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Chapter 711: The Sixth Mysterious Stone Slate

Sakuragi Island.

At the Yae Shrine, a crack appeared in the void beside the cherry blossom. After a flash of light, the fox-faced witch and the wolf cub, who had been teleported back from the Abyssal Sea by the snake, reappeared.

The little wolf cub immediately ran to the top of the island with the help of the divine cherry blossom. He looked at the Thousand-island Sea in the distance, feeling very complicated at the moment.

The thunderstorms around Sakuragi Island had lessened significantly. This was all thanks to the Players 'daily plowing of the island, which had greatly weakened the power of the curse.

If this continued, it would take less than a week to completely eradicate it and restore Sakuragi Island to its original state. However, it had to be at this juncture.

"Xiao Hei...The eight-headed snake is..." Vivian's uncomfortable voice came from behind as she and the wolf cubs looked at the sea in the distance.

The ocean seemed to be no different from usual, but in reality...

The evil aura that came from the depths of the distant sea was not related to distance. Even if it was far away, Vivian could still vaguely sense it because she was very sensitive to the aura and knew what it symbolized.

Fallen Abyss.

It was exactly the same feeling as when he was at the foot of Fire Code City.

No!

It should be said that the scale was several times more terrifying. The two sides were completely incomparable.

At that time, the Fallen Abyss Descent in the Flame Domain was led by a Mythical Tyrannosaurus, who hadn't even stepped into the Tier 4 Transcendent Stage. The area that was contaminated was a forest of monsters.

However, the Fallen Abyss Descent that the Thousand Islands were about to face was based on the taboo monster that only existed in legends, the Yamata no Orochi, and it radiated to the entire sea area of the Thousand Islands.

"Why, why do you..." Vivian did not understand. She did not understand at all, so much so that she was furious.

The Yamata no Orochi had protected the Abyssal Sea for hundreds of years. Why did it let him break the seal of the Water God Palace? Why did it let hundreds of years of effort go to waste?

Vivian did not expect that even though she had stopped the "apostle", the final outcome did not seem to change.

"It's for...Its child." The wolf cub did not speak, but the second personality in the spiritual space sighed. Thinking that the little girl did not understand, he explained to Vivian.

"There can only be one forbidden monster of the same bloodline. This should be the 'uniqueness' that Xiao Hei and the snake mentioned. It's also probably why the egg in our hands can't hatch. Just like the birth of every new era, it is bound to be accompanied by the fall of the old dynasty."

"And to want a forbidden monster that has lived for hundreds of years to die..." I'm afraid that even the snake itself can't do this. The higher one's strength is, the less choices "one has. This also includes the right to" die ". It's precisely because of this that the snake, who is bent on dying, would do that. It's undeniable that this is indeed the way to" kill "it, and perhaps the only way..."

The second personality's voice became softer and softer until it finally fell silent.

The wolf cub beside him did not speak, but it meant that he agreed with the second personality's analysis.

"No, not these."

Vivian shook her head. She kept her head down.

"Why? Why is there such a... Fate?"

The guardian finally destroyed the item he was guarding.

To exchange the death of his parents for the birth of a child, he had to choose between blood relatives and righteousness.

Orochi obviously chose the former, but that was not what made Vivian angry.

Her real anger came from the person who had given her this "cruel" test paper.

It also came from...

"I'm still... I can't do anything..."

"I was unable to do anything..." A few tiny tears fell from the corner of the little girl's eyes and dripped onto the Water God's Chain on her neck, causing the originally crystal clear necklace to be stained with mist and become hazy.

The second personality's lips moved slightly, wanting to comfort her.

Now that they had successfully obtained the Water God's Chains, they only needed to return to the Flame Domain and hand the necklace to the Fire God.

Why couldn't she do anything? She had clearly completed the Fire God's mission very well, and she had done it.

However, in the end, the second personality could not say this out loud. He pursed his lips and did not speak.

Because she knew that was not what Vivian wanted to do... To be precise, it was far more than that. It was precisely because the ending that Vivian longed for in her heart was too dreamy and fairytale, so every time... He couldn't do anything.

"Roar!" The little wolf cub, who had been silent since a moment ago, broke the silence.

Liao Zixuan expressed his meaning very simply.

"Three...Three days?" The little girl and the second personality were stunned. They didn't understand what the wolf cub meant.

But this time, it was Vivian who reacted first.

"Xiao Hei, do you mean that the things in the sea will only come out in three days?"

The wolf cub nodded.

Because as "players", as long as they were within the Thousand Islands, they had already received the latest emergency mission. No, it should be a "notice".

A blood-red countdown timer was currently in front of the wolf cub, and it was also in the quest bar of all the Thousand Island players.

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“Three days...Three days...If we have three days to rest, we can do a lot of things! We have to inform Sanxing to send the news to Luo Sha immediately. We have to let everyone on Sakuragi Island take refuge. We have to try to contact the Water God. We have to...”

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Vivian’s excited voice went from high to low, and finally stopped abruptly.

No.

Their mission had been completed.

The most important thing for him to do now was to return to the Flame Domain, not...

“Then why are you still standing there!”The dissatisfied voice of the second personality in her mind woke Vivian up.

The little girl looked surprised.

“The other me, you, you shouldn’t...”

“Huh? What should I do? Should I warn you with a fierce expression not to be stupid, not to meddle in other people’s business, stop your thoughts of being a savior, and urge you to hurry back and report your mission? Is this the only person I have in your heart?”

The second personality rolled his eyes.

“Uh...” The little girl didn’t dare to speak, but it seemed like she really thought so.

Seeing this, the second personality snorted and turned his head to the side unhappily. He muttered in a low voice, "I wish I could, but will you listen to me? Moreover..."

[Vivian is the one she likes.]

Of course, this was what the second personality said in his heart.

