times what the human race had, while the number of participating apex powers was more than triple. Moreover, there was no limit to how many members each power could mobilize. The competition's intensity would be dozens of times greater than that of the Crucible of the Ancients.

All the Zero Wing members gathered were shocked after learning this news. They had never expected such a frightening battle to take place in the Eternal Realm. Even apex powers would be nothing more than ants in this battle, let alone pseudo-apex powers.

How interesting. Purgatory Jade's eyes lit up with a hint of fighting spirit after she finished reading the letter.

Originally, she was pretty disappointed with the Greater God's Domain after learning more about it. However, Everlasting City's competition finally gave her a sense of challenge.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, will we fight for Everlasting City's land?" Kowloon Demon asked excitedly.

"Mhm. We'll try to occupy four plots," Shi Feng said, nodding.

"Only four? Isn't that too little?" Kowloon Demon felt that Shi Feng's ambition was too small, especially considering Zero Wing had Dragon's Crown's assistance.

"It's already a lot," Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at the confident Kowloon Demon. "Although we have your help this time, Everlasting City has only 144 plots of occupiable land. There aren't even enough for every participating apex power and royal power to occupy four plots. Furthermore, these powers won't just mobilize a fraction of their experts; they will commit all their available manpower.

"Additionally, some of these powers will recruit experts of other powers as mercenaries. I estimate that each participating power will have at least 1,000 fifth-floor experts. We also have to split our forces to occupy and defend four separate plots of land. Not to mention, some powers will likely join forces near the end of the competition. So, occupying four plots of land is easier said than done."

"Indeed." Kowloon Demon fell silent after hearing this.

He had already achieved the minimum equipment standard to be considered an apex expert in the Greater God's Domain. So long as his opponents didn't come at him with a sixth-floor expert of their own or overwhelming numbers, he would have no trouble safeguarding a plot of land. After including Purgatory Jade, Dragon's Crown could guarantee the occupation of two plots of land. However, any more than that would be stretching it.

Furthermore, what Kowloon Demon didn't know was that the human race and the Holy Race possessed foundations that couldn't be threatened easily by a few sixth-floor experts.

"Snow, Rain, come with me," Shi Feng instructed Gentle Snow and Phoenix Rain quietly.

Shi Feng knew that Zero Wing would not be able to occupy four plots of land in Everlasting City's competition if it relied solely on Dragon's Crown. Even if they set aside the Holy Race's apex and royal powers, the human race's many pseudo-apex powers were more than enough to give any sixth-floor expert a run for their money. He wouldn't even be surprised if Kowloon Demon and Purgatory Jade got killed in action. After all, such occurrences had happened more than once in the war between the

human race and the Holy Race in his previous life. Otherwise, the Holy Race would have long since occupied the human race's Twelve Sanctuaries.

Hence, when Shi Feng considered participating in Everlasting City's competition, he had already decided to use the Dark Divine Silver to upgrade Gentle Snow's Chaos Windblade into an exclusive Divine Artifact. Additionally, he intended to give the two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells, All-Consuming Fire and Soul World, to whichever magical class expert in the Guild had Tier 6 Limit Concentration.

If not for the Eternal Stones he bought at Desolate Star City's auction needing a day to several days to arrive, he would have even lent the Eternity Crown and the Eternity Gauntlets to Gentle Snow to increase her overall strength further.

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While Shi Feng was preparing for Everlasting City's competition, a 5,000-meter-long Flying Ship crashed through space and arrived above a small island in the Eternal Realm's southern region. However, the instant the Flying Ship exited the void, it immediately lost all power and plummeted to the island.

"Vice Guild Leader River, we have reached the designated location. The Flying Ship has only 2% durability remaining. It will take at least half a month of repairing before it is ready to fly again," a Level 240 old man wearing a Divine Artifact-ranked gray robe reported respectfully to a woman who looked like the personification of darkness.

"Good! Proceed according to plan! All 4,000 combatants will follow me to Everlasting City, while all logistics members will remain here to help with the repairs and the construction of defenses!" Lunar River commanded through her suit of armor. Then, she gazed in the direction of Everlasting City, which was over a million yards away, and stated determinedly, "It's time we let the world know about King's Paradise!"

After saying so, Lunar River summoned a 500-meter-long, Tier 6 Three-Headed Phoenix and took off on it. Upon seeing this, the rest of King's Paradise's members followed suit, blotting out the sky with an army of Flying Mounts as they sped toward Everlasting City.

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TL Notes:

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The Dark Divine Silver was obtained from Dead Thousand-Eyed Demonic Hand in Chapter 860.

[Dark Divine Silver] (Godly Relic)

An ultra-rare metal born through the condensation of the Void Sea's darkness. The Dark Divine Silver can be used to forcibly upgrade a Fragmented Divine Artifact into an exclusive Divine Artifact. The resulting Divine Artifact can only be used by the bound user and cannot be used by others.

The two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells were obtained from the Tosas raid in Chapter 886.

[All-Consuming Fire]

Requires: Magical Class, Tier 6 Limit Concentration

Pseudo-Tier 7 Large-Scale Destruction Spell

[Soul World]

Requires: Magical Class, Tier 6 Limit Concentration

Pseudo-Tier 7 Large-Scale Defensive Spell

Chapter 3848: Alternate Ending 922 - Apex of the Three Races

Chapter 922 – Apex of the Three Races

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Eternal Realm, Everlasting City:

Everlasting City was like a giant tree that connected heaven and earth. This “tree” had 144 branches, each representing a separate zone the size of an ordinary NPC City. The sight of the city amazed the gathered players.

However, what was even more astounding was how many powers had gathered outside the city. Over a thousand pseudo-apex powers were present, each with at least 1,000 fifth-floor experts, and some even commanding over 2,000 fifth-floor experts.

Nevertheless, despite a combined total of over 1.5 million fifth-floor experts under their command, these pseudo-apex powers would only be competing for a few dozen zones. This was because the majority of Everlasting City's 144 zones had already been reserved by the six royal powers and thirty-five apex powers present.

“Commander! This is madness! How can there be so many fifth-floor experts here?! With the current situation, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce will have trouble occupying even four plots of land!” Drifting Bean, a Level 233 Swordsman, said in

exasperation as she looked at the various powers' teams gathered outside Everlasting City.

"It will indeed be difficult. We can ensure the safety of only the lands we occupy at the beginning," Endless Scars, a Level 241 Elementalist wielding a celestial staff and wearing a veil, said in agreement. "The number of participating experts is more than double what Eternal's executives anticipated. The two other races are much stronger than the human race. I guess it will come down to who can survive the longest."

When Endless Scars received the order to help the Eternal Chamber of Commerce with Everlasting City's competition, she initially thought it would be a simple task. She even looked forward to the competition.

However, after arriving outside Everlasting City and seeing the teams of the alien races, she couldn't help but be shocked. Whether it was the Holy Race or the Crystallian race, both vastly outnumbered the human race in fifth-floor experts; all of their apex powers had at least 5,000.

Although the Eternal Chamber of Commerce also commanded over 5,000 fifth-floor experts, many had been recruited from adventurer teams. Even so, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce still couldn't compare to the apex powers of the two alien races, especially the Holy Race's.

Every fifth-floor expert under the Holy Race's apex powers was equipped with two or three Fragmented Divine Artifacts. In contrast, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's fifth-floor experts were a mixed bag. While the stronger ones might have two or three Fragmented Divine Artifacts, most were fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

Although Everlasting City's level restriction would limit the Fragmented Divine Artifacts' advantage over Legendary Weapons and Equipment, these differences would be considered minor only in individual fights. These small individual differences would be compounded in a battle between legions, and the legion with the better equipment would have a much greater chance of victory.

Fortunately, Everlasting City's competition wasn't a duel between teams but a free-for-all. This meant that survival was the top priority for all participants, as only survivors could compete for a winning spot. The competition also had a 12-hour time limit, so the more forces a power could preserve, the greater its advantage.

"Commander, look at the Holy Race's side. Who is that young man? Many of the Holy Race's experts seem in awe of him," Drifting Bean said, pointing at a Level 226 young man among the Holy Race's experts. As the young man walked among the Holy Race's players, those in his way would take the initiative to make way for him. Some of these players included Level 240-plus experts.

“That person should be Divine Fist Garuda, the Holy Race’s number one chosen one,” Endless Scars said as she looked at the young man in question vigilantly. “I hadn’t thought the Thunder Empire would send him here. It seems the Thunder Empire is taking the competition seriously.”

“The Holy Race’s number one chosen one?” When Drifting Bean heard Endless Scars’s introduction, her eyes shone with fighting intent as she looked at the young man.

“Don’t even think about it,” Endless Scars said, chuckling at Drifting Bean’s reaction. “Garuda is rumored to have reached the Half-step Mortal God standard already. Even among the older-generation experts, few can trade blows with him. Considering the significance of this competition, the Thunder Empire must have equipped him with Divine Artifacts and various trump cards. Only Demon’s Gate’s Star Maiden Elise and the Crystallian race’s Earthen Princess Rin can match him.”

After saying so, Endless Scars turned to where the Crystallian race’s experts had gathered, only to find many of the Crystallian experts suddenly directing their attention to a girl who had just appeared among them. They looked at the girl as if she were their monarch, their eyes full of reverence. Even the experts of the Crystallian royal powers maintained a respectful expression as they looked at her.

“Who is she?” A sudden chill ran down Endless Scars’s spine as she stared at the Crystallian girl. “A Mortal God?!”

Besides the Crystallian experts, Garuda and Elise also turned to look at the Crystallian girl.

Ink Crystal!

I finally get to fight you again!

Garuda and Elise looked at the Crystallian girl as if she were their greatest opponent, their bodies trembling with excitement.

Those who hadn’t participated in the most recent Continental Championship wouldn’t know about the Crystallian girl named Ink Crystal. All the powers in the know had decided to keep a tight lid on her existence. After all, the news of someone achieving the Mortal God standard was so incredible that it might rewrite the history of the three races.

“A Mortal God? What are you talking about, Commander?” Drifting Bean asked the dazed Endless Scars in confusion.

“It’s nothing. Maybe it’s just my imagination,” Endless Scars said, shaking her head. “No matter how heaven-defying a sixteen-year-old is, there is no way she can reach *that* realm at this age.”

“Commander, look over there! The emblem of that Flying Ship looks like Zero Wing’s!” Drifting Bean exclaimed as she pointed at a gigantic Flying Ship approaching Everlasting City. “Could the Swordsman standing on the deck be Guild Leader Black Flame?”

“Why are they here?” When Endless Scars saw the six-winged emblem on the Silverwing Flying Ship, a hint of shock and confusion appeared under her veil.

Compared to the surprise Endless Scars felt when she learned that Shi Feng was acquainted with the Red Dragon Nation’s Vice Guild Leader Frey, the surprise she currently felt was on a completely different scale.

This was Everlasting City’s competition they were talking about!

The upcoming competition would involve an all-out battle among the three races. Many of the human race’s pseudo-apex powers, such as the Red Dragon Nation, couldn’t even participate in the competition. It wasn’t that they were prohibited from joining, but that they lacked the strength to join in on the action. For them, joining would be suicide.

Thus, Endless Scars found it bewildering that an upstart Guild would dare to embroil itself in such a battle.

When the Silverwing Flying Ship landed and Shi Feng descended from it, Divine Fist Garuda, Star Maiden Elise, and even the Earthen Princess Rin suddenly turned to look at him through the crowd, their behavior surprising the many players present.

“Who is he?”

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Chapter 3849: Alternate Ending 923 - Taking Action

Chapter 923 – Taking Action

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“Commander, why do I get the feeling that those chosen ones you mentioned are all looking at Guild Leader Black Flame?” Drifting Bean asked in confusion.

Whether it was the Holy Race’s Garuda or Demon’s Gate’s Elise, they were all existences that the Blood Wing adventurer team could not hope to get acquainted with. But now, Drifting Bean could clearly see that Garuda and Elise were scrutinizing Shi Feng. Her gut instinct as a fifth-floor expert also told her that the two were eager to fight Shi Feng.

Could he also be acquainted with these two people? Naturally, Endless Scars could also perceive the fighting spirit in Garuda and Elise as they looked at Shi Feng. It was obvious they regarded Shi Feng as an opponent. However, her common sense told her that this shouldn't be possible.

Garuda was a Half-step Mortal God, while Elise was strong enough to match Half-step Mortal Gods. Despite having developed in the Greater God's Domain for years, Endless Scars doubted her chances of victory in a fight against either of these individuals would exceed 50%. It hadn't even been a year since Xia Qingying brought Shi Feng to the Greater World. No matter how quickly he improved, there was no way he could have caught up to Garuda and Elise already. After all, the two of them were backed by behemoths, while Shi Feng was backed by a Guild he had established only months ago.

Besides Endless Scars, Lunar River, who had arrived with a 4,000-man legion a while ago, was also looking at Shi Feng.

Is he still being stubborn? When Lunar River saw that Zero Wing's team comprised only 600-plus players, she felt that Shi Feng was here to mess around.

Just the pseudo-apex powers present already commanded a combined total of over 1.5 million fifth-floor experts. Even a legion of 3,000 fifth-floor experts would have difficulties surviving in the upcoming competition, let alone a 600-man team. King's Paradise was confident in securing four plots of land only because of its sturdy foundations. Otherwise, even if it participated in the competition with 4,000 fifth-floor experts, it would still leave with nothing but casualties.

"Vice Guild Leader, should we invite them to join us?" Shuoyun, a Level 235 Cleric in God's Domain, asked quietly.

"It's too soon for that," Lunar River said after considering the matter. "We'll invite them once they have trouble holding on."

The rules of Everlasting City's competition made it different from the average war between powers. In addition to restricting player levels to Level 220, the competition also had a 12-hour time limit. Only after the 12 hours were up would the occupants of each plot of land be decided.

As for how occupants were decided, it was simple. Once the competition began, all players on Everlasting City's island would be considered participants and given an Everlasting City Token. The Token would drop on death, and whichever team held the most tokens on a particular plot of land at the end of the competition would become its occupant. In other words, the various powers' members had to move about hunting other players throughout the competition. They couldn't simply hunker down at a particular location.

To make matters worse, the participating apex and royal powers had already reserved a significant portion of Everlasting City's 144 plots of land. This severely limited the space the pseudo-apex powers' 1.5 million fifth-floor experts could fight in, so the various pseudo-apex powers would likely be embroiled in chaotic battles as soon as the competition began. In this situation, weaker powers with smaller forces would likely be the first to be eliminated.

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On the other side of the island...

"Today is the best opportunity to learn about the trump cards of the three races' major powers, so keep your eyes open! Do not miss the performance of any expert on the battlefield! Pay extra attention to the various powers' chosen ones! They might become our greatest enemies in the future!"

"Make sure to keep an eye on our Guild's chosen ones! Once you see the top experts of other powers approaching them, notify them immediately! This is the best battlefield for them to hone themselves! We must not let them die at the hands of old monsters!"

"Keep an eye on experts with great potential! All these people are our future assassination targets!"

"Make sure to record every battle, especially the ones between the various powers' top experts! This is one of the few battles where the three races' major powers will reveal their trump cards!"

An arena for established experts!

A cradle for new-generation experts!

A treasure trove of information for the various powers!

At this moment, Everlasting City had become the center of the three races, and every participating power was employing all available means to benefit from the city's competition.

As a dull bell ring echoed from Everlasting City, the translucent barrier covering the city disappeared, while a new translucent barrier formed on the island's outermost layer. Immediately, the 1,000-plus pseudo-apex powers, 35 apex powers, and six royal powers on the island flew toward their chosen plots of land in a frenzy.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, which plots should we choose?" Kowloon Demon asked excitedly as he watched the members of the various powers take to the skies.

The forces of the various powers weren't evenly distributed across Everlasting City's 144 plots of land. Some plots had more players, while some had fewer. Some had stronger players, while some had weaker players.

However, regardless of which land Shi Feng chose, Zero Wing's team would face at least 10,000 fifth-floor experts. Moreover, as these were all unknown experts, fighting them would be an absolute thrill.

"We won't go anywhere. We'll just watch from here," Shi Feng said, observing the situation in the air. He wasn't in a hurry to join in on the action. "We will strain our Stamina and Concentration if we join the chaos from the onset. We won't get many city tokens, either, so we might as well take action after they are done killing each other."

"Guild Leader, although your idea is sound, I'm afraid some powers won't let us just watch," Hidden Soul said, looking at a 2,000-man legion heading straight for their team. The legion was led by Crocodile Fang, who had been driven out of Desolate Star City because of Shi Feng.

Endless Scars, who had already occupied Plot 003 with the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's forces, also noticed the movement of Angel's Retribution's forces and frowned at the sight.

"That damned bastard! Rather than fight the aliens together, he's targeting people on our side?! Is he not afraid the various powers will persecute him in the future?!" Drifting Bean gnashed her teeth as she glared at Crocodile Fang.

Originally, Drifting Bean thought the matter with Crocodile Fang was over after Frey's intervention. She hadn't expected him to appear here. Moreover, he even chose to attack Zero Wing as soon as the competition began.

In a clash between a legion of 2,000 players and a team of 600-plus players in an open space, Zero Wing's team was overwhelmingly disadvantaged.

"Black Flame! You humiliated me in Desolate Star City! Now, it's time for me to get some payback! I'll show you that you are nothing without Frey!"

Crocodile Fang gnashed his teeth as he glared at Shi Feng. Then, he commanded his forces to annihilate Zero Wing's team.

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Chapter 3850: Alternate Ending 924 - One-Man Army?

Chapter 924 – One-Man Army?

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Everlasting City, Plot 059:

Plot 059 was situated several thousand meters above ground. At this time, 4,000 figures descended upon it and separated into 40 teams. Then, these teams spread across the land in all directions like a swarm of locusts, eliminating the other players on the land.

While King's Paradise's forces were seizing control of Plot 059, Lunar River arrived at the edge of Plot 059 with several dozen private guards. She showed no interest in the battle taking place in Plot 059. Instead, she quietly observed the situation of the other plots of land.

"Vice Guild Leader, everything is going according to plan. None of the neighboring plots have teams from apex or royal powers. The teams of our allies have also arrived safely, so we will soon have a force of 10,000 players. As for Angel's Retribution, which we excluded from our alliance, its forces suddenly took action against Zero Wing," Shuoyun reported.

"Who is leading Angel's Retribution's forces?" Lunar River asked.

"According to our intelligence, Crocodile Fang is the commander, while Angel's Retribution's main force commander, Blacksteel, is acting as his vice commander," Shuoyun answered. Then, she continued worriedly, "Angel's Retribution has mobilized 2,000 players this time, while Zero Wing has only a little over 600. Zero Wing might not hold out against Angel's Retribution."

"That old fellow let his son lead over Blacksteel?" Lunar River was slightly surprised.

The commander of every major power's main force had extraordinary status. They were either the Guild's First Vice Guild Leader or one of the Guild's Grand Elders.

Blacksteel was well-known in the Angel Sanctuary. Over half a century ago, he was already recognized as one of the Angel Sanctuary's top ten experts. Now, he was even considered one of Angel's Retribution's Six Overlords. Yet, Crocodile Fang was assigned to lead Angel's Retribution's forces in Everlasting City's competition instead of Blacksteel. No matter how Lunar River looked at it, this situation was unbelievable.

Amidst her confusion, Lunar River received a communication request. The caller was none other than Angel's Retribution's Blacksteel.

"Commander Blacksteel, are you perhaps calling me to reconsider allying with Angel's Retribution?" Lunar River asked nonchalantly, looking at the stalwart middle-aged man carrying a greatsword in the video chat.

“That’s right. Although you’ve repeatedly refused our request for partnership before, I am confident you won’t refuse us again this time,” Blacksteel said, looking at Lunar River. “I know you are trying to partner with Zero Wing to get ahold of the Tower of the Abyss. However, it seems that Zero Wing’s Guild Leader has been reluctant to agree to your partnership. So, I will create an opportunity for you. It is no longer a secret that Crocodile Fang has a grudge against Black Flame. Even if Angel’s Retribution takes action against Zero Wing in this competition, none of the other human powers will say anything.”

“Are you saying you will do me a favor?” Lunar River asked, her expression remaining indifferent.

“It will depend on your willingness to cooperate.” Blacksteel chuckled. “If you partner with us, we will naturally show Zero Wing mercy out of consideration that it will become one of our future partners. But if you refuse, we will show no mercy. At that time, even if you secure an Eternal World Magic Array, you won’t be able to transfer it to Zero Wing.”

“You are very calculating, Commander Blacksteel,” Lunar River said, chuckling. It was obvious Blacksteel had contacted her with the knowledge that King’s Paradise’s forces were currently occupied and couldn’t assist Zero Wing. “But aren’t you underestimating Zero Wing and me a little too much?”

“Underestimate you? Never,” Blacksteel said, smiling. If you decide to take action personally, we will naturally be powerless to do anything against Zero Wing. But are you really willing to expose your strength at this critical moment?”

“Are you challenging me?” Lunar River’s gaze sharpened.

“Five minutes!” Blacksteel extended five fingers at Lunar River. “You have five minutes to consider whether to expose your strength to save Zero Wing or reestablish King’s Paradise’s partnership with Angel’s Retribution. I will contact you again in five minutes.”

Blacksteel hung up after saying so, his words causing the King’s Paradise members around Lunar River to become deathly silent.

“Vice Guild Leader, should we take action?” Shuoyun asked.

“The competition has just started. It’s still too soon for us to make a move,” Lunar River said. Then, she commanded Shuoyun and the rest of her private guards, “You all make a trip down below. I don’t need you to save the others. You only need to rescue Black Flame. Make sure not to move within 100 yards of Blacksteel. None of you are a match for him yet. You won’t be able to escape if you get within 100 yards of him.”

“Understood!”

Shuoyun and Lunar River’s other private guards bowed and left.

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On the other side, Angel's Retribution's 2,000-man legion arrived within a thousand yards of Zero Wing's team.

"Uncle Blacksteel, how did it go?" Crocodile Fang asked nervously, looking at the stalwart middle-aged man beside him. "Did she agree?"

In reality, Crocodile Fang was only a puppet commander; Blacksteel was the legion's true commander. Crocodile Fang was assigned to command Angel's Retribution's forces this time to make up for his mistake. If he couldn't complete his assignment of reestablishing the partnership with King's Paradise, his good days would end.

"Three minutes!" Blacksteel did not respond to Crocodile Fang's question. Instead, he looked at the 100 experts standing respectfully behind him. Every one of these 100 experts was equipped with multiple Fragmented Divine Artifacts and exuded a dangerous aura. "Lunar River's people should arrive about three minutes later, so I want you all to eliminate everyone except Zero Wing's Guild Leader in three minutes!"

"Yes, Commander!"

The 100 experts responded confidently in unison, as if killing Zero Wing's 600-plus experts in three minutes was a trivial matter. They immediately charged Zero Wing's forces, their speed so fast that even Tier 6 experts could only catch a glimpse of their afterimages. If one observed them carefully, one would notice that they were all executing Gold-ranked Footwork.

Is this the main force's strength? Crocodile Fang was astonished by the speed of these experts.

This was the first time Crocodile Fang had seen Angel's Retribution's main force in action. Blacksteel had always been responsible for managing and training Angel's Retribution's main force. As a result, besides Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader, everyone else in the Guild was in the dark about the strength of Angel's Retribution's main force members. However, after seeing them in action, Crocodile Fang finally understood why it was mentioned that these main force members were 90% of the reason Angel's Retribution dared to participate in Everlasting City's competition.

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When Angel's Retribution's main force members went into action, over at Zero Wing's resting area...

"Guild Leader Black Flame, do you need our intervention?" Purgatory Jade asked, looking at the 100 players closing in on them.

Based on her observation, Angel's Retribution's 100 experts were all very strong. Although their combat standards were inferior to the chosen ones under her tutelage, their equipment standards were much better. They weren't opponents that Zero Wing's members, most of whom hadn't even reached Level 220, could handle.

"No need." Shi Feng shook his head. Then, he looked at Phoenix Rain and said, "Rain, I'll leave them to you."

"Me? Can I?" Phoenix Rain asked, surprised that Shi Feng would let her take action.

"Mhm. It would be the easiest for you to deal with this situation," Shi Feng said, nodding. "But don't go all out. It'd be bad if we caused too much of a commotion."

"Okay, I'll try my best," Phoenix Rain sighed and stepped forward.

When Phoenix Rain stepped forward by herself, the advancing main force members and the spectating members of Angel's Retribution were stunned. They had never expected Zero Wing to send only one person to fight them.

"Is Zero Wing taking us for the Eternal Realm's little fellows?!"

Angel's Retribution's main force members laughed when they saw Phoenix Rain raising her staff and chanting. At the same time, a cold glint flashed in their eyes. After going unmatched in the Angel Sanctuary for so long, they hadn't expected to be underestimated by a small Guild in the Eternal Realm.

When Angel's Retribution's main force members got within 100 yards of Phoenix Rain, she finally finished chanting and gestured toward Angel's Retribution's forces with her free hand.

Pseudo-Tier 7 Spell, All-Consuming Fire!

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Chapter 3851: Alternate Ending 925 - Plot 095

Chapter 925 – Plot 095

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Dark purple flames suddenly burst from the void, forming a gigantic sword 10,000 yards long that struck at Angel's Retribution's members.

When the sword of flames appeared, all players within a 10,000-yard radius of Phoenix Rain felt their souls tremble with fear. This scene even caught the attention of the various powers' experts all over Everlasting City.

"Is that...a large-scale Destruction Spell?"

"How can a large-scale Destruction Spell have such a huge range?"

Everyone participating in Everlasting City's competition had seen large-scale Destruction Spells before, but never had they seen one with a range of 10,000 yards. Moreover, even at first glance, it was obvious the power of the dark purple flames exceeded the Tier 6 Limit standard.

Boom!

The sword of flames fell on Angel's Retribution's members before they could react, effortlessly burning through them and the land they stood on. When the flames dissipated, a bottomless rift appeared on the island that Everlasting City stood on.

"They're all gone?"

The spectating experts were dumbfounded when they failed to see any Angel's Retribution members in the aftermath.

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"Commander! What rank of Spell is that?!" Drifting Bean goggled at the scene below in disbelief.

As the Blood Wing adventurer team operated in the Angel Sanctuary, it had plenty of intelligence on Angel's Retribution, the Angel Sanctuary's number one power. It also had information on Blacksteel, Angel's Retribution's main force commander. The stalwart man was single-handedly responsible for eliminating many of the Angel Sanctuary's powers, and even Endless Scars wouldn't dare to say she could defeat him with 100% certainty.

Yet, Blacksteel had just been one-shotted by a Spell...

"This Spell should have already exceeded the Tier 6 Limit standard," Endless Scars stated, gaping in shock behind her veil as she stared at the missing section of the island.

As the owner of the Origin Mage class, a Peak Hidden Class, Endless Scars knew that not even large-scale Destruction Spells that reached the Tier 6 Limit standard could injure Blacksteel. This was because he was one of the few experts in the Greater God's Domain to have developed his Concentration to the Tier 6 Limit standard, which allowed

him to exhibit 100% of the potential of Divine Artifacts. In a situation where he was fully equipped with Divine Artifacts, his opponents would have to be able to exhibit 100% of a Divine Artifact's strength to threaten him.

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On the other side, Dragon's Crown's members were similarly shocked by Phoenix Rain's attack.

"This Spell is probably comparable to the attack Guild Leader Black Flame used before," Kowloon Demon said, staring at the bottomless rift ahead in astonishment. "I hadn't expected Zero Wing to have another monster like Guild Leader Black Flame."

Purgatory Jade hadn't expected Zero Wing to have such a trump card, either, and couldn't help casting a long look at Shi Feng.

However, compared to everyone else, the ones most surprised by Phoenix Rain's attacks would have to be Zero Wing's executives.

"Guild Leader, what Spell did you let Rain learn? Isn't it a little too powerful?" Hidden Soul asked Shi Feng quietly.

Hidden Soul knew Phoenix Rain's strength better than anyone else. Normally, Phoenix Rain would be fortunate if she could defeat even one of the 100 experts who had charged them, let alone wipe out Angel's Retribution's 2,000 experts in one move.

If Hidden Soul had to guess who could have helped Phoenix Rain increase her firepower by so much in such a short time, it would have to be Shi Feng. After all, Shi Feng had previously called Phoenix Rain and Gentle Snow aside. He must have given them something during that private discussion.

