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Chapter 611 - Stone Column Island

Zhao Hai saw on the monitor that the Rock Shrimp Patriarch gave the Swordfish man a salute. Then after a bit of talking, he presented a token to the Swordfish tribesman.

The Swordfish tribesman received the token and after taking a look at it, he nodded. Then the Rock Shrimp Patriarch and the others returned to the sea's surface.

Zhao Hai looked at the situation and understood that he wasn't here to see the Sea King. The Rock Shrimp Patriarch can only escort him up to here.

After that, just as Zhao Hai closed the monitor, the Rock Shrimp Patriarch's was heard outside, "I ask Mister Zhao Hai to please come out." Then Zhao Hai and the others went on to the ship's bow to see the Rock Shrimp Patriarch as well as the Swordfish tribesman. The Swordfish was still sitting on his mount, he came along with his men. All them looked at Zhao Hai with a hint of curiosity.

Zhao Hai gave a bow and said, "I've seen the Rock Shrimp Patriarch and brother Fishman. Why did Patriarch call for me?"

The Rock Shrimp Patriarch returned the bow and then said, "Mister, we can only take you up to here. This is the Junior Patriarch of the Swordfish tribe. The next step would be up to him."

Zhao Hai quickly replied, "I thank the Patriarch for his efforts. The Patriarch doesn't need to worry, I have already sent a letter back to the family, they will be sending you two shipments worth of supplies. That would be my gratitude for Patriarch's help. The Patriarch would just need to wait in your place and the ships would arrive in a few days. Please don't refuse this gift."

The Rock Shrimp Patriarch's face couldn't help but burst in glee, "Then mister Zhao Hai has my deepest gratitude. Junior Patriarch, Mister Zhao Hai is a very good person. Please take care of him."

The Junior Patriarch of the Swordfish tribe looked at Zhao Hai and nodded, "I will. Patriarch Libben can rest assured." The Rock Shrimp Patriarch then nodded and gave a bow to Zhao Hai before he submerged back to the sea.

Zhao Hai turned to the Junior Patriarch of the Swordfish tribe, he gave a bow and said, "Zhao Hai has seen Junior Patriarch, I apologize for the trouble."

The Junior Patriarch of the Swordfish tribe was polite to Zhao Hai as well. He returned Zhao Hai's bow and said, "Mister is too polite. The Sea King had issued summons for mister, so naturally we wouldn't dare to ignore it. Mister, please come with us." Then the Junior Patriarch went to the front of the Haven. The other Knights looked at Zhao Hai before they went to the sides of the ship and escorted it.

Zhao Hai discovered that the Junior Patriarch of the Swordfish tribe seemed to dislike having in contact with him. However, this Junior Patriarch also seemed to be very strong. Zhao Hai estimated this Junior Patriarch to be equivalent to an 8th rank human expert.

Zhao Hai has no way to calculate a Fishman's age, so he didn't know how old this Junior Patriarch was. But what he definitely knew was that this Junior Patriarch was not old for his race. For him to be 8th rank was a proof of his extraordinary talent.

Moreover, Zhao Hai also discovered that this Junior Patriarch's army was very unified. These Swordfish Knights under his command, although only about 500, were comprised of 6th to 7th rank experts. These people were very unified that even in motion they still kept their proper formation.

Zhao Hai also paid close attention to the Swordfish knights' reaction towards the Junior Patriarch. They seem to have no hint of resistance to his command, some of them even carried expressions of worship. This showed that the commanding power of this Junior Patriarch was very great.

An army this sharp usually held great pride. Even if one's status was high, if they don't believe your strength, then they would find it hard to follow you and would only look down on you. However, this Junior Patriarch seemed to have completely conquered these people. There was no need to doubt his strength and skill in handling his army.

Zhao Hai wanted to talk to this Junior Patriarch, but it seems like this Junior Patriarch was unwilling to talk to him. Zhao Hai tried to open up a conversation only to be turned down with short answers. In the end, Zhao Hai chose to give up.

Following Laura and the others in returning to the Space, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile bitterly. Laura looked at Zhao Hai and couldn't help but chuckle, "Brother Hai, they actually chose to ignore you. I haven't seen that before."

Zhao Hai forced a smile and said, "It's just his arrogance. Hehe, this is the first time I've seen someone do that to me."

Meg suddenly got fired up, "His arrogance is useless. Compared to the Young Master, his strength is just nothing. He actually acted disrespectfully to Young Master, you should go and teach him a lesson."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Calm down, we're still in their domain. In addition, this Junior Patriarch is still young. Being this young and already strong is commendable. After all, he didn't have the help of the Space."

Although Meg nodded, her face still couldn't hide her indignation. In her heart, Zhao Hai was the best, he was the strongest of them all. She would get angry if anyone were to dare to be impolite to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai thought that he would be seeing the Sea King after only a few days. But he didn't expect the ship to travel for 20 days. On the 20th day, Zhao Hai discovered that there was a rainbow like radiance in the distance.

Zhao Hai opened the monitor and immediately became shocked. The rainbow lights was not too far. But after seeing what it was, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare at the scenery, surprised.

What Zhao Hai saw was an island. But this island was peculiar, it wasn't connected to the sea but was instead held up by 13 huge pillars on the water.

He didn't know how these stone pillars were produced, but there were many holes on each pillar of which water kept flowing out. The water produced mist that would in turn make the rainbows.

Zhao Hai also saw that in those holes, Merpeople can be seen. These merpeople had the upper bodies of humans but had a lower body of a fish. They all had long golden hair and dark blue eyes. Their chests were covered by shells while the others parts were left exposed. They looked pure with a tint of temptation. Their appearance made people unable to look away.

Laura and the others were also dumbfounded upon seeing these people. They also didn't think that there would be such a place. The mists kept coming as an endless amount of water kept pouring down the pillars. There were also the attractive mermaids. This made them feel like they were in a fairytale.

After some time, Laura and the others recovered. Their mouths couldn't help but release a sound of wonder. Zhao Hai was also the same, this scenery was indeed too beautiful.

At this time, the Haven was already slowly approaching the place. After heading to the island for some time, they were immediately blocked by a gigantic Fishman. This man's stature was very tall and big. He was even taller than the biggest Beastman. It had blue skin and was as tall as Zhao Hai's stone golem and looked just as strong. He held a huge trident on one hand that was about 20 meters long, it looked quite heavy.

The bodies of these people don't seem to be different from humans. The sole difference were some parts of their body as well as their enormous tail. The tail was very robust, Zhao Hai seemed to identify it as something that belonged to a whale.

These people had their mounts as well. Each one of them had huge blue whales that carried them on their backs. They looked extraordinarily formidable. After they blocked the Junior Patriarch of the Swordfish tribe, the Junior Patriarch immediately took the token that was handed over by the Rock Shrimp Patriarch and gave it to the opposite party. The huge fishman nodded before he waved his hand, sending the Junior Patriarch away.

Although the Junior Patriarch was arrogant, he still wouldn't dare to pull rank against these Whale Fishmen. The Junior Patriarch bowed to the Whale fishman before he retreated. The Whales then started to slowly float towards the surface.

When the Whale fishman started to appear on the surface, Zhao Hai can immediately feel the pressure coming out of them. These Whale fishmen on top of the whale mounts looked just like the ancient giants from the legends. Their heights had surpassed the deck of the ship.

Before Zhao Hai could speak, one Whale fishman said, "You are Zhao Hai?" His voice rumbling, it was as deep as thunder.

Zhao Hai didn't get frightened, he immediately gave a bow and said, "Brother Fishman, I am indeed Zhao Hai."

The Whale fishman looked at Zhao Hai and said, "The Sea King has summoned you. Go retrieve your sails." Zhao Hai complied as he had the undead take down the sails of the ship.

Just as the sails were taken down, two Whale fishmen arrived by his ship and extended their hands towards the Haven's bow before pushing it towards the small island.

Zhao Hai looked at these Whale fishmen, he didn't think that these soldiers would have this strength. They seem to push an Ironclad Five masted ship with absolutely no effort.

It didn't take a long time for them to arrive at the vicinity of the small island. However, Zhao Hai cannot walk at this time. This was because surrounding the small island were all kinds of reefs. There was simply no way for the ship to continue.

Zhao Hai also saw some Mermaids on the reefs. These mermaids looked curiously at Zhao Hai. Once in a while they would whisper some words to their companions before bell-like laughs echoed out.

About one kilometer away from a column, the Haven stopped. The Whale fishman then looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You come to my mount's back. I'll take you further."

Zhao Hai expressed his gratitude before leading Laura and the others to the back of the whale. When they arrived on top of the whale, they discovered that they were only as tall as the Whale fishman's feet. It seems like if the Whale fishman wants to, he could step on them.

The Whale fishman turned his head to Zhao Hai as he cracked a smile. Then he led his whale mount to swim towards the island. Before long, they had passed by the stone columns and reached the middle column of the island. Zhao Hai noted that the stone column seem to be several hundred meters high. The waters from the holes above also kept flowing down. On top of this stone column was a palace, something that Zhao Hai has not seen before.

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The Whales took Zhao Hai to the stone pillar. The holes on this pillar weren't small, however, the Whales were still unable to go up.

The Whale fishman shouted towards the stone pillar, "Old Turtle, please come out." Just as his voice fell, a person suddenly appeared from the bottom of the stone pillar. After seeing him come out, Zhao Hai found out that this man was a Turtle fishman. He wore trousers made of seaweed with an upper body of a turtle, with a carapace protecting his front and back.

The Turtle fishman looked at the Whale fishman and said, "You called me?"

The Whale looked at the Turtle and said, "This is mister Zhao Hai. He's someone that the Sea King had summoned. I ask the old Turtle Fishman to help me bring him up."

The Turtle fishman looked at Zhao Hai and then said, "You are Zhao Hai?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I am Zhao Hai." Then the Turtle nodded. He waved as several turtles appeared from the stone pillar. These turtles weren't large, their shells were only about two meters in diameter.

The Turtle fishman turned his head to Zhao Hai and the others and said, "Stand on them, I'll go take you to the top." Zhao Hai nodded, and then stood on the back of a turtle before they were taken up the stone pillar.

Upon entering this pillar, Zhao Hai had found out that it actually was a maze. There were plenty of interconnected channels inside and each of them had their own water currents. In the end, the Turtle fishman had brought Zhao Hai to a steadily flowing part of the pillar.

This pillar was unexpectedly a water slide. Each pillar had rushing water cascading down. One could clearly see that the water was very deep.

Zhao Hai felt strange, he was surprised as to how the Fishmen were able to do this. How did they manage to place a large amount of water in such a place? It was really amazing.

However, the turtles seem to not care about it as they swam against the stream. All of them were steadily going upward with speed that couldn't be described as slow.

Zhao Hai counted probably about half an hour before they reached the top of the pillar. The position that they were in now was actually a big pool. In the middle of this pool was a palace.

The palace was constructed beautifully. It was made out of white stone with its top being a blue tent. On the walls were endless pearls and crystals. These pearls and crystals made for an attractive sight. They sparkled under the sunlight, and they seem to be intricately arranged that their reflections had illuminated the big pool. The illuminations on the pool showed different Fishman tribes, it was very beautiful.