Vivian, who had received support, turned her expectant gaze to the wolf cubs. After all, Vivian was used to it, and the final decision was in Little Black's hands.

Unfortunately, the little wolf cub did not respond to her. It even waved its little paws in dissatisfaction, indicating that it should not disturb her.

That was because...

Liao Zixuan was busy looking at the player forum!

He did not even consider the option of returning to the Flame Domain immediately. After all, this was not "Vivian".

Apart from that, Liao Zixuan was also unwilling to give up on Sakuragi Island, which he had developed with great difficulty, as well as the foundation of the Thousand Islands players.

According to the storyline in his previous life, the players would only experience the Fallen Abyss Descent in Version 2.0. At that time, the average level of the players was around Level 20, unlike now, where the highest level was probably only Level 20.

Even so, Liao Zixuan still remembered the story from back then. In his previous life, they had fought so hard. In the end, although they had used all their strength to kill the Fallen Abyss Serpent, the price they had paid was very heavy. The entire Thousand Islands had been destroyed by the flames of war.

Later on, they had to rely on the rescue ships from Gui Li to pick up the surviving residents of the Thousand Islands and the players from the Blacktide area that had fallen into the Fallen Abyss territory.

Therefore, with the current local strength of Thousand Islands and the players in Version 1.0, if they really did not care, Liao Zixuan estimated that Thousand Islands would be gone in less than a week.

If the Thousand Islands were to fall and become the Fallen Abyss Mother Nest's soil, the Flame Domain next door would definitely be the second to suffer. Therefore, even if they ran now, they would only be able to run for a while, not forever.

What was that? They were hoping that the God of Fire, who had been purified by the Water God's Chains, would save the day?

Haha.

After experiencing so much, Liao Zixuan's mentality had changed. God? Bullsh * t! If he really placed all his bets on this group of unreliable fellows, he would definitely die a miserable death!

In the past, when he was a player, he did not have much insider information, so he did not understand the meaning of the game name Fallen God. But now...

Fallen God.

Liao Zixuan suddenly realized that the game's name had already given him a hint.

In fact...

Now he was extremely suspicious. He and Vivian had already interfered and influenced the Thousand Islands, but the final development of the plot was exactly the same as in his previous life.

Was it really that phrase 'destiny is determined'?

Or could it be that there was someone in the dark who was forcing fate to this end? Liao Zixuan could only think of one person who could do such a thing, in addition to the previous cases...Oh no, a god.

However...

The little wolf cub closed the game forum and began to run down the Bahui Mountain.

Even a god had to bear Vivian's anger at this "destiny" and bear the consequences of making the little girl cry.

Moreover, it seemed that they were fighting alone in the middle of the battle. There seemed to be a distant existence that was trying its best to help them.

Shua!

After descending Mount Shrine, the little wolf cub casually killed a cursed mutant that was unlucky enough to wander nearby with a claw. He was quite lucky. The first monster he killed dropped such an item.

A stone slab filled with a sense of time vaguely appeared on the corpse of the cursed aberrations.

When the wolf cub grabbed the stone slab with its claws...

[Ding! You have obtained a special item,"Mysterious Slate (Part 6)"]

The crisp and pleasant sound of the system notification was also the reason why he had said that they were not fighting alone.

On the game forums, the players were discussing something that was going crazy. The appearance of this mysterious stone tablet was definitely one of the key factors.

He then placed his gaze on the sixth mysterious slate.

Just like the previous time, the virtual image of the ink wash painting began to be reflected in front of the wolf cub from the stone slab like a CG.

In the fifth mysterious stone tablet, the story was about the fox-faced witch living with humans. She accidentally learned that the demons were going to launch a general attack on humans, so she hoped that humans would escape in advance.

In the end, the humans hoped to fight the enemy together with the fox-faced witch on the island. Therefore, they could only use the opening opened by the fox-faced witch to transport weapons from the outside world. Unfortunately, the transport ship encountered an accident on the way. The humans who did not have any weapons and equipment did not survive the attack of the demon creatures. This also led to the demonization of the fox-faced witch, and finally, the entire island became a dead island.

And this time, the sixth mysterious stone tablet was just as the players had guessed. Because the players in the "modern world" had successfully defended the camp and prevented the production line of Zhao Jie's Chamber of Commerce from being destroyed, it had also affected "history."

The little wolf cub only saw that the story in the sixth mysterious slate was indeed different from the fifth. This time, the human weapons transport ship had successfully returned from the outside world. The ship was filled with equipment and defensive equipment, as well as all kinds of more powerful magic tools, which greatly increased the combat strength of the humans.

After successfully repelling the demons, the demons were originally rearing humans, but the two sides were evenly matched. There was even a faint sign that the humans were about to counterattack.

It would have been nice if the two sides had kept each other in check. Unfortunately, another key point that would affect history had appeared. It was another fox demon of the same race as the fox-faced witch.

A fox demon that had been eyeing the position of the clan leader for a long time had been enduring silently. Now, it felt that its chance had arrived. It did not just want the clan leader of the fox clan, but it also wanted to establish its prestige among the entire fiendish demon race.

In the past, it was not very possible. However, in the current confrontation between demons and humans, whoever could lead the demons to defeat the humans would naturally be able to obtain the righteous submission of all the demons.

And this method of defeating humans was already in its possession. It was just that it had been waiting for the right time to release it.

In a scene where his entire body was shrouded in shadows.

The fox demon who was attempting to usurp the throne had hooked a fox mask on his sharp fox claws.

The scene changed.

It was the human camp. They were in disbelief, unable to accept it, lost, and shook their heads in disbelief, and...A human who was angry after being deceived.

Yes, it was.

The fox-faced witch's mask was mercilessly exposed.

When the humans found out that the person they worshipped as a saintess was actually their mortal enemy, the demon.