"It's a secret for now," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "You can also learn something like it if the opportunity arises."

The existence of the two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells was a secret that Zero Wing could not afford to expose at present. It wasn't that he did not trust Hidden Soul and the others. It was just that Zero Wing still couldn't afford to ignore the threat of the human race's various apex powers and the alien races' powers. Thus, the fewer the people who knew about the Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells, the better.

Besides, obscuring the existence of the Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells could increase their effectiveness in critical moments. Unless Phoenix Rain's opponents had the strength to counter these Spells, even sixth-floor experts would face certain death. Moreover, unlike the Profound Skills of weapons and equipment, the two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells had short cooldowns of only three to five hours. In the current God's Domain, they were weapons of absolute destruction.

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“They’re...gone?”

“Am I hallucinating? Weren’t they supposed to be Angel’s Retribution’s forces?”

When Shuoyun and Lunar River’s other private guards returned to the bottom of Everlasting City and saw that Angel’s Retribution’s members were no more, they all gaped in shock. They also didn’t know how they should proceed in this situation.

They had already steeled themselves for heavy losses. After all, they would be going up against a legion organized by the Angel Sanctuary’s number one power. The legion was even led by the famous Blacksteel.

Yet, before they saw any action, Blacksteel and the rest of Angel’s Retribution’s legion were annihilated without the slightest bit of resistance...

“Is this why Zero Wing refuses to partner with us?” Shuoyun had a complicated expression as she stared at Shi Feng’s figure in the distance.

Not even King’s Paradise could annihilate Angel’s Retribution’s 2,000-man legion in one move. With such strength, Zero Wing was more than qualified to turn down King’s Paradise’s partnership offer.

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Besides the various apex and royal powers, the other powers in Everlasting City quickly exploded in an uproar after a moment of silence.

“Zero Wing? How come this is the first time I have heard about this Guild? Could it be a hidden power?”

“We have to be careful of Zero Wing moving forward.”

“Someone keep an eye on Zero Wing! Once Zero Wing’s members make a move, I want to be informed immediately! We must not give Zero Wing any chances!”

There was no way the various powers present would not fear a Spell that could wipe out a 2,000-man legion in one move. They dared not take their chances with it, even if they knew such a Spell would have a long Cooldown and cast time.

Of course, the various powers didn’t get too hung up over the Spell. They simply had a few members watch Zero Wing’s movements before they resumed battling one another. After all, even if Phoenix Rain’s Spell could be reused multiple times in this competition, it would see limited uses, as the competition had a 12-hour time limit. The effect one player could have on a competition of such scale was also extremely limited. This was

because each power had to occupy four plots of land to receive an Eternal World Magic Array. In other words, the outcome of the competition still depended on the overall strength of the various powers.

Moreover, once a power was given sufficient time, it could construct barriers in their respective plots of land to enhance their forces. Since Zero Wing preferred to spectate rather than compete for an early advantage, the various powers naturally wouldn't mind letting it do so. They simply needed to be careful not to let Zero Wing snatch the fruit of their efforts.

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"How cautious of these powers. They're not giving us any chances." When Shi Feng saw the numerous Observation Skills being used on his team, he knew it would only be a waste of time to continue waiting here. "It seems we'll have to act in advance."

Realistically speaking, trying to occupy four plots of land in Everlasting City with just a little over 600 players was absurd. With so few players, Zero Wing would not only have difficulty defending its land, but it would also have trouble collecting city tokens.

The competition's rules stated that the power holding the most tokens on a particular plot of land at the last second would become its occupant. In other words, so long as another power snuck more tokens into Zero Wing's land at the last second, this team could snatch Zero Wing's land from right under its nose.

Simply put, the competition was about who could collect the most Everlasting City Tokens. Even if a power managed to occupy many plots of land with overwhelming force, its efforts would be futile if it couldn't collect enough tokens. Thus, the competition was very disadvantageous to powers with few members like Zero Wing.

Now, Zero Wing's only hope of succeeding was to compete in lands with the most players. However, timing was key. If Zero Wing acted too early or too late, it would cause an outflow of tokens to other plots of land, which, in turn, would reduce the number of tokens Zero Wing could collect. Before taking action, Zero Wing needed to collect enough intelligence and select lands with the most tokens. It also needed to ensure it could secure these tokens in one fell swoop.

"Guild Leader, according to our investigation, the three plots of land with the most players all have apex powers competing over them," Hidden Soul said, frowning as she watched the fierce battles across Everlasting City. "Plot 034 has nearly 30,000 players, a human apex power, and a Crystallian royal power competing over it, Plot 068 has over 30,000 players and two Holy Race apex powers competing over it, and Plot 095 has nearly 40,000 players, a Crystallian apex power, and a Holy Race royal power competing over it."

"Let's go with Plot 095, then," Shi Feng said without hesitation.

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Chapter 3852: Alternate Ending 926 - Ranking

Chapter 926 – Ranking

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Everlasting City:

“Quick! Inform the higher-ups that Zero Wing is taking action!”

“The angle they’re taking... Are they going to Plot 095?”

“What?! Plot 095?! Impossible! Is Zero Wing crazy?!”

When the players monitoring Zero Wing’s movements saw that Zero Wing’s forces were headed to Plot 095, they were surprised. They hadn’t expected Zero Wing to make such a crazy move.

By now, the powers competing over each of Everlasting City’s 144 plots of land were already fixed. Among them, the royal powers were involved in 17 plots of land, making these 17 plots essentially off-limits for other powers. As it so happened, Plot 095 was one of these 17 plots. By aiming for Plot 095, Zero Wing was effectively snatching food from a tiger’s mouth.

“Rainbow, why is Black Flame going for Plot 095? You were the one who strongly recommended Zero Wing for a reserve slot in the Human Alliance. Is he not afraid Zero Wing will sustain heavy losses by going up against a royal power’s team?” a black-robed old man wearing the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s Guild Emblem asked Verdant Rainbow after reading his subordinate’s latest report. “Our race is already at a disadvantage against the two alien races. We hardly have any powers that can compete with them. Now that Zero Wing has a chance to be cultivated by us, it would be a pity if it were to meet its demise here.”

“He might be trying to collect more tokens,” Verdant Rainbow said, her voice uncertain. Then, she recalled the situation in the last Continental Championship and added, “But you don’t need to worry too much, Elder Martial. I’m sure Guild Leader Black Flame knows what he is doing. Who knows? He might even give you a surprise.”

“A surprise?” The black-robed old man shook his head at Verdant Rainbow. “I only hope that it doesn’t turn into horror. Now that the two alien races have found a path into the Eternal Realm, there isn’t much time left for the human race.”

“A war between races, is it?” Verdant Rainbow’s expression grew solemn.

The current Eternal Realm had already become a junction for the three races. Previously, none of the three races had a reliable way to enter the Eternal Realm, so the human race wasn’t under much threat. However, following the discovery of the Eternal Realm’s entrances, the powerful Holy Race would likely invade the human race’s Greater God’s Domain. At that time, a war between races would be inevitable.

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Everlasting City, Plot 095:

“Dammit! Those are Zero Wing’s members!”

“Run! Spread out and run away! We must not let Zero Wing take advantage of us!”

Following the arrival of Zero Wing’s team, the commanders of several 1,000-man legions fighting on Plot 095 promptly commanded their forces to scatter. In response, the experts operating under them fled in all directions without hesitation, as if they had just seen a terrifying monster.

Phoenix Rain’s All-Consuming Fire had left a deep impression on everyone fighting in Everlasting City. Everyone also understood that they could do nothing against such a terrifying Spell. Naturally, they wouldn’t waste time battling Zero Wing. Even if, deep down, they believed that Phoenix Rain couldn’t use that Spell again within a short time, they dared not take their chances.

Everlasting City’s competition was about which power could collect the most tokens. It wasn’t a fight to the death. So long as they survived, they would have more opportunities to collect tokens.

“Why did these people run away as soon as we arrived?” Hidden Soul was flabbergasted by the scene before her.

Once upon a time, Zero Wing was a pushover everyone dared to bully. Yet, it had now become an existence that everyone feared. Moreover, these were not ordinary players they were talking about, but experts from pseudo-apex powers. Hidden Soul found this situation truly unbelievable.

“Run? Not on my watch!”

As the various powers’ experts fled, Gentle Snow reached for the Chaos Windblade on her back and leaped into the air. Then, with the greatsword raised, she cast Chaos World, instantly creating a miniature world covering a 5,000-yard radius that was isolated from the outside world.

The Skill Gentle Snow had just activated was called Chaos World, one of the Chaos Windblade's Additional Profound Skills. The Skill became much stronger after the Chaos Windblade was upgraded into a Divine Artifact. It now allowed Gentle Snow to create a realistic world comparable to Shi Feng's Miniature Abyssal World. All enemies caught in the Chaos World would have their Basic Attributes and mobility heavily suppressed.

However, none of the players present was a weakling. They were all fifth-floor experts. Many were equipped with Fragmented Divine Artifacts, while some were even equipped with Divine Artifacts. The instant Gentle Snow activated Chaos World, many trapped players resisted it by using similar Skills. This greatly weakened the Chaos World's suppressive effect, making it no longer capable of stopping players from fleeing.

It seems it's still necessary to have Dragon's Crown take action. When Shi Feng saw that Gentle Snow had failed to suppress the various powers' experts, he decided to have Purgatory Jade's group intervene.

There were only 40,000 players on Plot 095, while the battlefield he had chosen to land on had nearly 4,000 players. With how wary the various powers were of Zero Wing, he would have difficulty finding another big haul like this if he let these players escape.

However, before Shi Feng could give his command, Gentle Snow tightened her grip on the Chaos Windblade and swung it at the ground.

Suddenly, the Chaos World shattered, its countless fragments transforming into space-time storms that swept up everyone within its radius. Each space-time storm rivaled a Divine Artifact's Profound Skill exerted to 100% potential. If targeted players couldn't counter with a Divine Artifact's Profound Skill exerted to 100% potential or a Peak Gold Combat Technique, they stood no chance against the space-time storms.

Gentle Snow's complexion visibly paled after she completed her attack. It was obvious the attack had taken quite a toll on her Concentration. However, her efforts were not in vain; her attack had annihilated over 80% of the players caught in her Chaos World. As for the survivors, only a small portion of them were unscathed; the rest suffered heavy injuries, retaining less than 30% of their HP and looking worse for wear.

Was that a Peak Gold Combat Technique? Shi Feng was surprised by Gentle Snow's attack, which was not much weaker than Phoenix Rain's All-Consuming Fire.

Although Shi Feng did not know the exact rank of the combat technique Gentle Snow had just used, he knew it had reached the Peak Gold standard at the minimum. He even felt it could rival Ink Crystal's serious attack.

How interesting, Purgatory Jade thought in admiration, a hint of approval coloring her eyes as she looked at Gentle Snow. *Kowloon Demon and I should be the only ones in the team who can fully block this technique. It's a pity it places such a heavy burden on*

its user. If she could use it repeatedly, she would stand a chance against Kowloon Demon and me.

Subsequently, the tokens owned by the 3,000-plus players Gentle Snow killed appeared in her bag space. This, in turn, caused a drastic change to Plot 095's ranking list.

Plot 095 Team Ranking List 1st – Zero Wing – 8,426 Tokens

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Chapter 3853: Alternate Ending 927 - Zero Wing and Evil Nature

Chapter 927 – Zero Wing and Evil Nature

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“Are my eyes playing tricks on me? Did someone else just seize Plot 095's first place?”

“Zero Wing?! Didn't Zero Wing just enter Plot 095?!”

“Zero Wing already has 8,426 tokens?! What did it do in Plot 095?!”

Besides those participating in Everlasting City's competition, the various powers also had observers stationed outside the island. When these players noticed the sudden change in Plot 095's ranking list, they couldn't help but doubt their eyes.

As Plot 095 was considered one of Everlasting City's forbidden zones, most powers didn't bother to pay much attention to it. After all, everyone knew that the ultimate occupant of Plot 095 would be Evil Nature, one of the Holy Race's Ten Great Royal Powers. If there hadn't been so many players gathered in Plot 095, which afforded more opportunities to collect tokens, the powers involved in Plot 095 would have long since fled to greener pastures.

Yet, Evil Nature, originally placed first in Plot 095, was replaced by Zero Wing. This was a major event that could upset the entire competition.

“First place? How interesting!” The black-robed old man from the Seven Luminaries Alliance burst out laughing when he saw the change in Plot 095's ranking list. “Rainbow, you did a great job recommending Zero Wing! The old fellows from Demon's Gate promised they would seize the Sun Dynasty's Plot 113, yet they're still behind by over 1,000 tokens. In contrast, Evil Nature is no weaker than the Sun Dynasty, yet Zero Wing already leads it by over 4,000 tokens. Those old fellows will have a stroke if they learn about this!”

“Zero Wing has 8,426 tokens?” Verdant Rainbow was surprised when she inspected Plot 095’s ranking list. She couldn’t fathom how Zero Wing had obtained so many tokens so quickly.

After including the experts mobilized by the various apex and royal powers, the number of players participating in Everlasting City’s competition was only about two million. If these players were evenly distributed among the city’s 144 plots of land, each plot would only have a little more than 10,000 players. Depending on how the various powers arranged their players, 8,426 tokens could already comprise all the tokens on a plot of land.

Not to mention, it hadn’t been more than 20 minutes since Zero Wing arrived in Plot 095. Even if the experts fighting in Plot 095 were a bunch of harmless livestock, it shouldn’t be possible for Zero Wing to collect over 8,000 tokens in such a short time.

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Everlasting City, Plot 059:

“Vice Guild Leader, something big happened on Zero Wing’s side!” Shuoyun exclaimed as she approached Lunar River, who was busy organizing a siege. “Zero Wing has risen to Plot 095’s first place with over 8,000 tokens! It is now leading Evil Nature by more than 4,000 tokens!”

“First place? Leading by more than 4,000 tokens?” Lunar River chuckled when she heard Shuoyun’s report. Then, while recalling Shi Feng’s face, she said, “So this is why you refused to partner with us?”

“Vice Guild Leader, now that Zero Wing has secured such a huge lead, unless the various powers involved in Plot 095 let Evil Nature freely slaughter their experts, there is very little Evil Nature can do to topple Zero Wing,” Shuoyun said anxiously. She couldn’t understand why Lunar River was still in the mood to laugh.

It should be known that King’s Paradise was hoping for Zero Wing’s failure. After all, Zero Wing would be willing to seek King’s Paradise’s help only if it crashed and burned. Yet, what had happened was the opposite of what King’s Paradise hoped for. Not only did Zero Wing not fail, but it had even secured first place in Plot 095. At this rate, King’s Paradise’s plans would be completely disrupted.

“Based on your analysis, there is indeed a high possibility that Plot 095 will go to Zero Wing,” Lunar River said leisurely. “But do you think a monarch would let an ant occupy their throne?”

“Vice Guild Leader, are you saying that Evil Nature will take action?” Shuoyun gasped.

“Evil Nature is targeting many plots of land, so its top experts are very scattered. Although it is unlikely to mobilize all its forces, the limited forces it mobilizes should still be enough to make Zero Wing suffer,” Lunar River stated calmly. “This should let Zero Wing know the gap between powers beneath the apex standard and powers at the apex standard and above. Zero Wing will also understand how difficult it is to occupy four plots of land in Everlasting City’s competition.

“Alright, enough about Zero Wing! All of you, get ready! We will be seizing Plot 047 next! We will likely have to clash with the Holy Race’s number one chosen one! This will be a good chance to see how powerful the Holy Race’s Half-step Mortal Gods are!”

“Understood!” Lunar River’s words stimulated Shuoyun. She hadn’t expected Lunar River to take action so soon.

The gap between powers below the apex standard and powers at the apex standard and above wasn’t limited to equipment. It also included Legacies. This situation led to a significant difference in the quantity and quality of experts nurtured. It was also why King’s Paradise had been operating behind the scenes all these years.

As an upstart Guild, Zero Wing had no idea how big of a difference this gap was.

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Everlasting City, Plot 095:

As the experts who survived Gentle Snow’s attack were heavily injured, Zero Wing’s forces had an easy time hunting them down. Although most of Zero Wing’s members were behind the various pseudo-apex powers’ experts in levels, many still managed to achieve victory one-on-one. They could even finish their opponents under a dozen moves when they fought two-on-one.

Zero Wing’s forces eliminated the remaining several hundred experts in less than ten minutes, increasing Zero Wing’s token count to 9,265 and putting Zero Wing ahead of Evil Nature by 5,000 tokens. As the number of players on the battlefield decreased, the number of players engaging in guerilla warfare would increase, making it harder for the various powers to rack up kills and tokens. Thus, Zero Wing was already guaranteed to become Plot 095’s occupant.

“Guild Leader, a group of concealed players are rapidly approaching us!” Azure Shadow, who carried a longbow on his back, reported in the team chat. “They are very fast! They’ll reach us in ten seconds at most!”

“There are players coming for us? How many?” Hidden Soul, who was resting, asked curiously.

Zero Wing became very famous in Plot 095 because of Gentle Snow. After all, unlike Phoenix Rain's All-Consuming Fire, Gentle Snow's attack that annihilated over 3,000 experts in one fell swoop wasn't a Spell with a long Cooldown but a combat technique. Unless Zero Wing's opponent had an expert of a similar caliber, its only option would be to wear out Gentle Snow's Stamina and Concentration with numbers.

Because of this, the powers operating in Plot 095 avoided Zero Wing like the plague. Any player that encountered Zero Wing's team would promptly turn around and flee. Since the initial battle, this was the first time anyone had taken the initiative to approach them.

"It's a party of six..." Although Azure Shadow had doubts when he saw the results of his Scouting Skill, he still answered truthfully.

"Only six? Do they not have any Rangers or Assassins among them?" Ji Luorong was stunned by this answer.

Reconnaissance should be the top priority for groups wandering Everlasting City's chaotic battlefield. Otherwise, they wouldn't even know what killed them. Yet, a six-man party was approaching Zero Wing's team of 600-plus players.

However, before Azure Shadow could conduct further verification, six players appeared in the sky above the street that Zero Wing's team occupied. Each of these six players was equipped with at least five Divine Artifacts, with the rest of their equipment comprising Fragmented Divine Artifacts. The leader of the party, a one-eyed old man with white hair, was fully equipped with Divine Artifacts, and the aura he radiated was so powerful that many of the Zero Wing members present went weak in the knees.

After scanning Zero Wing's forces, the one-eyed old man looked at Shi Feng and asked, "Are you Zero Wing's Black Flame?"

"That's right. And you are?" Shi Feng asked, standing up from the ground.

"Evil Nature's Unseeing Demon!"

The old man's words gave birth to a powerful attack that assaulted everyone on Zero Wing's team. Apart from those with at least Tier 6 Peak Concentration, everyone else experienced a wave of dizziness.

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Chapter 3854: Alternate Ending 928 - Royal vs. Royal

Chapter 928 – Royal vs. Royal

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“A mental combat technique!”

Phoenix Rain was shocked when she felt the mental storm the old man emanated.

Mental combat techniques were extremely rare in God’s Domain. According to the various human powers’ understanding, the Holy Race wasn’t proficient in mental development but physical development. Yet, the old man could intimidate players with Concentration beneath the Tier 6 Peak standard with nothing but a glare. This was unheard-of.

“Unseeing Demon?” Shi Feng was also shocked by the one-eyed old man. “The Transcendent List’s 12th-ranked Unseeing Demon?”

The Transcendent List was the Holy Race’s version of the Divine Glory List. However, the Transcendent List had much more substance than the Divine Glory List.

Any expert on the Transcendent List could pose a significant threat to the major human powers. Those ranked in the Transcendent List’s top 100 could rival the Divine Glory List’s top 10, while those ranked in the Transcendent List’s top 20 had all grown to become sixth-floor experts in Shi Feng’s previous life.

Unseeing Demon was one of these experts. In Shi Feng’s previous life, Unseeing Demon had fought all three of the human race’s Three Absolutes in one-on-one duels. He won against one of them, drew with one of them, and lost to one of them. He was, without a doubt, a super powerhouse.

“Yes, that is me,” the one-eyed old man answered. “Since you know me, I will give you a chance. Surrender all your tokens, and I will let you leave Plot 095 alive!”

After Unseeing Demon said so, the five players behind him revealed their auras, which rivaled that of Level 220 Ancient Gods. The implication was clear: they would immediately take action should Shi Feng refuse.

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The appearance of Unseeing Demon’s party naturally caught the attention of the powers observing Zero Wing’s movement from a distance. Among them, the spectating human powers were dumbfounded by this development.

“Six experts that rival Ancient Gods of the same level! Is this the strength of a royal power?”

“They’re no different from Humanoid Bosses! Just one of them can take care of the entire Plot 095, let alone six!”

“Unseeing Demon?! Isn’t Evil Nature being excessive?! Why would it mobilize an old fellow like him?! Apart from the five other royal powers, who else can contend with Evil Nature now?!”

Experts who could rival Ancient Gods of the same level were typically among the strongest combatants of the various pseudo-apex powers. As mighty as the human race’s Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers were, even they had no more than ten such experts each, while the weaker ones had only five or six such experts. Yet, Evil Nature had mobilized six such experts to seize just one plot of land. The gap in strength between Evil Nature and the human race’s pseudo-apex powers was like heaven and earth. They stood on completely different levels.

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“Has Evil Nature gone insane?! Isn’t this just a competition?! Why would it mobilize an old monster like Unseeing Demon?! Does it really think the human race is a pushover?!” The Seven Luminaries Alliance’s Elder Martial was furious as he glared at Unseeing Demon’s figure displayed on his Magic Mirror.

“Elder Martial, is Unseeing Demon *that* strong?” Verdant Rainbow asked, Elder Martial’s fury piquing her curiosity.

“That old fellow isn’t just strong,” Elder Martial sighed helplessly. “He’s a walking disaster!”

Others might not know who Unseeing Demon was, but as a Grand Elder of the Seven Luminaries Alliance, Elder Martial knew just how terrifying of an existence the one-eyed old man was. According to the Seven Luminaries Alliance’s investigation, Unseeing Demon had once destroyed several Realms by himself. He was a walking disaster through and through.

“With that old fellow there, Plot 095’s ownership is already decided.” Turning to Verdant Rainbow, Elder Martial said, “Contact Black Flame and have him leave Plot 095 immediately. If Unseeing Demon decides to take action, not even the Holy Race’s other royal powers can stop him.”

Not even the other royal powers can stop him? Hearing this shocked Verdant Rainbow even more.

Verdant Rainbow knew a little about the other royal powers’ experts. They had quite a few existences who could rival Ancient Gods. They had even mobilized experts who could rival the Holy Race’s Holy Ancestors. Thus, she couldn’t help but doubt Elder Martial’s statement.

As Verdant Rainbow was about to call Shi Feng, the Magic Mirror showed him responding to Unseeing Demon.

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“You want us to surrender our tokens?” After glancing at Unseeing Demon and the five experts behind him, Shi Feng stated plainly, “I’m afraid you’re not strong enough to make us do that.”

“Young man, are you tired of living?” Unseeing Demon’s voice grew cold.

Unseeing Demon had run rampant in the Holy Race’s Greater God’s Domain for many years. Since the human race was weaker than the Holy Race, he naturally didn’t regard human players to be of any significance.

Although Evil Nature’s investigation showed that Shi Feng had previously defeated Garuda, Unseeing Demon viewed their fight as nothing but children playing house. A true powerhouse who had mastered many top-tier Holy Arts could easily defeat Shi Feng and Garuda.

Shortly after Unseeing Demon finished speaking, a crisp voice suddenly entered everyone’s ears.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, can you leave this matter to us?”

Immediately, everyone turned to the source of the voice and saw that the speaker was none other than Purgatory Jade.

“Of course. Since you are interested, I will leave it to you, Miss Jade,” Shi Feng said, consenting to Purgatory Jade’s initiative.

“Little girl, do you know that you are courting death?!” Unseeing Demon glared at Purgatory Jade, unleashing an even more powerful mental storm at her.

However, before Unseeing Demon’s mental storm could reach her, Purgatory Jade unleashed a mental pulse that thoroughly neutralized it.

“Old man, are you referring to yourself?” Purgatory Jade retorted, looking at the surprised Unseeing Demon indifferently. “Put away your useless mental combat technique and bring out your true abilities. Otherwise, I’ll end you in three moves.”

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Chapter 3855: Alternate Ending 929 - Purgatory vs. Unseeing

Chapter 929 – Purgatory vs. Unseeing

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TL Notes:

Made a change to Chapter 918:

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She had also replaced her previous shield with a Divine Shield. (Purgatory Jade)

Edited:

She had also replaced her previous shields with Divine Shields.

The ease with which Purgatory Jade nullified Unseeing Demon's mental storm made the five Evil Nature members behind the one-eyed old man start to take her seriously. They also looked at her as if she were a monster.

As long-time party members of Unseeing Demon, they knew how powerful the old man's mental combat technique was. Even experts with Tier 6 Limit Concentration would have trouble resisting his mental storm. Only the old monsters of the Holy Race could shrug it off.

Unseeing Demon's mental combat technique, or more specifically, Mental Secret Technique Spiritual Blade, was equivalent to a Peak Gold Combat Technique. He was the only player in Evil Nature to have succeeded in learning it. This was because the innate Concentration of his Unique Class Holy Soul Fighter was 50% stronger than other classes. Even then, it had taken him years of research and practice to learn it.

Yet, a young human woman had managed to match Unseeing Demon's mental attack. This was simply unbelievable.

"It seems you aren't all talk after all." Unseeing Demon smirked. "No wonder you dare to look down on me. With that move alone, you are indeed qualified for me to fight you seriously."

As soon as Unseeing Demon finished speaking, he unleashed an incredibly dense Holy Aura that transformed him into a 100-meter-tall, six-armed, three-eyed giant. Now, he was akin to an awakened Primordial Holy Demon, his presence alone shattering the surrounding space and expelling the Eternal Realm's World Power within a 1,000-yard radius.

When the five Evil Nature members saw this, they quickly retreated a thousand yards away lest they get swept up in Unseeing Demon's battle.

"Spread out!"

Shi Feng also commanded Zero Wing's members to retreat by 3,000 yards, leaving enough space for Purgatory Jade to fight Unseeing Demon. When experts of Purgatory Jade and Unseeing Demon's caliber fought, only experts of a similar standard could intervene. The ripples of their battle could easily kill weaker experts.

Unseeing Demon did not pay any attention to the withdrawal of Zero Wing's forces. His full attention was on Purgatory Jade and the two shields she wielded. He had long regarded Shi Feng and the other Zero Wing members as walking corpses. Once he dealt with Purgatory Jade, he could retrieve the tokens in the hands of Zero Wing's other members whenever he wanted.

After sensing that Shi Feng and the others had distanced themselves from her, Purgatory Jade launched herself off the ground and instantly appeared above Unseeing Demon's 100-meter-tall body as if teleporting. Immediately afterward, her shields expanded into two 1,000-meter-tall hills, and she smashed them into Unseeing Demon, the downward pressure blurring the space beneath them.

Peak Gold Combat Technique, Collapsing Earth!

However, Unseeing Demon didn't think much of Purgatory Jade's attack and simply threw a punch at the descending shields, the dense Holy Aura circulating around his arm condensing at his fist.

Boom!

When shields and fist collided, the impact turned the space within a 1,000-yard radius into an empty void. The street and the surrounding buildings vanished, as if a black hole had appeared in the middle of the city.

As soon as their first exchange ended, Purgatory Jade and Unseeing Demon traded several more blows, each exchange producing tremors and explosions that players operating in the surrounding plots of land felt and heard.

"Crap! Who is fighting over there?! What's with this huge commotion?!"

"The commotion seems to be coming from Plot 095. Could a royal power's experts be taking action?"

"Is this the strength of a royal power's experts?"

When the players in the surrounding plots of land looked toward Plot 095, some were glad, and some were frightened. Although the various powers knew they couldn't afford to provoke royal powers, they had never known how powerful royal powers were. However, after sensing the commotion in Plot 095, they finally understood why royal powers were feared. Even without experiencing the battle in person, they knew that the

average fifth-floor expert would be no different from cannon fodder in a battle of such a level.