Zhao Hai and the others couldn't help but be in awe with such a scene. They didn't expect that they would be able to see such a beautiful place. At this time, the Turtle fishman stopped at the pool. Then the old Turtle Fishman turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, please come ashore. Some people would be meeting you there."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he gave a bow to the old Turtle Fishman and said, "I thank Brother Fishman." Then he took a step towards the shore along with Laura and the others.

After seeing that the group had come to shore, the old Turtle Fishman then turned around to leave along with the turtles. But at this time, a person walked out of the palace. This person was a blonde haired woman with blue eyes. In her hand was a crystal staff. She wore a green robe on her body. It was evident that her robe was made out of seaweed.

The woman went towards Zhao Hai and bowed. Then she smiled and said, "Are you the Buda Clan's Patriarch, Beastman Race's Foreign Prince, and the Dwarves' Foreign Elder, Zhao Hai?"

Zhao Hai recovered, then he bowed hastily and said, "I am indeed Zhao Hai. May I know who the young lady is?"

The woman smiled faintly and said, "I'm a person of the Sea King's palace. My name is Lola, please come with me."

Zhao Hai quickly said, "This one has seen officer Lola. If I may ask, what clan does officer Lola belong? Are you a Human?"

Lola smiled faintly and said, "There's no need for mister to be too polite. I am not a Human, I'm a mermaid. We mermaids can change between tail and legs all year round. So it isn't strange to see us walking like this."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "So that's how it is. I didn't think that the Royal Tribe of the Fishmen were actually the Mermaids. This is the first time that I've heard of this."

Lola curiously looked at Zhao Hai, "This is the first time? How is that possible? In the past, there were several occasions where the Fishmen and Humans came in contact. The nearest one should be about several thousand years ago. Did the Humans not have this in their records?"

Zhao Hai stared, then he turned to look at Laura and the others and said, "Did you know about this?"

Laura and the others shook their heads. Then Laura replied, "I didn't. I've read all of the history books that we have collected. And in the past ten thousand years, there has been no contact between the Fishmen and the Humans."

Lola looked at Zhao Hai and then shook her head, "There's nothing strange about that. Our initial relationship with the Humans was very good. But later on, the Radiant Church had started to pressure us, causing our contact with the humans to be cut off. Later on we heard that the people of the Radiant Church had taken charge in making the history books of the humans. So it was natural that they wouldn't include us in."

Zhao Hai stared, he wasn't aware of any of these matters. No wonder there wasn't even a word about the Fishmen in the ten thousand year history of the Humans. Moreover, these history books were unfairly aggressive towards the Beastmen. In the history books, the Beastmen were described as wild and aggressive while the Dwarves were violent and irritating. The Elves had it better, since they were written to have unparalleled beauty. But this was not a good thing. This made the humans covet the Elves. For a period of time, there were humans who were capturing Elves and made them into slaves. In the end, the Elves retreated from the Human lands and went to the Elven Forest, completely cutting their contact with the outside world.

After putting all of this together, Zhao Hai was able to understand what was going on. This must be one of the plans of the Radiant Church. They wanted the Fishmen to be forgotten, and the Beastmen and Dwarves to be hated. But since the Elves were too perfect, the Radiant Church were unable to find dirt on them. The Church can only use one method, and it was to make the Elves cut their ties with the Humans. In the end, their plan succeeded, making it very difficult for the races to come in contact with the humans.

At this time, Lola had already brought Zhao Hai and the others to the Great Hall. This Great Hall was very spacious. From what Zhao Hai can see, the Great Hall must have been about 20 meters high. The ceiling of the hall was made out of crystal, making it possible to see the outside directly. These crystals were also adjusted in order to be a beautiful piece of art.

The stone pillars of the Great Hall were also inlaid with pearls and crystals. There were mermaids standing on each pillar, but each of them had already turned into their Human form.

In the innermost part of the Great Hall was a special throne. It looked like a normal throne but with half of it underwater. A mermaid was sitting on this throne. She wore green robes along with a crystal crown on her head as well as a crystal scepter on her hand. However, she didn't change into her human form, her lower body was tail of a fish.

Lola led Zhao Hai and the others to the beautiful mermaid up to about ten paces away. Then Lola bowed to the Mermaid and said, "Your Majesty, Mister Zhao Hai and his wives has arrived."

The woman waved his hand, then Lola bowed again before going back. Then Zhao Hai and the others went forward and bowed, "Zhao Hai has see Her Majesty the Mermaid Queen."

The Queen nodded, then he looked curiously at Zhao Hai, "Mister Zhao Hai, Miss Laura, Miss Megan, Miss Meg, Miss Lizzy, Miss Ni'er. I welcome you in behalf of all the Fishmen. May I know the reason why you've been anxious to see me?"

Zhao Hai and the others stared, they didn't think that the Queen would get their names accurately.

Zhao Hai looked confused at the Queen but he still answered, "It's an honor for Her Majesty to know our names. I came this time to tell Your Majesty of an important matter."

The Queen smiled faintly and said, "Mister can tell me."

Zhao Hai looked at the Queen and suddenly said, "Before I say it, I want to ask Your Majesty something. What is your view of the Radiant Church?"

The Queen gawked, she was confused at Zhao Hai's question. Then she asked Zhao Hai, "What is the purpose of mister's question? Is mister's trip because of the Radiant Church? I heard that mister is enemies with the Radiant Church."

Zhao Hai stared, he looked at the Queen and said, "Does Your Majesty know about this?"

The Queen smiled faintly and said, "Of course. Although there weren't much contact between the Fishmen and the Humans, that doesn't mean that we don't hear any news at all. Especially my mermaid race."

When Zhao Hai heard the Queen, he couldn't help but get surprised, but he still answered, "Then it's good that Your Majesty knows about the matters of the continent. I just want to know about how Your Majesty views the Radiant Church."

The Queen looked at Zhao Hai and said, "The Radiant Church is an evil organization. They probably wanted to rule the entire world and enslave all the races, including us Fishmen."

When he heard the Queen, Zhao Hai's confidence went up. He looked at the Queen and said, "I don't know if the Queen knew about the war tens of thousands of years ago. Where all of the major races of the Continent united. The matter about the war against the Divine Race?"

The Queen stared, then she thought for a moment before she said, "I do remember it. Our clan has it on our records. At that time, our Fishman Race also entered that war. But since most of the fighting happened on land, we weren't much of a help. But there were still a lot of our Mermaid tribe's elders that had died in that war."

Zhao Hai was now fully assured, "I'll tell Your Majesty about all I know. I suspect that the Radiant Church is a chess piece that the Divine Race had placed here in the Ark Continent. They were here in order to prepare for the Divine Race's invasion."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the Queen's facial expression couldn't help but change, "Mister, tell me all the details."

Zhao Hai nodded, and then narrated how he helped the Dwarves to restore their artifact spirit. Then on about the time he went to the Northern Icefield in order to retrieve the Beast God's Spear. He also expressed his numerous speculations."

While the Queen listened to Zhao Hai, her face constantly changed. After Zhao Hai finished, the Queen sighed and said, "So that's how it is. No wonder mister can become the Beastman Race's Foreign Prince. Also it seems like there's nobody in the continent that knew about you becoming the Foreign Elder of the Dwarves. So Mister has been preparing for this matter. It seems like the people of the continent had heavily underestimated mister's capabilities."

Zhao Hai looked strangely at the Queen. From her words, it seems like she was updated on the matters of the continent. This made Zhao Hai confused, how could the Fishmen had such deep understanding about the continent?

The Queen looked at Zhao Hai and then smiled faintly, "Mister doesn't need to get confused about why our Mermaid clan is aware of the matters of the continent. Does mister know about the Sea God's Merchant Union?"

Upon hearing Sea God's Merchant Union, the faces of Zhao Hai and the others couldn't help but change. It was not because they didn't hear about it, but it was because they were too familiar with the name.

Among the big Merchant unions of the continent, the Sea God's Merchant Union was the most mysterious. The main business of this Merchant Union were their clothing and jewelry.

The Queen wouldn't mention the Sea God's Merchant Union for no reason at all. Just her mentioning this name meant that the merchant union is under the Mermaid Clan's control! This was too shocking, people had always believed that the Fishmen were always in the sea. Because of this, nobody would suspect that they would openly make their own merchant union. And it was actually one of the most famous merchant unions in the continent.

Zhao Hai and Laura looked at each other and can see the shock in each other's eyes. The Mermaids were too formidable. They can actually hide this for a long time, it was too amazing.

The Queen looked at Zhao Hai's expression and smiled, "Mister shouldn't be too surprised. After all, we, the Fishmen, still needed Human products to live. But we cannot openly trade with the Humans. After all, most of the Fishman races didn't have good impressions towards your race."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I understand. Since Your Majesty knows, what would your race do now? Will you help us in dealing with the Radiant Church and the Divine Race?"

The Queen thought for a moment before she nodded, "Naturally. The Radiant Church was the main culprit who drove us away from the continent. And they also wanted to enslave everyone. So why wouldn't we agree? We shall help you to deal with the Radiant Church and the Divine Race."

When he heard the Queen, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be glad, "I thank Your Majesty."

The Queen smiled faintly and said, "Mister shouldn't be too polite. Compared to what mister had done, my word is nothing. But mister, we're in quite of a trouble right now. I'm afraid we won't be able to provide help in the meantime."

"I knew it!" Zhao Hai said inside. But he smiled and said, "If Your Majesty trusts this Zhao Hai. Then I could provide you with a helping hand."

The Queen stared, then she shook her head and said, "No need. The Buda Clan might be strong on land, but this is the sea. I'm afraid Mister can't provide much of a help."

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When Zhao Hai heard the Queen, he couldn't help but show a smile as he said, "Your Majesty, since you know about my Buda Clan, they you should also know about my ability. I might not have good cultivation, but my Dark Magic, especially undead magic, is unparalleled. If I say I'm second, nobody would dare claim that they are first."

The Queen stared at Zhao Hai, then after thinking for a moment, she said, "So mister wants to help us using your Undead?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It depends on what troubles you have encountered."

The Queen looked at Zhao Hai, and the after some time, she let out a long sigh and said, "Patriarch Zhao Hai's undead summoning is indeed very famous in the continent. This Queen wouldn't hide anything from mister, this time, we had really met some trouble. Someone wanted to challenge the throne."

This answer was within Zhao Hai's expectations. The Mermaid Race was the ruling clan of the Fishmen. If there wasn't a revolt, they wouldn't have established ties with the Rock Shrimp tribe. After all, the Rock Shrimp tribe was just too unqualified.

Zhao Hai looked at the Queen and said, "Since Your Majesty wanted to form an alliance with us, they we are now allies. If an ally is in trouble, then it would be impossible for me to just stand by. I ask Your Majesty to tell us the problem, this Zhao Hai would do his best to help."

The Queen looked at Zhao Hai and somehow felt that he can be trusted. So she gave a sigh and said, "I'm afraid mister would laugh at us. Although we rule the sea, the waters are just too big. Our Mermaid Clan simply cannot manage every single place. Moreover, since our management is quite loose, many people held us in high regard. But we had recently discovered that some Fishmen tribes were having trouble. It was clear that something must have happened. So we sent some people to investigate and found out that a strong subordinate of ours, the Sea Dragon tribe, has been collecting massive amounts of tax under our name. However, these taxes weren't handed over to us, but instead, they hoarded it for themselves and used it to pull other tribes over to their side. At the time of us finding out, those tribes had already established an alliance and had blatantly announced their revolt. Now, we had lost control of the east side of the seas. Moreover, the Sea Dragon Tribe has also amassed an army and are now inching towards us. Because our Mermaid Race has not fought for some time, our response had been slow. Now, we have our backs behind the wall."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Then I would have to disturb Your Majesty for a few days. In those few days, I will use the time to manufacture a batch of high level undead marine beasts and make them into an army. When the time comes, I believe they would be able to help Your Majesty. What do you think?"