When the demons and devils found out that the rise of humans was due to the traitors from the fox clan.

At this moment.

Even the hostility between humans and demons had stopped because they had a common enemy, the fox-faced witch.

In the past, the fox-faced witch watched as the humans who were growing up began to use swords and arrows to chase her away from their territory.

When she returned to the group of demons, the demons of her race pointed their sharp claws and fangs at her.

Her father was directly implicated in the same crime and thrown into prison. He was even secretly pushed to be executed. It was impossible for her to save him alone, so the fox-faced witch finally found the humans.

She prayed for humans to help her, but she was rejected.

So, what did her kindness get her?

He didn't get anything.

Instead, she had lost everything.

Black lights that were extremely similar to the Fallen Abyss began to rise from the end of the fox-faced witch's tail. One, two...Eight, and the original one.

The monster that was listed as a taboo, the Nine-Tailed Fox, had appeared.

Just like that, the same ending as the fifth slate, the destruction of the entire island drowned in anger and hatred, was repeated.

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Green Maple.

Bloody Ridge.

Inside the Dracula family's castle.

Thump...

In a huge room shrouded in darkness, a dull sound suddenly came from the depths of the bedroom, breaking the silence in the room.

Very quickly.

Thump... Clang!

Following the muffled sound was the sound of a thick wooden board being smashed onto the floor.

After this series of events.

"Yawn ~" A female voice that sounded like she had just woken up and was stretching came from the place where the noise had just come from.

Da!

This time, it was the crisp sound of a pair of heels. A blurry shadow moved in the darkness and finally arrived at the edge of the room...

Crash!

She pulled open the dark curtains to block out the light, and through the rain-soaked window, a lazy and mature beautiful face was reflected.

"Sigh, every time it's not raining, it's always on a cloudy day. Isn't there a good sunny day?"

“No wonder the outside world spread that we vampires hate sunlight.”

Staring at the gloomy sky outside the window, where the howling wind kept rolling up layers and layers of waves, hitting the cliffs below the castle, Louise Dracula shook her head.

“Why did I choose such a lousy place to buy a house back then? Sigh, I really made a mistake. I don’t know if it’s too late to regret now.”

“Speaking of which, the human king who sold me this castle back then, how many lives has it been...” A nostalgic look appeared in her beautiful red eyes, but she quickly gave up.

Louise left the window and walked towards the bedroom door.

Without the curtains, the shade of shade, although the storm is coming outside, but at least it can make the originally completely dark room more visible and bright.

In the middle of the bedroom, there was a bed made of unknown high-quality wood...Of course, in human terms, it would be more appropriate to describe it as a “coffin.”

At this moment, the lid of the coffin was tilted on the floor, and there was a distance between the two of them. Coupled with the two muffled thuds in the dark room earlier, the coffin was still lying on the ground.

It was not difficult to simulate the scene of kicking open the coffin lid.

Louise admitted that this was indeed a little unladylike.

But she also wanted to quibble.

Everyone would be a little grumpy when they woke up, right?

Epecially when she had just fallen asleep with great difficulty and was now "woken up" again.

Why did he say "again"?

Because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time, because of the time.

"So, what is it this time? Let me see, um...Not the Flame Domain? Strange, then what else can be noisy..."

From the bedroom to the study, Louise, sitting in front of the desk, was originally a little sleepy, holding her chin, but accompanied by a surprised voice, "Hey!?" After that, the woman seemed to have become much more energetic.

"This position is the" Hailing "Thousand Islands?"

Louise's closed eyes quickly opened, and the corners of her mouth curled up in an interesting smile. She immediately stood up and left the study. After passing through a simple verification circle, she came to another room.

In the storage room.

"Let me look for it. Uh... Damn it! I clearly remember that it should be here. Why is it gone? Isn't this...This is not the case either...As for this..."

Not really! Uhh...He was so angry! Is this the retribution for me throwing away the souvenirs after my trip? Why can't those self-proclaimed genius human mages invent a super-level spell to tidy up their rooms? Damn it..."

The resentful voice echoed in the room that was more like a small museum than a storage room.

A few minutes later.

“Ah! That’s right, this is it!” Louise’s happy voice rang out.

What the woman dug out from the various “travel souvenirs” that were piled up into a small mountain was...

It was grayish brown and looked like it was made of stone...

Little fox statue?

However, from the faint purple light radiating from the statue’s eyes, one could tell that this was no ordinary statue.

Perhaps it was because of the scene.

Looking at the little fox statue, a fragment of her long, long time ago, when she had traveled around the Nine Nations, was awakened from the depths of her mind.

“So... Has a new cycle begun?” Louise stared at the shining eyes of the little fox statue, deep in thought.

Is it the Owl?

The woman muttered to herself but quickly shook her head in denial.

“No, with that child’s power alone, it shouldn’t be possible, let alone make the statue light up. Only the appearance of a new heir to the shrine can trigger resonance, and the statue doesn’t seem to have just lit up...”

“Hmm, as expected, you’ve already borrowed a lot of my power. It’s just that you seem to have encountered some danger this time, causing you to borrow too much at once, so you woke me up?”

Louise nodded and put the little fox statue back in its original place.

From the woman’s face, there was not much dissatisfaction from being “borrowed”.

After all.

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This was the condition that the Nine-Tailed Fox had agreed upon with her, the “evil witch,” to “seal” her.

It was also the last time the other party would ask for her help.

“Tsk, it seems that the little fox has high expectations for her new heir this time...” But what a pity.”

“Last time, in order to resist fate, I remember that I had to pay the price of Sakura Island. This means that in this reincarnation, the new successor doesn’t even have the divine cherry blossom that was his greatest help.”

I really couldn’t think of anything else the new successor could take out to deal with the Celestial Sakura that had lost its most powerful counter. It seemed like...The ending is obvious.”

“What a pitiful little girl...”