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After several exchanges, the fight between Purgatory Jade and Unseeing Demon paused. When it came to equipment standards, Unseeing Demon, who was fully equipped with Divine Artifacts, had a huge advantage over Purgatory Jade. However, Purgatory Jade's Guardian Knight class granted her incredibly high HP and Defense. She was also a Primordial Dragonoid. Hence, she had lost only 10% of her HP thus far despite being inferior to Unseeing Demon in Basic Attributes. This outcome astonished the five spectating Evil Nature members.

"Guild Leader, should we help her?" Hidden Soul asked, growing worried as she looked at Purgatory Jade's HP.

Currently, there weren't any noticeable differences in combat standards between Purgatory Jade and Unseeing Demon. Although Purgatory Jade had lost only 10% HP in their several exchanges, this outcome already sealed her fate. After all, neither of them were near exhaustion. Their fight could easily go on for a hundred exchanges. In that case, it was only a matter of time before she fell.

"Relax. If this is all Unseeing Demon has, he won't be able to kill Purgatory Jade," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "She isn't just a Guardian Knight."

As Shi Feng spoke, Purgatory Jade cast a Tier 6 Holy Heal on herself. The Spell not only healed her HP back to full but also provided her with continuous healing for 30 seconds. This sight dumbfounded Hidden Soul.

"A hidden class that comes with self-healing?" Unseeing Demon's eyebrows twitched when he saw the fruits of his effort erased.

"That's right. I'm not just a Guardian Knight. I'm also a Divine Dragon Knight. When it comes to self-healing capabilities, I am no weaker than the average Cleric," Purgatory Jade admitted while nonchalantly dusting her armor. "If this is all you've got, it will be the end of the line for you."

"You are full of surprises." Unseeing Demon did not grow flustered after learning about Purgatory Jade's class. On the contrary, his eyes brightened with vigor, and he gathered his Holy Aura on all six fists, transforming them into six illusory, pitch-black miniature worlds. "Out of everyone in the younger generation, you are the second person to make me use my full strength!"

After saying so, Unseeing Demon launched all six fists at Purgatory Jade, the six illusory miniature worlds merging and transforming into a black beam. The speed and power of this attack were completely different from his previous attacks. The name of

this attack was World's Light. It was the strongest Fusion Holy Art in his arsenal, and it combined the strength of his current form and one of his Divine Artifact's Profound Skills.

Almost instinctively, Purgatory Jade executed Collapsing Earth to defend against Unseeing Demon's attack.

Boom!

Following a loud report, Purgatory Jade flew across the sky, her body leaving a wake of nothingness that extended over a thousand yards, smashing through several skyscrapers before coming to a halt.

"The commander will win for sure now!"

The five spectating Evil Nature members grew excited when they saw Purgatory Jade's HP had fallen below 50%.

However, just as they started celebrating, Purgatory Jade stamped her feet and demolished the skyscraper she was in. As she remained suspended in the air, a dazzling light burst from her body, and her HP rapidly recovered, returning to full in just two seconds. At the same time, her shields transformed into a miniature world several hundred meters in diameter, composed of divine patterns.

"Old man, you are very strong," Purgatory Jade said as she gazed at Unseeing Demon, innumerable divine patterns flashing in her eyes. "Since coming to this world, you are the first expert I have needed to fight with my full strength!"

As the miniature world enveloping Purgatory Jade began to rotate, a look of surprise appeared on Unseeing Demon's face for the first time in this battle.

"A Mortal...God?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"What?!" South Lake was thoroughly dumbfounded.

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

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

"Vice Guild Leader Jade, may I know what brings you to our humble place? Do you have instructions for us?" Ember Dragon took the initiative to break the silence when he

noticed the other representatives lost in their own thoughts. He also made sure to maintain a respectful attitude.

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

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

"A partnership?"

Everyone's eyes lit up at these words.

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

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

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

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

Dragon's Crown was frighteningly powerful, even for an apex power. Yet, it was willing to act as an intermediary for someone else. Purgatory Jade even emphasized that Dragon's Crown valued this ally greatly. Most likely, this "ally" was at least as strong, or even stronger than, Dragon's Crown.

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

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

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

After learning who was responsible for redeeming the Access Key, the various pseudo-apex powers' representatives were more or less conflicted. However, when they realized that the other party was a power that could get Dragon's Crown to act as an

intermediary, they immediately stopped fussing over the details and accepted the situation.

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

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

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Chapter 3825: Alternate Ending 899 - Astonishing Zero Wing

Chapter 899 – Astonishing Zero Wing

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"Zero Wing?"

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

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

Meanwhile, South Lake and Apocalypse were stunned to learn the name of Dragon's Crown's ally.

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

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

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

Zero Wing was not at a Guild with an established history. Instead, it was an upstart Guild that had gained popularity following the Eternal Realm's birth. Thus far, the Guild's achievements included occupying an entire second-tier city by itself, establishing

a solid foothold in the Eternal Realm's Crystal City of Secrets, partnering with two pseudo-apex powers, and occupying a Neutral Town in the Eternal Realm.

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

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

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

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

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

None of the Greater God's Domain's hidden apex powers were ordinary. Although South Lake didn't know why these apex powers had chosen to hide themselves, history had shown that they were all incredibly closed and arrogant. They would only pay attention to powers of equal standards. Even if they decided to have dealings with a weaker power, they would maintain only a superior-subordinate relationship. They would never treat weaker powers as equals, much like humans would never treat ants as equals.

Zero Wing? It can't be, right? Ember Dragon was also confused by Purgatory Jade's answer, and he couldn't help but scrutinize South Lake's and Apocalypse's reactions, hoping to gain verification from them.

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

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

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

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

After a long silence, Purgatory Jade spoke up again.

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

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

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

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

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

"Black Flame?"

"Zero Wing's Guild Leader?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Sorry for the trouble, Vice Guild Leader Jade," Shi Feng said, nodding. Then, he looked at Ember Dragon and the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives and continued, "I won't waste everyone's time. Besides the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty, everyone willing to cooperate can come inside and chat."

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

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

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

“I think that person is called Black Flame!”

“Black Flame? Do you mean the Divine Glory List’s 281st-ranked expert?”

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Chapter 3826: Alternate Ending 900 - Times Have Changed

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Central Plaza, Advanced Tent:

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

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

However, the partnership regarding the Flame Dragon God’s Nest was of utmost importance. If the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty were to harass Zero Wing secretly, Zero Wing would have trouble coping. After all, she knew that Zero Wing’s actual circumstances were nowhere near as optimistic as the various pseudo-apex powers were led to believe. It didn’t actually have the strength to stand as equals with a power like Dragon’s Crown.

Furthermore, the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty both knew the location of the Eternal Realm’s entrance. They could easily enter the Eternal Realm to strike at the heart of Zero Wing’s development.

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

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

Not to mention, there was the Dragon-Hunting Artillery Design he obtained from the remnant primordial world. So long as Zero Wing constructed a few in Shadowring Town, not even the Holy Race’s royal powers could threaten the town, let alone the Dragon

God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty. Additionally, once Zero Wing stabilized its control over the Tower of the Abyss and the Flame Dragon God's Nest, it would not lack experts to command. Even surpassing the Holy Race's royal powers would be possible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chapter 3827: Alternate Ending 901 - Pseudo-Apex Powers' Wealth

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“Okay! Red-Tailed Dragon is willing to cooperate!”

Tarnished Wind accepted the partnership with Zero Wing on Red-Tailed Dragon's behalf without hesitation. He didn't even bother to discuss it with Red-Tailed Dragon's current Great Commander.

“The Hundred Dragon Assembly is also willing to cooperate!”

“I can sign a God's Domain Contract on behalf of the Moonlight Family!”

Upon seeing Tarnished Wind's response, the other pseudo-apex powers' representatives promptly followed suit, worried that Shi Feng might regret his decision or limit the number of partners.

Five minutes later, eight of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers finished signing a God's Domain Contract with Zero Wing. Another hour later, the eight pseudo-apex powers jointly took control of the Flame Dragon God's Nest's entrance with the help of the Access Key in Shi Feng's possession. Each also mobilized several of their trump card legions to take turns garrisoning Flame Vein Holy City. This situation

dumbfounded the Dragon God Palace and the Divine Wing Dynasty, which were still contemplating occupying Flame Vein Holy City by force.

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“Have they lost their minds? Isn’t it just a partnership? Why have they gone as far as to commit their trump card legions?” Ember Dragon nearly went crazy when he received the latest report from his subordinates.

It was already bad enough that this incident had tarnished his reputation in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary and caused the Dragon God Palace’s Guild Leader to doubt his capabilities. Now, the eight pseudo-apex powers’ behavior was even testing his sanity.

To his utter confusion, the eight pseudo-apex powers mobilized their trump cards to clear out the players in the Flame Dragon God’s Nest. Furthermore, they did not hesitate to start a war with the Dragon God Palace’s and the Divine Wing Dynasty’s members, preventing them from grinding in the secret land.

“It seems Black Flame is quite capable,” the bandaged youth said jokingly. Unlike Ember Dragon, he did not react angrily to the news. “But you don’t have to worry. I’ve looked into Zero Wing.”

“Well? What’s up with that Zero Wing?” Ember Dragon asked, looking at the bandaged youth with eagerness in his eyes. “Is it really one of those hidden ancient powers?”

“I can only say that you were unlucky,” the bandaged youth said, shaking his head. Then, he calmly explained, “*They* have already gone through all their records and are certain that Zero Wing isn’t some hidden ancient power, and neither is Dragon’s Crown. However, Dragon’s Crown is indeed powerful. It is likely to be an existence that closely rivals apex powers. Zero Wing’s Guild Leader must have gotten lucky and acquainted himself with one of Dragon’s Crown’s executives. I wouldn’t even be surprised if Zero Wing turns out to be a Guild secretly cultivated by Dragon’s Crown. Black Flame has deceived those pseudo-apex powers.”

“Dragon’s Crown only closely rivals apex powers?” Ember Dragon’s gaze turned cold after learning this. “Black Flame! How dare you deceive me! I will make you and Dragon’s Crown pay for this!”

“Hold your horses,” the bandaged youth said. “It still isn’t time to expose ourselves.”

“What about this secret land, then? Even the Guild Leader is considering replacing me because of Black Flame!” Ember Dragon bellowed. “Black Flame is only an ant ranked 281st on the Divine Glory List! If I don’t deal with him, my days in the Dragon God Palace will be numbered!”

“I understand your troubles,” the bandaged youth said sternly. “But the situation is different now. *That* side might be taking action soon, so we haven’t much time left. We need to establish a stable route to the Eternal Realm quickly. Black Flame is nothing but a clown flaunting strength he doesn’t have. We have plenty of time to deal with him later. While we are at it, we can even take care of Dragon’s Crown at that time!”

“*That* side is taking action soon?” Ember Dragon cooled down when he heard the bandaged youth’s words, the anger in his eyes replaced by fear. “I understand. I’ll personally lead a team to establish a route immediately.”

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Flame Vein Holy City, Flame Vein Advanced Hotel:

After officializing his partnership with the eight pseudo-apex powers, Shi Feng left the Flame Dragon God’s Nest.

Players inside the Flame Dragon God’s Nest could not communicate with the outside world or go offline. Additionally, ten days had gone by in the Greater God’s Domain while he was away in the remnant primordial world. It was unhealthy to spend such a long time in God’s Domain, even for great grandmasters. Thus, he needed to relax his mind and body in the real world.

I got quite a harvest this time. In addition to the Empress’s Scales, I even got the World’s Scar. Shi Feng felt delighted as he looked at the World’s Scar, which he had spent five million Undying Souls to redeem, in his bag. *With this weapon, I should be able to rope Aurebeth into Zero Wing and add another sixth-floor expert to the Guild.*

Originally, Shi Feng had intended to use the World’s Scar himself. After all, the weapon was publicly acknowledged as the Greater God’s Domain’s number one Divine Sword in his previous life. No Swordsman could resist owning such a weapon.

However, Shi Feng changed his mind after redeeming the World’s Scar.

This was because the current World’s Scar was a thoroughly damaged Divine Artifact that players couldn’t wield. There was also no mention of how the World’s Scar could be repaired.

Under such circumstances, Aurebeth was probably the only person in the Greater God’s Domain who could return the World’s Scar to its former glory. After all, Aurebeth had wielded the complete World’s Scar in Shi Feng’s previous life.

While Shi Feng was sorting his harvest, a knock came from the door of his hotel room. Then, the door opened, and Apocalypse entered the room respectfully.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, excuse my interruption,” Apocalypse said as he walked up to Shi Feng. Then, he took out a list and awkwardly continued, “After discussing with the other powers, we have decided on the first batch of players we will send into the secret land. The eight of us will send a total of 80,000 players into the secret land for ten days. According to our agreement, we will pay you eight million bottles of Life Potion through the God’s Domain Association. They should reach Star Lake City in three days.”

“Eighty thousand players will be entering for ten days?” Shi Feng was surprised.

Assuming that each pseudo-apex power would send 10,000 players into the Flame Dragon God’s Nest for ten days, each would have to pay Zero Wing one million bottles of Life Potion. This was a significant amount, even for a pseudo-apex power.

“Yes. We decided to send a few more people since this is the first batch,” Apocalypse said, nodding. “Of course, if you think there are too many, we can reduce the number.”

“No need. Eighty thousand is fine,” Shi Feng said as he stamped the contract list with the Flame Dragon God’s Access Key. Contrary to Apocalypse’s opinion, Shi Feng was glad to see the eight pseudo-apex powers send more players into the secret land. After all, this would increase the number of Life Potions he could obtain. As for whether the eight pseudo-apex powers would redeem the Flame Dragon God’s Treasury’s items, he did not prohibit it.

Although the Flame Dragon God’s Treasury had plenty of good items, the only precious item that remained was the Flame God Set. However, the Flame God Set required 50 million Undying Souls to redeem. That wasn’t an amount that the eight pseudo-apex powers could obtain in ten days. On the other hand, he could collect the remaining 50 million Undying Souls Dragon’s Crown had promised him the next time he summoned Dragon’s Crown’s members. Hence, he wasn’t worried that someone would snatch the Flame God Set.

After Shi Feng settled his agreement with the eight pseudo-apex powers, he logged out to rest. However, five seconds after he disappeared, a lithe figure suddenly entered his hotel room covered in sweat.

“I was still too late?” When Heiser saw that Shi Feng was no longer in the room, she couldn’t help feeling frustrated as she recalled the instructions her teacher Laura had given her before abruptly leaving. “I guess I can only wait until he comes back online...”

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Chapter 3828: Alternate Ending 902 - Missing Realm

Chapter 902 – Missing Realm

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Star Lake City, Zero Wing Training Center:

Illuminated by the midday sun, the hatch of Shi Feng's virtual gaming cabin opened, and Shi Feng climbed out of it, a sense of weakness spreading across his body.

Sure enough, spending ten days in-game is draining on the mind, Shi Feng thought as he looked at himself in the mirror and saw that he had lost weight. Fortunately, the flow of time in the remnant primordial world wasn't too different. Had a month gone by while I was there, I'd need several days to recover, even with Stardew.

After the major system update, the souls of players and their accounts had essentially been synchronized. This had thoroughly changed the way players played God's Domain.

In the past, it didn't matter how long players spent in God's Domain each gaming session. Only when they engaged in mentally stressful activities such as high-intensity battles would their exhaustion be reflected on their resting bodies in the real world.

However, after the major system update, even if players didn't engage in battle, they would be subjected to constant mental stress so long as they had high-quality weapons and equipment equipped. It was as if players were genuinely living in God's Domain and carrying their heavy weapons and equipment around all the time.

This situation made it impossible for players to rest properly in God's Domain and required them to recuperate in the real world. Otherwise, they would eventually collapse from exhaustion in God's Domain and be forcibly logged out.

While Shi Feng was about to drink the drop of Stardew he had retrieved from the refrigerator, a holographic projection suddenly appeared in his living room. The projection was of a graceful woman with an imposing appearance. This woman was none other than Xia Qingying, one of the Green God Corporation's Senior Vice Presidents.

"Guild Leader Shi, you really don't make it easy for others to get in touch with you," Xia Yingqing grumbled, looking fatigued. "Where have you been this whole time? I've contacted Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow multiple times, but every time, they say you are busy with something. Yet, they refuse to tell me where you went."

"They weren't lying. I was indeed occupied with something urgent recently," Shi Feng answered. Before he left for the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, he had informed Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow not to share his whereabouts. "Did something happen on your side?"

The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary was one of the Greater God's Domain's Twelve Sanctuaries, which every power in the Greater God's Domain wished to engage. Meanwhile, as Zero Wing's Guild Leader, he had long since become a thorn in the side of the Eternal Realm's various powers. This was especially so after the appearance of the Tower of the Abyss, which had earned the attention of even apex powers.

If he was merely operating in the Eternal Realm, he wouldn't fear anyone targeting him.

Although an entrance to the Eternal Realm had already been discovered, very few Level 230-plus experts could actually enter it right now. Additionally, the ones who did make it into the Eternal Realm didn't have particularly good weapons and equipment. This was because most Level 230-plus experts did not wish to risk suffering a permanent death in the dangerous space-time passage. Furthermore, Level 230-plus players were the leading force in clearing out the monsters in the passage. Hence, he was more than capable of defending himself in the Eternal Realm.

However, it was a different story if he were to operate in one of the Twelve Sanctuaries.

The Twelve Sanctuaries were filled with Level 230-plus experts. A Tier 6 player who had yet to reach Level 220 like himself would be incredibly weak there. If any apex power intended to target him, his chances of survival would be less than 20%. Hence, before leaving for the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, he had reminded Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow not to share his whereabouts. He had even told them not to interrupt him if nothing serious happened.

"Of course, something happened! Something huge happened!" Xia Qingying huffed, rolling her eyes at Shi Feng. "Since you left me with the task of training an absurd number of Divine Engravers, I've been trying every means to gather the necessary manpower across numerous mobile cities! Although I eventually secured the required manpower without attracting attention, the cost of materials is killing me! Do you know how many connections I had to pull to barely cover the expenditure of all these people?"

"Are you lacking Seven Luminaries Crystals?" Shi Feng quickly understood Xia Qingying's problem after hearing about the other party's complaint. "If it's Seven Luminaries Crystals, I can have Hidden Soul send some to you now."

It was indeed difficult for a single corporation to nurture 10,000 Divine Engravers in one go. This was because the main material used to produce Divine Engraving Scrolls was Seven Luminaries Crystals. The various powers considered Seven Luminaries Crystals a strategic resource, so it was difficult to obtain them in bulk under normal circumstances. Recently, the only reliable way to obtain Seven Luminaries Crystals in bulk was by selling Eternal Coins.

Fortunately, the current Zero Wing did not lack Seven Luminaries Crystals. Thanks to the Tower of the Abyss, Zero Wing had become the number one earner of Seven Luminaries Crystals in the Eternal Realm.

“Seven Luminaries Crystals?” Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng in astonishment. “Where have you been all this time?”

“The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary,” Shi Feng answered truthfully. “What’s wrong?”

He had already established a partnership with eight of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary’s pseudo-apex powers. He was even staying in Flame Vein Holy City, protected by over a hundred Level 240-plus experts. Even if apex powers sent Level 240 elite experts after him, he would not be in any danger. Thus, he didn’t mind revealing his current whereabouts.

“The Primordial Dragon Sanctuary? I didn’t think you’d have the means to go there.” At Shi Feng’s answer, Xia Qingying couldn’t help but scrutinize him in surprise. “But that’s not right. Even if you are in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, how can you not know about the Cruise Wing Realm’s disappearance?”

“The Cruise Wing Realm disappeared?” Shi Feng was momentarily stunned. “How is this possible?! Who did it?! Did a Primordial God take action?!”

Although some Realms had disappeared in his previous life, they were some of the weaker Realms in the Greater God’s Domain. However, he had never received any specific information about the reason for their disappearance; all he had heard were speculations.

As for the Cruise Wing Realm, it had always existed in his previous life. There had never been any problems with it. He knew this because the Cruise Wing Realm was no ordinary Realm. Even among the thousands of Realms in the Greater God’s Domain, it ranked among the top 100. Thus, any power that was a hegemonic power or above would know of its existence.

Furthermore, the Cruise Wing Realm was among the Greater God’s Domain’s top 30 Resource Realms. It was extremely rich in various resources. Because of this, various resources could be obtained from the Cruise Wing Realm at a much cheaper price than other places. Many powers could even profit by reselling the Cruise Wing Realm’s resources to distant Realms.

The Cruise Wing Realm was also incredibly strong overall. While not as strong as the Twelve Sanctuaries, it had as many as three pseudo-apex powers. Thus, even mighty Level 240 Ancient Gods could not make the Cruise Wing Realm disappear. Only a Primordial God could accomplish such a feat.

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Chapter 3829: Alternate Ending 903 - New First-Tier City

Chapter 903 – New First-Tier City

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“You really don’t know.” After seeing Shi Feng’s surprised reaction, Xia Qingying explained, “The Cruise Wing Realm went missing five days ago. Shortly after the incident, news of it quickly spread across the Greater God’s Domain. The players operating in the Cruise Wing Realm were also abruptly logged out of the game and could no longer log back in.”

“Everyone was logged out of the game and can’t log in again?” Shi Feng was even more confused after hearing this.

In his previous life, although some Realms had disappeared abruptly, the players caught in these Realms could still log into God’s Domain. There had never been a case where a Realm’s disappearance caused players to lose access to God’s Domain.

“Yes. Because of this incident, the supply of raw materials in the Greater God’s Domain has become tight, and prices have increased by 50% to 100%. Some materials can’t even be bought with money anymore,” Xia Qingying said helplessly. “The production of Basic and Intermediate Engraving Scrolls requires Mana Sealing Wood. Although it’s a material that’s available in every Realm, the Cruise Wing Realm made up 40% of the Greater God’s Domain’s supply.

“Without the Cruise Wing Realm, I’d have no choice but to source Mana Sealing Wood from other places. In that case, I can only source several hundred players’ worth every so often. Any more than that, I’ll start attracting unwanted attention.”

“That is true.” After hearing Xia Qingying’s explanation, Shi Feng admitted that they had a huge problem.

Mana Sealing Wood was a rare material in the Greater God’s Domain. Although every Realm produced it, most only produced it in small quantities. The good news was that the demand for Mana Sealing Wood was low, and it was typically only used when producing special high-ranking Magic Scrolls. The bad news was that Mana Sealing Wood was one of the main materials needed to produce Divine Engraving Scrolls.

If Zero Wing intended to nurture only a few dozen Divine Engravers, it could easily procure Mana Sealing Wood without attracting attention. However, to source enough Mana Sealing Wood to nurture 10,000 Divine Engravers without relying on the Cruise

Wing Realm, it would have to source from dozens of Realms or more. It was impossible to conduct an operation of such scale with absolute secrecy.

“That’s why I have been looking for you,” Xia Qingying sighed. “Originally, the Cruise Wing Realm’s disappearance already presented a huge headache. Now, the various powers have even started frantically investigating the reason for its disappearance, fearing their Realms might be next. They aren’t letting any details slip past them. Although I stockpiled some Mana Sealing Wood before this incident, it can only last us another two days.”

“I can get some Mana Sealing Wood, but I’m afraid it’s impossible to supply tens of thousands of players long-term without attracting attention...” Shi Feng frowned.

There were many ways to obtain large amounts of Mana Sealing Wood. The simplest method would be to buy it from the Seven Luminaries Alliance. If they purchased it through the Alliance, they could easily nurture hundreds of thousands of Divine Engravers, let alone tens of thousands. However, if they were to buy such a large amount of Mana Sealing Wood, the Seven Luminaries Alliance would definitely look into the matter.

If it were revealed that Zero Wing could produce Divine Engraving Scrolls, it would truly be the end for Zero Wing.

It should be known that the significance of the Divine Engraving Scrolls was far greater than even that of the Tower of the Abyss.

Although the Tower of the Abyss could provide fifth-floor experts with opponents and directions to advance beyond the fifth-floor standard, the benefits of owning the Tower of the Abyss were still resistible to powers that could enter it. After all, not everyone could succeed, even when offered a path to success. Very few experts possessed the talent necessary to advance to the sixth-floor standard.

As for the Tower of the Abyss’s wealth-generating capabilities, it was true that it could generate astronomical amounts of Seven Luminaries Crystals. However, while it might be enough to tempt ordinary powers into action, it wasn’t enough to make apex powers forgo the method of reaching the sixth-floor standard. In a situation where Zero Wing allowed everyone besides its enemies to use the Tower of the Abyss, apex powers that weren’t hostile to Zero Wing wouldn’t care to seize the Tower of the Abyss.

Zero Wing didn’t have to concern itself with the envy of ordinary powers, either. Nobody could threaten Zero Wing in the Eternal Realm outside of apex powers.

However, it would be a different story if the various powers learned of Zero Wing’s ability to mass-produce Divine Engraving Scrolls.

Since the major system update, players had been subjected to a constant mental burden when using high-quality weapons and equipment. Because of this, Epic and Fragmented Legendary Weapons Equipment became mainstream in the Greater God's Domain. In such a situation, having the ability to produce Divine Engraving Scrolls that could enhance the Basic Attributes of Epic and Fragmented Legendary items would be a game changer. There was no way the various powers could resist seizing this opportunity for themselves, especially when it was in the hands of a weak power like Zero Wing.

"Are you free these next two days?" Xia Yingqing asked suddenly.

"I don't have anything planned," Shi Feng answered without much thought.

"Good." Xia Qingying smiled. "A new first-tier mobile city has appeared on the Starlight Continent. The birth of a first-tier city is rare and happens only once every few decades or centuries. To celebrate its achievement, the first-tier city in question has decided to host an auction of unprecedented scale, and the Green God Corporation just so happens to have received an invitation.

"Rumor has it that the auction will feature Fragmented Divine Artifacts and Eternal Stones. However, all transactions must be made with Eternal Coins. Many powers are also considering using this auction to earn Eternal Coins, so they are willing to auction some of their wealth. I dare say this will be the grandest trade fair the Starlight Continent has ever seen in the past century."

"Even Eternal Stones are being sold?" Shi Feng's eyes lit up after hearing this.

He had been trying to obtain Eternal Stones all this time. Unfortunately, since the Holy World became the Eternal Realm, obtaining them became even more difficult. Additionally, as everyone knew about the Eternity Set, those with Eternal Stones treated them like family heirlooms. This situation prevented him from turning the Eternity Gauntlets and the Eternity Crown in his possession into Divine Artifacts.

If Eternity Stones were sold at the aforementioned auction, it would be an excellent opportunity for him to obtain some. So long as he could get about a dozen more, he could turn the Eternity Crown into a bona fide Divine Artifact. At that time, the Eternity Crown alone would trump the God Chaser Set he currently used.

"All attendees will have their identities hidden, so we can buy Mana Sealing Wood in bulk without worry. I heard that you made a lot of money in the Eternal Realm, so it will be up to you then," Xia Qingying said, smiling when she saw Shi Feng's eagerness. "The Green God Corporation's passenger plane will arrive at Star Lake City in three hours. Do you have any problems?"

"Three hours is enough." Shi Feng nodded. "I'll head over to the airport after I take stock."

Zero Wing currently had plenty of Eternal Coins because of the Tower of the Abyss. After all, each player had to pay five Eternal Gold and 2,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal each time they challenged the Tower of the Abyss, and there were tens of thousands to over a hundred thousand players challenging the tower each day. Even after he repaid the debts he incurred for purchasing the upscale shop in Luminous Sky City and materials from the Seven Luminaries Alliance, Zero Wing should still have plenty of Eternal Coins on its books.

“Okay. Don’t be late,” Xia Qingying said, hanging up the call after getting Shi Feng’s agreement.

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On the Green God Corporation’s supersonic passenger plane, a tall woman sat beside Xia Qingying. The woman sported a ponytail, and a black veil covered her face. Although the woman’s expression was hidden, she exuded a cold aura that made those around her tremble subconsciously.

After Xia Qingying ended her call with Shi Feng, the veiled woman glanced at the holographic projection of Shi Feng displayed above Xia Qingying’s wrist and asked, “Is he the rumored Black Flame from our world?”

“Mhm. He’s the one I mentioned to you before,” Xia Qingying replied, nodding. Then, with a playful smile, she continued, “Had he entered the Greater God’s Domain with your batch, his current achievements might have matched yours.”