The Queen gawked at what Zhao Hai said, then her face expressed her glee as she said, "Then I would trouble mister Zhao Hai. Lola, arrange a room for mister Zhao Hai to rest in."

Lola stepped forward and gave the Queen a bow, then she turned her head to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, come with me." Zhao Hai then gave the Queen a bow before leaving with Lola.

When Zhao Hai left the Great Hall, a Mermaid entered the Great Hall from a small entrance at the side. The Mermaid then told the Queen, "Your Majesty, from what we've heard from mister Zhao Hai, it seems like the attack of the Sea Dragons are also related to the Divine Race."

The Queen nodded and said, "In our clan's records, the Dragon Race were the most faithful dogs of the Divine Race. The Sea Dragons are a branch family of the Dragons. Their sudden move this time might have some reason. Luo Luo, you go look at the records and see what the Sea Dragons did during the previous war against the Divine Race. I'm afraid I can't remember if there are any records of it in the clan."

The Mermaid Luo Luo complied, then she looked at the Queen and said, "Your Majesty, do you think mister Zhao Hai's plan is feasible? Can the undead really deal with those Sea Dragons?"

The Queen smiled faintly and said, "The Buda Clan's Patriarch is very mysterious. There are numerous people in the continent that went to investigate him only to find out nothing. But some people suspect that he has some sort of Space Divergent Ability. Moreover, all of his undead are very high levelled, their individual fighting strength is not weak. If we have his help, then we may reduce our casualties. You transmit my orders to get the Whales to catch a lot magic beasts and bring them over. We don't know how many undead mister Zhao Hai might make. But I'm sure that when the war comes, those Sea Dragons would surely be in on a surprise."

Luo Luo nodded, then she turned around to leave. Inside the Great Hall, the Queen gave a sigh before she muttered, "The Divine Race is finally returning? Hehe, that's good. I've also waited to take revenge. Clowns of the Sea Dragon Race, do you really think that you can dethrone us? Keep dreaming."

Zhao Hai and the others were lead by Lola to a side hall. This hall wasn't very big, but it still had the beautiful aesthetics of the palace. The hall was divided into four regions. Upon entering, one would first enter the lobby, it was a living room that was floored with blue stone. Moreover, the stones underwent careful polishing, one could see reflections when one walks on them.

The second room was the dining room, inside were stone furniture. This room had wooden tables and chairs in them. These tables and chairs were all made out of the finest wood. They didn't use a single coating of paint, revealing the natural wood grains. It looked very simple and natural.

The third were the bed spaces, inside were a total of four rooms and a living room. The fourth part of the hall was the bathroom. The floor of the bathroom was made out of blue shells. In the middle of the bathroom was a large pool. There were several fish head sculptures on the edges of the pool with water spraying out of it. There was also a water outlet under the pool in order to stabilize its height. The water was crystal clear and wasn't cold at all. Instead it felt warm and was very nice to take a bath in.

Lola asked Zhao Hai and the others to the living room and briefed them about the palace before she took her leave. She also told Zhao Hai that if he needs something, he can just pull on the rope inside the bedroom. The rope was linked to a metal bell, when the rope is pulled, the bell would then issue a ring which would alert nearby people.

After Lola left, Zhao Hai and the others went to the small living area in their bedroom. Then, Zhao Hai opened his monitor. Cai'er already recorded the conversation between Luo Luo and the Queen.

After Zhao Hai and the others listened to the video, the group became silent. After some time, Laura turned her head to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, looking at the Queen's expression, is she confident?"

Zhao Hai nodded, then after sighing he said, "She certainly is. The mermaids have been ruling the fishmen for a long time. So how could they possibly not have their trump cards. If they didn't have any methods, then they would've already fallen to a revolt long time ago. And seeing from the Queen's expression, it seems like she is reluctant to use their trump card. Otherwise, she wouldn't need out help."

Laura nodded, then Lizzy frowned and said, "Do we really need to help the Queen? They have ways to deal with these people. Aren't we being used like tools this time?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "That doesn't matter. In any case, if we help them deal with the Sea Dragons, our relationship would get much closer. This is good for our future plans. I just didn't think that the Dragons would be on the side of the Divine Realm. It seems like the Radiant Church was the Divine Race's chess piece in the light while the Dragons are their piece in the shadows."

Megan looked like she had a heavy heart, “Big Brother Hai, Dragons haven’t appeared on the continent for many years. It seems like they have been living in the Accra mountains. If the Dragons were indeed on the side of the Divine Race, then its likely that they have been controlling the magic beasts of the mountain. No wonder the Accra mountains had become one of the Five Forbidden Areas. The Dragons controlling the magic beasts for the Divine Race must be kept secret from the others. So they naturally would kill people who ventured deep into the Accra Mountain.”

The smile on Zhao Hai’s face disappeared, then he nodded and said, “That’s very possible. If there is really a Divine Race’s force in the Accra Mountains, then the Demonic Abyss would definitely be a den for the Demons. People already had some suspicions that the Demonic Abyss is related to the Demon Race, but nobody had any proof of it. I think the Demons used this deliberately in order to focus everyone’s attention to the Demonic Abyss while the Engraved Ark continues to accumulate power. The methods of the Demons and the Divine Race were actually similar, but are reversed.

Laura became serious as she said, “It seems like the Demons and the Divine Realm still hasn’t lost heart for the Ark Continent. Brother Hai, we’re quite lucky that we haven’t gone to the Accra Mountains yet and found out about the relationship between the Dragons and the Divine Race. If we went there and found out, then the Divine Race would surely be alerted that their secret was revealed. It might spur them into action.”

Zhao Hai nodded, “Fortunately, we went to the Fishman Race first. Otherwise, we would’ve gone to Accra Mountains since the Elves were still unprepared. I’m planning on getting some magic beasts and plants to upgrade the Space. I’ve also been thinking of subduing the Dragons, after all, their fighting strength were incredibly known to the continent.”

Megan knit her brows as she said, “It’s really strange that nobody knew about the relationship between the Dragons and the Divine Race. It seems like this was also because of the Radiant Church’s machinations.”

Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, “It seems so. The Radiant Church had probably obtained the Divine Race’s decree earlier than we have imagined. “The Divine race is good, they were actually very patient.”

Although they were in a hostile relationship, Zhao Hai couldn't help but admire the Divine Race. For them to hide everything for such a long time was a testament to how patient they were.

However, this also made Zhao Hai pay much more attention to them. The Divine Race can completely turn the entire Ark Continent over along with the Radiant Church. Such a race was notable, and Zhao Hai couldn't help but refrain from being careless.

Laura coldly snorted and said, "Brother Hai, then what do we do? When we extinguish the Sea Dragons, then would we be looking for trouble with the Dragons in Accra Mountains?" She was afraid that the continent would find out that Zhao Hai had the guts to offend the Dragons. In the continent, Dragons were the symbols of invincibility. Nobody dared to go and purposefully offend them.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry. First, we deal with the Sea Dragons, and then we go to Flame Island and see what's going on there. Maybe we can get some benefits along the way. After that, we'll go deal with the dragons. But since there are quite strong, we need to get ready. Right Laura, you and the others are now 9th rank experts. But you don't have your own mounts. Maybe we can get you some dragons to ride in Accra Mountains."

Laura snorted, "I don't want them. What do those stupid dragons do that a 9th rank Blood Hawk can't? I'd rather use the Blood Hawks as a mount."

Zhao Hai and the others laughed. If other people in the continent were to hear Laura, they would certainly laugh. She actually denied the chance to have a dragon as a mount. That's an absurd idea.

After some time, the group gradually calmed down. Then Megan turned her head towards Zhao Hai and said, "Big Brother Hai, will you start making undead tomorrow? Your undeads are now 9th rank, what form do you want them to look like?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "This is truly tricky to deal with. We can just let those undead retain their forms when they fight, but we'll have them deliberately get injured or play dead. Naturally, those are just make believe. Once they reach a certain amount of damage, we can receive them into the Space. We can use this method as a cover up. Also, the Queen was also aware of the strength of my undead, so she wouldn't suspect too much upon seeing them fight."

Lizzy nodded and said, "From what I can hear from the Queen, she seems to be sincere in her move to ally with us. In this case, it would be more advantageous for her if Brother Hai is stronger than she expected. I think she wouldn't just betray you."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "in fact, there's really no need to be careful about the Fishmen. Although they had the Sea God's Merchant Union and can contact with the continent, they have always been mysterious and can only be rarely be spotted. Their contact with the other powers can only be said to be miniscule. So I believe that they won't say anything. The other Fishman tribes are also less likely to talk, after all, they don't get in contact with the humans. Because of that I believe that what we do here won't be revealed to the Humans back in the continent."

Lizzy shook her head and said, "But we still need to be careful. Even if the Fishmen wouldn't talk, what about the Sea Dragons? They might use the other Dragons to expose us."

Laura also nodded and said, "Brother Hai, we do need to be much more careful." Zhao Hai nodded and didn't say anything more. Laura and the others didn't say anything as well as they went back to the Space and started to prepare.

Although the Queen didn't invite Zhao Hai over for a meal, she still had people send him a beautiful array of dishes. The variety seafoods present were more than what Zhao Hai had eaten before. This made Zhao Hai and the others satisfied with their meal.

The next morning, after Zhao Hai and the others ate the Breakfast that Lola had given them, Lola gave them word that the Queen was inviting them over. Then Zhao Hai and the others went with Lola to the Great Hall in order to meet with the Queen.

The Queen was sat in the same position as when Zhao Hai had met her yesterday. Upon seeing Zhao Hai, the Queen couldn't help but smile faintly and said, "Mister, come and take a seat." Zhao Hai then noticed that there were several chairs in the Great Hall today. It seems like these were specially prepared for them.

After Zhao Hai and the others expressed their gratitude and sat on the chairs, the Queen said, "How many undead can mister summon? How many beasts do we need to acquire?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "As many beasts as you can find, the more the better. Right, Your Majesty, how many people had followed the Sea Dragons' rebellion? How much people do they have?"

The Queen forced a smile and said, "There are a lot of tribes that decided to join the Sea Dragons, I don't know how many they are. But there were a lot of small races that were absorbed into their army. I'm afraid that the current army of the Sea Dragons numbers at about more than ten million."

Although he knew that the seas was big and there were a lot of beings in here, Zhao Hai still couldn't help but breath some cold air upon hearing the number of the opposite party. Now he understood why the Sea Dragons decided to act against the Mermaids. If the Mermaids were dealt with, the Sea Dragons would have full hegemony of the seas. When the time comes, they can amass their army and coordinate with the Radiant Church. At that time, it wouldn't be impossible to conquer the entire continent.

Moreover, the Fishmen also had an advantage. Although they can't stay on land for too long, one shouldn't forget that they can just retreat to the seas whenever they get defeated. The sea is their domain and no army of the continent was able to contend with them there. That would be equivalent to the Fishmen having bases right beside Human territories.