Louise sighed.

After she put the little fox statue back to its original position, she left the storage room.

The woman did not lie back in the coffin. Instead, she turned her waist and stretched her arms. After a simple exercise, she stood in front of the mirror in front of the wardrobe and admired the woman in the mirror.

Hmm, very good. She didn't look like an old woman who was one or two thousand years old at all...Pah! She was just a little girl who was one or two thousand years old.

Louise was very mindful of her image as she was about to leave the house. This should be a habit that every lady must have.

Although she still had to take care of five...Oh no, she was temporarily the mother of six children.

Because of this, no matter what, as a mother, she definitely couldn't watch her child die.

Louise could already foresee the catastrophe that was about to engulf the Thousand Islands.

After all, she had already seen one...Twice.

With Owl's silly personality, even if he knew it was futile, he would still insist on staying.

Therefore, what she needed to do now was to go to the Thousand Islands and bring Owl back.

As for the one who had originally arranged for Xiao to receive his sister from the Flame Domain...

Anyway, other than Owl, her other child had already secretly sent a group of people to "pick" him up behind her back. It seemed that she was right not to stop him at that time. Wasn't this to deal with the sudden situation now?

Indeed, the child had grown up and knew how to share his mother's worries.

Louise was very happy.

She picked out a witch costume from the closet and changed into the same one she had given to the little fox. Louise looked at the mirror and was very satisfied with her image as a witch from a foreign country.

Wherever he went, he had to change into the local special clothes. This was the motto of "The Greatest Traveler" Louise.

A bloody shadow flashed in the room.

Louise Dracula, the "Third Ancestor", disappeared from the castle quietly. It was the first time she had left the castle in nearly a hundred years.

It was precisely because knowing this news would definitely make many forces overly nervous and vigilant that Louise deliberately covered her tracks well and did not announce it to the outside world. Therefore, no vampire in the castle noticed that their "third ancestor" had left.

If he had to say it.

Perhaps it was the howling wind outside that witnessed this scene.

After all, the wind was everywhere.

A gust of wind blew into Louise's empty bedroom through the gap in the window, blowing the lid of the coffin that had fallen to the ground. Then, it landed on the coffin perfectly.

After doing all this, Breeze returned to the outside through the gap in the window. Before he left, he did not forget to close the curtains that had been pulled open again. He put the scattered clothes back into the wardrobe and closed the cabinet door again.

The bedroom fell into darkness again.

Everything was restored to its original state.

Except for the person who was sleeping in the coffin.

Far away on the other side of Green Maple, in the Stove Bar far away from Bloody Ridge.

A bard in a green cloak who was worrying about the money for the next month's liquor gradually relaxed.

It seemed like...It would be a very interesting story.

The words written into the new song would definitely be very popular! If he was popular, he would not have to worry about money anymore!

Thinking of this, the bard's face revealed a "hehe" expression.

Since that was the case.

"Boss! Another bottle!"

After handing over the few copper coins he had left, he watched as the boss brought it over. It was covered with a layer of wine foam, and it was orange-yellow and clear. It was his favorite cider. The bard gave his heartfelt blessings. For the wine in the future...Cough, the song that was passed down, this new story...

But there must be a good ending.

"Xiao Hei, don't worry, I, I will never take off my mask!"

When the wolf cub showed Vivian the image on the sixth mysterious slate, the little girl covered her fox mask tightly and promised the wolf cub that she would protect her identity at all costs.

Indeed.

From the story of the sixth stone slab, the key point of destruction was that the fox-faced witch's identity was exposed, causing all her previous efforts to go down the drain.

It even turned into hatred.

According to the experience of the previous stone tablet, the stone tablet was not as simple as the previous one.

The sixth mysterious stone slab was warning her that she mustn't let the mask fall off this time. She mustn't let others know the true identity of the Fox-faced Witch. She mustn't let history repeat itself.

That was why the little girl was so nervous as she promised herself.

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Perhaps Vivian also knew that after the incident at the Abyssal Sea, she had shown a completely different appearance from the usual fox-faced witch, which would probably arouse suspicion among the people in the foreign land.

This was indeed the case.

On the Qian Daozi forum, the little wolf cub had mentioned the matter that the players were crazily discussing. It was the speculation about the identity of the fox-faced witch.

Someone had already posted the video of the Blood Claw wiping out the Ka guild.

If this could be explained as a fox-faced witch in an angry state.

However, with the release of the second video, which was the scene of the fox-faced witch under the control of the "second personality" fighting against the "apostle", the players who still insisted that the fox-faced witch was fine were suddenly speechless.

That was because the fox-faced witch's brutal performance, as well as her devilish words and attacks, could no longer be concealed by "anger."

Was this the fox-faced witch?

This was not a fox-faced witch!

By the way, the ID of the poster of the second video was "The Most Handsome Little Wolf".

Indeed, there was a way to get the candy. There were many players on the forum who claimed that the fox-faced witch in the Abyssal Sea was not the same person as the one on Sakuragi Island.

But...

The little wolf cub did not want to do that. Otherwise, he would not have posted that video.

Especially since the Thousand island was about to face the "Descent of the Fallen Abyss" that would only appear in Version 2.0 in his previous life.

Therefore, the wolf cub chose the latter.

He shook his head at the little girl who was holding her mask tightly.

After that, the little girl's expression of shock disappeared.

He used his wolf claws to push Vivian's hand away and took off the little girl's fox mask.

“Xiao Hei, this is...”

That's right.

The wolf cub nodded at Vivian, who was hesitant to speak.

It seemed that the sixth stone slab was giving them a hint not to expose their identities, but why did Liao Zixuan sigh when he saw the image inside before that someone had been secretly helping them?

This was because the real hint of this stone tablet was for the players. It hinted to the players that the fox-faced witch indeed had two identities, and that the other identity would be extremely unbelievable.