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Chapter 3830: Alternate Ending 904 - Changes to Star Lake City

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Star Lake City, Zero Wing Training Center

After his call with Xia Qingying ended, Shi Feng tidied up and went to the combat simulation hall where Hidden Soul, Gentle Snow, and the other Zero Wing executives usually trained.

Since the major system update, combat simulation halls had become the primary place for players to visit when resting offline. Besides being able to train against simulated

experts, players could also recover the Concentration they expended in God's Domain. Most importantly, players could watch the top experts of their respective Guilds spar.

Before the introduction of Soul Synchronization, the top experts of the various Guilds could be considered elusive creatures in the real world. They typically spent most of their time in God's Domain, rarely appearing before others. However, following Soul Synchronization's introduction, even great grandmasters with powerful mental strength had to go offline regularly to rest and recuperate. This situation resulted in the usually unpopular combat simulation halls becoming a gathering place for top experts.

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The Zero Wing Training Center's combat simulation hall was an indoor stadium with six floors. The first and centermost floor was a vast open space, the second and third floors comprised small and medium simulation fields, and the fourth to sixth floors held viewing boxes.

The viewing boxes on the fifth and sixth floors were exclusive to the Guild's core members and executives; normal members could only use the fourth floor's viewing boxes.

"Those newcomers named Lin Yaoyue and Zhuo Yalin are incredible! They actually lasted ten moves against Big Sis Fire when working together! They can probably rank among the top ten newcomers this time!"

"Indeed. Everyone in the latest batch of newcomers is incredibly strong. Even the Myriad Forest Empire's Empress Blood Arrow Leroja and the Red Star Kingdom's Undefeated Battle Maniac Cross have withdrawn from their respective Guilds to join us."

"We have to work harder. The Guild only has so many simulation fields. Normal members like us might still get to use them now, but as more members move to the Guild's headquarters, we'll probably have to rent simulation fields outside to rest."

The youths gathered in the fourth floor's general area sighed as they watched the physical combat on the first floor. A sense of urgency welled up in their hearts when they considered Zero Wing's rapid growth.

Before Zero Wing's fame extended beyond Star Lake City, only some people from the city applied to join the Guild. However, after Zero Wing became famous, geniuses from Star Lake City and experts from neighboring mobile cities and the Starlight Realm began to flock to the Guild.

While Zero Wing's youths were talking, a young man with black hair wearing a white sweatshirt walked past the crowd in the fourth floor's general area and entered the fifth floor.

“The fifth floor?”

“Who is that person? Since he can enter the fifth floor, he should be a core member at the minimum, but why haven’t I seen him before?”

“He’s probably another one of those peerless geniuses who joined our Guild. I really envy these people. They become core members as soon as they join. In contrast, normal members like us have to undergo many rigorous tests to get promoted. We also have to wait in line to use simulation fields.”

“That’s only the tip of the iceberg. I heard that core members get to spar with the Vice Guild Leaders. Many heirs of corporations have offered our two Vice Guild Leaders millions of Star Coins to host a lesson. Even then, the Vice Guild Leaders rejected all such offers.”

“I heard that, too! If I could spar against the two Vice Guild Leaders, I can die without regrets!”

Envy colored the eyes of the youths in the fourth-floor general area as they watched the black-haired young man walk up to the fifth floor. This situation, in turn, stunned the black-haired young man.

Millions of Star Coins to host a lesson? Shi Feng was astonished when he overheard the discussion of the Zero Wing members on the fourth floor. He hadn’t expected Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow to become so popular in Star Lake City. Even the Guild Leaders of hegemonic powers would rarely receive such treatment from the younger generation of corporations.

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While marveling at the changes in Star Lake City, Shi Feng arrived at a viewing box on the sixth floor.

“Guild Leader, I’ve finished sorting out all of Zero Wing’s profits like you asked,” Hidden Soul reported after Shi Feng entered the viewing box. She handed him an electronic tablet and stated proudly, “After deducting the funds needed for the Guild’s expansion, Shadowring Town’s maintenance, and repaying the money you owe, the Guild has 1.35 million Eternal Gold Coins left on its books.”

“That much?!” Shi Feng was shocked.

Although he had long since known that Shadowring Town would be incredibly profitable after the Tower of the Abyss’s addition, he hadn’t expected it to be *this* profitable. It should be known that Zero Wing owed 5.55 million Eternal Gold to the Seven Luminaries Alliance and 0.7 million Eternal Gold to Luminous Sky City. Furthermore, the

current Eternal Realm's player population was still relatively low, and it was challenging for players to reach Shadowring Town.

Nevertheless, Zero Wing still had 1.35 million Eternal Gold remaining after repaying all its debts and covering its operational costs!

Aside from apex powers, no other power could have such wealth in the current Eternal Realm. Even pseudo-apex powers would be fortunate to have half a million Eternal Gold right now.

"If you urgently need Eternal Coins, tomorrow is the lease renewal date for Shadowring Town's shops. We should be able to get another 400,000 Eternal Gold," Hidden Soul said seriously.

"That won't be necessary," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Register these Eternal Coins for me at the God's Domain Association. I need to use the money today."

The God's Domain Association was the Greater World's largest and most mysterious organization. Not only was it present in all mobile cities in the Greater World, but it also offered insurance for player transactions made outside of God's Domain. However, this service came at a hefty price, with the God's Domain Association charging anywhere from 10 million to over 100 million Star Coins to insure each transaction. It was not a service the average player could afford.

"Okay. I'll have someone do it right away. It should take two hours at most," Hidden Soul said, nodding. Then, she hesitantly continued, "By the way, Guild Leader, while you were out of reach, many pseudo-apex powers and some hidden pseudo-apex powers contacted me and Snow."

"Contacted you two? What did they want?" Shi Feng asked calmly.

"All these pseudo-apex powers were powers with few to no members present in the Eternal Realm during its inception. Now that an entrance has been discovered, these powers are thinking of expanding into the Eternal Realm. However, they won't have any advantage over other pseudo-apex powers if they enter the Eternal Realm now, so they plan to acquire Zero Wing to remedy that problem," Hidden Soul said worriedly.

"Acquire us?" Shi Feng chuckled. "How much are they offering?"

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“They still haven’t given us a price,” Hidden Soul answered. “As Snow and I couldn’t get in touch with you recently, we used that as an excuse to avoid discussions. But judging from their tone and how many unfamiliar Level 230-plus experts have appeared in Shadowring Town recently, I suspect they won’t take no for an answer.”

“Won’t take no for an answer?” Shi Feng sneered. “Okay, I understand. If they get in touch with you again, have them contact me directly.”

Evidently, Shadowring Town had become an even fatter sheep in the various powers’ eyes ever since the Tower of the Abyss’s addition. However, who would end up the hunter and the hunted remained to be seen.

“Oh, right,” Hidden Soul said, suddenly recalling something. “Miss Frey from the Galaxy Conglomerate sent you an invitation a few days ago.” She pulled out a gold invitation card and handed it to Shi Feng. “According to the invitation, you are invited to attend a once-in-a-century trade fair hosted by Desolate Star City, a newly promoted first-tier mobile city. It just so happens that the trade fair’s opening ceremony is today.”

“Even the Galaxy Conglomerate is sending out invitations? It seems this trade fair is quite something.” Shi Feng was surprised as he looked at the invitation card.

It was indeed rare for a second-tier mobile city to be promoted into a first-tier mobile city in the Greater World. Each interstellar continent typically experienced such an event only once every few decades, and some might see the birth of a first-tier city only once in a century.

Thus, Desolate Star City hosting a grand trade fair to celebrate its promotion wasn’t strange. The event could boost the city’s fame and announce its status to the rest of the Starlight Continent. If it could get many powers to attend the event, it could also showcase its strength and influence.

However, while the birth of first-tier mobile cities might be rare, after years of development, the various interstellar continents had come to possess quite a few first-tier cities. Nowadays, the average interstellar continent had at least ten first-tier cities, while more developed ones have twenty or even thirty. The Galaxy Conglomerate, which reigned over the Starlight Continent, normally wouldn’t even bother celebrating the birth of a first-tier city, let alone take the initiative to invite others to join the celebration.

The Galaxy Conglomerate’s willingness to send out invitations on Desolate Star City’s behalf showed that there was something special about the city. At the very least, it wasn’t the average first-tier city.

“Are you going? I can arrange a flight for you if you are,” Hidden Soul asked. “If you leave on a passenger plane now, you should be able to make it in time.”

“That won’t be necessary. Vice President Xia has already arranged it for me,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head as he put away the invitation with a smile.

Subsequently, Shi Feng instructed Hidden Soul to recruit more members for Zero Wing in the Eternal Realm. He also instructed her to extend Zero Wing’s recruitment to the rest of the Greater God’s Domain. Any player who had reached the fourth-floor standard, regardless of their level or equipment, could join Zero Wing. Additionally, he had all core members and executives of Zero Wing gather in Shadowring Town within a day so that he could help them level up once he returned from the trade fair.

“Guild Leader, isn’t it too soon for us to recruit fourth-floor experts from the rest of the Greater God’s Domain?” Hidden Soul was shocked to hear that Shi Feng wanted to recruit fourth-floor experts from all over the Greater God’s Domain.

She wasn’t surprised that Shi Feng wanted to help them level up. After all, the Eternal Realm’s native players were all frantically grinding for levels. They all wanted to increase their strength and seize more resources before high-level players entered the Eternal Realm en masse.

However, recruiting fourth-floor experts from the Greater God’s Domain was an entirely different matter.

Setting aside whether Zero Wing had the manpower and resources to recruit members on such a large scale, nobody would respond positively to its recruitment, even if it could fulfill these requirements. On the contrary, Zero Wing would become a laughingstock in the Greater God’s Domain.

Fourth-floor experts might be common in the Eternal Realm, but they held significant influence in the Greater God’s Domain’s various Realms. They typically occupied high positions in hegemonic powers, as hegemonic powers needed to make substantial investments to produce experts of such caliber.

Zero Wing was nothing more than an upstart Guild from the Eternal Realm. Even if it did hold significant influence in the Eternal Realm, it remained insignificant in the vast Greater God’s Domain.

“It’s fine. Just spread the word. While you’re at it, you can announce that Zero Wing now commands a Mortal God. Additionally, core members of Zero Wing can redeem Life Potions without limit, while internal members can redeem one bottle a day, and normal members can redeem one bottle every three days,” Shi Feng said firmly.

“A Mortal God?!” Hidden Soul was stunned. “Do we really have a Mortal God?!”

“Mhm.” Shi Feng chuckled. “It’s even someone you know.”

“Someone I know?” Hidden Soul couldn’t help but doubt her ears when she heard Shi Feng’s words.

A Mortal God was akin to legends and myths in the Greater God’s Domain. Until now, Hidden Soul had only heard about the existence of a Mortal God through Gentle Snow, Fervent Samsara, and Heavy Abyss. According to them, when Ink Crystal was revealed to be a Mortal God during the Continental Championship, she shocked the three races’ chosen ones. Moreover, she had thoroughly crushed the chosen ones of the three races; nobody had been able to draw out her true strength.

“It’s Commander Frost,” Shi Feng explained with a smile. “She was lucky enough to reach the sixth-floor standard ten days ago with the Tower of the Abyss’s help.”

Although Red Frost was Holy Dragon Spear’s future Great Commander, she was also Zero Wing’s training consultant. Thus, it wasn’t a lie to say that Red Frost was a member of Zero Wing.

“Commander Frost has reached the sixth-floor standard? And it happened ten days ago?” Hidden Soul grew even more surprised.

Everyone who was an internal member of Zero Wing or above knew that Red Frost was a first-class expert, even among fifth-floor experts. Many experts in Zero Wing had sparred with Red Frost before, and Hidden Soul was no exception. Thus, she didn’t find it impossible that Red Frost had achieved the sixth-floor standard. Even so, rationality still made her incredulous.

If Red Frost had truly reached the sixth-floor standard, it would bring Zero Wing unimaginable prosperity. Star Lake City would also undergo a metamorphosis because of her.

Once this news spread, players from all over the Greater World would flock to Star Lake City. Zero Wing would also become famous throughout the Greater God’s Domain.

“Alright, enough daydreaming. Hurry up and go,” Shi Feng said, waving his hand in front of Hidden Soul’s eyes.

“Okay! I’ll get it done right away!” When Hidden Soul came back to her senses, her eyes shone with unprecedented joy. Then, she sped out of the room, practically teleporting.

While Hidden Soul was making her way to the God’s Domain Association and arranging for the promotion of Zero Wing’s recruitment drive in the Greater God’s Domain, Shi Feng rushed to the airport to await the arrival of the Green God Corporation’s private plane.

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Starlight Continent, Green God Corporation’s Private Passenger Plane:

“Guild Leader Shi, we must be extra careful when buying Mana Sealing Wood in Desolate Star City later,” Xia Qingying said seriously as she led Shi Feng aboard the passenger plane. “The trade fair this time is out of the ordinary. It can be considered a first-class event, even compared to all the events hosted on the Starlight Continent and the neighboring continents throughout the years. Besides powers from the Starlight Continent, many powers from other interstellar continents have also been invited to attend the event, and some of them are bound to have established a foothold in the Eternal Realm.

“Since the Divine Engraving Scrolls started circulating in the Eternal Realm, many powers have thoroughly analyzed the scrolls. They should already know plenty about the scrolls by now, especially the scrolls’ material composition. If we slip up, it will be the end for us in the Greater World.”

“Don’t worry. I know the consequences,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “I’ll buy Mana Sealing Wood in small batches from different sellers and have them delivered to different Realms for your people to collect.”

Although Desolate Star City’s trade fair was held in the real world, the transfer of purchased goods had to be done in God’s Domain. With the God’s Domain Association insuring the transaction, neither party would dare to mess around. Otherwise, they would be punished by the God’s Domain Association and suffer dire consequences.

As for how he could avoid drawing attention, it was simple. Every power in God’s Domain needed rare materials. So long as he didn’t have all the Mana Sealing Wood he bought delivered to the same location, the sellers wouldn’t think too deeply about his purchases.

He could also conduct his purchases in person without worry. Not all powers were qualified to participate in such a grand trade fair. Naturally, those who failed to qualify would try to get attending powers to make purchases on their behalf. Moreover, there would be plenty of such powers. After all, now that various powers were trying to

accumulate Eternal Coins, it was an excellent opportunity to purchase rare items and materials at a bargain.

So long as the sellers he bought from didn't crosscheck their sales, nobody would suspect a thing.

"Alright, then." Xia Qingying blinked in surprise. She hadn't expected Shi Feng to be so quick on the uptake. Then, she smiled and continued, "By the way, I'll introduce you to someone later. You can think of the other party as your great senior. This person arrived in the Greater World much earlier than you. If you can join forces with this person, you'll have a much easier time in the Greater God's Domain."

"A person who arrived in the Greater World much earlier than I did?" Shi Feng had his interest piqued when he saw Xia Qingying snickering. "Could this person be one of the experts who went missing from our God's Domain?"

Many experts had abruptly disappeared from their God's Domain in this timeline. Although these disappearances had caused a huge uproar in God's Domain, nobody knew where these experts had gone. However, as Shi Feng had entered the Greater God's Domain in his previous life, he knew that most of these experts had entered the Greater God's Domain ahead of time because of the Green God Corporation's intervention.

After returning to this timeline, Shi Feng had thought of gathering these missing experts. After all, these experts had all accomplished extraordinary achievements in his previous life. It was also because of these experts that Zero Wing could survive Demon's Gate's persecution.

Unfortunately, he failed to gather much information on these experts. Now that Zero Wing's development was focused on the Eternal Realm, gathering these experts became even more difficult.

"It seems you know quite a lot," Xia Qingying said when she saw Shi Feng's relatively calm reaction. "You are correct. This person is one of the experts who went missing in our God's Domain. Also, it would be more accurate to say that the Green God Corporation can attend this fair only because that person received an invitation. Otherwise, the Green God Corporation, a corporation that is based in only several dozen cities, wouldn't be qualified to attend this event at all."

"Are the requirements that high?" Shi Feng was surprised.

The Green God Corporation might have branches in only several dozen cities on the Starlight Continent, but it couldn't be considered an ordinary corporation. Otherwise, it wouldn't have the ability to let people from their homeworld live in a third-tier mobile city as soon as they entered the Greater World.

If even the Green God Corporation wasn't qualified for an invitation, how many corporations and powers from the Starlight Continent were qualified to receive one?

Two hundred?

One hundred?

"Extremely high!" Xia Qingying said, nodding solemnly. "As far as I know, only corporations with operations in 150 cities or more on the Starlight Continent have received an invitation. As for the Starlight Realm's powers, only upper-ranking hegemonic powers and a handful of pseudo-upper-ranking hegemonic powers were invited.

"The invitation conditions for foreign corporations and powers are even more stringent. To be invited, foreign corporations and conglomerates need to be among the top ten of their respective continents, while foreign powers in the Greater God's Domain have to be an upper-ranking hegemonic power."

When Xia Qingying spoke up to this point, a prideful expression appeared on her face.

"This trade fair will be the grandest trade fair that the Starlight Realm and the neighboring Realms have ever seen in the last century. It might even exceed the trade fairs hosted by pseudo-apex powers," Xia Qingying said as she led Shi Feng to the passenger plane's VIP cabin.

When Xia Qingying pushed open the door to the VIP cabin, a lounge half the size of a basketball court entered Shi Feng's sight.

Two people were currently seated in the lounge. One was an agile-looking, sixteen-year-old girl dressed in a short-sleeved shirt and shorts, while the other was a woman with a curly ponytail whose face was covered by a black veil.

Although the veiled woman's appearance was hidden, she radiated extremely powerful mental fluctuations that exceeded even that of one-star great grandmasters. Evidently, the woman had reached the two-star great grandmaster standard, a standard that only a handful of individuals had reached on the Starlight Continent.

"Big Sis Xia, what took you so long? Also, can you please talk some sense into my commander? This is my first time going on a long-distance trip, yet she won't even let me get off the plane to look at this city! What if I miss out on a potential opponent?" the agile-looking girl grumbled as she approached Xia Qingying and tugged on her sleeve.

"Sit down. You will get to look around once we arrive in Desolate Star City," the veiled woman said indifferently, her voice compelling the girl to return to her seat obediently.

As this awkward interaction took place, Shi Feng suddenly thought of a name as he looked at the veiled woman. This was the name of the strongest player of his home God's Domain in this timeline. It was also the name of the legendary Midnight Tea Party's strongest commander.

Endless Scars!

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“Let me start with the introductions.” After the agile-looking girl returned to her seat, Xia Qingying gestured toward Shi Feng and said, “This person here is Zero Wing's Guild Leader Black Flame. As for this beautiful woman...”

“Endless Scars, right?” Shi Feng said before Xia Qingying could finish speaking.

“Do you know me?” The veiled woman stared at Shi Feng as if sizing him up. Yet, at the same time, it didn't seem like she was looking at Shi Feng specifically.

“Have you seen Scars's real appearance before?” Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng in astonishment.

Xia Qingying wasn't surprised that Shi Feng knew Endless Scars's name. After all, Endless Scars was a very well-known figure in their God's Domain. At one point, she was even recognized as the strongest player, having accomplished many unimaginable achievements. Even the Green God Corporation's chairman couldn't resist meeting and chatting with Endless Scars in person.

However, despite her fame, few people had ever seen Endless Scars's real appearance. Xia Qingying only met Endless Scars in person because she was the Green God Corporation's liaison with Endless Scars. Even now, the other senior vice presidents and Grand Elders of the Green God Corporation still did not know what Endless Scars looked like. They only knew that she existed.

“It's just a hunch,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “Out of the experts who have gone missing in our God's Domain, I can only think of a few.”

Shi Feng recognized Endless Scars at first glance only because they were acquaintances in his previous life. Without his past life's memories, he would never

have recognized her. After all, the highest position he had achieved in the first ten years of playing God's Domain in this timeline was the Guild Leader of Shadow, a second-rate Guild. There was no way he could become acquainted with a big shot like Endless Scars.

However, after meeting Endless Scars in this timeline, Shi Feng couldn't help but admit that she had greatly exceeded his expectations. He had never expected her to be so terrifying...

A two-star great grandmaster on the verge of the three-star great grandmaster standard...

This was a standard that Endless Scars had never achieved in Shi Feng's previous life. Her mental strength was already comparable to the old monsters of apex powers.

"You have quite an accurate intuition," Endless Scars stated calmly.

"How boring. Couldn't you have at least pretended to be surprised?" Xia Qingying shook her head and sighed when she saw Shi Feng's calm reaction. "Anyway, you guessed correctly. Scars is the great senior I mentioned to you before. It is also thanks to her that newcomers like you get to live in a third-tier mobile city as soon as you enter the Greater World."

"Because of Miss Scars?" His curiosity piqued, Shi Feng asked, "Could Miss Scars be the executive of a major power?"

It wasn't easy to convince a third-tier mobile city to offer such a privilege to an entire world. After all, there were countless people immigrating into the Greater World from countless parallel worlds at all times. There was also a limit to how many inhabitants each mobile city could accommodate.

"It's a pity, but you've guessed wrong!" Xia Qingying said, grinning. "Scars has established her own adventurer team in the Greater God's Domain. She has also received the favor of one of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's Grand Elders, so she can be considered one of Eternal's Internal Elders. As for Scars's adventurer team, although it isn't well-known in most Realms, it is incredibly famous in the Twelve Sanctuaries."

"What is the adventurer team's name?" Shi Feng asked curiously.

"The Angel Sanctuary's Blood Wing adventurer team!" Xia Qingying answered proudly. "Although Blood Wing doesn't have many members, it closely rivals the Angel Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers. Even the Angel Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers have to treat her with respect."

The Blood Wing adventurer team? Although Shi Feng had never heard of this name before, he still couldn't help but admire Endless Scars.

For players of their God's Domain, simply establishing a foothold in the Greater God's Domain could already be considered a significant achievement. Yet, Endless Scars had managed to entrench herself in the Twelve Sanctuaries and even make a name for herself there.

"As for this little girl here, she is Drifting Bean, Blood Wing's latest chosen one. Don't let her age fool you; her ranking on the Divine Glory List is higher than yours," Xia Qingying said, pointing at the girl sitting obediently beside Endless Scars.

"Big Sis Xia, enough with the introductions. I know he is Zero Wing's Guild Leader and an expert on the Divine Glory List. Let's hurry up and take off. It'd be bad if we are late," Drifting Bean interrupted, finding Xia Qingying long-winded. She wasn't interested in learning about Shi Feng in the slightest.

Most experts on the Divine Glory List were jokes in the eyes of the Twelve Sanctuaries' players. Only those ranked among the Divine Glory List's top 30 were worthy of admiration, while those who weren't even ranked among the top 100 were inconsequential.

"I guess you're right." At Drifting Bean's reminder, Xia Qingying realized that now wasn't the time for lengthy conversations. "I'll inform the captain to take off immediately."

A minute later, the Green God Corporation's private plane took off from Star Lake City and departed for Desolate Star City at a speed far exceeding the speed of sound.

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When Desolate Star City was a second-tier mobile city, it operated in a remote part of the Starlight Continent. However, after becoming a first-tier mobile city, it quickly moved to the continent's central region. This put it in close proximity to Star Lake City, so the Green God Corporation's private plane reached the city's airport in less than six hours.

When the Green God Corporation's private plane arrived, the airport, which could accommodate over a thousand passenger planes, was packed. Passenger planes landed and took off from the airport once every few seconds.

When Xia Qingying and the others alighted from the plane, the head attendant in charge of welcoming arriving guests sensed the powerful mental fluctuations Endless Scars radiated. She immediately approached the group and said respectfully, "Welcome to Desolate Star City. As the city is celebrating its promotion, all arrivals must present an invitation to enter the city. Guests without an invitation can only enter the city after the celebrations. Furthermore, all passenger planes can only stop at the airport for fifteen minutes."

“Here is our invitation,” Drifting Bean said as she handed the head attendant a silver invitation.

“Distinguished Silver Guests, please follow me.” When the head attendant saw the silver invitation, she behaved even more respectfully. She didn’t even bother to lead Xia Qingying’s group into the arrival hall, where a long line of people was waiting to go through the formalities for entering the city. Instead, she summoned a limousine and drove the group into Desolate Star City.

“Crap! Why don’t they have to wait in line?” a young man queued up in the arrival hall grumbled in dissatisfaction. “I’m also an invited guest, so why must I wait in line here?”

“Little friend, you might have been invited, but you only received a bronze invitation. Did you not see that girl’s silver invitation? You need to be from a conglomerate, at the very least, to receive a silver invitation,” an old man waiting in line behind the grumbling young man said. “The trade fair this time is extraordinary, and many big shots have been invited. Those are not people that we can afford to offend.”

After hearing this, the young man shrank back and dared not say anything more.

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Chapter 3834: Alternate Ending 908 - Fourth Tablet

Chapter 908 – Fourth Tablet

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Starlight Continent, Desolate Star City:

After a one-hour drive, Xia Qingying’s group arrived at a massive building in the heart of Desolate Star City.

The building was over 500 meters tall with a radius of three kilometers. Its entrance, measuring 100 meters in height, made arriving guests feel tiny.

“Dear guests, welcome to Desolate Star City’s trade fair. You are free to browse around in the next two days. There will also be a special auction open only to Silver Guests in the evening,” the head attendant introduced dutifully. “I will be your full-time guide during this period. If there is anything you would like to know about Desolate Star City, please don’t hesitate to ask me.”

“You are going to be our full-time guide?” Xia Qingying exclaimed in astonishment.

Had the head attendant before them been ordinary, Xia Qingying wouldn't have said anything. However, the other party was a bona fide three-star grandmaster. The head attendant didn't look particularly old, either. If she were to join a conglomerate, she would receive a role in senior management at the minimum. Yet, a three-star grandmaster like her had been tasked with working as a guide. Xia Qingying couldn't fathom how powerful Desolate Star City was.

"That is correct," the head attendant answered nonchalantly. "Feel free to let me handle any requests you have in the next two days."

"Okay, I understand." After suppressing the shock in her heart, Xia Qingying asked, "In which area are rare materials sold?"

"Rare materials are primarily sold in the east district. The various powers have representatives operating stalls there, so you can negotiate prices with them directly," the head attendant answered. "If you want to rent a stall, an ordinary stall costs 200 million Star Coins for two days, while stalls in prime locations cost 500 million Star Coins for two days."

Isn't this daylight robbery? Xia Qingying was flabbergasted.

Even at its current size, the Green God Corporation could, at best, come up with two or three hundred million Star Coins on short notice. Yet, the corporation's total liquid assets were only enough to rent an ordinary stall for two days. In other words, the average corporation wasn't even qualified to set up a stall here.

At this time, only Endless Scars and Shi Feng looked calm. They behaved like they were used to having three-star grandmasters serve as their guides and seeing stalls with a daily rent of hundreds of millions of Star Coins.

When Endless Scars saw Shi Feng's calm reaction, she was a little surprised.

Qingying has been to many grand events with me, but even she is still shocked by this situation, so how can he remain unfazed? After seeing Shi Feng's response, Endless Scars couldn't help but wonder what kind of Guild Zero Wing was that it could give him the confidence to think nothing of such a grand event. *Could he be naturally arrogant?*

"Will there be anything good sold at the evening auction?" Drifting Bean asked.

"I cannot say," the head attendant answered. "But according to the information I received, Fragmented Divine Artifacts will be sold at the auction. The highly popular Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls will also be available."

"Commander, this auction seems pretty good. It actually has Fragmented Divine Artifacts and Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls. Should we go and take a look?" Drifting Bean asked Endless Scars with an inquisitive look.

“Sure, but we are here for Qingying’s sake, so we will finish buying materials first and then go,” Endless Scars said.

Afterward, the head attendant led the group to the trade fair’s east district. Many powers had already sent representatives to set up stalls in the east district and sell their specialties. Every stall had holographic projections displaying the goods it sold and a detailed introduction to them. The quantity and variety of goods sold in the east district could rarely be found, even in the Greater God’s Domain’s various Holy Cities.

Among the various stalls, the largest one belonged to the Galaxy Conglomerate. Even Endless Scars, who showed little interest in the other stalls, couldn’t help but browse the Galaxy Conglomerate’s stall.

Incredible! Xia Qingying was in awe when she saw that the Galaxy Shop displayed over a dozen Fragmented Divine Artifacts. When her gaze fell on a particular glowing staff for Clerics, her eyes locked on to it immediately as she asked the salesperson, “How much for this Sage’s Will?”