If this was really the case, then the Divine Race can definitely depend on them and fight a battle of attrition with the major races in the continent. At that time, even if they don't send a God-ranked expert and just sent down an army of 9th ranks, they can still defeat the races of the continent. After all, the population of the continent was greatly fewer than the people of the sea. Moreover, they still had the Dragons in Accra Mountains as well as the Radiant Church.

Thinking about this made Zhao Hai coldly sweat. If he didn't come to see the Fishmen at this time, then he would really be in trouble. It was good that he came just in time to deal with the Sea Dragons, solving the issue with the Fishmen.

The Queen saw that Zhao Hai's face turned ugly and didn't speak for quite a while. She thought that he was frightened by the army so she quickly said, "Mister doesn't need to worry about our ability to resist them. We were just caught off guard this time, so we couldn't respond appropriately. Mister can just summon as many as you can, that's already enough of a help."

When Zhao Hai heard that the Queen seemed to misunderstand him, he immediately smiled faintly and said, "Your Majesty misunderstands, I can summon as much undead as the number of corpses that you can provide. I can only ask Your Majesty to grab as much corpses as possible, it would be great to get corpses from the enemies."

The Queen nodded, "Alright, the mister doesn't need to worry about the magic beasts. I already had my people prepare them. I just want to know how much mister can take."

Zhao Hai knew what the Queen meant. After all, her clan had a lot of contact with the Humans, so it was natural that she was aware about Dark Mages. She knew that Dark Mages have their limit. If the Fishmen were to provide more than what Zhao Hai can summon, then he would be losing face.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Your majesty doesn't need to worry. Make them get as many as possible, the more the better. If Your Majesty can prepare 10 million magic ebasts, then Your Majesty would acquire a 10 million undead army. This one will have to excuse myself to rest. Once the corpses are ready, Your Majesty can just send some people over to get me." Then he gave a bow before he left along with Laura and the others.

When Zhao Hai left, Luo Luo arrived at the Great Hall, completely fuming, "Your Majesty, this Zhao Hai is extremely arrogant. Your Majesty is only thinking about his well being, but instead he was being impolite."

The Queen smiled faintly and then shook her head, "Silly thing, he's not being extremely arrogant. He is just very strong. You might not know but he has a very terrifying reputation among the Humans. In just one night, he had turned an entire several hundred thousand Aksu Empire navy into his undead. If he can really turn 10 million corpses into undead, then that would be good for us. Go give the orders to get as much magic beasts as possible. As long as they are wild, then get them. Right, go bring corpses of Sea Dragons and their allies as well. I want to see what an undead Sea Dragon looks like." While she spoke this, a killing aura appeared around the Queen.

The Mermaid Queen was very angry. The Mermaid Race had ruled the seas for many years, but they hadn't encountered a rebellion of this scale. The Sea Dragons actually made the Mermaids lose control of the eastern seas. For the Mermaid Race, this was not a small attack.

The fighting strength of the eastern sea was much stronger than the west. This was because in the eastern waters, aside from the Sea Dragons, there were also the Sharks, Electric Eels, and various poisonous races. These collection of people were very strong. It was because of this that when the Sea Dragon announced their rebellion, the Mermaid Race was caught off guard.

However, the Mermaids weren't people who could be trifled with as well. Not only do they have the loyal Whale tribe and Swordfish tribe, their own fighting strength was formidable as well. The Queen believed that as long as they have time, they would be able to amass an army that can extinguish the Sea Dragons in one swoop.

Luo Luo looked at the Queen and didn't talk about Zhao Hai anymore. She then looked at the Queen and said, "Your Majesty, I also checked the records about the Sea Dragons yesterday and found out that the Sea Dragons didn't exist during the fight with the Divine Race."

When the Queen heard Luo Luo, she couldn't help but reply, "There are no Sea Dragons? What does that mean?"

Luo Luo replied, "Your Majesty, during the major war against the Divine Race where our Mermaid Race had participated, the Dragons were there as well, but they were on the side of the Divine Race. When the God was defeated, the Dragons didn't have anywhere else to go but retreat to the Accra Mountains. However, part of them decided to run to the sea and requested refuge from us. The Sea King pitied them and allowed them to thrive here. Afterwards, those Dragons married some Fishmen and eventually spawned the Sea Dragon Race."

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When the Queen heard Luo Luo, her expression couldn't help but change, "So you're saying that only after the war did the Sea Dragons come to existence? Did the Divine Race intend that in order to deal with us?"

Luo Luo shook her head and said, "You really can't say that, after all, that was a long time ago. My speculation is that the Divine Race only got contact with the Sea Dragons recently, which prompted them to deal with us. Otherwise, they wouldn't have waited for tens of thousands of years in order to revolt."

The Queen nodded, "It would be impossible for the Sea Dragons to hold off on attacking us. However, we can still affirm that the Sea Dragons are a bunch of ungrateful bastards!"

Luo Luo also held anger in her expression. When she checked the records, she couldn't help but get irritated the more she read on. These Sea Dragons were too shameless. The Mermaids had given them shelter but they still ended up rebelling.

Then the Queen coldly snorted and said, "Sea Dragon race, you just wait. Luo Luo, make sure that everything mister Zhao Hai needs gets fulfilled. Maybe he can change the flow of this war."

Luo Luo nodded before turning around to leave. The Queen coldly snorted and then mumbled, "Sea Dragon Race, good, good. You actually think that you can rule the entire Ark Continent?"

When Zhao Hai and the others returned to their room, Laura looked at Zhao Hai in confusion and said, "Brother Hai, what just happened? Why did you suddenly become arrogant?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "In any business, expressing your power is the one of the most important things. Don't forget that we had formed an alliance with the Mermaid clan. And since we are now allies, we need to see ourselves as equals. If we show our weakness, then they would lose confidence in us." Then Zhao Hai opened the monitor and played the video of Luo Luo and the Queen's meeting.

After listening to the Queen and Luo Luo, the face of Zhao Hai and the others couldn't help but turn ugly. They didn't think that the Sea Dragons would actually have such a history with the Fishmen. If they were indeed a chess piece of the Divine Race, then the Divine Race was too terrifying.

Laura looked at the monitor before turning to Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, do you think that the Sea Dragons were intentionally placed there by the Divine Race?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "I don't think so. If they were, then they wouldn't have waited for so long. Then when the Radiant Church was its most formidable, they would've already cooperated and conquered the entire continent."

Laura and the others nodded, then Zhao Hai sighed and said, "But no matter what, we must deal with the Sea Dragons. When the time comes, we can just interrogate the Sea Dragons, then we can uncover the truth."

Laura and the others nodded again. Then Zhao Hai change the scene of the monitor, showing the preparations of the Fishmen.

At this time, the places nearby the small island had become very busy. People of the Whale tribe and the Swordfish tribe have been sent out to grab all of the wild magic beasts on the surrounding waters. Moreover, the Queen had also sent another command making all of the other Fishmen to go full scale in their capture of beasts and had all of them sent to the island.

Zhao Hai was very calm when he saw the strength of the Fishmen. In just one day, they had actually managed to have 100 thousand beasts sent to the island.

For them to only take one day to collect 100 thousand beasts and had them sent to the island was terrifying. There were already a lot of magic beasts that were captured. However, Zhao Hai didn't appear, the Queen didn't send word to him either.

The next morning, after having their breakfast, Lola arrived and invited Zhao Hao over to the Great Hall. Besides the Queen, Luo Luo was present as well. But Luo Luo looked just like an ordinary servant right now, with her head lowered in obedience. Besides Luo Luo, there were also a Turtle Fishman and Whale Fishman present.

Zhao Hai felt strange, how could this Whale Fishman able to appear in the Great Hall. With their bodies, it was impossible for them to go up using the stone pillars. They may have other ways to come in. Zhao Hao decided to ask Cai'er about this later.

Upon seeing Zhao Hai arrive, the Queen nodded and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, come. Let me introduce you to the captain of the island guards, the Whale Fishman Dashan and the guard commander, the Turtle Fishman Jintai."

Zhao Hai looked at these two and identified them. The Whale was the one who escorted him to the island while the Turtle was the one who brought them up to the palace.

Zhao Hai bowed to the two and then said, "Nice to meet you. This Zhao Hai thanks the two of you for delivering me here."

They also returned Zhao Hai's courtesy, but didn't dare to utter a word. Then they returned to stand by the Queen's side. The Queen then turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, we've already collected 100 thousand magic beasts. Please have a look at them."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, I'll be heading there now. Your Majesty, please allow this one to excuse himself first."

The Queen nodded as she waved her hand and said, "Then I'll have to trouble mister. Dashan, Jintai, make sure to take care of mister Zhao Hai's every single need." Then the two issued their agreement before giving the Queen a bow and then leaving the Hall along with Zhao Hai.

When they got out, the turtles were already prepared for them. Zhao Hai and the others then stepped on top of the turtles before they jumped down from the pool and then disappeared.

Zhao Hai didn't have time to pay attention to anything right now. When the turtles entered the mounds, Zhao Hai felt that he was riding on a roller coaster. And the speed was much much more than back on Earth.

This was the first time that Laura and the others had experience this, so they couldn't help but scream. But since they were already 9th rank experts, it only took them a while before they calmed down.

Back when they were heading up, Zhao Hai reckoned that they had taken about an hour. But now that they were going down, it only took them a few minutes to do so. In a blink of an eye, they were already on the sea's surface.

Zhao Hai turned his head to look at Laura and the others. He wanted to see if they were frightened. But when he saw their expressions, Zhao Hai felt relief. Although Laura and the others had been scared, their current expressions revealed their enjoyment.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile bitterly. He actually felt that women were strange beings, they were too full of contradictions. They liked delicious food, but they were also afraid to get fat. They think that roller coasters were scary, but only to end up enjoying the ride.

Zhao Hai shook his head as he forced a smile before he turned to Jintai and said, "Commander Jintai, please take me to see those magic beasts."

Jintai turned his head and smiled faintly, "I'll have to be unfair to mister Zhao Hai. I cannot stay in this place for too long because of my duties. However, Dashan will come here and lead you to the place."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked at Jintai and said, "Thank you commander. But Commander Jintai, how would be be able to enter and exit this place?"

Jintai smiled and said, "Mister doesn't need to worry. The Queen herself sent word that Mister and your wives are free to move in the Mermaid territory. Nobody will restrict your freedom."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright. Then I'll have to thank Her Majesty. My wives are very curious about this place. Even I am compelled to look around."

Jintai smiled, "Then Mister is very welcome here. The Mermaid domain is very beautiful. Moreover, the Royal tribe is very hospitable. I believe that they would quickly become friends with your wives." Then after he said this, a huge bulge suddenly appeared on the sea's surface. Then Dashan's mountainous figure suddenly appeared.

After Dashan appeared, he immediately gave Zhao Hai a bow and said, "Mister, please come with me. I'll go lead you to see the magic beasts."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he rode on Dashan's whale mount. When Laura and the others were about to board, Zhao Hai smiled to them and said, "You go play in the meantime. I won't be long."

When they heard Zhao Hai, the women couldn't help but stare before their eyes suddenly lit up. "Can we really play? Good, Fantastic!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then turned to Jintai and said, "Commander Jintai I will have to trouble you, I will certainly come back soon."