What the Players needed to do was not to repeat the history of the past. They could not betray or abandon them because of this.

It could be seen that the mastermind behind the story of the players didn't really understand the creatures like players. They treated them like natives. If they were natives, it would be easy for them to develop such feelings, but as players...

In short, this could be considered as another insurance. It did save Liao Zixuan a lot of trouble.

But of course, as an outstanding wolf cub, his ambition was naturally not limited to this.

He wanted to...He wanted to pull the “demon” faction in the story over!

Since the quality of the players in Version 1.0 wasn't good enough, he would make up for it with quantity!

The players from the Thousand Islands would not be able to stop the Fallen Abyss, but if they added on...What about the players from the number one country in the open beta, the Fire Domain, who were promoted as the Novice Village?

He looked at the blood-red countdown of the Fallen Abyss Descent in his quest bar.

The little wolf cub smiled.

When Vivian saw Blackie's expression, she was nervous and excited because it meant that something big was coming.

Even the second personality in the mental space could not help but feel his heart pounding.

Indeed.

Liao Zixuan already had a plan in mind.

Had he entered the final battle under the Blacktide in Version 2.0 ahead of time? At 1.0, the players were too weak and had no power? So what?

The name of this plan to turn the tables in a desperate situation would be...

“We unite!”

Chapter 716: Desperate Investigation (1)

Now that the general strategy had been decided, the follow-up actions were also clear.

The word 'alliance' sounded simple, but how to execute it and how to ensure that it could be achieved in the end still required a lot of thought.

If they were to use force, they would say something like "The simplest and most brutal," "Let Vivian take off her mask and leave now." They would call on both players to cooperate. They could do it, but Liao Zixuan felt that the final effect would be greatly reduced. At least, it would not satisfy him.

In Liao Zixuan's opinion, the most difficult task for Thousand Islands and Flame Field to unite wasn't the Flame Field, but Thousand Islands.

There was already some friction between the two sides. Although it could not be called hostility, it was definitely because they did not like each other.

As a player from Thousand Islands, he would have felt a little uneasy when he found out that his NPC was from the Flame Domain. If Vivian were to ask the players from the Flame Domain to help Thousand Islands at this time, what would the local players of Thousand Islands think?

It must be very uncomfortable.

Why do we still need the help of the people from the Flame Domain? You still don't believe us?

This thought was not strange.

After all, apart from the first few days of the open beta, the current Thousand Islands players had been progressing smoothly ever since they met the Fox-faced Witch. In other words, they were full of confidence and were very arrogant.

The more radical ones might even feel betrayed. For example, she was still more biased towards the Fire Domain. She even felt that Vivian had deliberately let the players from the Fire Domain come to the Thousand Islands to get a share of their plot rewards.

All of these would cause him to manage it with great difficulty...No, it was the fox-faced witch that the little girl had won over with her own actions and was loved by the players of the Thousand Islands.

Even if Vivian had never thought of it that way.

Therefore, the key to this was to make the Thousand Islands players aware of the crisis this time.

Only by making them realize that this crisis was completely different from the previous ones would they be able to resist it with their current strength. If this continued, their foundation and the Thousand Islands would really be destroyed. Only then would they accept help from the bottom of their hearts, and even hope for help and a chance to turn things around.

The toughest part of a player was their mouth.

Liao Zixuan felt that there was a high chance that the Thousand Islands players were still holding on for the sake of their reputation, but in reality, they really didn't want someone to come and help them in the snow. Of course they did!

This was exactly what Liao Zixuan wanted. Vivian showed her true form and spoke on behalf of the Thousand Islands players, hoping to form an alliance with the Flame Domain and join forces to defend the Thousand Islands.

If that was the case, why? We don't need it!

She became a little girl who didn't hesitate to expose her biggest secret for them and to save the Thousand Islands. What else was there to say?

Under the two scenarios, there was no change in what Vivian did, but the results were vastly different.

Therefore, it was not just "malicious" that needed to be packaged. Sometimes, even "good intentions" needed to be packaged.

This was what Vivian lacked, but there was no need to worry. After all, she had a father-like wolf cub by her side to protect her.

At least...It was like this now.

[Ding, you have received the B-rank mission [Death Investigation] issued by the Fox-faced Witch.]

[Desperate Investigation]

[Mission Details: The surface of the Thousand Islands may seem calm, but danger lurks beneath it. Not long ago, a drastic change occurred in the depths of the sea. Ancient things began to stir the sea. The evil tentacles from the Abyss have broken through the shackles. This will be a catastrophe that will engulf the Thousand Islands. What you need to do is to find the glimmer of hope in this endless darkness.]

[Mission objective: Take a ship to the designated sea coordinates for reconnaissance and report back.]

[Mission Reward: 5000 EXP, 1 – 3 Silver Coins, random 'low-level' profession skill book]

Many Sakuragi Island players received this quest from the Fox-faced Witch.

Most of them were a little surprised, just like the big dog.

“F * ck! Brother Dog, is the reward for this mission real? 5,000 experience points?”The lackeys beside him could not help but exclaim.

5,000 experience points was a huge sum for players who were around level 13 or 14 at this stage. It could allow them to level up more than once, which was equivalent to their leveling speed for a week.

“What’s going on today? Why is our Witch Sister suddenly so generous...Uh, alright, although he was usually quite generous, wasn’t this too much?”

The players who were pleasantly surprised by the mission rewards began to speculate. Many of them believed that it must have something to do with the Abyssal Sea storyline that had just happened. Unfortunately, only the players from the Moon Abyss Island had participated in this part. The players from Sakuragi Island could only rely on the posts on the Internet to find out.

“Brother Dog, do you think that our fox-faced witch is really like what those people on the forum said? In fact, she’s actually Wei from the Flame Domain...”