“Dear customer, you have an excellent eye!” At Xia Qingying’s question, the salesperson introduced enthusiastically, “The Sage’s Will is a Fragmented Divine Artifact that the Galaxy Conglomerate had sacrificed thousands of elite experts to recover from a primordial ruin. It has a hidden ability known as Will Amplification that can enhance the wielder’s neural reaction speed and resistance to mental impacts. Since you are the first customer to have expressed interest in this staff, the Galaxy Conglomerate will offer it to you at a bargain price of just 30,000 Eternal Gold!”

“Thirty thousand? That much?” Despite knowing that Fragmented Divine Artifacts for Clerics were rarely sold in the Greater God’s Domain, Xia Qingying was still taken aback by the price.

Thirty thousand Eternal Gold was not a small sum in the current Eternal Realm—at least, it was not for her. Although she had been generating income by reselling items using her connections with the Eternal Chamber of Commerce, she still didn’t have enough Eternal Coins to buy the Sage’s Will. To afford it, she would have to sell her Legendary Weapon and all her Legendary Equipment.

“What about this tablet?” Shi Feng suddenly asked, pointing at a badly damaged stone tablet on display.

“That tablet was recovered from the same primordial ruin. Although we couldn’t identify it, we believe it should be very valuable, so it is priced at 20,000 Eternal Gold,” the salesperson explained awkwardly.

The Galaxy Conglomerate failed to identify the badly damaged tablet despite having used various means. It was as if the tablet was a piece of scrap. If the Galaxy

Conglomerate tried to sell the tablet for 20,000 Eternal Gold without offering any explanations, it would be daylight robbery.

“Twenty thousand?” Shi Feng expressed hesitancy as he scrutinized the tablet.

Actually, Shi Feng was somewhat familiar with the damaged tablet. This was because he had seen more than one of such tablets already. Furthermore, the mana interpretation method engraved on the damaged tablet was the same as the ones engraved on Aqua Rose’s and Elise’s Goddess Tablets. However, due to the damage to the tablet, he could only glean limited information from it using the mana interpretation method. Even so, this information was enough to assure him of the tablet’s identity.

This was because the information he obtained labeled the damaged tablet as the Fourth Goddess Tablet!

According to the Sixth Goddess Tablet in Elise’s possession, there was a series of eighteen Goddess Tablets. The earlier a Goddess Tablet’s position in the series, the greater its significance.

Although Elise’s Goddess Tablet placed sixth in the series, Shi Feng still benefited from it greatly. He dared not even imagine what benefits he could reap from the Fourth Goddess Tablet.

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Chapter 3835: Alternate Ending 909 - Desolate Star Auction

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“You call that a bargain? A broken tablet for 20,000 and a Fragmented Divine Artifact for 30,000? What do you take Eternal Gold Coins for? Loose change?” Drifting Bean protested.

Although Drifting Bean had never been to the Eternal Realm, she knew that Eternal Coins weren’t easy to come by. Most players earned the Eternal Realm’s currency by completing quests and trading with NPCs, and the output was pitifully low. To make matters worse, it cost a fortune to use the teleportation services of NPC Cities. Players seeking to teleport to NPC Fortresses situated in Level 200-plus maps had to pay at least two Eternal Gold per teleportation. Players also had to pay a hefty price to rest in NPC Fortresses.

Because of all these expenses, most upper-ranking hegemonic powers currently operating in the Eternal Realm had only accumulated around 40,000 Eternal Gold thus far.

To establish itself quickly in the Eternal Realm, the Blood Wing adventurer team also worked hard to acquire Eternal Coins. Even so, Blood Wing had only acquired a little over 100,000 Eternal Gold thus far.

Thirty thousand Eternal Gold!

This was already enough money to hire Blood Wing's main force to help raid multiple Taboo Dungeons. Moreover, Blood Wing wouldn't necessarily be able to find such offers.

While Drifting Bean was voicing her displeasure, Endless Scars fiddled with her quantum watch and sent a list to Xia Qingying, whose eyes were glued on the Sage's Will. Then, she said, "Qingying, if you want a good weapon, Blood Wing has some that are comparable to that Sage's Will. I can sell one to you for 20,000 Eternal Gold."

"Will that be alright?" When Xia Qingying saw the statistics of the several Fragmented Divine Staffs Endless Scars had sent to her, she was immediately tempted.

Fragmented Divine Artifacts were of great significance to any power. They weren't items that could be obtained easily. Oftentimes, much manpower and resources had to be invested to obtain just one Fragmented Divine Artifact.

Under normal circumstances, no power would sell its Fragmented Divine Artifacts. The only reason some powers were willing to do so now was for the sake of the barely explored Eternal Realm. Otherwise, they wouldn't sell their Fragmented Divine Artifacts for even 300,000 Eternal Gold, let alone 30,000.

In the current God's Domain, it was definitely a bargain to acquire a Fragmented Divine Artifact for 20,000 Eternal Gold. As Blood Wing was an adventurer team, obtaining Fragmented Divine Artifacts wasn't easy. If Endless Scars arbitrarily sold one to an outsider for such a low price, it would cause dissatisfaction among the adventurer team's members.

"Big Sis Xia, don't worry. The commander has the authority to do this much," Drifting Bean said, chuckling when she saw Xia Qingying's worry. Then, she turned to Shi Feng and stated proudly, "Guild Leader Black Flame, seeing as you come from the same world as the commander, if you want a Fragmented Divine Artifact, the commander should be able to sell one to you cheaply as well. It'll be much cheaper than anything you can get from the market."

At Drifting Bean's words, the Galaxy Shop's salesperson couldn't help envying Shi Feng and Xia Qingying.

Thirty thousand Eternal Gold was by no means an exorbitant price for a Fragmented Divine Artifact in today's market. If one could buy a Fragmented Divine Artifact for 20,000 Eternal Gold, one could resell it immediately for a profit of 10,000 Eternal Gold. Not even the executives of conglomerates could receive such a privilege.

"Why you little...!" Endless Scars was at a loss for words on Drifting Bean's initiative. However, when she considered how Xia Qingying was trying to help Shi Feng establish a partnership with Blood Wing, she ultimately decided against refuting the offer Drifting Bean made to Shi Feng.

"I'll pass. Commander Scars already has enough on her plate running her adventurer team," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. He might have considered it if it was an offer to purchase Fragmented Divine Artifacts in bulk, but just one piece didn't interest him. He turned back to the Galaxy Shop's salesperson and continued, "I want this tablet. Can we sign the contract now?"

"Dear customer, do you really want this tablet?" The salesperson looked at Shi Feng in surprise. After overhearing Drifting Bean's offer, he originally thought he wouldn't be making any sales to Xia Qingying's group. He hadn't expected Shi Feng to buy the expensive stone tablet.

"Of course. Since this tablet comes from the same primordial ruin as that staff, it should have its secrets. If I can uncover these secrets, I should make a good profit," Shi Feng said, feigning excitement. "Are you not going to sell it?"

"Sell! Of course, we're selling it!" The salesperson promptly took out the sales contract for the stone tablet, fearing that Shi Feng might regret his decision.

While Shi Feng was completing his purchase, Drifting Bean and Endless Scars looked at him in confusion. They hadn't expected Shi Feng to be indifferent to a Fragmented Divine Artifact.

Is he the type of person who dislikes owing favors? Endless Scars wondered. She couldn't figure out what kind of person Shi Feng was.

Many interests were linked between the Greater God's Domain and the Greater World. Soon after her adventurer team saw success, many friends and family sought her help. Although this development gave her many problems, it also allowed her to view the world around her with much greater clarity.

If there was an opportunity to obtain a Fragmented Divine Artifact cheaply, few people could resist taking advantage of it. Even the helmsmen of upper-ranking hegemonic powers couldn't necessarily resist it, let alone the Guild Leader of an upstart Guild.

"Big Sis Xia, there's nothing more I can do to help you. How can he refuse such a good opportunity?" Drifting Bean whispered to Xia Qingying in exasperation. She sincerely

felt that Shi Feng was an idiot. After all, by refusing her offer, he missed out on a good deal *and* an opportunity to establish closer ties with Endless Scars.

Xia Qingying was also at a loss. Although she knew that Shi Feng was wealthy enough not to care about making a quick profit, she couldn't understand why he would dismiss the opportunity to get closer to Endless Scars.

Subsequently, after Shi Feng was done shopping at the Galaxy Shop, he visited several dozen other stalls and purchased a large amount of Mana Sealing Wood. He also had these sellers deliver the Mana Sealing Wood to various NPC Cities situated in various Realms for Xia Qingying to collect.

About two hours later, the female head attendant led Shi Feng and the others to Desolate Star City's high-end auction venue. Far fewer guests were in the auction venue's lobby than in the trade fair outside. Moreover, even the weakest guest was a one-star grandmaster. The leaders of some attending groups were even great grandmasters, existences rarely seen on the Starlight Continent.

"Greetings, distinguished guests. Welcome to the Desolate Star Auction. May I know if you would like to sit in the general area or in a private room?" the female receptionist at the front desk asked when Xia Qingying's group approached her. "Seating in the general area is free, while the private rooms cost one hundred Eternal Gold each."

"Give us a private room. We don't want others to know what we buy," Drifting Bean said.

"Understood. It just so happens we have one room left," the receptionist said after checking the electronic tablet in front of her. "I'll reserve it for you now."

However, before the receptionist could confirm the reservation, someone suddenly shouted for her to stop.

"Hold it! That last room belongs to us! Have them go to the general area!"

As soon as these words fell, a group escorted by one of Desolate Star City's male head attendants entered the lobby. Two young men, one chubby and one handsome, walked at the head of the group. Following them were six three-star grandmasters and one great grandmaster dressed like bodyguards. The one who spoke just now was the chubby young man. When Shi Feng and Xia Qingying saw these people, they were momentarily stunned.

Although they did not recognize the chubby young man, they were very familiar with the handsome young man. This was because the other party was Xiao Quan, the son of Silver Frost City's City Lord.

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Chapter 3836: Alternate Ending 910 - Gold Guest?

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“We were here first! What gives you the right to take our room?!” Drifting Bean frowned, seething at the chubby young man.

Many other guests glared at the chubby young man at Drifting Bean’s words.

“Who is this person? How dare he act so arrogantly here?”

“We are in Desolate Star City’s territory. Are they not afraid of being kicked out?”

Everyone capable of attending the auction was someone of extraordinary stature. They were either the heirs of conglomerates or executives of upper-ranking hegemonic powers. Rarely would anybody dare disrespect them in public.

Yet, someone not only had the gall to jump the queue, but this person even did so in a wildly arrogant manner. This person was challenging the authority of Desolate Star City.

While Desolate Star City might be only a first-tier city, everyone present knew that an extraordinary power backed the city. Otherwise, it couldn’t have invited so many powers to attend its trade fair.

“What gives me the right?” The chubby young man glanced at Drifting Bean and said arrogantly, “The fact that I am Angel’s Retribution’s Crocodile Fang!”

The chubby young man’s answer frightened everyone present. Even Drifting Bean paled.

“Angel’s Retribution? Isn’t that the Angel Sanctuary’s number one power?”

“Heavens! Desolate Star City managed to invite even Angel’s Retribution?”

“Crocodile Fang... I’ve heard of that name before. Isn’t that the son of Angel’s Retribution’s current Guild Leader? Not long ago, the successor of the Cruise Conglomerate provoked Crocodile Fang and ended up losing his successor qualifications. I heard he couldn’t even stay in mobile cities anymore and could only wander outside...”

In the blink of an eye, the guests in the hall no longer dared to disparage the chubby young man. Some even fled the lobby, not daring to get involved in this conflict.

The Twelve Sanctuaries were the center of the Greater God's Domain. Any power capable of ranking as the number one power in any of the Twelve Sanctuaries was not an opponent the average power could afford to provoke.

Even if an extraordinary power backed Desolate Star City, it was unlikely that this power would dare to oppose Angel's Retribution.

"Why the sudden silence, little girl?" Crocodile Fang sneered at Drifting Bean. "I'm already showing you leniency by having you go to the general area. If you keep upsetting me, I might even decide to have you kicked out of Desolate Star City!"

Although Drifting Bean still wanted to fight back, she ultimately chose to grit her teeth and keep quiet.

As a local of the Angel Sanctuary, Drifting Bean knew plenty about Crocodile Fang. In reality, there was nothing remarkable about the chubby young man. His talent was mediocre, barely reaching the fourth-floor standard after receiving astronomical resources from his father, Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader. If they were to meet out in the fields, Drifting Bean was confident she could kill Crocodile Fang under three moves.

The problem was the authority Crocodile Fang's father wielded. Previously, when Crocodile Fang kill-stealed the Cruise Conglomerate's successor and got killed because of it, Angel's Retribution demanded the Cruise Conglomerate dismiss its successor and hand over the rights to ten Holy Cities. Failure to comply would mean making an enemy out of Angel's Retribution.

As the Cruise Conglomerate was no match for Angel's Retribution, it had no choice but to concede. Otherwise, its operations in the Angel Sanctuary would cease to exist.

Although the Blood Wing adventurer team was second only to the Angel Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers, it wasn't a pseudo-apex power. It was nowhere strong enough to compete with the Angel Sanctuary's number one power.

It should be known that Angel's Retribution was publicly acknowledged as being strong enough to rival the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers. If Blood Wing were to become enemies with such a behemoth, surviving in the Greater God's Domain would become a challenge.

When Drifting Bean chose to concede, Crocodile Fang noticed Xiao Quan's gaze directed at the woman beside Drifting Bean.

"Brother Xiao, do you know this beautiful woman?" Crocodile Fang asked in an amused tone. "You should have told me you knew her. Wouldn't that have solved our misunderstanding?"

“I do know her.” In response to Crocodile Fang’s question, Xiao Quan looked at Xia Qingying with a calm smile and said, “But Miss Xia has never given me the time of day. She even humiliated me a bunch in Silver Frost City. How would I dare introduce you to her, Brother Fang?”

“She humiliated you?” Crocodile Fang laughed. “In that case, how about I help you resolve the misunderstanding between you two?”

After saying so, Crocodile Fang walked up to Xia Qingying.

“Pretty lady, Brother Xiao and I are good friends, and it hasn’t been easy for me to invite him out on a trip. For my sake, how about you share a drink with Brother Xiao to clear up your past misunderstandings?” Crocodile Fang said. Then, he glanced at Drifting Bean and continued, “If you agree, I will treat this little beauty’s offense as nothing more than a misunderstanding. Otherwise, this little beauty will have to keep me company for a day as compensation.”

“You...” Xia Qingying turned ashen upon hearing this. She had never thought Xiao Quan could be acquainted with someone like Crocodile Fang.

At this time, the female head attendant responsible for escorting Xia Qingying’s group stepped forward hurriedly to intervene, saying, “Dear guest, please be reminded that we are in Desolate Star City. We have a duty to ensure the freedom of all guests visiting Desolate Star City.”

The female head attendant’s behavior surprised the spectating guests. They had never expected such a minor character to get involved in this situation. Did she not know of the consequences of angering Crocodile Fang?

However, everyone quickly noticed that Crocodile Fang did not react angrily to the female head attendant’s intervention.

“Of course, I understand. However, my father is acquainted with *that* great personage. If I say a few words to *that* great personage, I believe she won’t give you any trouble out of respect for me,” Crocodile Fang said, chuckling as he looked at the female head attendant.

Just as the female head attendant was about to say something else, the male head attendant in charge of escorting Crocodile Fang’s group stopped her.

“Shuoyun, stop interfering! Mr. Fang is a Gold Guest invited by *that* great personage! Mr. Fang knows what he is doing! You’ll be finished if you anger *that* great personage!” the male head attendant quietly dissuaded the female head attendant while pulling out an invitation made of gold.

When the female head attendant named Shuoyun saw the gold invitation, her expression darkened, and she dared not say anything more.

Although Desolate Star City had invited many people to its trade fair this time, very few received a gold invitation, and every one of them was highly valued by *that* great personage.

It seems I have no choice but to use my Elder status. When Endless Scars saw that Crocodile Fang did not intend to stop his persecution of Xia Qingying, she knew that an ordinary power's authority would not be enough to deter him. If she wanted Crocodile Fang to back off, she would have to use her status as one of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's Elders.

At this time, though, a deep voice suddenly entered everyone's ears, shocking them.

"Does Desolate Star City not know how to host a proper event? So what if they are Gold Guests? Aren't we also?"

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Chapter 3837: Alternate Ending 911 - Starlight's Hegemon

Chapter 911 – Starlight's Hegemon

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"Guild Leader Shi?"

"Since when were we Gold Guests?"

Shi Feng's words confused Xia Qingying and Endless Scars. They wondered if he had indeed lost his mind. After all, even if he claimed to be a Gold Guest, his lie would quickly be exposed with a simple check unless he could back his words with evidence.

Besides Xia Qingying and Endless Scars, the female head attendant named Shuoyun was also stunned by this situation.

Since when did Shi Feng's group become Gold Guests?

"Gold Guests?" Xiao Quan laughed at Shi Feng's words. "Did you get promoted without my knowing, Guild Leader Black Flame? Or are you claiming that Zero Wing can already rival pseudo-apex powers? How about you show me your invitation to let me broaden my horizons?"

Xia Qingying gnashed her teeth at Xiao Quan's words.

Originally, they still had a slim chance of escaping this mess if Crocodile Fang chose not to pry into Shi Feng's claim. After all, of those present, only she and Xiao Quan knew about Zero Wing's actual circumstances. But now...

"Broaden your horizons? Sure, I'll grant you your wish!" Shi Feng said calmly as he pulled out the gold invitation Frey had sent him.

Upon seeing the invitation made of pure gold, Xia Qingying and Xiao Quan were dumbfounded.

"Impossible! It must be a fake!" Xiao Quan instinctively shouted when he saw Shi Feng's gold invitation.

To receive a gold invitation from Desolate Star City, one had to be at least the representative of a pseudo-apex power or an individual of equivalent status. How could Zero Wing's Guild Leader possibly receive a gold invitation?

"This is an authentic gold invitation," Shuoyun said after inspecting Shi Feng's invitation. "But this isn't an invitation handed out by Desolate Star City."

"It's real but not distributed by Desolate Star City?" Xia Qingying smiled wryly when she heard Shuoyun's analysis, the glimmer of hope in her heart vanishing.

However, despite her despair, Xia Qingying wasn't particularly surprised by this outcome. Although Zero Wing had recruited plenty of fourth-floor experts in the Eternal Realm recently and even absorbed some of the Green God Corporation's geniuses, it still wasn't anywhere near strong enough to be considered a pseudo-apex power. Naturally, it wouldn't receive a direct invitation from Desolate Star City.

Endless Scars also looked at Shi Feng, a little speechless. She hadn't expected Shi Feng to pull such a stunt. Now, their entire group had become a complete joke.

"Big Sis Xia, could Guild Leader Shi have stolen this golden invitation from somewhere?" Drifting Bean whispered to Xia Qingying worriedly.

Desolate Star City's golden invitations held great significance. It might be fine if Shi Feng had received the golden invitation from someone affiliated with Desolate Star City, but it would be a big problem if he had stolen someone else's.

"I...don't know..." Xia Qingying shook her head. She was similarly doubtful about Shi Feng's gold invitation, but she didn't find it appropriate to ask him about it in this situation.

“Pretty lady, you have a very interesting friend! It’s not even a gold invitation from Desolate Star City, yet he dares to flaunt it before me!” Crocodile Fang laughed as he took in Xia Qingying’s ugly complexion. “But don’t you worry. While I might not know who gave your friend a gold invitation, he did give me a good laugh. So long as you and that little beauty beside you accompany us for a few drinks, I’ll forget about today’s offense.”

As soon as Crocodile Fang finished speaking, the six three-star grandmasters and one elderly great grandmaster behind him walked toward Xia Qingying and Drifting Bean.

Crocodile Fang was painfully aware that he had no hope of succeeding his father as Angel’s Retribution’s Guild Leader if he relied on his own strength. However, he knew a secret that others did not know—Xiao Quan was in contact with Demon’s Gate’s core executives. If he could gain the favor of one of Demon’s Gate’s core executives through Xiao Quan, he might have a chance at competing for the position of Angel’s Retribution’s Guild Leader.

Now that there was such an excellent opportunity to get on Xiao Quan’s good side, Crocodile Fang naturally couldn’t miss it. Although Xia Qingying’s group possessed an authentic gold invitation, he couldn’t care less about offending the group since it wasn’t a direct invitation from Desolate Star City. After everything he said before, if he failed to get revenge for Xiao Quan now, he could forget about getting the other party to introduce him to Demon’s Gate’s core executives.

“Mr. Fang! You are in Desolate Star City! Please abide by the city’s rules!” Shuoyun said, interposing herself between Xia Qingying’s group and Crocodile Fang’s bodyguards. “These people are similarly Desolate Star City’s distinguished guests. Although their gold invitation doesn’t come directly from Desolate Star City, it is still a gold invitation to Desolate Star City. Anyone who can send a gold invitation on Desolate Star City’s behalf must be one of the city’s management powers. If *that* great personage learns of your actions, you will have difficulty explaining yourself.”

“Why would I have a hard time explaining myself? Since you’re going to such lengths to protect them, I’ll let you in on a secret. Angel’s Retribution was invited by the Great Miss Lunar River this time to discuss an alliance with King’s Paradise. So, even if that gold invitation comes from one of Desolate Star City’s management powers, I don’t care. You can have them come to me. I’d like to see what they’d dare to say,” Crocodile Fang stated confidently.

King’s Paradise? Isn’t that one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers that was second only to apex powers over half a century ago? When Xia Qingying heard Crocodile Fang’s words, her complexion turned even gloomier. She had never expected Desolate Star City to be backed by King’s Paradise, the power that nearly unified the Angel Sanctuary long ago. Moreover, it would seem that Angel’s Retribution and King’s Paradise intended to enter an alliance. This news could not be any worse for her group.

Although Shi Feng's gold invitation was authentic, it only came from a power under Desolate Star City's management. Like Star Lake City, Desolate Star City also had many powers assisting its City Lord with the city's management. However, while these powers might wield significant authority in the city, it was far from that of the City Lord's. Having a management power challenge Angel's Retribution was nothing but a joke.

"This..." Crocodile Fang's words gave Shuoyun pause. A guest was only a guest. She would be doomed if she ruined the alliance between King's Paradise and Angel's Retribution. "I will have to report this to Miss River. Only she can decide on this matter."

"Sure. Feel free to call her if you don't mind the trouble," Crocodile Fang said nonchalantly. He only feared one power and one person across the Starlight Continent.

The power in question was King's Paradise. Although King's Paradise had to go into seclusion after challenging an apex power and failing, many years had passed since the event. By now, even if it hadn't recovered to its peak, it should at least be comparable to the current Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers.

As for the person he feared, it was Frey, the Fourth Princess of the Galaxy Conglomerate. In addition to being the Third Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation, Frey was also a popular figure in the Eternal Realm, and many pseudo-apex powers sought to partner with her.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, who gave you this invitation?" While Shuoyun was making a call with her quantum watch, Xia Qingying asked about the origins of Shi Feng's invitation. It might still be fine if the invitation came from one of Desolate Star City's management powers, but it would be terrible otherwise.

"Frey," Shi Feng answered honestly.

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Chapter 3838: Alternate Ending 912 - King's Paradise

Chapter 912 – King's Paradise

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Desolate Star City, City Lord's Manor:

The City Lord's Manor was a majestic building levitating a thousand meters above Desolate Star City. Its top-floor reception room had a panoramic view of the entire city.

Many of the Starlight Continent's heavyweights had gathered in the top-floor reception room. These heavyweights included City Lords of first-tier cities, helmsmen of conglomerates, and presidents of corporations with branches in hundreds of mobile cities. Individuals such as the heirs of conglomerates and City Lords of second-tier cities were not qualified to sit here.

Although over a hundred people sat at the round table in the middle of the room, most kept their mouths shut. They didn't even dare to breathe loudly, staying as silent as possible as they observed the two young women at the main host and main guest seats.

Of the two young women, one exuded the aura of a noble princess; the other, the aura of an army general. The former was none other than the Galaxy Conglomerate's Fourth Princess Frey, while the latter was King's Paradise's First Vice Guild Leader Lunar River.

"Miss Frey, do you have anything to add to our partnership? You don't have to hold back with me," Lunar River said, smiling with satisfaction as she looked at the stack of mostly signed contracts in her hands. "So long as you can provide us with 10,000 of Shadowring Town's priority entry slots long-term, any conditions are negotiable."

"Miss River, that is a huge demand. The Red Dragon Nation only has 30,000 priority slots. The most we can give you is 5,000 slots," Frey said, exasperated by Lunar River's appetite.

This wasn't the first time Lunar River had brought up Shadowring Town's priority entry slots in their three-hour discussion. On the contrary, she had mentioned it many times. This situation gave Frey a huge headache.

Unlike in the past, Shadowring Town was now overcrowded with players at all times. As soon as someone stepped out of the town, someone else would immediately take their place. Some human and Holy Race players would even sell their place in the town to others for two Eternal Gold per slot.

Even in the current Eternal Realm, a fourth-floor expert would be fortunate to save 50 Eternal Silver a day. After all, players' daily expenditures in the Eternal Realm were extremely high, especially for players operating in high-level maps.

Due to the introduction of Soul Synchronization, players had to consume potions that aided in Concentration recovery and Concentration improvement if they wanted to operate out in the fields for long periods. Otherwise, the burden their weapons and equipment placed on their mental states would quickly wear them out. Such Master Potions typically cost 20 to 30 Eternal Silver per bottle and lasted no more than six hours, while Grandmaster Potions of this variety cost upward of one Eternal Gold per bottle. Not to mention, once players returned to a city, they would need to rely on good food and accommodation to recover their Stamina and Concentration quickly.

“Five thousand it is, then,” Lunar River said when she saw that Frey refused to budge. “But if you decide to sell more slots, please get in touch with me first. I promise to give you a satisfactory price, Miss Frey.”

“You overestimate my abilities, Miss River. I only got a head start on the other powers due to a stroke of luck,” Frey said, shaking her head. Then, she sighed, “If you want more priority entry slots, your best bet would be to seek out Zero Wing. Like the other Guilds partnered with Zero Wing, I have only a few tens of thousands of slots.”

“You are too modest, Miss Frey. You are among the first batch of people to own private shops in Shadowring Town. Now, the various pseudo-apex powers have trouble even renting a shop in Shadowring Town, let alone owning any,” Lunar River said, wearing a respectful expression. Inwardly, though, she felt nothing but contempt for Frey. After all, the other party couldn’t even be bothered to hide the delight on her face.

Then, Lunar River continued, “I also heard that many powers have approached you about the 20,000 Tower of the Abyss allied entry slots in your possession. The Tower of the Abyss truly is a guiding light for fifth-floor experts. Even I can’t help but want to enter it. It’s a pity that there’s a daily limit on how many players can use the tower.”

“Yes, many have approached me about the allied entry slots. You are very well-informed, Miss River. I hadn’t expected you to know about the allied entry slots despite having yet to enter the Eternal Realm,” Frey said, nodding. Then, she sighed, “Regarding the Tower of the Abyss, I agree it is a wonderful place. It’s a pity that my comprehension is slightly poor. I have had barely any harvest, even with the allied entry slot’s two daily entries.

“As for the Red Dragon Nation’s 20,000 allied entry slots I possess, we only received them because Guild Leader Black Flame wants everyone in the alliance to improve together. However, after distributing the slots across the Red Dragon Nation’s subordinate powers, I only have 3,000 remaining. There aren’t even enough for my legions to share.”

“Each of your legions has at least 10,000 members, so 3,000 slots is indeed a bit too few.” Lunar River nodded, feigning sympathy. Inwardly, though, she did not believe a single word Frey said.

The Tower of the Abyss’s training system was one-of-a-kind. Unless the Red Dragon Nation had enough slots for its own use, it would have to be stupid to share its precious allied entry slots with its subordinate powers. If the Red Dragon Nation could afford to share its slots, the Guild had to have excess slots.

“Now that you mention it, I do hope I can meet Guild Leader Black Flame. His name has appeared many times during my research of the Eternal Realm. His success in establishing his Guild in the chaotic World Ark and constructing Shadowring Town are akin to legends,” Lunar River sighed. Then, she turned to meet Frey’s gaze and

continued, “Of course, the support you and Azure Fang’s Vice Guild Leader have provided is also indispensable, Miss Frey. Without you two, Shadowring Town could never have achieved its current success, and Zero Wing could never have deterred the World Ark’s various powers from coveting its town.”