Jintai smiled faintly and said, "Mister can rest assured" Then Zhao Hai gave Jintai a bow before he turned to Dashan and said, "Captain Dashan, let's go." Dashan nodded, then he commanded his mount to move towards an island.

Soon after Zhao Hai left the Mermaid island, he had arrived at a nearby island where a large number of Fishmen were present. These Fishmen had brought a lot of magic beasts. These beasts were all alive, some of them were wild while some were struggling.

When Zhao Hai saw this scene, he couldn't help but stare. He turned his head to Dashan and said, "Captain Dashan, dead beasts are fine. Even if they are alive, they would still end up dead in my hands. I need them to be dead before I can turn them to undead."

When Dashan heard Zhao Hai, he nodded and then said, "Alright, mister, please wait a bit." Then Dashan turned his head to the Fishmen and said, "Kill those magic beasts, and then you can leave."

The Fishmen gawked, but they still obeyed. They pulled out all kinds of weapons and killed all of the magic beasts that they've brought.

However, after killing these magic beasts, the Fishmen didn't leave. Every one of them looked curiously at Zhao Hai. Seeing their appearances, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. Then he changed his thinking and understood what was going on. These Fishmen might be aware of what he was about to do. They haven't seen a Dark Mage make undead before, therefore, they were curious to see what it looked like.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and didn't say anything. He looked at the 100 thousand magic beasts piled in front of him. Moreover, since some of these magic beasts were quite big, the pile looked just like a hill. Zhao Hai pulled out his Blood Ghost Staff before he muttered some fake incantations. Then he waved his staff as a black gas appeared and surrounded the pile of Magic Beasts. The Fishmen looked at the mass of black gas as it enveloped the pile of beasts.

Before long, the black gas had vanished. But what the Fishmen saw after was something that made them scream out in alarm!

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The pile of dead magic beasts had now turned into a pile of bones. There was no blood nor flesh found, only bones were present.

This gave a very strong impact to those who were present. The Fishmen couldn't help but feel a chill. And at this time, more shocking things happened, the pile of bones had started moving!

Under the gazes of the Fishmen, each bone of that pile started to move. The bones then started rolling into the sea before slowly forming up and lining themselves. The big ones were at the bottom while the small beasts were at the top.

Before long, a hundred thousand magic beasts had arranged themselves in a cube formation, filling the space of the surrounding sea. The Fishmen couldn't help but retreat as their expression changed. They wanted to be as far from these undead as possible.

Seeing the Fishmen retreat, Zhao Hai moved slightly and with an intention, the Undead beasts suddenly vanished. The only ones left behind were two turtle type beasts.

Zhao Hai jumped on top of the undead turtle and then bowed to Dashan, "I thank captain Dashan. I shall be leaving first, I want to take a look at what my wives are doing. The captain doesn't need to accompany me any longer." The turtle under Zhao Hai moved its four limbs as it slowly swam towards Mermaid Island. But at this time, Dashan still hasn't recovered.

Only when Zhao Hai was close to Mermaid Island did Dashan recover. His face couldn't help but change as he turned his head to look at Zhao Hai. His eyes were full of dread, in his mind, Zhao Hai had become a very dangerous person. This fellow can actually carry hundreds of undead beasts with him. Such a person being in Mermaid Island was a very unsafe factor.

After thinking about this, Dashan immediately urged his mount as he followed along Zhao Hai towards Mermaid Island. While Zhao Hai was looking for his wives, Dashan went to look for Jintai. He thinks that monitoring Zhao Hai's every move was imperative to their own safety.

Zhao Hai was not aware of what Dashan was thinking. He just stood on top of his undead turtle as he looked around Mermaid Island. Mermaid Island was very large and was surrounded by numerous reefs. Some Mermaids playing on the reefs could also be seen from time to time.

While Zhao Hai was intrigued, the Mermaids were curious about Zhao Hai as well. Sensing their gazes, Zhao Hai did his best to not meet their sight. He didn't know the customs here, so he might get into trouble if he did look them in the eye.

But what made Zhao Hai feel strange was the fact that he hasn't seen an old Mermaid. All he had seen looked like young beautiful women. Even inside the palace, Zhao Hai couldn't spot an old Mermaid while using the monitor.

Before long, Zhao Hai had finally found Laura and the others. They were currently sitting in a reef while chatting with some Mermaids. The group looked very jolly.

Meg had sharp eyes, so when she saw Zhao Hai, she immediately waved towards him. Zhao Hai directed the turtle to go forward before he looked at them and said, "You go and play some more. I'll go and discuss some matters with Her Majesty. Right, I'll also be leaving some turtles here to save Commander Jintai the trouble." Then he withdrew some turtle type undead magic beasts. Then he nodded towards Laura and the others before heading back to the middle stone pillar.

When he reached the stone pillar, Zhao Hai had found that Dashan and Jintai were already there. When he went close, he discovered that their expression had changed.

Zhao Hai carefully looked into their eyes and found that there was a hint of fear on Dashan's eyes. However, although there was still fear in Jintai's eyes, there was also a hint of excitement mixed in as well.

Zhao Hai didn't think too much about it. He came here to cooperate with the Mermaids and not to make enemies out of them. So as long as the Mermaids treat him as an ally, then Zhao Hai believed that they won't attack him.

When Zhao Hai came forward, Jintai and Dashan immediately gave him a salute. Zhao Hai can feel that the greeting this time was more sincere than before...

Zhao Hai immediately returned the gesture before he turned to Jintai and said, "Commander, I've already given Laura and the others some turtles. You don't need to send people to fetch them. Right, can I go see the Queen right now?"

Jintai nodded and said, "Come with me." Then he used his mount as they swam against the stone pillar's current. Zhao Hai gave Dashan a nod before following Jintai up.

When Dashan looked at Zhao Hai's departing back, he couldn't help but let out a long sigh. Ever since he saw Zhao Hai turn those magic beasts into undead, he had started to feel immense pressure when seeing Zhao Hai. But now that he had left, Dashan felt relief.

Dashan looked at the pillar and then said, "It seems like the Sea Dragons have terrifying bad luck." Then he shook his head as he submerged into the water.

Zhao Hai, along with Jintai, had returned to the big pool. After reaching the shore, Zhao Hai immediately stored his undead magic beast into the Space. Then he gave Jintai a salute before heading towards the Great Hall.

But before Zhao Hai reached the Great Hall, Lola came to greet him. When Lola saw Zhao Hai, she couldn't help but gawk slightly. Then she immediately said, "Mister Zhao Hai, Her Majesty is already waiting for you inside."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then Lola turned around and led Zhao Hai to walk towards the Great Hall. Upon arriving inside, Zhao Hai saw that Luo Luo was sitting right beside the Queen as if telling her something. The Queen was also listening as she nodded from time to time.

After Zhao Hai and Lola greeted the Queen, the Queen nodded and said, "I didn't expect mister to come back so soon. Did mister's summoning go smoothly?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Very smooth. Your Majesty doesn't need to worry about it. I can go to the battlefield anytime you want. You should know that a Dark Mage's power is at its peak on the battlefield."

The Queen nodded and said, "I ask mister to wait for two days. In two days, the Whales, Swordfishes, and Turtles would send an army towards the frontlines. Mister can then go along with them."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Then I'll go with Your Majesty's arrangement. If it's possible, I'd like to ask Your Majesty to give me some information about the Sea Dragons and their army. Is that alright?"

The Queen nodded, "That's not a problem. Mister can rest assured, those materials would get to you as soon as possible."

Zhao Hai nodded and then bowed to the Queen, "Then this Zhao Hai would like to be excused. If there are more magic beasts, please send someone to inform me."

The Queen nodded, "Alright, if Mister has something he wants, then don't hesitate to send word." Zhao Hai nodded, and then expressed his gratitude before bowing to the Queen and then leaving.

When Zhao Hai left, Luo Luo immediately turned to the Queen and said, "Your Majesty, this Zhao Hai is too dangerous. He just waved and turned a hundred thousand magic beasts into undead. Moreover, he can actually store them somewhere. Such a person living in this place is very dangerous."

The Queen smiled faintly and said, "No need to be worried about Zhao Hai. He is our ally, the stronger he is, the more advantages we'll have. Rest assured, no bad thing will happen."

Luo Luo replied, "Now that I saw what Dark Mages are, I can understand why the continent deemed them to be emissaries of evil. They are really frightening. In a blink of an eye, the hundred thousand magic beasts had turned into bone. It was too scary. I really don't know how he got his wives. He didn't just snatch them right?"

The Queen looked at Luo Luo and smiled, "Luo Luo, don't judge a person by their outside appearance. The Radiant Church was incomparably sacred in the surface, but was actually the worst people. And although Mister Zhao Hai uses Dark Magic, he actually has not injured an innocent person. Luo Luo, remember this, strength doesn't describe good or evil, it's the person himself that decides to be good or evil. Understood?"

Luo Luo nodded, "I understand. Your Majesty, with the addition of Mister Zhao Hai, I've become much more confident in our chances to win this war. Also, Your Majesty, what did mister Zhao Hai mean when he said that a Dark Mage is most powerful in the battlefield?"

The Queen smiled and said, "What does the battlefield have the most? It's dead people. A Dark Mage can turn those corpses into undead. Moreover, those undead can also lead the opposing party to lose morale. Think about it, you have comrades who you've shared happiness and fear together, then when

those comrades dies, they suddenly stand up and start attacking you. At that time, would you have the guts to turn your weapons against your friends? Or will you turn around and flee?”

Upon hearing the Queen, Luo Luo’s face couldn’t help but get pale. Although she has not gone to the battlefield, she had participated in magic beast hunting groups. If what the Queen said happened to her, then she would collapse immediately! The scene described by the Queen had Luo Luo shivering in fear.

The Queen looked at Luo Luo and felt that she had scared her too much. So she patted Luo Luo’s shoulder and said, “It’s because of this that the Dark Mages have become the most powerful Mages before the arrival of the Radiant Church. But there were also Dark Mages that loved to slaughter civilians in order to turn them into undead. Such Dark Mages are meant to be destroyed.

Luo Luo nodded, then the Queen looked at Luo Luo and continued, “You don’t have to doubt Mister Zhao Hai’s morals as well. The status of each of his wives aren’t low... Since you haven’t gone to the continent, they you didn’t know that the story of Mister Zhao Hai and his wives has spread to all Human nations. Mister Zhao Hai is a person who many people envy.”

Luo Luo looked at the Queen and said, “Your Majesty, is Mister Zhao Hai really famous in the continent? But he is a Dark Mage, does nobody fear him?”

The Queen shook her head and said, “Mister Zhao Hai’s reputation on the continent can only be considered to be normal. But when commoners mention his name, they couldn’t help but call him vicious and merciless. He had turned hundreds of thousands of Aksu Empire troops into undead in a single night. Hearing that, wouldn’t you also think that he was vicious and merciless?”

Chapter 617 - The Army Departs

When Luo Luo heard the Queen, her face couldn’t help but change, “Your Majesty, is that true? Did Mister Zhao Hai really turn hundreds of thousands of Aksu Empire soldiers into undead in one night? Then isn’t he a bad person? Why would the people on the continent only call him vicious and merciless?”

The Queen forced a smile and said, “People in the continent don’t differ to much with the Fishmen, they also respect strength. Mister Zhao Hai is strong, so nobody dared to offend him. Besides, mister Zhao Hai didn’t kill the Aksu Empire soldiers with no reason at all. The Aksu Empire had sent those soldiers to Mister Zhao Hai’s territory, claiming that they owned the land. Because of that, Mister Zhao Hai had no choice but be impolite.”