Before the lackey could finish his sentence, he was kicked by the person beside him.

As a closed beta player, the dog had suffered a lot at the hands of “ Vivian ” in the Flame Domain. In fact, “ to avoid Vivian ” was one of the main reasons why the dog chose to speak out in Thousand Islands.

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Isn’t it looking for trouble to mention this in front of the big mutt now?

“Alright, stop guessing! Hurry up and do your mission!” The big mutt waved his hand in frustration.

“Speaking of which, the name of this mission is quite interesting. It’s called Death Scouting. It seems that there’s really something big coming.”

With the Fox-faced Witch’s scouting mission and the system’s countdown to the Fallen Abyss’s arrival, the Thousand Islands players felt like a storm was about to come.

However, many of the Thousand Islands players were just like this underling. They were all filled with anticipation and excitement. They wished that the three-day countdown could start right now.

They had even conquered Sakuragi Island and defended the encampment from the Cursed Distortion Tide. What else was there to be afraid of? In the eyes of the players, this “ Fallen Abyss Descent ” was nothing more than a larger defensive battle.

Only the big mutt's brows were still tightly knitted.

In fact, his underlings had misunderstood. Although a small part of the dog had a headache over the name " Vivian," the main reason was that as a closed beta player, the dog had experienced the " Descent of the Fallen Abyss " in the Flame Domain.

That disaster scene...

No, they were already much stronger than they were during the closed beta. So what if it was Fallen Abyss?

Yes, that's right!

He secretly encouraged himself. The big mutt and the others, like the other Sakuragi Island players, began to board the small reconnaissance ship in batches.

Yes, the players finally obtained a water moving tool that could be controlled by themselves.

As for the supplier, it was one of the Three Pursuers of the Thousand Islands, the Great Fuxing Pursuer.

The first stop before the mission was given to the players, the wolf cub and Vivian rushed to the Moon Abyss Island to find the Six Paths Robe.

Since Fallen Abyss was still spreading in the sea for three days, it meant that there were three days left before the zombie virus outbreak. This was the golden time for them to seize every second.

The entire country of the Thousand Islands was made up of islands. The final plan was an arc that was similar to the waning moon.

This was definitely not a good thing for defense. Just imagine the shape of the waning moon. It was long and sharp at both ends, and it was completely facing the sea. This meant that the Fallen Abyss creatures could climb out from any position on the coast and land.

The battle line was too long, and there were not enough people to support such a long battle line. Therefore, the wolf cubs took Vivian and asked the little girl to inform the Great Fu Luo Sha that the entire Thousand Islands was now in an absolute state of emergency, and they immediately began to evacuate the people.

Since the battle line was too long, it was necessary to shorten it, so it was inevitable to abandon the outermost small islands.

The little wolf cub's plan was to move all the residents of the Thousand Islands to four or five large islands in the center, then gather all the defense forces to defend these islands.

This was also the strategy that the Thousand Island Three had come up with after the painful lesson in his previous life. It was just that the little wolf cubs had informed them in advance.

When Vivian told the Six Paths Robe all this, as Liao Zixuan expected, the general opposite him was extremely nervous and shocked at first, but then he hesitated.

“I’m sorry, Vivian. Although I believe that you won’t joke about such a big matter, I can’t decide on the behavior of the whole country alone. Now that the Water God is not here, I have to get the approval of all three parties.”

“I believe you, but the others...”

Vivian nodded in understanding and interrupted Luo Sha.

“I understand, Luo Sha. So can you please give us a ship to let the foreigners go deeper into the sea to investigate? That place is the closest to the Abyssal Sea.”

“When they bring back the scene from there...You will understand.”

Urging the players to join forces was a big deal. On the other hand, it was equally important to get the local NPCs to do their work quickly. Not everyone had a god-like perspective like Vivian, and not everyone could sense the aura of the Fallen Abyss.

Therefore, the wolf cub thought of the most efficient way to kill two birds with one stone. It was to send the players to investigate near the Abyssal Sea and obtain information and evidence.

The reason why they insisted that they could not bring any aborigines was because the wolf cubs and Vivian knew that it was impossible for the scouts to come back.

Therefore, the only candidates were the foreigners who were not afraid of death and had the ability to resurrect.

Furthermore, Liao Zixuan knew that the players would give up on "resurrecting on the spot" and choose to return to the "spawn point" on Sakuragi Island with a greater punishment.

Although he felt a little sorry for the Thousand Islands players who didn't know that they were going to die, Liao Zixuan had also compensated them with the mission reward. He was also a little more scheming, which indirectly saved them the time to go back and forth.

Then, all he had to do was wait for the news...

"Wuhu! Boss, are you really not going to give it a try? This sailing is really fun!" The players were having fun on the small scout ships.

They were all playing around, fighting over the control lever, wanting to have a taste of sailing.

Only the big dog stood at the bow of the ship, silently looking at the sea in the distance. At the same time, he looked at the mini-map. They were getting closer and closer to the mission target.

"Alright, stop playing around. Bring me the magic ball that is responsible for recording the video. I have a bad feeling about this. After we finish filming, we will return immediately, do you hear me?"

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“Yes, yes, Brother Dog.”

One of the players took out a magic ball from his backpack. Perhaps out of curiosity, he played with the function inside first. The magic ball was engraved with a recording spell, similar to a camera. Naturally, it also included the magnifying function of a telescope.

When the player placed his eyes on the magic ball and aimed it at the destination in the distance, he looked over...

“Eh?”

He suddenly asked in a strange voice.

Because of the magic ball’s long-distance function, he could vaguely see the situation of the sea area at his destination. He could only see black dots falling from the sea.

Was it raining?

When he increased the power of the magic ball and zoomed in to the limit...

No, it wasn’t raining.

Instead, it was down...“Fish”?

It turned out that those were not raindrops but fish that were jumping up and down on the surface of the sea.