“Deter the various powers? Miss River, you truly overestimate us,” Frey said, shaking her head. “We might as well have been cheerleaders in that situation. Zero Wing’s strength is the sole factor deterring the various powers from taking action.”

“You are too modest,” Lunar River said, shaking her head. She refused to believe an upstart Guild was strong enough to deter the Holy Race’s royal powers and the human race’s apex powers from occupying Shadowring Town with force.

Frey could tell what was going through Lunar River’s mind, but she didn’t bother to explain herself. After all, even she would be just as skeptical if she were in Lunar River’s shoes.

While the two were chatting merrily, Lunar River suddenly received a call, and her expression quickly turned ugly.

“Did something happen?” Frey asked curiously.

“It’s nothing. It’s just an argument between a senior’s son and some little fellows that needs my intervention. As those little fellows have a gold invitation sent by one of Desolate Star City’s management powers, many powers are paying attention to this matter,” Lunar River said. Then, she suggested, “Since the Galaxy Conglomerate is now one of Desolate Star City’s management powers, how about you go with me, Miss Frey? This is a good opportunity to let the various powers meet you.”

“Okay.” After thinking about it, Frey felt it was necessary to let everyone know that the Galaxy Conglomerate had become one of Desolate Star City’s management powers.

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Chapter 3839: Alternate Ending 913 - Suffocation

Chapter 913 – Suffocation

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Desolate Star City, Auction Venue:

As time passed, more and more guests gathered in the auction venue's lobby because of the commotion Crocodile Fang caused. Many of these guests looked at Shi Feng's group sympathetically.

Angel's Retribution was the Angel Sanctuary's number one power. No matter how extraordinary the power backing Desolate Star City was, even it would likely have to defer to Angel's Retribution. It was especially so when this situation involved Crocodile Fang.

Crocodile Fang was a famous bully in the Angel Sanctuary. He was the pampered son of Golden Leo, Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader, who had an absolute say over the Guild. Because of this, he could go about his bullying fearlessly and only had to be wary of the executives of apex powers.

"Miss Shuoyun, are you done with your call? What did Miss River say?" Crocodile Fang asked tentatively when he saw Shuoyun had ended her call.

While Crocodile Fang might be a prodigal and a tyrant, he wasn't a fool. If he were to take action in King's Paradise's territory, even if King's Paradise's Lunar River chose not to say anything about it, she would be dissatisfied with him. Who knew what she would do to him in the future? He wasn't strong enough to ignore King's Paradise's retaliation, either.

Thus, he needed to know Lunar River's stance.

If Lunar River decided not to care about this matter, he could deal with Xia Qingying's group at will. If she reacted negatively to his intentions, he would have to tone down his actions as a show of respect to King's Paradise. If she expressed anger toward his intentions and had him get lost, he would have no choice but to give up on his persecution of Xia Qingying's group today and find an opportunity some other day. After all, he'd be provoking King's Paradise if he continued to take action after Lunar River's warning.

While King's Paradise might have chosen to operate behind the scenes in God's Domain after failing in its challenge to become an apex power over half a century ago, it still wasn't an opponent that Angel's Retribution could afford to provoke casually.

Crocodile Fang had to be especially wary of Lunar River, who had inherited the position of King's Paradise's First Vice Guild Leader at a young age.

Yes, inherited!

Unlike others, Lunar River did not have to compete for her position in the Guild. This was because of her monstrous talent. She was the most talented player to have appeared in the Angel Sanctuary in the past few centuries, and she was practically certain to become King's Paradise's Guild Leader in the future.

At the age of 16, Lunar River had secretly debuted on the Divine Glory List under a pseudonym and achieved third place. Although her name suddenly stopped appearing on the list later on, Angel's Retribution had kept track of her actions throughout the past decade or so.

Lunar River's most recent public appearance was four years ago. Back then, she had already reached Level 240 and had killed the Giant Sanctuary's number-one player in ten moves, along with the 100 Level 230-plus fifth-floor experts accompanying him. The event terrified the Giant Sanctuary's powers; for some time, none dared to let their top experts leave the safety of their Holy Cities.

Four years had passed since then. Now, Crocodile Fang dared not imagine how terrifying Lunar River had become. The Angel Sanctuary's pseudo-apex powers even guessed she might have achieved *that* standard already. Otherwise, King's Paradise wouldn't have made such a high-profile comeback.

"She said that she would be here soon," Shuoyun answered. "Before she arrives, you are not allowed to do anything or leave!"

"She will come in person?" Crocodile Fang sighed in relief at this answer. "Okay, I'll wait for her here."

The news of Lunar River's decision to make a personal appearance was neither good nor bad. It showed that she was upset about the situation, but not so much that she was willing to offend Angel's Retribution. So long as he didn't go too far in persecuting Xia Qingying's group, Lunar River shouldn't have any problems.

After saying so, Crocodile River returned to Xiao Quan and patted the other party on the shoulder.

"Brother Xiao, I promise to get revenge for you. I will have that pretty lady accompany you for a drink and apologize," Crocodile Fang said confidently.

"I'll look forward to it, Brother Fang," Xiao Quan said joyfully. Originally, he had already given up getting revenge on Xia Qingying and Shi Feng after his superior instructed him to let go of this matter. He never expected fate to play in his favor.

"They want us to apologize?!" Drifting Bean exploded when she overheard Crocodile Fang and Xiao Quan's conversation. "We were here first! Yet, not only do they want to take our room, but they also want us to apologize?! They must be dreaming! I refuse to believe Desolate Star City will turn a blind eye to this!"

The surrounding spectators nodded in agreement. Inwardly, though, none of them were optimistic about the situation.

The various powers revolved around interests. Without sufficient benefits, there was no way Desolate Star City would casually offend a behemoth like Angel's Retribution.

"How about I reveal my Internal Elder status?" Endless Scars suggested. "With the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's influence, Crocodile Fang should tone down his actions."

"Absolutely not!" Xia Qingying vetoed. "Your identity must be kept secret for your safety in the real world! You are our world's greatest hope for achieving success! Nothing can happen to you!"

Very few people knew about Endless Scars's identity as one of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce's Internal Elders. Only those extremely trustworthy were let in on the secret.

This secrecy was to ensure Endless Scars's safety in the real world. Internal competition within the Eternal Chamber of Commerce was extremely fierce and cruel. While revealing her status in Eternal might keep her safe from the Greater God's Domain's various powers, it would expose her to the dangers within the apex power. So long as her competitors learned of her identity, they would have plenty of methods to eliminate her.

"In that case, we can take shelter in the God's Domain Association if the situation looks bad," Endless Scars said after some thought. "With my mental strength standard, so long as Desolate Star City doesn't take any direct action, nobody can stop us."

The God's Domain Association had a branch in every mobile city. It was also an existence that no power dared disobey. So long as they entered the God's Domain Association, not even apex powers would dare touch them. They should also have no trouble leaving Desolate Star City. If Endless Scars had the Chamber of Commerce send a team of bodyguards to escort them, Angel's Retribution wouldn't dare continue standing in their way.

"I guess that's our only option if things don't go well," Xia Qingying said, nodding.

Although Xia Qingying had heard from Shi Feng that his gold invitation came from Frey, she still didn't feel safe. After all, Frey was the Galaxy Conglomerate's Fourth Princess and a Vice Guild Leader of the Red Dragon Nation, a pseudo-apex power. She was also a popular figure in the current Eternal Realm. Why would such a big shot send Shi Feng an invitation to Desolate Star City? It was a gold invitation, no less. The two stood on parallel lines, and it was only due to luck that they had crossed paths before.

Suddenly, a commotion appeared outside the auction venue. Many of the guests in the lobby rushed to the entrance. It was obvious that Desolate Star City's representative had arrived.

“Since Miss River has arrived, you bunch should start considering what to do! Otherwise, I will have my people decide for you!” Crocodile Fang sneered at Xia Qingying’s group when he saw the approaching crowd.

As Crocodile Fang finished speaking, a large group of people entered the lobby, led by two young women. The two women were none other than King’s Paradise’s Vice Guild Leader Lunar River and the Red Dragon Nation’s Vice Guild Leader Frey.

“Big Sis River, you’re here!” As soon as Crocodile Fang saw Lunar River, he immediately greeted her as if he were greeting a relative. He grew even more elated when he saw the woman beside Lunar River. He hadn’t expected to be able to attract the attention of a big shot like Frey. “Greetings, Miss Frey! I am Angel’s Retribution’s Crocodile Fang! It is an honor to meet you!”

While Crocodile Fang was introducing himself, the bored Frey suddenly noticed a young man standing a short distance behind Crocodile Fang. A smile immediately blossomed on her face, and she approached the other party without hesitation.

“Guild Leader Black Flame! You actually showed up!”

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Chapter 3840: Alternate Ending 914 - Black Flame's Influence

Chapter 914 – Black Flame’s Influence

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The lobby fell silent at Frey’s words as every guest present looked at the inconspicuous young man.

“What’s going on? Why is Miss Frey taking the initiative to greet that person?”

“Crap! Who is that guy? Miss Frey normally doesn’t even care to greet the heads of the pseudo-apex powers based in Galaxy City. Could that guy be an apex power’s chosen one?”

“Black Flame... I’ve heard of this name before. He made quite the name for himself in the Eternal Realm. He also recently debuted on the Divine Glory List as a top 300 expert.”

“What? That can’t be right. How can a top 300 expert on the Divine Glory List receive such treatment? I heard that Miss Frey didn’t even pay respect to the Skylight Association’s Nineteenth Sword, one of the current Ten Great Sword Gods.”

The guests present were executives of either conglomerates or top-tier upper-ranking hegemonic powers. They more or less knew about Frey’s circumstances, so they were greatly confused by her attitude toward Shi Feng. They now eyed Shi Feng as if looking at a monster.

Xia Qingying was also dumbfounded by this situation. She hadn’t thought that Shi Feng had been telling the truth when he said his invitation came from Frey.

After all, Frey’s current status had risen so much that even the Guild Leaders of pseudo-apex powers had to treat her with respect. She was already a popular figure in the Greater God’s Domain. When it came to influence, she stood among the top of the Greater God’s Domain. Hence, Xia Qingying couldn’t imagine how Shi Feng, who only entered the Greater World recently, could have dealings with Frey. Furthermore, judging by Frey’s tone, their relationship was not shallow.

So, he’s the Guild Leader of that Zero Wing? At Frey’s words, Lunar River looked at Shi Feng, intrigued.

“Miss Frey, do you know each other?” Crocodile Fang was stunned to see Frey greeting Shi Feng so affectionately.

Crocodile Fang visited Desolate Star City this time with two goals. He wanted to negotiate an alliance with King’s Paradise on Angel’s Retribution’s behalf and get acquainted with Frey, a popular figure in the current Greater God’s Domain.

Before the Eternal Realm’s appearance, the Red Dragon Nation was a mediocre pseudo-apex power and would never have garnered the attention of Angel’s Retribution. However, after the Eternal Realm appeared, Frey led the Red Dragon Nation’s forces to swiftly occupy a major city and expand the Guild’s operations. This brought the Red Dragon Nation abundant funds and resources. The many secret treasures the Red Dragon Nation obtained also enabled it to produce many experts, significantly increasing the Guild’s overall strength.

Now, the Red Dragon Nation already rivaled the Greater God’s Domain’s Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers. Moreover, its foundations in the Eternal Realm were vastly superior to what many of them had.

For pseudo-apex powers looking to expand into the Eternal Realm, it would be in their best interests to join forces with the Red Dragon Nation. With the Red Dragon Nation’s assistance, they could establish themselves more quickly in the Eternal Realm. This point could be seen simply by looking at the attitude of King’s Paradise’s Lunar River toward Frey.

“That’s right. Are you Crocodile Fang, the representative of Angel’s Retribution that River mentioned?” Frey asked as she turned to Crocodile Fang.

“That is me.” Crocodile Fang nodded, not daring to put on airs.

“River mentioned that you had a conflict with someone at the auction venue,” Frey stated, narrowing her eyes. Then, she pointed at Shi Feng and questioned Crocodile Fang coldly, “You couldn’t have caused trouble for my guest, Guild Leader Black Flame, right?”

“This is a misunderstanding! It’s all a misunderstanding, Miss Frey!” When Crocodile Fang saw Frey’s dissatisfied look, he knew that he had provoked someone he shouldn’t have provoked. “I was only trying to invite Guild Leader Black Flame for a chat on my friend’s behalf. I had no other intentions. I am willing to apologize if I offended Miss Frey’s guest.”

Crocodile Fang’s words stunned the surrounding guests. Even Xia Qingying and Endless Scars hadn’t expected the arrogant Crocodile Fang to react so flexibly.

“Misunderstanding? How can you call this a misunderstanding?! You were the one trying to snatch our room first! Not only that, but you even wanted to have Big Sis Xia apologize to that guy over there!” Drifting Bean retorted in dissatisfaction as she pointed at Xiao Quan. “Now, you say that this was all a misunderstanding?”

“Little girl, I already said I would apologize. What more do you want?” Crocodile Fang said, smiling at Drifting Bean nonchalantly. “Or do you want Miss Frey to make an enemy out of Angel’s Retribution before you are satisfied?”

Drifting Bean gnashed her teeth at Crocodile Fang’s words. However, she dared not say anything more.

Crocodile Fang had essentially just employed a feigned retreat. He knew he couldn’t afford to offend Frey, so he took the initiative to apologize. By doing so, he could show his respect to Frey while minimizing the humiliation he had to suffer. If Xia Qingying’s group continued to pursue the matter, they would become the inconsiderate guests in this situation.

Moreover, it was as Crocodile Fang said. Shi Feng was only a guest invited by Frey. Would Frey be willing to burn her bridges with Angel’s Retribution for Shi Feng? It should be known that Angel’s Retribution was the Angel Sanctuary’s number one power. It could rival the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers, similar to the current Red Dragon Nation.

“What do you think, River?” Frey suddenly asked Lunar River, acting like she had not heard what Crocodile Fang and Drifting Bean had just said.

However, Frey's words elated Crocodile Fang.

It was obvious that Frey did not wish to offend Angel's Retribution too terribly. Hence, she sought Lunar River's opinion. And if King's Paradise still wanted to ally with Angel's Retribution, the result of asking Lunar River was self-evident.

"You are one of Desolate Star City's highest authorities. Since this issue happened in Desolate Star City, you naturally have the final say," Lunar River said, chuckling. Her behavior made it seem like she had already given her answer.

In the end, it's still all about profits! Drifting Bean felt aggrieved when she heard the exchange between Frey and Lunar River.

"That person is ultimately Angel's Retribution's representative. This is already the ideal outcome for us," Xia Qingying said, consoling the bitter girl beside her. "We can't make things difficult for Miss Frey."

Stronger! I must become stronger! Drifting Bean inwardly vowed. She decided that she must develop the Blood Wing adventurer team into a power that even Angel's Retribution feared. At that time, she would be able to give Crocodile Fang a piece of her mind in a similar situation.

However, before Xia Qingying and Drifting Bean could react, a cold voice suddenly entered their ears and echoed in their minds.

"In that case, get lost! Desolate Star City doesn't welcome you!" Frey shouted at Crocodile Fang and Xiao Quan, her voice sonorous and powerful. It sounded like a pronouncement of fate, and it made everyone in the lobby stare at her in disbelief.

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Chapter 3841: Alternate Ending 915 - Because I Am Stronger

Chapter 915 – Because I Am Stronger

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"Did I mishear?"

"Heavens! Does she want to fall out with Angel's Retribution?!"

"Madness! This is madness! Who is that guy?! How can he get Miss Frey to go to such lengths for him?!"

Everyone present was a member of a major power, so they knew that nobody would casually offend a pseudo-apex power, much less do so for an outsider. Such behavior was extremely irrational in God's Domain.

It should be known that Crocodile Fang represented Angel's Retribution. Frey driving him out of Desolate Star City was tantamount to slapping Angel's Retribution in the face. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say she was making an enemy of Angel's Retribution.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, what is your relationship with Miss Frey?" Drifting Bean asked, staring at Shi Feng in astonishment. "Why is she willing to help you to such an extent?"

Xia Qingying and Endless Scars also looked at Shi Feng, finding it incredible that a big shot like Frey would thoroughly offend Angel's Retribution for the Guild Leader of a small Guild. If Shi Feng were to say that nothing was going on between him and Frey, nobody would believe him.

"Miss Frey?" Crocodile Fang was stupefied, his eyes filled with confusion as he looked at Frey.

Although Crocodile Fang knew that Frey shared close ties with Shi Feng, he had thought that Frey would, at worst, give him a harsh admonishment. Hence, he dared to say what he did to Drifting Bean. It was to remind Frey not to offend Angel's Retribution for the sake of a guest.

Crocodile Fang had never expected Frey to be willing to thoroughly offend Angel's Retribution for Shi Feng. This was insanity.

"Take them away! I don't want to see them in Desolate Star City in the future!" Frey ordered Shuoyun, not bothering to even glance at Crocodile Fang.

"This..." Shuoyun was also confused by this situation, and she couldn't help but turn to Lunar River.

Frey might be one of Desolate Star City's highest authorities, but even King's Paradise would have to properly consider whether it wanted to provoke a power like Angel's Retribution. Furthermore, this issue occurred in Desolate Star City, the mobile city controlled by King's Paradise, so Shuoyun felt it would be wiser to let Lunar River make the final decision.

"Big Sis River, could this be a mistake? I am here on King's Paradise's invitation!" Crocodile Fang said, looking at Lunar River with an ugly expression. "If I am driven out, there won't be any further negotiations between us!"

Crocodile Fang knew speaking with Frey was meaningless at this point, so he could only pin his hopes on Lunar River. If he truly was driven out of Desolate Star City, it would be a huge embarrassment for him.

"I already said that Frey has the final say," Lunar River said to Shuoyun, ignoring Crocodile Fang's words.

Shuoyun no longer held any doubts after hearing Lunar River's words. Even so, the shock she felt did not decrease in the slightest. On the contrary, these words intensified it.

As a member of King's Paradise, Shuoyun knew that King's Paradise did not have any relationship with Shi Feng. She also knew Lunar River was acquainted with Angel's Retribution's current Guild Leader. Yet, for Shi Feng's sake, or more specifically, for Frey's sake, Lunar River was willing to offend Angel's Retribution. This was a very confusing situation.

"Why are you still standing there?" Lunar River glared at Shuoyun.

"Understood!" Shuoyun snapped out of her daze and had the other head attendants nearby surround Crocodile Fang's group.

"Big Sis River! Are you going to destroy the long relationship between our two Guilds for some outsiders?!" Crocodile Fang panicked when he saw the approaching head attendants. He felt Lunar River must be out of her mind to choose to abandon King's Paradise's partnership with Angel's Retribution to befriend Frey.

"Shuoyun, take them away!" Lunar River said, acting as if she did not hear Crocodile Fang as she had Shuoyun escort Crocodile Fang's group to the airport. Her nonchalant expression also made it seem like what she had just done was something trivial.

Ultimately, Crocodile Fang could only leave the auction venue in shock and frustration. He had never expected Lunar River to drive him out without hesitation. He felt that she must have truly lost her mind.

What Crocodile Fang didn't know was that Lunar River didn't do all this to gain Frey's favor. Instead, she had done it for Shi Feng, Zero Wing's Guild Leader.

Originally, Lunar River believed that the Red Dragon Nation and Azure Fang were the true owners of Shadowring Town with Zero Wing serving as a front. Although Frey had stated otherwise, Lunar River had been skeptical.

However, after seeing Frey's attitude toward Shi Feng, Lunar River felt that Shadowring Town might genuinely be under Zero Wing's control.

“As expected of one of the most popular figures in the current Greater God’s Domain. Even Desolate Star City’s administrator is willing to do Miss Frey such a huge favor,” Xia Qingying exclaimed softly as she watched Crocodile Fang and Xiao Quan getting escorted out of the auction venue. Then, she turned to the silent Shi Feng and asked, “Guild Leader Black Flame, you couldn’t have gotten some dirt on Miss Frey, right? Otherwise, why would she stand on your side so decisively?”

As the person who had brought Shi Feng into the Greater World, Xia Qingying felt that she knew plenty about him. Based on what she knew, it should be impossible for him to have anything to do with Frey. After all, one stayed in Star Lake City this entire time, while the other stayed in Galaxy City, one of the best first-tier mobile cities in the Greater World. The two were worlds apart in status.

If Xia Qingying had to come up with a reason for Frey to side with Shi Feng, it would be that Shi Feng had blackmail material on Frey.

Endless Scars also couldn’t help but look at Shi Feng curiously.

Frey was the spokesperson of the Red Dragon Nation, an existence that rivaled the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers. Even the Grand Elders of the Eternal Chamber of Commerce would have difficulty getting such staunch support from her.

“I don’t have anything like that,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head with a smile. “As for why Miss Frey is willing to help me, I can think of only one reason.”

“What is it?” Xia Qingying grew even more curious.

Frey stood at the top of the Greater God’s Domain in status. It wasn’t easy to convince someone like her to provide help to such an extent. When Xia Qingying put herself in Frey’s shoes, she couldn’t think of any reason to offend Angel’s Retribution, a pseudo-apex power as strong as the Red Dragon Nation, for Shi Feng.

“It’s because I am stronger than them!” Shi Feng said confidently.

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Chapter 3842: Alternate Ending 916 - Everlasting City

Chapter 916 – Everlasting City

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“Stronger than them?”

Xia Qingying looked at Shi Feng's average-sized body, feeling he was joking with her. As for Endless Scars, although she had her face covered with a veil, it wasn't difficult for those around her to see the disdain under that veil.

Realistically speaking, Shi Feng, as a great grandmaster, was indeed stronger than Crocodile Fang. However, Xia Qingying obviously wasn't asking about mental strength standards but why Frey would go against Angel's Retribution for Shi Feng.

Zero Wing was stronger than Angel's Retribution?

No matter how they looked at it, there was no comparison between the two Guilds. The two Guilds were worlds apart simply in the number of fifth-floor experts and Level 230-plus experts each commanded. The current Zero Wing was vastly inferior to even the Blood Wing adventurer team, let alone Angel's Retribution.

"If you don't want to say it, forget it," Xia Qingying said, giving up on getting an answer from Shi Feng. "Regardless, thanks to your acquaintance with Miss Frey, we managed to get out of this mess. Otherwise, we would have been in deep trouble."

When Shi Feng saw Xia Qingying's skepticism, he did not try to explain himself. The current Zero Wing was no longer the same Guild that Xia Qingying knew before. Zero Wing had changed dramatically since the Tower of the Abyss's construction, and the Guild's fifth-floor experts were skyrocketing in number by the day. Aside from levels and equipment standards, Zero Wing's experts had already exceeded the various pseudo-apex powers' experts in quantity and quality.

As Zero Wing's ally, Frey was well aware of these changes. Although the Red Dragon Nation's fifth-floor experts didn't get the privilege of using the Tower of the Abyss at least ten times a day like Zero Wing's fifth-floor experts, they still got to use the tower twice daily. This allowed Frey to create a legion rivaling even the trump card legions of apex powers.

At this rate, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the Red Dragon Nation was guaranteed to rival apex powers. All it needed was time to digest the Tower of the Abyss's benefits.

It was also because Frey knew about the Tower of the Abyss's astonishing effects that she knew how terrifying Zero Wing was. If comparing only the quantity and quality of fifth-floor experts in the Eternal Realm, Zero Wing was likely superior to even apex powers, let alone Angel's Retribution. Furthermore, this was only the trump card that Frey currently knew about.

Zero Wing's true trump card right now was Dragon's Crown. However, besides the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers, no other powers in the Greater God's Domain knew about Dragon's Crown. It was also unlikely that this information

would spread any time soon, as none of the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's ten pseudo-apex powers wanted others to know about Dragon's Crown.

Regardless, so long as Frey wasn't dumb, she would naturally know how she should choose in this situation.

While Shi Feng and Xia Qingying were talking, Lunar River approached them.

"Dear guests, I am truly sorry for the upsetting incident you have experienced in Desolate Star City," Lunar River apologized sincerely. Then, she put on an indescribably friendly smile and continued, "As compensation, the auction venue's third-floor allied rooms will be permanently open to you all. Additionally, the city will provide you a 20% discount on all transactions you make in the auction this time."

"Twenty percent? Is that okay?" Drifting Bean asked excitedly.

Although many excellent goods were sold at the trade fair, nothing had grabbed her attention. However, Desolate Star City's auction was a different story. It was rumored that the auction would sell even Divine Artifacts. Although she wouldn't necessarily be able to afford a Divine Artifact, she should be able to buy the materials needed to repair her Fragmented Divine Artifact. Such materials were rarely seen under normal circumstances. Now that the various powers were willing to sell even Divine Artifacts, they would naturally sell materials necessary to repair Fragmented Divine Artifacts as well.

However, many auction items did not come from King's Paradise. If Lunar River offered them a 20% discount, this also meant that King's Paradise would have to foot the bill for that 20%. With each transaction worth tens of thousands of Eternal Gold or more, this 20% discount could end up becoming a significant expenditure for King's Paradise.

"Of course. This is Desolate Star City's apology," Lunar River said, smiling. Then, she guided Shi Feng and the others into the auction hall.

This scene made the various powers' members present jealous. However, when they considered the relationship between Shi Feng and Frey, they kept their jealousy to themselves. Those local to the Starlight Continent even reported this situation to their superiors in detail, prohibiting their members from provoking Zero Wing. Otherwise, they would be responsible for the consequences of their actions.

As for Desolate Star City's auction, it turned out grander than expected. Over 10,000 items were sold in the auction, many of which were Fragmented Divine Artifacts and rare materials needed to repair Fragmented Divine Artifacts. There were even two Divine Artifacts. However, as each Divine Artifact sold for more than 500,000 Eternal Gold, most attending powers could only sigh helplessly. If Shi Feng hadn't secretly spent 1.27 million Eternal Gold to buy 120 Eternal Stones, he would have bid on those two Divine Artifacts.

Xia Qingying and Drifting Bean also gained a significant harvest. Xia Qingying bought herself another high-quality Fragmented Divine Artifact, while Drifting Bean collected enough materials to repair her Fragmented Divine Artifact.

After the auction, Xia Qingying hastily returned to the Green God Corporation's main headquarters because of an urgent matter. As for Shi Feng, just as he was about to take a passenger plane back to Star Lake City, Shuoyun suddenly invited him to have a chat at the City Lord's Manor.

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"Guild Leader Black Flame, forgive me for inviting you here on such short notice," Lunar River said, getting up from her seat when she saw Shi Feng entering her office. Then, she poured a cup of tea and pushed it across her desk. "It's nothing special, but have a taste of this tea steeped with Stardew. Its mental recovery properties are slightly stronger than that of Stardew. It should accelerate the recovery of your mental strength."

Shi Feng drank the tea without reservation. Immediately, he experienced a sense of comfort that spread to his soul. Like Lunar River said, the tea's recovery properties were superior to Stardew's. He even felt that his mental strength would make a full recovery by the time he returned to Star Lake City.

After experiencing the tea's effects, Shi Feng bluntly asked, "What business do you have with me, Miss River?"

"You are a very straightforward person, Guild Leader Black Flame," Lunar River said, stroking her long hair. Then, she sat down and continued with a smile, "In that case, I will speak frankly on behalf of King's Paradise. I have heard from Miss Frey that your Guild is fully responsible for constructing the Tower of the Abyss. I dare say that the tower's value is limitless.

"The only problem is that the Eternal Realm's players have outgrown the maps surrounding Shadowring Town, making it wasteful to have the Tower of the Abyss remain there. If the Tower of the Abyss is constructed in a big city with a player population exceeding one hundred million, the profits it can generate for Zero Wing will increase by at least one hundredfold.

"Could you elaborate on the main point, Miss River?" Shi Feng asked, then calmly took another sip of tea.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you may not be aware, but there is a reason why the Eternal Realm's various pseudo-apex powers and apex powers, as well as its many hidden powers, are not rushing to attack Shadowring Town," Lunar River said leisurely, looking at Shi Feng's calm composure. "Seven days ago, a massive island appeared in the Eternal Realm's central region. There is an incredibly old city on that island called

Everlasting City. The city is very special. Although many NPCs live in it, it is enveloped by a barrier that prevents players from entering.