Luo Luo frowned and said, "Even so, mister Zhao Hai is too cold hearted. Why does he have to kill those hundreds of thousands of people?"

The Queen smiled bitterly and said, "If mister Zhao Hai didn't kill them, then he wouldn't have reached his current height. You should have heard mister Zhao Hai's purpose in coming here. The entire Ark Continent's future is at risk, he even went to the Northern Icefields personally in order to retrieve the Beastmen's Beast God's Spear. Such a person cannot be said to be cold hearted. He's someone who would not forgive his enemies while also be the one who would shelter his allies. His ideals are that simple."

When she heard the Queen, Luo Luo couldn't help but nod. It was not only the others, their Mermaid clan respects strength as well. Protecting allies and suppressing enemies was a very simple ideology in this world. Even in the Fishmen this idea is found every day. It wasn't anything strange.

The Queen gave a sigh and said, "In fact, the Sea Dragons were doing this as well. The Sharks and Electric Eels had become their close allies while they suppressed those who wouldn't side with them. It was just unfortunate that we were too loose with our surveillance. We weren't able to discover their ambitions in time."

Luo Luo also sighed, because their business dealings with the continent was short, their commodities had become scarce. Because of this, the Mermaids had decided to establish the Sea God's Merchant Union and bought what they need from the Humans. Because the Mermaids were too focused on this matter, they were unable to see the moves done by the Sea Dragons. By the time they had found out, it was already too late."

Because the Mermaids had concentrated on business, the Sea Dragons had used the opportunity to revolt, catching the Mermaids off guard. But it was fortunate that they now had a strong ally that was Zhao Hai. The Sea Dragons wouldn't be living greatly this time.

The Queen turned to Luo Luo and said, "Luo Luo, in two days, Mister Zhao Hai will go along with the others to head towards the frontlines. You should go with them as well. Although mister Zhao Hai is strong, he is still unfamiliar with the Fishman Race. You must help him with this aspect. It would be best if we defeat the Sea Dragons in one fell swoop. But even if we cannot, at the very least, push them into a defensive position. Understand?"

Luo Luo nodded and said, "I understand, Your Majesty."

The Queen nodded and said, "What are mister Zhao Hai's wives doing now? Are they doing fine? Remember to make ties with those women. Mister Zhao Hai's strength is formidable, and he is a famous merchant as well. It would be good for us to have a good relationship with him. Moreover, his wives also held great influence in the continent, don't offend them."

Luo Luo smiled and said, "Your Majesty, feel relieved. Mister Zhao Hai's wives have been doing very well. They are very friendly and have also been very good friends with our sisters."

The Queen smiled and then said, "Then that's good. This matter might be our Fishman Race's opportunity. If we can cooperate with Mister Zhao Hai, then perhaps we can openly do business with the Humans later on. After all, the Radiant Church's influence had waned in the continent. Alright, go prepare yourself, Luo Luo. You still have to follow mister Zhao Hai in two days." Luo Luo nodded and then bowed before turning around to leave.

Zhao Hai was currently inside the Space, looking at the monitor. The monitor had shown the conversation between the Queen and Luo Luo. The Queen's words made Zhao Hai very surprised. He didn't expect the Queen to have this much faith in him. But this was a good thing for Zhao Hai. Dealing with the Sea Dragons wasn't a difficult matter. In fact, those hundred thousand marine beast undead were already enough to do it. After all, these undead are very high leveled.

After Luo Luo retreated, Zhao Hai changed the monitor to another place. Then, Zhao Hai sat quietly inside. This time, his trip to the Fishmen had brought him great profits. For the Mermaid Clan to be willing to be his allies was a good thing for Zhao Hai. At the same time, Zhao Hai had found out his assessment in the continent, Vicious and Ruthless!

"Vicious and Ruthless! Hehe, it seems like I embody those two words now." Zhao Hai muttered in the living room.

Nothing happened for the rest of the day. However, there were still people who kept bringing all kinds of Magic Beasts to mermaid island. But this time, they had brought dead ones, not alive.

However, Zhao Hai was not very anxious in turning these into undead, at the same time, the Mermaids didn't look for him. On the next day, Zhao Hai went down to turn those magic beasts into undead.

Although there were still some Fishmen in the surroundings, their expressions weren't curiosity anymore, but it was fear.

After staying for two days, the Fishman Army had finally been gathered. Although the Sea Dragons had 10 million troops, Zhao Hai was still shocked to see the reinforcements that was gathered by the Mermaid Clan. This was an army of no less than 2 million people!

Seeing these numbers made Zhao Hai numb. He became speechless about the population of the Fishmen. They had just casually recruited 2 million people. While a rebel can come up with hundreds upon thousands of troops.

Zhao Hai was somewhat happy. Fortunately, the Fishmen wouldn't be able to survive on land for too long. Otherwise, the entire Continent might have already been seized by them.

This time, the Queen personally delivered Zhao Hai outside Mermaid Island. This made the other Fishmen shocked, they didn't expect the Queen to have this high respect for Zhao Hai.

In fact those people had misunderstood the Queen this time. In addition to sending Zhao Hai out, she also wanted to give an address to the troops. The one who would lead the troops this time was Dashan.

Dashan was Mermaid Island's Guard Captain. But since the situation of the frontlines had become urgent, and in addition to Dashan having prior contact with Zhao Hai, the Queen decided to just send Dashan along with this army in order to cooperate with Zhao Hai much smoother.

The vowing ceremony of the Fishmen was the same as the Humans. The Queen told a few encouraging words before assigning Dashan as the commander of the army. But at this time, Zhao Hai was now inside the body of a Blade Scale Whale.

This whale was the one from Zhao Hai's Space. He had turned this Blade Scale Whale into an undead that was the same as Alien. It's build had given them the opportunity to make it into rooms. And since the Blade Scale Whale was bigger than Alien, its room inside was very big as well. Zhao Hai had a living room, bedroom, as well as a bath installed inside.

Naturally, these things were only there as decoration. Zhao Hai would spend most of his time inside the Space.

The Blade Scale Whale was completely preserved. The layer of skin outside has been preserved as well. However, its skin had been turned transparent. One could clearly see the outside while being inside the whale.

Most importantly, there was no water that can come into the whale, so there weren't any seawater inside. At the same time, Zhao Hai can also use magic in order to ensure that they have ample amounts of air to breathe inside.

At this time, Zhao Hai was inside the whale along with Laura and the others. There was only one outsider inside, and it was the person who the Queen had sent in order to help Zhao Hai, the little mermaid Luo Luo.

The mermaids didn't have their own unique mounts. However, they had a peculiar ability that nobody had. They can turn any marine beast into their own mount. Naturally, there were also some Mermaids who decided to raise their own beasts as their mounts, but those instances were rare.

The Queen told Zhao Hai that Luo Luo would be there to help him be familiar with the various Fishman races. But she wouldn't interfere with Zhao Hai's fight.

Actually, there was no need for the Queen to tell him since he already knew about Luo Luo. But he didn't say anything and just politely invited Luo Luo inside the blade scale whale. He also prepared a room filled with sea water inside.

The reinforcement army slowly went towards the frontline. Although they had passed through some small tribes, these people were all under the rule of the Mermaids. Some small tribes even dispatched their members to aid the reinforcement army.

At the same time, there were also some Fishman tribes who would bring over some marine beast corpses. Naturally, Zhao Hai didn't become polite as he made them into undead on the spot. There were also some beasts that the army had taken along the way, so they were also handed over to Zhao Hai.

Dashan had calculated that the amount of undead that Zhao Hai had made these days had now reached over five hundred thousand. Such quantity was astonishing, it was now a fourth the amount of the reinforcing army.

At this point, the shock and fear that Dashan held towards Zhao Hai had gradually turned numb. Even if Zhao Hai managed to turn all of the beasts in the ocean into undead, he wouldn't be surprised anymore.

Although their number is huge, their advancement wasn't slow. This was the sea, not the land, so the army doesn't need to worry about terrain, grass, nor food. This was the ocean where there were too many kinds of low level magic beasts. These people cannot even finish eating their food, much less worry about it.

Chapter 618 - Defensive Line

It was already dark, and they were already deep in the sea and could only barely get some sunlight. However, there were still a lot of them to the point where many smaller Fishmen have been pushed near the surface, which made them the target for some aerial magic beasts. During their day trip they didn't rest even for a bit, therefore, they needed to get some sleep in the evening.

Zhao Hai and the others were now inside the Blade Scale Whale's living room. It had been a few days since they had gone out of Mermaid Island. However, they didn't have much time for each other because Luo Luo was with them. And since Laura and the others had become close friends with her, they would oftentimes sleep with each other. Because of that, Zhao Hai had very small opportunities to talk with his wives.

Today, Luo Luo had finally rested on her own. So Zhao Hai and the others gained the opportunity to gather inside the Space. Zhao Hai looked at Laura and the others' expression, they seemed like they hadn't had a good sleep for a while. Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile and said, "What's wrong? You haven't been resting in the Space lately, didn't have a good sleep?"

Laura smiled bitterly and said, "I really don't know why, but Mermaids are very cold. It would be strange if one can sleep comfortably with them."

Lizzy nodded as well and said, "But I still envy the Mermaids. Surprisingly, they cannot look old. No matter how high their age is, they would still look like they are 20 years old."

This was the first time that Zhao Hai had heard of this matter. He couldn't help but look at Lizzy and said, "Oh, is that it? No wonder I can't see any old mermaids during our stay in Mermaid Island. Also, why aren't there any men in their clan? How do they reproduce?"

When Megan heard Zhao Hai, her face couldn't help but turn red, then she looked at Zhao Hai and said, "The Mermaids have a secret ability. After a certain age, as long as they eat a special fruit from mermaid island, they would get pregnant and bear a child. There is also another way, once a Queen reaches 40 years old, she can use a special method to make an egg of which little mermaids would hatch from. But this method would harm the Queen's vitality. Something that the fruit would not."

Zhao Hai stared, then he muttered and said, "So it's like that. No wonder I can't see any men. Haha. So what have you been doing in Mermaid Island? Did you have fun? Also, did you manage to see the fruit?"

Megan looked at Zhao Hai's expression and couldn't help but chuckle, "I already know which question you want answered. And yes, we did see it. The fruit only grows in Mermaid Island. The fruit is in the root itself, and it directly absorbs nutrients from the sea, it was very mysterious. We begged for half a day before they allowed us to get a section of the root. Cai'er has placed it in the warehouse."

Zhao Hai replied, "Oh? I didn't know about this. Cai'er, quickly show me the root." Cai'er nodded and then took the root out.

After the root was taken out, a prompt immediately came from the Space, "Discovered a root that is full of vitality. The vitality of everything in the Space has been improved. If planted in the Space, the root's vitality would get stronger and stronger. Space has levelled up to level 59. Looking forward to the Host's further efforts."

Zhao Hai stared before he became exhilarated with joy. He immediately had Cai'er pick a place to plant the root. In the end, the root was planted right beside the villa with Cai'er taking good care of it.