There were so many of them that it felt like it was raining.

Moreover, this school of fish seemed to repeat this action tirelessly, as if... Was it consuming their restless energy that they had nowhere to vent?

What was going on?

Have the fish in this area gone crazy?

Fortunately, this player did not have trypophobia. Otherwise, his fear would have doubled. Even so, this strange scene still made his heart tremble.

Just as he was about to quickly return this favor to the big mutt...

In the blink of an eye, the scene in the magic ball suddenly changed!

The rain stopped.

To be precise, all the black dots that were jumping back and forth on the surface of the sea fell back to the bottom at the same time and stopped jumping.

They floated on the surface of the sea, forming a black tide.

The reason was simple. The fastest ship at the head of the Players' scouting fleet had already entered their perception range.

Then, the black sea water began to move.

It was really at a crazy speed. It was like a tentacle that was grabbing at its prey.

The scout ship at the front might have reacted and quickly turned around to escape, but before the bow could turn around, the black tide had surrounded the ship and replaced the normal seawater below the ship.

The gamers on the ship felt as if something on the surface of the sea was pushing their ship up.

Then, in the next second.

Plop! Plop! Plop!

One after another, the " fish " jumped up from the sea below the ship and swarmed towards the players on the ship. From afar, it looked like the black tide below the ship had stretched out a hand from the sea and pulled the reconnaissance ship into the sea.

In the blink of an eye, the scout ship and its crew disappeared into the sea.

Soon, a screenshot was posted in the chat channel of the current region.

It was a screenshot of the monster's interface.

[Swamp Piranha]

[Level: 17]

[Race: Fallen Abyss Creature]

(Under the influence of the Yamata no Orochi that became the mother of the Fallen Abyss, it mutated from an ordinary fish into an extremely aggressive piranha that would devour all living beings around it. It usually moves in groups and is the low-level species with the largest number in the Fallen Abyss.)

Looking at the black tide formed by the piranhas, it was like a shark that smelled blood. It swam wildly towards the nearest player reconnaissance ship...

“Turn around, quickly turn around!”

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The players in front of the control rods of the ships at the front of the scouting team began to turn the rudders crazily.

Meanwhile, the players at the back were in an uproar.

Wha... What J8?

Level 19?

Among the players present, the highest level was probably not even Level 19, right?

In the end, even a “fish” that popped out was of a higher level than them?

“Everyone, don’t panic! These Piranhas didn’t have long health bars, so they were definitely the type with high attack and low health. The ranged classes covered them with firepower!”

After a short period of being ambushed, players were still players. They immediately regained their composure and prepared to regain their dignity. No matter what they were, as long as they had health bars, they would be done.

All of a sudden, the colorful effects of the skills began to fly towards the “black tide” on the sea.

Indeed, the HP bar of the Fallen Swamp Piranha was not considered long, and it was much lower than monsters of the same level. However, the other offensive and defensive attributes were all at the level of 19.

When the skill's effect dissipated, the players looked at the battle panel. The damage figures were only in the double digits, and they could not help but curse.

As for what made the players curse the most...

“F * ck, are you crazy? Killing one doesn't give you 20 experience points?” A Mage player stomped his feet in anger when he saw that the experience bar of his long-prepared AOE skill had only increased by a little.

That's right, Fallen Abyss Creatures had a very fundamental difference from other monsters. Killing them gave very little EXP.

As a former closed beta Player, Mutt knew this very well.

Looking at the player ships around them, they were already in a bitter battle. More and more people were starting to turn around and return. After all, this kind of monster was difficult to deal with and did not give much EXP. Of course, no one was willing to fight it.

“Old... Boss, what should we do now?” The underling at the helm of the big mutt ship asked nervously.

Because they had been taking turns to sail the boat, their speed was not fast. They were only in the middle of the fleet, allowing them to avoid the first wave of impact.

Originally, the mutt was about to give the order to turn around and leave this sea area. However, who would have thought that the sound of battle could be heard from behind their scouting fleet?

“Damn it! When did this group of fish come around?”

“We are surrounded!”

“There’s no other way. F * ck them! I’ll run away and fight with you. Aren’t you just a bunch of dead fish? I’m not afraid of you!”

“Pay attention to your position!”

The players who had been through the training on Sakuragi Island were not weak. When they saw that there were monsters behind them and their escape route was sealed, they were a little annoyed and began to fight.

They stood firm, and many of the smart players had already figured out the Piranha’s single attack method. They called for everyone to stay away from the periphery of the ship, which would greatly reduce the Piranha’s attack range.

Shua!

The warrior profession’s big mutt flashed its sword and its skill, Sword Drawing, killed three or four piranhas that wanted to jump onto the boat from the sea.

One of them still had a thin amount of HP left. Even if it only had half of its body left, it was still opening its sharp, jagged mouth on the deck, wanting to bite the players on the ship.

The mutt stabbed down with all its might, and then stabbed a second time before it completely penetrated the piranha and stopped its movements. From this, it could be seen how hard and thick the flesh of the skin was after being strengthened by the Fallen Abyss.

However, the situation did not improve. On the contrary...

“Boss, this is bad. The durability of the weapon is about to collapse!”

“I... Me too. I’ve used up all my MP, and my mana is about to run out...”

“Spare quivers, who has spare quivers?”

When they got serious, the players who had entered combat mode had indeed repelled wave after wave of fish.

However, the problem was that as time passed, they realized that the most terrifying thing about this group of Fallen Abyss Piranhas was not their level, but...Number.

It was like a bottomless pit. After a batch died, a new batch would emerge from the deep sea.

The players' equipment loss and the lack of supplies were small matters. The bigger matter was...

“Quick, stop them from biting the ship. The durability of the ship is about to see the light, ah...It's going to sink!”

Ka... Thump! Thump!