“According to investigations, Everlasting City hosts a monthly competition for players. During the competition, the various powers can send as many teams of players as they want into the city to occupy land. Currently, though, all players who exceed Level 220 will have their levels suppressed to Level 220 once they enter the city.

“Of the teams that participate in the competition, the top ten teams that occupy the most land can receive a Great Lord Token, which can be used to construct a Guild City anywhere in the Eternal Realm. Teams that manage to occupy at least four plots of land will also receive a set of Eternal World Magic Array Scrolls that can help defend against the Eternal Realm’s Void Beast Tide!

“You might not have heard of the Void Beast Tide, but it is a periodic disaster that occurs in the Eternal Realm once every few months or at least once a year. In the face of a Void Beast Tide, most cities and towns will be devoured; only a few cities can barely withstand it.

“Currently, King’s Paradise is one of the few powers that have the ability to secure the Eternal World Magic Array. Our teams even have the potential to enter the top ten. So long as Zero Wing is willing to hand over half the shares of the Tower of the Abyss and reconstruct it in King’s Paradise’s Guild City, King’s Paradise will guarantee that Zero Wing receives a set of Eternal World Magic Array scrolls after every competition and never falls to a Void Beast Tide. What do you think of this proposal, Guild Leader Black Flame?”

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Chapter 3843: Alternate Ending 917 - Laura's Gift

Chapter 917 – Laura’s Gift

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“Of course, if you find that the price is too much, I am willing to settle for just one-third of the Tower of the Abyss’s shares.” Lunar River quickly amended her words when Shi Feng remained silent. Then, she continued in a confident tone, “Everlasting City’s competition will involve all three races living in the Eternal Realm, so its intensity will be unprecedented. Most participating pseudo-apex powers might have trouble occupying even one plot of land, let alone four.

“Although King’s Paradise has been operating behind the scenes for quite some time now, we can absolutely rival apex powers. We were only unlucky in timing when we tried to take the next step over half a century ago.”

Lunar River was confident that Shi Feng would ultimately side with King’s Paradise. This was because the average pseudo-apex power couldn’t even make any waves in an all-out fight among the three races, so Everlasting City’s competition was destined to be a contest among apex and royal powers.

If Zero Wing wished to survive the Eternal Realm’s upcoming disaster, its best choice would be to partner with King’s Paradise. Although it also had the option of partnering with one of the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers, their asking price would be much more excessive.

In fact, Lunar River was certain that Shi Feng already knew why the Nine Great Pseudo-Apex Powers hadn’t taken action against Shadowring Town thus far. It was because they were waiting for the upcoming Void Beast Tide to destroy Shadowring Town and give them an opportunity to occupy the Tower of the Abyss for themselves.

“The Void Beast Tide, is it? That is indeed troublesome.” Shi Feng nodded. The monsters of the Void Beast Tide came from the depths of the void, so they had incredibly high levels. This was something he had witnessed in his previous life. It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to call the Void Beast Tide an apocalyptic disaster. Subsequently, he smiled at Lunar River and asked, “Miss River, may I know how your Guild compares to a royal power?”

“A royal power?” Shi Feng’s question stunned Lunar River. She couldn’t understand why he would ask such a question. However, she still made a rough estimate and answered, “Compared to the Holy Race’s royal powers that currently operate in the Eternal Realm, I’d say we have 30% of a royal power’s strength.”

“Thirty percent? That’s quite significant,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “That should put King’s Paradise in an above-average position in the struggle among the three races.”

“May I know what you mean by this, Guild Leader Black Flame?” Lunar River frowned at Shi Feng’s nonchalant evaluation. “Do you think King’s Paradise is weak?”

“No, that’s not what I meant,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. Then, he calmly smiled and continued, “What I mean is that King’s Paradise still isn’t strong enough to take one-third of the Tower of the Abyss’s shares.”

Shortly after the Holy Race constructed the Tower of the Abyss in his previous life, many of its royal powers had fought over it. At the time, apex powers weren’t even qualified to participate in the conflict. Yet, despite only rivaling apex powers, King’s Paradise dared to demand one-third of the Tower of the Abyss’s shares. It even demanded that the Tower of the Abyss be moved to its Guild City. This was nothing

more than a pipe dream. King's Paradise simply did not understand the horrors of owning the Tower of the Abyss.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, it is estimated that the next Void Beast Tide will occur in less than a month, while Everlasting City's competition will be held tomorrow. This is Zero Wing's last chance to get a good price. Once the competition is over, King's Paradise's price will no longer be as generous," Lunar River said, half-amused and half-fuming. She had never imagined that there would come a day when someone would look down on King's Paradise.

"Thank you for your goodwill. If there is nothing else, I will be taking my leave," Shi Feng said before turning around and leaving. He had no intention of continuing this discussion.

"Bastard! Arrogant bastard! You are as arrogant as the rumors say!" When Shi Feng had left the room, Lunar River finally snapped, throwing Shi Feng's teacup to the floor and cursing. "Fine! Have it your way! We'll see if you can stay arrogant after the competition!"

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After leaving the City Lord's Manor, Shi Feng quickly rented a supersonic passenger plane through the God's Domain Association, returned to Star Lake City, and logged back into God's Domain. Additionally, he had Hidden Soul and Gentle Snow try to have all of Zero Wing's Level 200-plus fifth-floor experts gather at Shadowring Town as soon as possible.

Although his discussions with Lunar River had not ended on a happy note, she had reminded him about Everlasting City's competition.

Everlasting City's competition was very well-known in his previous life during the Eternal Realm's middle stages. This was because it was one of the few events where the three races had competed with one another using their full might. However, due to the Holy Race's overwhelming strength, the human race never saw success in the competition. The various human powers could only rely on themselves to survive the Eternal Realm's Void Beast Tides. Hence, the various human powers had suffered tragic losses whenever a Void Beast Tide occurred, with some even having their progress in the Eternal Realm wiped out.

Now that Zero Wing had Dragon's Crown backing it, it naturally had to compete in Everlasting City's competition.

When Shi Feng came online, he noticed a pair of big blue eyes staring at him. These eyes belonged to Heiser, the current strongest chosen one of Holy Dragon Spear.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, you’re finally back. Do you know how long I’ve been waiting for you?” Heiser grumbled at Shi Feng.

“Do you have business with me?” Shi Feng looked at Heiser in surprise.

“Of course! Before my teacher left, she wanted me to pass on an item and a critical message to you,” Heiser said as she retrieved an old, dilapidated stone tablet from her bag. “Teacher said that you might have refused this item before, but you’d certainly need it in the future. She mentioned that it was especially useful for people who were challenging *that* step.”

A Golden Law? People who were challenging that step? Shi Feng was confused when he saw the stone tablet that Laura had offered to give him in the past.

The existence of Gold Tablets was no secret in the Greater God’s Domain. There were 88 Gold Tablets, each recording a complete Gold Combat Technique. For the various powers, it was indeed a precious treasure. Even for the current Zero Wing, a Gold Tablet could significantly add to the Guild’s foundation. However, Laura’s message puzzled him.

People who were challenging *that* step!

If Laura was referring to experts trying to advance to the sixth-floor standard, a complete Gold Combat Technique was indeed a helpful reference. However, it was by no means necessary. Moreover, judging by Laura’s words, she wasn’t referring to the sixth-floor standard.

“Ahh! I’m drained! Now that I’ve passed that item to you, I can finally log off!” After handing over the tablet, Heiser promptly pulled up her system interface and logged out of the game, leaving Shi Feng staring blankly at the stone tablet in his hand.

About half an hour later, a chill suddenly ran down Shi Feng’s spine as he looked at the seemingly familiar stone tablet.

A Goddess Tablet?!

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Chapter 3844: Alternate Ending 918 - Nineteenth Goddess Tablet

Chapter 918 – Nineteenth Goddess Tablet

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Could this be a mistake?

Shi Feng had analyzed Laura's stone tablet using many mana interpretation methods. However, no matter how many methods he applied, the outcome was always the same.

They all pointed to the dilapidated tablet being a Goddess Tablet!

However, this Goddess Tablet wasn't any of the eighteen Goddess Tablets. According to the information he deciphered, this was the nineteenth tablet the Goddess of Space had created long after the Eighteen Goddess Tablets.

At first glance, the stone tablet merely recorded three Golden Laws. In reality, these three Golden Laws were the key to unlocking the biggest secret contained within the Eighteen Goddess Tablets. They also served as a tracker for the Eighteen Goddess Tablets. However, this function cost 10,000 God Crystals per activation and had a cooldown of one natural day.

Ten thousand God Crystals per activation... Even apex powers would choke at this price. Shi Feng stared at the Nineteenth Goddess Tablet in exasperation. Originally, he wanted to contact Laura and ask her about the tablet, but he found that her name was grayed out, indicating that she couldn't be reached. *It seems I'll have to find a solution on my own.*

The Eighteen Goddess Tablets were indeed of utmost importance to him. They recorded rare and powerful combat techniques and Mana Techniques, and they were likely crucial to his promotion to Tier 7.

Judging by the actions of Ink Crystal's party during the Continental Championship, the Crystallians knew how to advance to Tier 7. They even had a sixth-floor expert long before the Tower of the Abyss was constructed. Yet, never had he heard of anybody from any of the three races successfully getting promoted to Tier 7 in his previous life. This showed that the difficulty of reaching Tier 7 was beyond imagination.

Based on the information he had now, he was certain that sixth-floor experts fully equipped with Divine Artifacts were not strong enough to reach Tier 7. In other words, if he did not find a way to become even stronger, he'd have no chance of conquering his Tier 7 promotion land.

Besides the Fourth Goddess Tablet that I own, I know the whereabouts of two other Goddess Tablets. Therefore, I only need to accumulate 150,000 God Crystals to locate the remaining fifteen Goddess Tablets. After thinking it over, Shi Feng felt he had a good chance of collecting all of the Eighteen Goddess Tablets. He only needed 150,000 God Crystals to do so. *But before that, I need to get my hands on an Eternal World Magic Array. Otherwise, Shadowing Town might not survive the impending disaster.*

Shi Feng pulled up his Friends List and contacted Purgatory Jade.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, do you have good news for us again? You contacted me so soon after you came back online,” Purgatory Jade said jokingly.

“Vice Guild Leader Jade, you jest. But I do have a beneficial offer for Dragon’s Crown,” Shi Feng said, slightly shocked when he noticed the change in Purgatory Jade’s equipment.

It had only been a day since they last met, yet Purgatory Jade had already replaced her Level 240 Taboo Legendary Equipment with Fragmented Divine Artifacts. She had also replaced her previous shields with Divine Shields. The transformation was simply terrifying.

If he hadn’t known that Dragon’s Crown had no foundations in the Greater God’s Domain, he would have suspected that the Guild had been operating in the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary for many years already.

“Well, what is it?” Purgatory Jade asked, smiling. “So long as it is something Dragon’s Crown can accomplish, we will cooperate to the best of our abilities, Guild Leader Black Flame.”

After separating from Shi Feng, Purgatory Jade had promptly tasked Dragon’s Crown’s members with investigating the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary and the Greater God’s Domain. Although they couldn’t conduct a comprehensive investigation due to time constraints, they still managed to learn about Zero Wing’s circumstances in the Greater God’s Domain.

While Zero Wing might not be as strong as Purgatory Jade expected, she felt it was a worthwhile partner for Dragon’s Crown. On the contrary, Dragon’s Crown might even benefit from Zero Wing being weaker than expected. After all, this gave Dragon’s Crown more opportunities to display its value to Zero Wing, thereby encouraging Zero Wing to continue summoning Dragon’s Crown’s members to the Greater God’s Domain.

In only a day, Purgatory Jade had already benefited greatly from the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary, which increased her ambitions toward the Greater God’s Domain. Now, all she needed was more time to realize these ambitions, and the only way she could get more time in the Greater God’s Domain was by getting Zero Wing to keep summoning Dragon’s Crown’s members.

“I’m afraid I will need you all to take direct action this time, Vice Guild Leader Jade,” Shi Feng said after some thought. “As you will have to fight against many experts, how does 1,000 Intermediate Divine Engraving Scrolls sound?”

“Experts? Are they strong?” Purgatory Jade was surprised to hear Shi Feng mention the word “expert.”

Purgatory Jade knew about Shi Feng's strength. While he might not be a sixth-floor expert, he was strong enough to trade blows with sixth-floor experts. Since he recognized their upcoming opponents as experts, it must mean that these opponents were quite strong.

However, according to their investigation, the Greater God's Domain barely had any Half-step Mortal Gods, let alone bona fide sixth-floor experts.

"They are very strong!" Shi Feng said sternly.

Although he had never heard about any sixth-floor experts existing during the Eternal Realm's early stages in his previous life, Ink Crystal's appearance in the last Continental Championship proved that at least one hidden sixth-floor expert existed before the Tower of the Abyss's advent. And now that Ink Crystal had revealed herself, her appearance might cause a butterfly effect that led to other hidden sixth-floor experts making their public debut.

If the Holy Race and the Crystallian race's hidden sixth-floor experts were to appear, paired with their equipment advantage and the competition's level restriction, Dragon's Crown would be in for a tough fight.

"How interesting." When Purgatory Jade saw Shi Feng's serious expression, she knew he wasn't joking. This led her to wonder how there could be so many experts in the Greater God's Domain. "Okay, we'll accept this deal. When will we meet? And where?"

"As soon as possible. I will send you the coordinates of our meeting point," Shi Feng said as he sent his hotel's coordinates to Purgatory Jade.

"Okay, we'll be there in half an hour!" Purgatory Jade answered after looking at the coordinates. Then, she disconnected the call.

"Big Sis Jade, did something happen on Zero Wing's side again?" Kowloon Demon asked as he looted the weapons and equipment scattered on the ground. They were all items dropped by players.

"It's nothing. He just wants us to fight some experts," Purgatory Jade said, smiling. "Alright, pack up! We're returning immediately!"

"Are there really experts for us to fight in the Greater God's Domain, Big Sis Jade?" Kowloon Demon asked, feeling a little frustrated as he looked at the ruins of the Twin Wolves Guild's Holy City. "That Berserker God called Fierce Wolf who came to challenge us was supposed to be the Primordial Dragon Sanctuary's sixth strongest expert. Yet, he didn't last even one move against you.

"I thought the Twelve Sanctuaries were supposed to be the center of the Greater God's Domain. If that guy's performance is indicative of the Greater God's Domain's

standards, I doubt any of the Greater God's Domain's experts can pose a challenge to us. This place is nothing like our homeworld."

"Just obey my orders! You'll get a chance to show off once we return!" Purgatory Jade glared at Kowloon Demon. Then, she promptly had everyone teleport back to Flame Vein Holy City using a Return Scroll.

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On the other side, after his call with Purgatory Jade, Shi Feng promptly used a Tier 6 Teleportation Scroll to go to a vast forest several maps away from Flame Vein Holy City.

It should be fine to summon Kalisha here. After surveying his surroundings, Shi Feng retrieved the Empress's Scales from his bag and activated the Primordial Dragon Legacy Crystal to summon Kalisha.

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Chapter 3845: Alternate Ending 919 - Primordial Dragon's Blessing

Chapter 919 – Primordial Dragon's Blessing

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As Shi Feng held up the Primordial Dragon Legacy Crystal and chanted, a spatial crack spanning dozens of kilometers appeared above the vast forest. It looked like the sky was being torn apart, striking fear in the monsters and players in the map.

A moment later, a pair of gigantic hands emerged from the spatial crack and pried it wide open. Then, a titanic figure over 10,000 meters tall walked out of the spatial crack, radiating a terrifying Divine Might that made the souls of all creatures in the forest shudder.

Subsequently, the titanic figure pointed at a figure on the ground, emitting invisible ripples that instantly spread hundreds of thousands of yards. All creatures that came into contact with these ripples—whether Level 200-plus Regional Bosses or Level 220-plus, Tier 6 players—fainted without resistance.

Thank goodness I didn't summon her in the city. Shi Feng sighed in relief when he saw the commotion Kalisha had caused.

A mere mental ripple from Kalisha had caused all life within a several-hundred-mile radius to lose consciousness. The consequences would have been unimaginable if he had summoned her inside Flame Vein Holy City.

Although traces of Gods could be found in the Greater God's Domain's Twelve Sanctuaries, it was a different story for Ancient Gods. Should an Ancient God appear, the various powers would immediately mobilize all their forces in pursuit. In the case of Kalisha, an existence capable of rivaling Primordial Gods, even apex powers would try to track her down at all costs.

Normally, players who completed quests assigned by Ancient Gods could obtain lost Legacies from the Greater God's Domain's Primordial Era. If they were lucky, they might even obtain clues pertaining to the Tier 7 promotion. These factors were more than enough to make the various powers go crazy. With Kalisha being an existence that rivaled Primordial Gods, it would only be natural to assume that her quests would offer even greater rewards.

"Heaven's blessed, it seems you are very lucky. I didn't think you would recover my lost possession so quickly," Kalisha said with a satisfied smile when she saw the Empress's Scales in Shi Feng's hands. "With this item, I will soon be able to regain all my strength and no longer have to hide from those Evil Gods and Demon Gods. As per our agreement, you are now my true contractor. For your valiant efforts, I will give you three options for your reward.

"The first option is a Phantom Crystal I made. Sealed inside it is a trace of my consciousness. You can use it to conjure an illusion doppelganger of me to assist you in battle for three hours.

"The second option is a request for me to take action once in person.

"The third option is a Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book passed down by a Primordial God. It is something that I found in the depths of the Void Sea.

"I have yet to fully recover my strength, so I cannot stay for long. You have thirty seconds to consider."

System: Congratulations! You have completed the second stage of the Inferior Mythical Quest Sanctuary's Rise. Rewarding five levels. Kalisha's Favorability of you has increased by 100 points. You have become Kalisha's true Soul Contractor and obtained the complete Primordial Dragon's Power.

Following the system notification, Shi Feng's level increased from 218 to 223, catching up to the Greater God's Domain's mainstream Tier 6 players' levels. However, the increase in his level did not attract Shi Feng's attention. Instead, he focused on the three options Kalisha had given him.

Any of the rewards Kalisha offered could cause an uproar across the Greater God's Domain.

Regarding the first option's Phantom Crystal, while the conjured phantom wouldn't be as strong as Kalisha herself, it could stay in battle for three hours. Whether it was used to fight a Guild War or raid a Taboo Boss, it would be very useful.

The second option's request was also amazing. Although he could request Kalisha to make only one move for him, she would do so in her peak condition. In other words, he could get an existence that rivaled Primordial Gods to make a move for him. He wouldn't trade away this valuable opportunity, even for multiple Divine Artifacts.

As for the third option's Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book, countless Tier 6 players would go crazy over such an item. Normally, even if a Tier 6 player obtained a Tier 7 Spell Book by some miracle, they wouldn't be able to learn it due to tier restrictions. However, Growth-type Spell Books were an exception. Players of any tier could learn them. Moreover, players could upgrade a Growth-type Spell all the way to its maximum tier as long as the growth conditions were met.

In other words, a Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book could let players who were Tier 6 or below obtain a bona fide Tier 7 Spell. The value of such a Spell Book easily exceeded that of several dozen Divine Artifacts. It was truly a priceless treasure.

As the 30-second time limit approached, Kalisha asked, "Have you decided yet?"

"I pick the Phantom Crystal!" Shi Feng answered firmly.

Although the second and third reward options were extremely tempting, they couldn't solve his immediate concern, which was the fight against the Undying Mother.

After nearly getting wiped at the end of the Tosas raid, Shi Feng knew better than to rely on a devastating strike to kill a Taboo Boss. If he wanted good odds for conquering the Undying Mother, his best bet would be the Phantom Crystal. Although Kalisha's phantom wouldn't be as strong as the real deal, it should still be able to hold its ground against one of the Twenty-Two Taboos. After all, while the Twenty-Two Taboos were powerful, they ultimately hadn't reached the standard of Primordial Gods. On the other hand, Kalisha was an existence that rivaled Primordial Gods.

As for the third option's Growth-type Tier 7 Spell Book, while it might be priceless to others, Shi Feng didn't strictly need it, as he had the Abyssal Eye.

"As you wish." At Shi Feng's answer, Kalisha conjured a silver crystal and handed it to him. "Now that you have obtained my complete power, this also means that you have become a thorn in the eyes of those Evil Gods and Demon Gods. Those things will remain a significant threat to you before I fully recover and eliminate them, so try to master my strength as quickly as possible."

After that reminder, Kalisha turned into a streak of light and disappeared into the spatial crack, leaving Shi Feng stupefied as he stared at the latest system notification.

System: Warning! Warning! Evil Gods and Demon Gods now view you as a true enemy. You have triggered a Life Curse, causing you to lose 10% of your Basic Attributes permanently every time you die. An Evil Demon's Shadow will also attack you once every 30 natural days. The Evil Demon's Shadow will grow stronger with time. To lift the curse, you must kill the Evil Gods and Demon Gods responsible for cursing you.

"Fuck!" Shi Feng swore subconsciously when he saw the system notification.

Previously, the curse of the Evil Gods and Demon Gods only caused him to be periodically attacked by Evil Demon Shadows, which was not a big problem for him. But now, the curse would also cause him to lose 10% of his Basic Attributes every time he died. This was a massive penalty, especially when he was aiming to get promoted to Tier 7.

However, despite his frustration, Shi Feng didn't dwell on the matter for long. He quickly shifted his thoughts to the power Kalisha mentioned.

Although he had already enjoyed Kalisha's blessing before, its effects were limited, as she had lost much of her strength. Now that Kalisha had obtained a Primordial Dragon Relic and recovered her lost strength, he could finally use the complete Primordial Dragon's Power.

TL Notes:

Fyi, the Soul Contract was introduced in Chapter 291-*"Players who signed a Soul Contract would have to permanently contribute a portion of their soul to the contractor to gain a portion of the contractor's power."*

Chapter 3846: Alternate Ending 920 - Zero Wing's Blade

Chapter 920 – Zero Wing's Blade

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So, this is the true Primordial Dragon's blessing?

Surprise colored Shi Feng's eyes as he read the Primordial Dragon's Power's introduction.

[Primordial Dragon's Power]

As the Soul Contractor of the Dragon Princess Kalisha, you may have Kalisha possess your body and transform you into a Primordial Dragon for five minutes. You will have the intuition of a Primordial Dragon throughout this duration.

Cooldown: 3 natural days

Primordial Dragons were akin to myths to the Greater God's Domain's players. Even the various apex powers' executives had only ever heard about Primordial Dragons; never had they seen one. Everyone only knew that Primordial Dragons were existences equal to Primordial Gods.

Generally, even a sliver of a Primordial Dragon's strength or Legacy could let an ordinary player stand at the apex of the Greater God's Domain. As for becoming a Primordial Dragon, that was not something players dared to think about.

No wonder the system warning was so over the top! If it means being able to have such power, getting hunted by every Evil God and Demon God in existence is a small price to pay! Many players would even be willing to get hunted by the entire Greater God's Domain! As Shi Feng looked at the dragon pattern on the back of his right hand, he suddenly felt that he had received an enormous windfall. He even felt this was the most significant harvest he had ever obtained since he started playing God's Domain.

Transforming into a Primordial Dragon!

Setting aside the all-around improvements players could receive from becoming a Primordial Dragon, simply the intuition of a Primordial Dragon could already be considered unimaginable wealth. So long as players utilized it properly, it could help them improve their strength much more effectively than even the Tower of the Abyss.

Although the Tower of the Abyss was incredible, it ultimately only functioned to provide players with opponents. Players' intuition remained unchanged, and they'd have to rely on themselves to fumble around and achieve enlightenment.

However, it was a different story if players transformed into a Primordial Dragon. Besides their extremely high Life Rating, Dragons were strong because their intuition was vastly superior to that of other races. As Primordial Dragons were existences that transcended Dragons, their intuition was naturally even more superb. If players could learn with a Primordial Dragon's intuition, they'd be able to improve at the speed of light.

After Kalisha left, the monsters and players in the forest regained consciousness. Noticing this, Shi Feng dared not linger, promptly using a Return Scroll to teleport back to Flame Vein Holy City. Then, he met up with Dragon's Crown's members and used World-Breaking Teleportation to travel back to Zero Wing's Residence in Shadowing Town.

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Eternal Realm, Shadowring Town, Zero Wing's Residence:

Due to Shi Feng's summons, the originally crowded Guild Residence became even more congested. Teams of Zero Wing experts returned to the Residence every few minutes, the sight shocking many of Zero Wing's new members and passersby.

"What's going on? Why have so many of Zero Wing's experts returned?"

"The Snow Goddess Gentle Snow, the Reincarnated Spear Demon Fervent Samsara, Knight's Blade Heavy Abyss, Demon Queen Phoenix Rain, the Twin Shadows Hidden Soul and Fire Dance, the Phantom Flower Shadow Flower, the Purple Witch of Lightning Ji Luorong, Shadow Spear Crimson Heart... Why have all these Divine Glory List debutants gathered? Aren't they supposed to be fighting the Holy Race on the World Ark's frontlines?"

"It's not just them. Even Zero Wing's younger generation experts have gathered. Half an hour ago, I saw Wordless Ember, Sleeping Quicksand, and Jun Luosha returning to Zero Wing's Residence. These are all experts who have gone undefeated in the Battle Arena."

"Why have so many experts gathered? Is something going to happen to Shadowring Town?"

The players residing in Shadowring Town were very familiar with Zero Wing's experts. Initially, everyone thought that Zero Wing was doomed after the Holy Race decided to give it special attention and Zero Wing's Guild Leader Black Flame suddenly went missing. However, as Zero Wing's casualties increased, experts started emerging in the Guild one after another. These experts thrived on the World Ark's frontlines, their contributions eventually earning Zero Wing the recognition that it was comparable to pseudo-apex powers.

Now that all of these Zero Wing experts had gathered, it was difficult for others not to overthink matters.

"Vice Guild Leader Soul, why did the Guild Leader gather us so urgently?" Nightingale Zhuo Yalin asked Hidden Soul out of curiosity. "Is an apex power planning to attack us?"

Clear Sky Lin Yaoyue also looked at Hidden Soul curiously.

Zhuo Yalin and Lin Yaoyue had joined Zero Wing not long ago. Although they had never participated in any of Zero Wing's major battles, they knew something big must be happening now that so many of the Guild's fifth-floor experts had gathered.

"I have no idea," Hidden Soul said, smiling wryly. "The Guild Leader simply contacted Snow and me and told us to gather everyone out of the blue."

“An apex power is attacking us? Isn’t that great news? I’ve been wanting to test the Gold Combat Technique I created in the Tower of the Abyss,” Ji Luorong, who had risen to Level 224, said eagerly.

“Indeed.” Phoenix Rain, who had reached Level 225, agreed with Ji Luorong’s sentiment. “Although the Tower of the Abyss can simulate various powerful opponents, those fifth-floor opponents are too strong for us to fight properly. If we could fight fifth-floor experts of roughly equal strength, we might have an easier time achieving a breakthrough.”

Although they had fought many experts from the Holy Race and other human powers since entering the Eternal Realm, these experts varied in combat standards, and most hadn’t even reached the fifth-floor standard. With the recent improvements they had achieved, thanks to the Tower of the Abyss, the improvements they could achieve through field PvP had become extremely limited.

In their current state, they could only improve quickly by fighting the experts of apex powers.

Amidst the discussions of Zero Wing’s experts, Shi Feng arrived at the Residence’s courtyard with the cloaked members of Dragon’s Crown. When the thousands of Zero Wing members in the courtyard saw him, they promptly stood to attention.

“Guild Leader!”

“Guild Leader, are we really going to war with an apex power?”

Shi Feng was astonished as he looked at the experts in the courtyard. It was especially so when he looked at Hidden Soul, Phoenix Rain, Crimson Heart, Shadow Flower, and the others who had come forward to greet him.

In his previous life, these were all experts who had made a name for themselves after entering the Greater God’s Domain. Now, not only had they joined Zero Wing, but their talents had also started to shine. Additionally, they had all reached the fifth-floor standard and were all at Level 220 or higher. Moreover, they were fully equipped with Legendary Equipment, and the weapons they wielded were at least Fragmented Divine Artifacts.

Of all these experts, Gentle Snow’s and Phoenix Rain’s improvements stood out the most.