Megan and the others didn't expect the root to upgrade the Space. After Zhao Hai planted the roots, he couldn't help but turn to Laura and the others before laughing happily, "My wives, you really did great

this time. Let this one give you a present. We'll work hard in making the next generation!" Then he pulled Megan into the villa. Although Laura and the others were blushing, they still followed behind...

The army had travelled for 13 days by now, at this point, they were already in a place not too far away from the frontlines. They were currently preparing to take a rest so that they can reach the frontlines in one go.

Naturally, Zhao Hai didn't object to this. He also wasn't idling in these past few days. In addition to turning Magic Beasts into undead, Zhao Hai had also been learning how to lead an underwater army from Dashan.

In the war between Humans and the Beastmen, Zhao Hai had managed to learn how the Humans and the Beastmen lead their troops. However, the methods used by the Fishmen were different. First, while the Beastmen and Humans needed to worry about logistics, the Fishmen did not, so Zhao Hai didn't need to worry about that aspect anymore. And another was the fact that Fishmen Army can move in three dimensions while the Humans and Beastmen can only use the flat land. Leading and fighting in this three dimensional battlefield was a completely different world to Zhao Hai.

A Human and Beastman Race army's advance was divided into the Vanguard, the Center Army, and the Rear Guard. Those three were the most common formation for any army in the continent. But the Fishmen had a different approach, compared to the continent, the formations of the Fishmen were much more complicated. If the continent's army can be seen as three blocks, a Fishman army would be just like a Rubik's Cube. Each face of the cube would have 9 armies while the most important officials of the army would be at the core of the cube.

This way of leading an army made Zhao Hai's eyes blank. This kind can of formation can not only attack, it can also defend properly while at the same time, leaving enough room for retreat. There were a lot of possibilities with such a formation, it was really an eye-opener.

This arrangement of the Fishmen was naturally much more difficult to manage compared to Human armies. It was great that they didn't need to worry about logistics. Otherwise, Zhao Hai reckoned that even those Fishman generals would have trouble in going to war.

Dashan is the captain of the Mermaid clan's guards, so his ability was certainly not average. Although this army comprised of 2 million people, Dashan still managed to easily take command. Looking at him made Zhao Hai learn a lot.

In order to learn how Dashan was leading the army, Zhao Hai stayed close to him these past few days. He even had Cai'er record his movements. Before Zhao Hai went to take a rest at night, he would repeatedly look and review Dashan's way of leading his troops.

Laura and the others had become curious as well, so they also joined Zhao Hai's research. In the end, Zhao Hai had found out that he had no talent in leading an army. If he were to be a commander, he can only be a vice or someone who managed a small division. If they really had him lead, who knows what would happen?

What surprised Zhao Hai was the fact that Lizzy and Megan seemed to have talent in leading armies. If they were to lead an army, they would surely find it quite easy.

As for Laura, she was already a mighty force in commerce, so her skills in commanding an army was only on par with Zhao Hai. The two almost had the same talent.

Seeing this situation, Zhao Hai decided to stop studying and just had Megan and Lizzy learn it instead. In any case, they had nothing else to do. Generally, they would go and help Laura in managing the Buda Clan's matters. But in fact, Laura alone was enough to do all those things. But it was good that they now had something else to do, this made them much happier with this development than Zhao Hai.

However, they still couldn't be considered genuine commanders at this point. After all, the things that they had learned this time were only about Battle Formations. They still had very few knowledge about the battlefield itself.

Zhao Hai wasn't under anyone's command, so as soon as the battle against the Sea Dragons start, they would have a chance to lead an army. This would give the two some experience in combat.

The next morning, Zhao Hai and the others hurried on towards the frontlines. Zhao Hai also asked Luo Luo about the current situation there.

The frontline was in a very special terrain, on its left side was a trench. This trench was called the death pit by the Fishmen because of the cold undercurrent present in its deeper parts. This undercurrent was invisible, and it doesn't matter if it's a beast or Fishman, once they get in contact with this undercurrent,

they would immediately be frozen to death. And after getting washed away, they would immediately shatter into pieces. Most importantly, this place was also the domain of the devil octopuses.

The devil octopuses were top level magic beasts of the sea. Every grown devil octopus possessed nearly 9th rank strength. And they were the only beings that were able to survive in the trench. Fortunately, devil octopuses rarely went out of their territory. But even so, this area was still labelled as forbidden by the Fishman population.

On the right side of the frontline was also another restricted area, the Soul Sucking Reef! This reef was densely covered in corals. All of those who went inside it had never managed to come out. The Fishmen had already sent people to examine the place. They didn't go too deep, but they understood that the situation inside was indeed very alarming.

In Soul Sucking Reef, as long as someone goes in, they would immediately lose all sense of direction. They would find themselves to be walking around in circles. This kind of trap works in all directions, not just in two dimensions. Additionally, there were also poisonous magic beasts inside. The threat that those magic beasts posed weren't something to be scoffed at either. Once you are poisoned, you won't be spared.

Because of these two places, the Mermaid Clan had decided to place their defensive line here. This place was the most appropriate place to establish their defense. The ocean was just too big, and since the Fishmen didn't build any cities, it would be nearly impossible just to find a place to bunker up.

While depending on the terrain, the Mermaid Clan managed to establish a defensive line of about a thousand li(500km). Although the present army only comprised of 6 million troops, they were still able to block the attacks of the Sea Dragons for more than a month.

Zhao Hai's army was only the first batch of reinforcements. There would still be a second and third batch that would be coming in the next few days. After those armies arrive, the true battle would start.

However, since Zhao Hai had joined, everything had suddenly changed. In the past few days, Zhao Hai had already amassed over 1 million marine undead beasts. Additionally, he can also turn any corpse into undead at any time.

Chapter 619 - Azure Dragon Battle Snail

When Zhao Hai arrived at the frontline, he was stunned. He wasn't expecting the frontline to be like this.

The way the Fishmen set-up their defensive line was completely different from the Humans. A Human's defensive line would have to be a castle or some kind of wall or so on. But the Fishmen's defensive line was a completely different thing. There were no structures present whatsoever. The place can only be described as extremely clean. It was a place that was unusually clean for a place where slaughter would happen constantly.

Zhao Hai looked around and sure enough, he couldn't see an army on the left and right sides of the defensive line. Only in the middle, about a thousand miles away, was an army of Fishmen. They didn't have any camps and were just arranged in a square matrix pattern. These squares would comprise of people of the same tribe. There were nearly a thousand squares in this area.

These squares were all three dimensional. Some were close to the surface while some were close to the bottom of the sea. There were cubes all around, it would make someone stare for a long time.

After Zhao Hai and the others arrived, they didn't immediately join the defense army. Instead, they stopped at a distance before the defensive line. Zhao Hai knew that this was due to Dashan. If they joined the defense army, they might disrupt their present formation. And breaking a defensive formation was not something to joke about.

After the reinforcing army stopped, Dashan went towards Zhao Hai's Blade Scale Whale. Zhao Hai was now aware of the benefits of being a Dark Mage. It was the fact that nobody dared to bother you. The more than 2 million troops, from the beginning until now, had stayed far away from Zhao Hai's Blade Scale Whale. One could even clearly see that they would take an effort to circumvent the Blade Scale Whale whenever the fishmen passed by it.

Regarding this situation, Zhao Hai can only bitterly smile. There was no other way around this. The ways of a Dark Mage were really strange, too strange that it would inflict fear on those around them.

Seeing Dashan approaching him, Zhao Hai immediately went towards the mouth of the whale. When he reached the mouth, Zhao Hai used water magic to keep the water from coming in before he had the whale open its mouth.

After some time, Dashan had finally arrived and saw that Zhao Hai was already standing there. He immediately gave Zhao Hai a bow and said, "I've seen mister Zhao Hai. I ask mister Zhao Hai to join me in meeting General Luo Ying."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, please take the lead, Captain." Dashan nodded and then turned his mount towards a large fishman formation.

Zhao Hai commanded the Blade Scale Whale to follow Dashan. There were nobody else beside Dashan, he was completely alone. Zhao Hai did the same as well, he only had the Blade Scale Whale appear while collecting all other undead. He didn't want a large group of undead to unnecessarily swim all around the place.

Before long, the two of them entered the large formation. Upon entering, Zhao Hai had come across some Fishmen that he hasn't seen before. And all of them had eyes curiously looking at Zhao Hai while Zhao Hai also looked at them curiously.

It didn't take a long time before they reached the core of the entire formation. Most importantly, the core of the formation was also the place where the commander of the army was. While Zhao Hai was still far away, his gaze couldn't help but freeze. In the middle of this large formation was something that made him gawk, it was very enormous conch!

The conch was very enormous, it was nearly 100 meters high, even city walls can only be 30 meters high. This conch was azure, And the patterns on its body looked just like a coiling dragon.

Upon seeing this conch, Zhao Hai couldn't help but gawk. This was because he knew what which being this conch belonged to. It was from the extremely famous Azure Dragon Snail!

Azure Dragon Snails weren't only famous among the Fishmen, even the Humans were in awe of such a being. This snail had two points of importance, first was its defensive capability, and the other was its very formidable support Water Magic.

This Azure Dragon Snail doesn't grow up easily either. It would grow by about 1 meter every ten years. For such an Azure Dragon Snail to reach this big, it should have been living for more than a millenium. If

one places this in the continent, it would undoubtedly become an extremely priceless treasure. Even the Fishmen would see this Snail's value as immeasurable.

Laura and the others were at Zhao Hai's side, looking dumbfoundedly on this incomparably huge Azure Dragon Snail. They didn't think that there would be an Azure Dragon Snail this big. One must know that even a young Azure Dragon Snail would be able to block a 9th rank experts attack, showing how strong their defensive capabilities were. And as long as you have an Azure Dragon Snail, your Water Magics would be improved by 300%. Naturally, this support magic was something extremely terrifying in battle.

Even more so with this thousand year old Azure Dragon Snail, its abilities should be endless at this point. This snail could maybe even resist the attacks of several 9th rank experts for quite a long time.

This Azure Dragon Snail was itself a 9th rank magic beast. But for this magic beast, its courage was extremely small. Even a hundred year old 9th rank Azure Dragon Snail would still be afraid of any 8th rank magic beast.

The food of Azure Dragon Snails were also very special. They can only eat one type of seaweed and it was a type of seaweed that was very scarce. Because of this, the population of Azure Dragon Snails was extremely small. In the entire ocean, there might only be one or two more Azure Dragon Snails of this size.

Luo Luo looked at their expressions and couldn't help but feel a sense of pride, with a proud voice she said, "This is our Mermaid clan's special Battle Snail. After generations of refining, this Azure Dragon Snail can block and counter the attacks of six 9th rank experts. For our counter attack against the Sea Dragons, Her Majesty has allowed General Luo Ying to use this Azure Dragon Snail."

It was at this point that Zhao Hai and the others had recovered, the group couldn't help but inhale cold air. This Azure Dragon Snail was unexpectedly very formidable, they didn't expect it to be able to withstand the attacks of six 9th rank experts. One must know that it can't only block, it can retaliate as well. This meant that the power of this snail was more or less equivalent to six 9th rank experts. It was really astonishing.

Most importantly, Luo Luo had mentioned something peculiar. The snail was actually refined by the Mermaids for generations. Does this mean that this Azure Dragon Snail was a product of refining? This information alone is worth the shock.

Fishmen lived their whole lives underwater, this meant that they had close to zero chances of using fire. But it was general knowledge that refinement involved fire of some sort. How could the Mermaid clan use fire to refine this Azure Dragon Snail? This was inconceivable.