The scouting ships of the Great Fu Priest also had a durability. In the battle with the players, there were still a large number of piranhas gnawing on the ships under the sea. As time dragged on, the first ship, the second ship... More and more scouting ships could not hold on any longer, disintegrating and sinking.

Players who lost their ships would die if they fell into the black tide filled with piranhas. They could not even revive. After the system determined that there was no landing point, they could only be forced to turn into white light and revive on Sakuragi Island.

Due to the fact that the battle strength of the big mutt and the others was relatively strong and that they were located closer to the interior, the durability of the ship was still within a safe range.

However, it was only a matter of time before this continued.

As the number of players 'ships decreased, it meant that there were fewer targets for the Piranha School to attack, and the pressure on the surviving players increased.

“TMD! Boss, is this group of Piranha Fish our scouting target? I finally understand why this mission is called a desperate investigation. Isn't this asking us to die?”

Hearing his underling's scolding, the big dog shook his head in his heart because he noticed the words “low-level species” written on the monster interface.

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In other words, this group of “ Fallen Abyss Piranhas ” were only the vanguard cannon fodder monsters in the “ Fallen Abyss Descent “.

Although just these cannon fodder-type troops were enough to make them suffer, did the fox-faced witch really only want them to investigate this?

He recalled the battle in Fire Code City during the closed beta.

He quickly shook his head in his heart.

Probably not.

The big dog took advantage of the gap and zoomed in on the game's minimap. It could be seen that they were only at the outermost area of the mission mark.

Now, he was 100% sure that the Fallen Abyss's descent on the Thousand Islands was many times more terrifying than the one in the Flame Domain. The dog had thought that the players had become stronger, but he did not expect the Fallen Abyss to grow faster than them.

If that was the case, the Thousand Islands would be finished!

No, he had to do something!

They had spent a lot of effort to build a foundation in the Thousand Islands, and they were about to finish purifying Sakuragi Island. They also had the favorability and reputation of many NPCs. Once the Thousand Islands was destroyed, it would be a painful blow to local players like them.

Therefore, regardless of whether it was reasonable or emotional, he believed that every player from the Thousand Islands would defend their country of birth.

At this moment, the dog realized how crucial the three-day countdown was.

He also realized...

The true meaning of the 'desperate scouting' mission given to them by the fox-faced witch.

Desperate...Investigation.

It wasn't like what his lackey had said just now, hinting that this mission was very dangerous and that there was a slim chance of survival, but...This mission was meant to send them to their deaths, but not to die, and not to die fighting monsters like this...

He wanted them to die in exchange for more information! So that they could exchange for information at the risk of their lives!

This was the true meaning of 'death'!

It also explained why there was such an exaggerated EXP reward in this mission. It was probably because the Fox-faced Witch wanted to make up for it in this aspect.

So... What they really needed to do was to try their best to obtain more information about the enemy so that they could have a better chance of winning in the future! It was to sound the alarm for the Thousand Islands before the coming disaster!

The main storyline of the Thousand Islands, which had been laid out for so long, seemed to have finally revealed its fangs at this moment.

In the face of the hopeless situation, the dog no longer had any intention of panicking or running away. There was only excitement and excitement.

After all, after he understood the meaning of the mission, he was already going to die. What was there to be afraid of?

In fact, his next performance might become a player who could change the direction of the entire Thousand Islands storyline and save a country. What could be more exciting than this? A sense of mission filled the dog.

He would never be able to do it in reality, but he could do it in the game!

This was the charm of games.

“Brother Dog, we have to break out of the encirclement! If this continues, I’ll really have to mail it!” The underling at the helm saw that more and more players around him had chosen to give up fighting and break out of the encirclement to escape, so he wanted to follow the crowd.

However, he was immediately stopped by the big dog.

“Break out of the encirclement? Break out my ass!”

Because most of the players had the intention to retreat and were running outside, the fish were also attracted and gathered in the direction of the retreat.

As a result, the number of fish that were blocking their way decreased significantly.

How could the big mutt let go of such a good opportunity?

“Advance! Full speed ahead!

“What...Huh?”

“Boss, are you crazy? Still going forward? How would he return then? Isn't that courting death!”

“Stop talking nonsense and charge!”

“Uh... Uh, f * ck! Let's charge!”

The helmsman's little brother gritted his teeth and no longer turned the ship around, but rushed all the way to the deeper place.

The big dog, which was heading in the opposite direction, was very eye-catching among the many player reconnaissance ships that were still trying to escape and save their lives. It was unique.

Some of them seemed to have been awakened by this and reacted to something.

Then, he saw a...Two ships...More and more ships began to turn around, no longer trying to run to a safe place. They began to follow the big dog's reconnaissance ship, heading deep into the mission reconnaissance point.

“Boss, the group of piranhas seems to have retreated. They're not chasing after us anymore!”

It was as if after crossing an invisible line, the black tide that was originally chasing them stopped abruptly and began to turn back.

However, before the little brothers on the boat could finish their surprise, they found that the big dog was staring straight at the water.

When everyone looked over, they saw a huge shadow swimming toward them from afar.

They couldn't see its appearance clearly underwater, but the black shadow was two to three times bigger than a whale.

The big mutt and the others were the first to take the lead this time, but this time, it seemed to have avoided disaster because of this. It seemed to think that the big mutt and the others were too small a target, so the giant underwater shadow ignored them and continued to swim under their boat.

Whoosh!

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief and broke out in a cold sweat. However, they quickly regained their senses and shouted in the regional chat channel, reminding the players behind to quickly spread out.

Unfortunately, it was already a little late.

Crash!

The mysterious black shadow of the giant beast poked its head out from the bottom of the sea. The big dog only saw a huge jaw that was as tall as two or three buildings. It effortlessly swallowed more than a dozen player ships as if it was biting biscuits.