Since Gentle Snow passed the Goddess Armament’s trial and received the Tower of the Abyss’s assistance, her combat standard had soared to indiscernible heights. Shi Feng already felt threatened when he got within 20 yards of her.

As for Phoenix Rain, she had apparently encountered a fortuitous opportunity since entering the Eternal Realm. Not only did she sport a Divine Staff, but her Concentration had also reached the Tier 6 Limit standard. This was simply incredible.

So, this is Zero Wing? When Purgatory Jade scanned the courtyard, she found that Zero Wing had far more experts than she anticipated. It looked nothing like a recently established guild.

“Guild Leader, all 534 of the Guild’s Level 200-plus fifth-floor experts have gathered,” Hidden Soul reported after arriving before Shi Feng.

“Good!” Shi Feng was surprised that Zero Wing now had over 500 fifth-floor experts. He hadn’t expected the Tower of the Abyss to be so effective. Now, Zero Wing already had enough fifth-floor experts to rival what the pseudo-apex powers had in the Eternal Realm.

“Also, Vice Guild Leader Frey had someone deliver a confidential letter to you not long ago. It was entrusted to her by King’s Paradise,” Hidden Soul said as she proffered a letter to Shi Feng. “She said you might change your mind once you read it.”

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Chapter 3847: Alternate Ending 921 - Commotion at Everlasting City

Chapter 921 – Commotion at Everlasting City

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“No need. Have someone return this letter to Vice Guild Leader Frey,” Shi Feng said, waving his hand and refusing to accept the letter. “Tell her that I won’t be negotiating that matter.”

“Guild Leader, are you sure you don’t want to take a look?” Hidden Soul asked worriedly. Although she knew nothing about the power known as King’s Paradise, it was unlikely to be a nobody, considering it could get Frey to send a message on its behalf.

Moreover, even if they ignored King’s Paradise’s strength, the letter’s contents should be of great importance since King’s Paradise chose to send its message through such confidential means. Not to mention, Frey had deliberately emphasized that the letter might change Shi Feng’s mind.

“I already know what’s written inside, so there’s no need to read it,” Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at the worried Hidden Soul. “But you can let everyone have a look at it.”

“Let us have a look?” Hidden Soul was stunned. “Can we?”

“Of course. I was about to tell you all about the letter’s contents anyway,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

Even without reading Lunar River’s letter, Shi Feng could tell that the woman was going to tell him how intense Everlasting City’s competition would be and that he should give up his pointless struggle and trade away his control over the Tower of the Abyss. However, what she didn’t know was that he understood the competition better than anyone else from the human race.

Subsequently, Hidden Soul followed Shi Feng’s instructions and shared the letter’s contents with everyone who would participate in Everlasting City’s competition.

“Everlasting City?” Phoenix Rain’s pupils shrank as she read the letter’s contents.

“Heavens! Six royal powers, thirty-five apex powers, and over a thousand pseudo-apex powers from the three races will participate in the competition?” Hidden Soul was similarly shocked.

It should be known that the human race’s Greater God’s Domain had fewer than 200 pseudo-apex powers, while its apex powers numbered less than ten. Yet, the number of pseudo-apex powers that would participate in Everlasting City’s competition was more than five times what the human race had, while the number of participating apex powers was more than triple. Moreover, there was no limit to how many members each power could mobilize. The competition’s intensity would be dozens of times greater than that of the Crucible of the Ancients.

All the Zero Wing members gathered were shocked after learning this news. They had never expected such a frightening battle to take place in the Eternal Realm. Even apex powers would be nothing more than ants in this battle, let alone pseudo-apex powers.

How interesting. Purgatory Jade’s eyes lit up with a hint of fighting spirit after she finished reading the letter.

Originally, she was pretty disappointed with the Greater God’s Domain after learning more about it. However, Everlasting City’s competition finally gave her a sense of challenge.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, will we fight for Everlasting City’s land?” Kowloon Demon asked excitedly.

“Mhm. We’ll try to occupy four plots,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

“Only four? Isn’t that too little?” Kowloon Demon felt that Shi Feng’s ambition was too small, especially considering Zero Wing had Dragon’s Crown’s assistance.

“It’s already a lot,” Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at the confident Kowloon Demon. “Although we have your help this time, Everlasting City has only 144 plots of occupiable land. There aren’t even enough for every participating apex power and royal power to occupy four plots. Furthermore, these powers won’t just mobilize a fraction of their experts; they will commit all their available manpower.

“Additionally, some of these powers will recruit experts of other powers as mercenaries. I estimate that each participating power will have at least 1,000 fifth-floor experts. We also have to split our forces to occupy and defend four separate plots of land. Not to mention, some powers will likely join forces near the end of the competition. So, occupying four plots of land is easier said than done.”

“Indeed.” Kowloon Demon fell silent after hearing this.

He had already achieved the minimum equipment standard to be considered an apex expert in the Greater God’s Domain. So long as his opponents didn’t come at him with a sixth-floor expert of their own or overwhelming numbers, he would have no trouble safeguarding a plot of land. After including Purgatory Jade, Dragon’s Crown could guarantee the occupation of two plots of land. However, any more than that would be stretching it.

Furthermore, what Kowloon Demon didn’t know was that the human race and the Holy Race possessed foundations that couldn’t be threatened easily by a few sixth-floor experts.

“Snow, Rain, come with me,” Shi Feng instructed Gentle Snow and Phoenix Rain quietly.

Shi Feng knew that Zero Wing would not be able to occupy four plots of land in Everlasting City’s competition if it relied solely on Dragon’s Crown. Even if they set aside the Holy Race’s apex and royal powers, the human race’s many pseudo-apex powers were more than enough to give any sixth-floor expert a run for their money. He wouldn’t even be surprised if Kowloon Demon and Purgatory Jade got killed in action. After all, such occurrences had happened more than once in the war between the human race and the Holy Race in his previous life. Otherwise, the Holy Race would have long since occupied the human race’s Twelve Sanctuaries.

Hence, when Shi Feng considered participating in Everlasting City’s competition, he had already decided to use the Dark Divine Silver to upgrade Gentle Snow’s Chaos Windblade into an exclusive Divine Artifact. Additionally, he intended to give the two

Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells, All-Consuming Fire and Soul World, to whichever magical class expert in the Guild had Tier 6 Limit Concentration.

If not for the Eternal Stones he bought at Desolate Star City's auction needing a day to several days to arrive, he would have even lent the Eternity Crown and the Eternity Gauntlets to Gentle Snow to increase her overall strength further.

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While Shi Feng was preparing for Everlasting City's competition, a 5,000-meter-long Flying Ship crashed through space and arrived above a small island in the Eternal Realm's southern region. However, the instant the Flying Ship exited the void, it immediately lost all power and plummeted to the island.

"Vice Guild Leader River, we have reached the designated location. The Flying Ship has only 2% durability remaining. It will take at least half a month of repairing before it is ready to fly again," a Level 240 old man wearing a Divine Artifact-ranked gray robe reported respectfully to a woman who looked like the personification of darkness.

"Good! Proceed according to plan! All 4,000 combatants will follow me to Everlasting City, while all logistics members will remain here to help with the repairs and the construction of defenses!" Lunar River commanded through her suit of armor. Then, she gazed in the direction of Everlasting City, which was over a million yards away, and stated determinedly, "It's time we let the world know about King's Paradise!"

After saying so, Lunar River summoned a 500-meter-long, Tier 6 Three-Headed Phoenix and took off on it. Upon seeing this, the rest of King's Paradise's members followed suit, blotting out the sky with an army of Flying Mounts as they sped toward Everlasting City.

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TL Notes:

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The Dark Divine Silver was obtained from Dead Thousand-Eyed Demonic Hand in Chapter 860.

[Dark Divine Silver] (Godly Relic)

An ultra-rare metal born through the condensation of the Void Sea's darkness. The Dark Divine Silver can be used to forcibly upgrade a Fragmented Divine Artifact into an exclusive Divine Artifact. The resulting Divine Artifact can only be used by the bound user and cannot be used by others.

The two Pseudo-Tier 7 Spells were obtained from the Tosas raid in Chapter 886.

[All-Consuming Fire]

Requires: Magical Class, Tier 6 Limit Concentration

Pseudo-Tier 7 Large-Scale Destruction Spell

[Soul World]

Requires: Magical Class, Tier 6 Limit Concentration

Pseudo-Tier 7 Large-Scale Defensive Spell

Chapter 3848: Alternate Ending 922 - Apex of the Three Races

Chapter 922 – Apex of the Three Races

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Eternal Realm, Everlasting City:

Everlasting City was like a giant tree that connected heaven and earth. This “tree” had 144 branches, each representing a separate zone the size of an ordinary NPC City. The sight of the city amazed the gathered players.

However, what was even more astounding was how many powers had gathered outside the city. Over a thousand pseudo-apex powers were present, each with at least 1,000 fifth-floor experts, and some even commanding over 2,000 fifth-floor experts.

Nevertheless, despite a combined total of over 1.5 million fifth-floor experts under their command, these pseudo-apex powers would only be competing for a few dozen zones. This was because the majority of Everlasting City’s 144 zones had already been reserved by the six royal powers and thirty-five apex powers present.

“Commander! This is madness! How can there be so many fifth-floor experts here?! With the current situation, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce will have trouble occupying even four plots of land!” Drifting Bean, a Level 233 Swordsman, said in exasperation as she looked at the various powers’ teams gathered outside Everlasting City.

“It will indeed be difficult. We can ensure the safety of only the lands we occupy at the beginning,” Endless Scars, a Level 241 Elementalist wielding a celestial staff and

wearing a veil, said in agreement. “The number of participating experts is more than double what Eternal’s executives anticipated. The two other races are much stronger than the human race. I guess it will come down to who can survive the longest.”

When Endless Scars received the order to help the Eternal Chamber of Commerce with Everlasting City’s competition, she initially thought it would be a simple task. She even looked forward to the competition.

However, after arriving outside Everlasting City and seeing the teams of the alien races, she couldn’t help but be shocked. Whether it was the Holy Race or the Crystallian race, both vastly outnumbered the human race in fifth-floor experts; all of their apex powers had at least 5,000.

Although the Eternal Chamber of Commerce also commanded over 5,000 fifth-floor experts, many had been recruited from adventurer teams. Even so, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce still couldn’t compare to the apex powers of the two alien races, especially the Holy Race’s.

Every fifth-floor expert under the Holy Race’s apex powers was equipped with two or three Fragmented Divine Artifacts. In contrast, the Eternal Chamber of Commerce’s fifth-floor experts were a mixed bag. While the stronger ones might have two or three Fragmented Divine Artifacts, most were fully equipped with Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

Although Everlasting City’s level restriction would limit the Fragmented Divine Artifacts’ advantage over Legendary Weapons and Equipment, these differences would be considered minor only in individual fights. These small individual differences would be compounded in a battle between legions, and the legion with the better equipment would have a much greater chance of victory.

Fortunately, Everlasting City’s competition wasn’t a duel between teams but a free-for-all. This meant that survival was the top priority for all participants, as only survivors could compete for a winning spot. The competition also had a 12-hour time limit, so the more forces a power could preserve, the greater its advantage.

“Commander, look at the Holy Race’s side. Who is that young man? Many of the Holy Race’s experts seem in awe of him,” Drifting Bean said, pointing at a Level 226 young man among the Holy Race’s experts. As the young man walked among the Holy Race’s players, those in his way would take the initiative to make way for him. Some of these players included Level 240-plus experts.

“That person should be Divine Fist Garuda, the Holy Race’s number one chosen one,” Endless Scars said as she looked at the young man in question vigilantly. “I hadn’t thought the Thunder Empire would send him here. It seems the Thunder Empire is taking the competition seriously.”

“The Holy Race’s number one chosen one?” When Drifting Bean heard Endless Scars’s introduction, her eyes shone with fighting intent as she looked at the young man.

“Don’t even think about it,” Endless Scars said, chuckling at Drifting Bean’s reaction. “Garuda is rumored to have reached the Half-step Mortal God standard already. Even among the older-generation experts, few can trade blows with him. Considering the significance of this competition, the Thunder Empire must have equipped him with Divine Artifacts and various trump cards. Only Demon’s Gate’s Star Maiden Elise and the Crystallian race’s Earthen Princess Rin can match him.”

After saying so, Endless Scars turned to where the Crystallian race’s experts had gathered, only to find many of the Crystallian experts suddenly directing their attention to a girl who had just appeared among them. They looked at the girl as if she were their monarch, their eyes full of reverence. Even the experts of the Crystallian royal powers maintained a respectful expression as they looked at her.

“Who is she?” A sudden chill ran down Endless Scars’s spine as she stared at the Crystallian girl. “A Mortal God?!”

Besides the Crystallian experts, Garuda and Elise also turned to look at the Crystallian girl.

Ink Crystal!

I finally get to fight you again!

Garuda and Elise looked at the Crystallian girl as if she were their greatest opponent, their bodies trembling with excitement.

Those who hadn’t participated in the most recent Continental Championship wouldn’t know about the Crystallian girl named Ink Crystal. All the powers in the know had decided to keep a tight lid on her existence. After all, the news of someone achieving the Mortal God standard was so incredible that it might rewrite the history of the three races.

“A Mortal God? What are you talking about, Commander?” Drifting Bean asked the dazed Endless Scars in confusion.

“It’s nothing. Maybe it’s just my imagination,” Endless Scars said, shaking her head. “No matter how heaven-defying a sixteen-year-old is, there is no way she can reach *that* realm at this age.”

“Commander, look over there! The emblem of that Flying Ship looks like Zero Wing’s!” Drifting Bean exclaimed as she pointed at a gigantic Flying Ship approaching Everlasting City. “Could the Swordsman standing on the deck be Guild Leader Black Flame?”

“Why are they here?” When Endless Scars saw the six-winged emblem on the Silverwing Flying Ship, a hint of shock and confusion appeared under her veil.

Compared to the surprise Endless Scars felt when she learned that Shi Feng was acquainted with the Red Dragon Nation’s Vice Guild Leader Frey, the surprise she currently felt was on a completely different scale.

This was Everlasting City’s competition they were talking about!

The upcoming competition would involve an all-out battle among the three races. Many of the human race’s pseudo-apex powers, such as the Red Dragon Nation, couldn’t even participate in the competition. It wasn’t that they were prohibited from joining, but that they lacked the strength to join in on the action. For them, joining would be suicide.

Thus, Endless Scars found it bewildering that an upstart Guild would dare to embroil itself in such a battle.

When the Silverwing Flying Ship landed and Shi Feng descended from it, Divine Fist Garuda, Star Maiden Elise, and even the Earthen Princess Rin suddenly turned to look at him through the crowd, their behavior surprising the many players present.

“Who is he?”

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Chapter 3849: Alternate Ending 923 - Taking Action

Chapter 923 – Taking Action

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“Commander, why do I get the feeling that those chosen ones you mentioned are all looking at Guild Leader Black Flame?” Drifting Bean asked in confusion.

Whether it was the Holy Race’s Garuda or Demon’s Gate’s Elise, they were all existences that the Blood Wing adventurer team could not hope to get acquainted with. But now, Drifting Bean could clearly see that Garuda and Elise were scrutinizing Shi Feng. Her gut instinct as a fifth-floor expert also told her that the two were eager to fight Shi Feng.

Could he also be acquainted with these two people? Naturally, Endless Scars could also perceive the fighting spirit in Garuda and Elise as they looked at Shi Feng. It was obvious they regarded Shi Feng as an opponent. However, her common sense told her that this shouldn’t be possible.

Garuda was a Half-step Mortal God, while Elise was strong enough to match Half-step Mortal Gods. Despite having developed in the Greater God's Domain for years, Endless Scars doubted her chances of victory in a fight against either of these individuals would exceed 50%. It hadn't even been a year since Xia Qingying brought Shi Feng to the Greater World. No matter how quickly he improved, there was no way he could have caught up to Garuda and Elise already. After all, the two of them were backed by behemoths, while Shi Feng was backed by a Guild he had established only months ago.

Besides Endless Scars, Lunar River, who had arrived with a 4,000-man legion a while ago, was also looking at Shi Feng.

Is he still being stubborn? When Lunar River saw that Zero Wing's team comprised only 600-plus players, she felt that Shi Feng was here to mess around.

Just the pseudo-apex powers present already commanded a combined total of over 1.5 million fifth-floor experts. Even a legion of 3,000 fifth-floor experts would have difficulties surviving in the upcoming competition, let alone a 600-man team. King's Paradise was confident in securing four plots of land only because of its sturdy foundations. Otherwise, even if it participated in the competition with 4,000 fifth-floor experts, it would still leave with nothing but casualties.

"Vice Guild Leader, should we invite them to join us?" Shuoyun, a Level 235 Cleric in God's Domain, asked quietly.

"It's too soon for that," Lunar River said after considering the matter. "We'll invite them once they have trouble holding on."

The rules of Everlasting City's competition made it different from the average war between powers. In addition to restricting player levels to Level 220, the competition also had a 12-hour time limit. Only after the 12 hours were up would the occupants of each plot of land be decided.

As for how occupants were decided, it was simple. Once the competition began, all players on Everlasting City's island would be considered participants and given an Everlasting City Token. The Token would drop on death, and whichever team held the most tokens on a particular plot of land at the end of the competition would become its occupant. In other words, the various powers' members had to move about hunting other players throughout the competition. They couldn't simply hunker down at a particular location.

To make matters worse, the participating apex and royal powers had already reserved a significant portion of Everlasting City's 144 plots of land. This severely limited the space the pseudo-apex powers' 1.5 million fifth-floor experts could fight in, so the various pseudo-apex powers would likely be embroiled in chaotic battles as soon as the competition began. In this situation, weaker powers with smaller forces would likely be the first to be eliminated.

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On the other side of the island...

“Today is the best opportunity to learn about the trump cards of the three races’ major powers, so keep your eyes open! Do not miss the performance of any expert on the battlefield! Pay extra attention to the various powers’ chosen ones! They might become our greatest enemies in the future!”

“Make sure to keep an eye on our Guild’s chosen ones! Once you see the top experts of other powers approaching them, notify them immediately! This is the best battlefield for them to hone themselves! We must not let them die at the hands of old monsters!”

“Keep an eye on experts with great potential! All these people are our future assassination targets!”

“Make sure to record every battle, especially the ones between the various powers’ top experts! This is one of the few battles where the three races’ major powers will reveal their trump cards!

An arena for established experts!

A cradle for new-generation experts!

A treasure trove of information for the various powers!

At this moment, Everlasting City had become the center of the three races, and every participating power was employing all available means to benefit from the city’s competition.

As a dull bell ring echoed from Everlasting City, the translucent barrier covering the city disappeared, while a new translucent barrier formed on the island’s outermost layer. Immediately, the 1,000-plus pseudo-apex powers, 35 apex powers, and six royal powers on the island flew toward their chosen plots of land in a frenzy.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, which plots should we choose?” Kowloon Demon asked excitedly as he watched the members of the various powers take to the skies.

The forces of the various powers weren’t evenly distributed across Everlasting City’s 144 plots of land. Some plots had more players, while some had fewer. Some had stronger players, while some had weaker players.

However, regardless of which land Shi Feng chose, Zero Wing’s team would face at least 10,000 fifth-floor experts. Moreover, as these were all unknown experts, fighting them would be an absolute thrill.

“We won’t go anywhere. We’ll just watch from here,” Shi Feng said, observing the situation in the air. He wasn’t in a hurry to join in on the action. “We will strain our Stamina and Concentration if we join the chaos from the onset. We won’t get many city tokens, either, so we might as well take action after they are done killing each other.”

“Guild Leader, although your idea is sound, I’m afraid some powers won’t let us just watch,” Hidden Soul said, looking at a 2,000-man legion heading straight for their team. The legion was led by Crocodile Fang, who had been driven out of Desolate Star City because of Shi Feng.

Endless Scars, who had already occupied Plot 003 with the Eternal Chamber of Commerce’s forces, also noticed the movement of Angel’s Retribution’s forces and frowned at the sight.

“That damned bastard! Rather than fight the aliens together, he’s targeting people on our side?! Is he not afraid the various powers will persecute him in the future?!” Drifting Bean gnashed her teeth as she glared at Crocodile Fang.

Originally, Drifting Bean thought the matter with Crocodile Fang was over after Frey’s intervention. She hadn’t expected him to appear here. Moreover, he even chose to attack Zero Wing as soon as the competition began.

In a clash between a legion of 2,000 players and a team of 600-plus players in an open space, Zero Wing’s team was overwhelmingly disadvantaged.

“Black Flame! You humiliated me in Desolate Star City! Now, it’s time for me to get some payback! I’ll show you that you are nothing without Frey!”

Crocodile Fang gnashed his teeth as he glared at Shi Feng. Then, he commanded his forces to annihilate Zero Wing’s team.

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Chapter 3850: Alternate Ending 924 - One-Man Army?

Chapter 924 – One-Man Army?

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Everlasting City, Plot 059:

Plot 059 was situated several thousand meters above ground. At this time, 4,000 figures descended upon it and separated into 40 teams. Then, these teams spread across the land in all directions like a swarm of locusts, eliminating the other players on the land.

While King's Paradise's forces were seizing control of Plot 059, Lunar River arrived at the edge of Plot 059 with several dozen private guards. She showed no interest in the battle taking place in Plot 059. Instead, she quietly observed the situation of the other plots of land.

"Vice Guild Leader, everything is going according to plan. None of the neighboring plots have teams from apex or royal powers. The teams of our allies have also arrived safely, so we will soon have a force of 10,000 players. As for Angel's Retribution, which we excluded from our alliance, its forces suddenly took action against Zero Wing," Shuoyun reported.

"Who is leading Angel's Retribution's forces?" Lunar River asked.

"According to our intelligence, Crocodile Fang is the commander, while Angel's Retribution's main force commander, Blacksteel, is acting as his vice commander," Shuoyun answered. Then, she continued worriedly, "Angel's Retribution has mobilized 2,000 players this time, while Zero Wing has only a little over 600. Zero Wing might not hold out against Angel's Retribution."

"That old fellow let his son lead over Blacksteel?" Lunar River was slightly surprised.

The commander of every major power's main force had extraordinary status. They were either the Guild's First Vice Guild Leader or one of the Guild's Grand Elders.

Blacksteel was well-known in the Angel Sanctuary. Over half a century ago, he was already recognized as one of the Angel Sanctuary's top ten experts. Now, he was even considered one of Angel's Retribution's Six Overlords. Yet, Crocodile Fang was assigned to lead Angel's Retribution's forces in Everlasting City's competition instead of Blacksteel. No matter how Lunar River looked at it, this situation was unbelievable.

Amidst her confusion, Lunar River received a communication request. The caller was none other than Angel's Retribution's Blacksteel.

"Commander Blacksteel, are you perhaps calling me to reconsider allying with Angel's Retribution?" Lunar River asked nonchalantly, looking at the stalwart middle-aged man carrying a greatsword in the video chat.

"That's right. Although you've repeatedly refused our request for partnership before, I am confident you won't refuse us again this time," Blacksteel said, looking at Lunar River. "I know you are trying to partner with Zero Wing to get ahold of the Tower of the Abyss. However, it seems that Zero Wing's Guild Leader has been reluctant to agree to your partnership. So, I will create an opportunity for you. It is no longer a secret that Crocodile Fang has a grudge against Black Flame. Even if Angel's Retribution takes action against Zero Wing in this competition, none of the other human powers will say anything."

“Are you saying you will do me a favor?” Lunar River asked, her expression remaining indifferent.

“It will depend on your willingness to cooperate.” Blacksteel chuckled. “If you partner with us, we will naturally show Zero Wing mercy out of consideration that it will become one of our future partners. But if you refuse, we will show no mercy. At that time, even if you secure an Eternal World Magic Array, you won’t be able to transfer it to Zero Wing.”

“You are very calculating, Commander Blacksteel,” Lunar River said, chuckling. It was obvious Blacksteel had contacted her with the knowledge that King’s Paradise’s forces were currently occupied and couldn’t assist Zero Wing. “But aren’t you underestimating Zero Wing and me a little too much?”

“Underestimate you? Never,” Blacksteel said, smiling. If you decide to take action personally, we will naturally be powerless to do anything against Zero Wing. But are you really willing to expose your strength at this critical moment?”

“Are you challenging me?” Lunar River’s gaze sharpened.

“Five minutes!” Blacksteel extended five fingers at Lunar River. “You have five minutes to consider whether to expose your strength to save Zero Wing or reestablish King’s Paradise’s partnership with Angel’s Retribution. I will contact you again in five minutes.”

Blacksteel hung up after saying so, his words causing the King’s Paradise members around Lunar River to become deathly silent.

“Vice Guild Leader, should we take action?” Shuoyun asked.

“The competition has just started. It’s still too soon for us to make a move,” Lunar River said. Then, she commanded Shuoyun and the rest of her private guards, “You all make a trip down below. I don’t need you to save the others. You only need to rescue Black Flame. Make sure not to move within 100 yards of Blacksteel. None of you are a match for him yet. You won’t be able to escape if you get within 100 yards of him.”

“Understood!”

Shuoyun and Lunar River’s other private guards bowed and left.

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On the other side, Angel’s Retribution’s 2,000-man legion arrived within a thousand yards of Zero Wing’s team.

“Uncle Blacksteel, how did it go?” Crocodile Fang asked nervously, looking at the stalwart middle-aged man beside him. “Did she agree?”

In reality, Crocodile Fang was only a puppet commander; Blacksteel was the legion's true commander. Crocodile Fang was assigned to command Angel's Retribution's forces this time to make up for his mistake. If he couldn't complete his assignment of reestablishing the partnership with King's Paradise, his good days would end.

"Three minutes!" Blacksteel did not respond to Crocodile Fang's question. Instead, he looked at the 100 experts standing respectfully behind him. Every one of these 100 experts was equipped with multiple Fragmented Divine Artifacts and exuded a dangerous aura. "Lunar River's people should arrive about three minutes later, so I want you all to eliminate everyone except Zero Wing's Guild Leader in three minutes!"

"Yes, Commander!"

The 100 experts responded confidently in unison, as if killing Zero Wing's 600-plus experts in three minutes was a trivial matter. They immediately charged Zero Wing's forces, their speed so fast that even Tier 6 experts could only catch a glimpse of their afterimages. If one observed them carefully, one would notice that they were all executing Gold-ranked Footwork.

Is this the main force's strength? Crocodile Fang was astonished by the speed of these experts.

This was the first time Crocodile Fang had seen Angel's Retribution's main force in action. Blacksteel had always been responsible for managing and training Angel's Retribution's main force. As a result, besides Angel's Retribution's Guild Leader, everyone else in the Guild was in the dark about the strength of Angel's Retribution's main force members. However, after seeing them in action, Crocodile Fang finally understood why it was mentioned that these main force members were 90% of the reason Angel's Retribution dared to participate in Everlasting City's competition.

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When Angel's Retribution's main force members went into action, over at Zero Wing's resting area...

"Guild Leader Black Flame, do you need our intervention?" Purgatory Jade asked, looking at the 100 players closing in on them.

Based on her observation, Angel's Retribution's 100 experts were all very strong. Although their combat standards were inferior to the chosen ones under her tutelage, their equipment standards were much better. They weren't opponents that Zero Wing's members, most of whom hadn't even reached Level 220, could handle.

"No need." Shi Feng shook his head. Then, he looked at Phoenix Rain and said, "Rain, I'll leave them to you."

“Me? Can I?” Phoenix Rain asked, surprised that Shi Feng would let her take action.

“Mhm. It would be the easiest for you to deal with this situation,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “But don’t go all out. It’d be bad if we caused too much of a commotion.”

“Okay, I’ll try my best,” Phoenix Rain sighed and stepped forward.

When Phoenix Rain stepped forward by herself, the advancing main force members and the spectating members of Angel’s Retribution were stunned. They had never expected Zero Wing to send only one person to fight them.

“Is Zero Wing taking us for the Eternal Realm’s little fellows?!”

Angel’s Retribution’s main force members laughed when they saw Phoenix Rain raising her staff and chanting. At the same time, a cold glint flashed in their eyes. After going unmatched in the Angel Sanctuary for so long, they hadn’t expected to be underestimated by a small Guild in the Eternal Realm.

When Angel’s Retribution’s main force members got within 100 yards of Phoenix Rain, she finally finished chanting and gestured toward Angel’s Retribution’s forces with her free hand.

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