After seeing the reactions of Zhao Hai and the others, Luo Luo couldn't help but chuckle as she added, "Is mister surprised by the fact that our Mermaid clan was able to do refining? In fact, this was largely due to a great Queen from 3000 years ago. This Queen was a 9th rank expert herself, but she was much more interested in crafting. After years of experimentation, she finally invented a way to refine using water. It was a way of refining that uses fire, not water, in order to process the materials. This refining process was very effective as well. Our Mermaid clan's goods might not be as good as the Dwarves, but we can claim that we aren't much worse than those made by the Human Race."

Zhao Hai and the others stared at Luo Luo, this was the first time that they had heard of such a thing. Can someone really use water to refine? That is incredible!

At the same time, Zhao Hai had developed full respect towards that great Queen. Zhao Hai knew that water refinement was completely different from using fire to refine. For that Great Queen to invent this method was a very great feat. If the continent was to learn this, the whole refining theory would be completely turned upside down.

Luo Luo looked at Zhao Hai and said, "We Fishmen can also find some metals underwater. Additionally, there are also beast bones as well as precious stones and special seaweeds. These things can all be refined into weapons of other things. The trident that Dashan uses was made from refining beast bones and precious stones. Not only is its hardness on par with metals, it is also quite tough. Most importantly, it also couldn't be corroded easily. Those kinds of weapons are the most suitable for the Fishmen."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he couldn't bear but sigh, "That Great Queen was really talented. Only a genius could come up with such a method."

Luo Luo proudly nodded, but her expression turned gloomy as she said, "However, this water refining also has a lot of limitations. It's output is quite limited since not all Fishman can use it. The ones who could use this method are only those who belong to my Mermaid Race. Because of that, the amount of people we had given good weapons only number in the few."

Zhao Hai nodded, he thought that it was reasonable. If this water refining method had no limitations, then the strength of the whole Fishmen Race would certainly increase explosively. The sea was a whole

mass of water. If all the Fishmen were to use this Water Refining method, then wouldn't the ocean become a huge weapon processing factory?

Luo Luo then said, "Millenniums ago, our Mermaid Clan has obtained this Azure Dragon Snail. At that time, the Snail was already dead, only leaving this huge conch behind. After we brought the conch to Mermaid Island, the Queen immediately refined it along with numerous other Mermaids. And after refining this conch for several hundred years, it became like this. At this point, the strength of this Azure Dragon Snail had reached great heights."

Zhao Hai sighed once again, he was truly amazed this time. Although the Buda Clan had become very strong, it still lacked so much history compared to thousand year old forces. This history had truly shown its might at this moment.

The Mermaid clan was able to make this powerful conch largely due to their hundreds of years of refining. This was something that the Buda Clan would never have, they didn't have such a deep history.

At this time, Zhao Hai and Dashan were not in front of the battle snail. When they were close, they could see how extraordinary this snail was. The draconic image on the snail seems to be able to fly into the skies at any time. And if one looks closely, one would find that there was some metallic sheen to it. This showed how hard it was.

When Zhao Hai's group got close to the snail, several Mermaids swam out of it and blocked them from proceeding.

Chapter 620 - Cone Attack

When Zhao Hai saw the Mermaids, he couldn't help but stare. The Mermaids that he saw before were either wearing shells or a long seaweed gown. He wasn't able to see them wearing any other clothing. Laura and the others also asked the Mermaids about the reason why they don't wear much clothing. The reason was because not wearing anything made them feel the water element much easier. For their cultivation, this was something very good.

But these Mermaids that just came out of the Azure Dragon Snail wore something that Zhao Hai had not seen before. They were all on full body armor, they also had a Magic Staff on their hands.

The armor of these Mermaids seem to be made out of shells and bones of magic beasts. It was dark blue and looked very beautiful. It also had a helmet that made the originally sweet and pretty Mermaids look very heroic.

The Magic Staff on their hands looked very special as well, it was probably made out of crystals. It was a translucent carving that glittered from time to time. At the same time, it also looked quite tough, it might be even possible to use it as a weapon.

Zhao Hai looked at these Mermaids and couldn't help but smile bitterly. These Mermaids are really unique. Not only are they born with an innate affinity for water, they are also innately Water Mages. Moreover, they can also control marine beasts while also having very strong physical strength that was enough to be a threat. They were almost perfect beings.

After the Mermaids blocked Zhao Hai's group, they inspected them first before they gave the two a bow and said, "The General is already waiting for Captain Dashan and Mister Zhao Hai. Please follow us."

Zhao Hai and Dashan nodded, and then swam towards the Azure Dragon Snail. The space inside the snail was not small, however, Zhao Hai and Dashan's mounts weren't allowed to enter. It seems like it would be difficult for them to make a turn inside.

Zhao Hai turned to Luo Luo and the others and then said, "The space here is not so big, so I need to collect the Blade Scale Whale. Luo Luo, you can swim by yourself. You guys, come with me."

Laura and the others nodded and then gathered to Zhao Hai's side. Then Zhao Hai wielded his staff as a giant bubble surrounded them. After that, Zhao Hai collected the Blade Scale Whale.

Now that the Blade Scale Whale has been collected, the space inside the snail had gotten much bigger. Luo Luo swam towards the other Mermaids and gave them a salute before calling them sisters. The warrior Mermaids also returned Luo Luo's gesture, none of them looked down on her.

Dashan also dismounted from his whale. After that, the group went towards the Azure Dragon Snail and then entered it. After a while, they came into a hall which was made out of animal bones and aquatic plants. The floor as well as some chairs and tables were made out of either bone or wood. All of it was arranged to look like a warrior's hall.

But what made Zhao Hai surprised was the fact that there wasn't a drop of water in this hall. On the innermost part of the hall was a couch, the couch looked like a small bed. And a Mermaid warrior was lying on this couch.

When Zhao Hai's group entered the hall, Dashan and Luo Luo simultaneously bowed towards the Mermaid warrior, "This one has seen General Luo Ying."

Luo Ying looked up to Luo Luo and the others before nodding. Zhao Hai also led Laura and the others and said, "Zhao Hai has seen General Luo Ying"

Luo Ying stood up and then returned Zhao Hai's gesture, "Luo Ying has seen Mister Zhao Hai. Our Mermaid clan is deeply grateful for Mister Zhao Hai's assistance." Her voice sounded somewhat chilly. Although she had the same attractive features as the other mermaids, she seems quite different. The Queen had an aura of elegance and maturity, Luo Luo gave out an aura of energy, like a beauty under sunlight. But this General appeared somewhat chilly, she was like a beauty that also held a martial aura.

After exchanging greetings, Luo Ying asked Zhao Hai and the others to sit down. Then Luo Ying turned to Dashan and said, "You came just in time. The Sea Dragons have been increasing the intensity of their attacks these past few days. Moreover, they seemed to have a lot of experts that were helping them, causing us heavy losses. At this moment, the defense army has been reduced to four million troops. It's fortunate that you came in order to supplement the losses."

Dashan became shocked, "The Sea Dragons had help? Who?"

Luo Ying shook her head, then her brows wrinkled as she said, "I don't know yet. But they don't seem to be Fishmen. They have been using Dragon Beads in order to repel water."

Zhao Hai looked puzzled at Luo Ying and said, "General, can you tell me what these water repelling Dragon Beads are? I'm quite curious about them."

Luo Ying wasn't planning on hiding anything from Zhao Hai. So she nodded and then pointed to two gems in front her and said, "These are Dragon Beads. They are something made from the eyes of Sea Dragons. No matter how deep you are, once you have one of these in your body, a shield would surround you. This would repel the surrounding water while at the same time, allowing you to breath

naturally. But since Sea Dragons get buried as soon as they die, these Dragon Beads weren't very common."

Zhao Hai turned his attention towards the two blue beads. These beads don't look like eyes. They were as big as one's fist and looked just like two ordinary gems.

Luo Ying looked at Zhao Hai's expression and said, "After Sea Dragons die, their eyes would slowly contract before turning into this appearance. These Dragon Beads have been used by the Sea Dragon's helpers in order to give up huge losses. All of them were very strong moreover, there seems to be a lot of them. I suspect that after Sea Dragons die, their kinsmen would get their beads to use in times like these."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he turned to Luo Ying and said, "General, why haven't they attacked today?"

Luo Ying shook her head and said, "They've already attacked once but then drew back. I believe they would attack again soon." Then after she said that, a rumbling sound was then heard from outside.

Luo Ying's face changed as she said, "They're attacking!" Then she waved her hand as a water curtain appeared on the hall. The water curtain rippled before it showed the situation outside. But compared to Zhao Hai's monitor, the curtain was somewhat unclear, it was quite blurry.

However, this was still enough to surprise Zhao Hai and the others. This was the first time that they had seen someone else use a kind of magic that was similar to the monitor. If they knew about this magic before, they might already have a reason to use the monitor outside.

Although they have been surprised, Zhao Hai still kept his focus on the image that was on the curtain. They were attracted to the the fight that was about to happen.

They saw an army approaching from the opposite side. But the formation of this army was very strange. It looked like a huge cone and was constantly rotating. The tip of this cone was a big Fishman. The person had white skin and was about 5 meters tall. He had a large bone spear on his hand while having two large fins on his side and a large one behind him. He had a big bald head and was opening his mouth, revealing a row of sharp teeth. He looked like a terrifying monster that would inflict fear on anyone.

At this time, Luo Ying opened her mouth and said, "They're using the cone formation this time. The one top the lead is a shark, a famous warrior named Sha Meng. Although this person is only 8th rank, his innate talent in weapons is terrifying. Moreover, he has a strong resistance towards magic. He is very difficult to deal with. In the ten times that they had attacked, 6 of them has him in the lead."

Then Zhao Hai saw that the defenders have also changed. Their formation had become similar to a swirling vortex. The center of the vortex was facing the tip of the cone. Once the cone stabbed into the vortex, the whole thing immediately released blood. The surrounding seas have been turned red.

At this moment, Dashan stood up, he bowed to Luo Ying and said, "General, let me join the fight. That Sha Meng has been quite fierce!" Dashan was also a famous warrior among the Whales. The Whales have always been stronger than the Sharks. So when he saw how that Sha Meng was being fierce, Dashan couldn't help but get the itch to fight.

But Luo Ying shook her head and said, "Don't worry, someone would be able to repel Sha Meng. You just arrived, so you needed rest. This time is just a probing attack, in a while, they would retreat."

Dashan sat down, but his eyes still showed his stubbornness as he stared at the water curtain. Although the image on the water curtain was clouded by blood, Dashan still kept staring, as though Sha Meng might come out of it any second.

Sure enough, just as Luo Ying said, this was just a probing attack. Before long, the opposite party had started to draw back, with the rear guard personally led by Sha Meng. After the confrontation, Sha Meng didn't look tired, in fact, he even had the look of excitement.

Seeing the opposite side retreat, Luo Ying took down the water curtain before she turned to Zhao Hai and Dashan before saying, "This attack happens every day for several times. Since this time is only a probe, the next one would be more violent."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "General, can I head out first while it is still convenient to refine those corpses?"

When Luo Ying heard this, she couldn't help but look deeply at Zhao Hai. Then she nodded and said, "Alright, let's go." After that, she took the lead as she stood up and went out.

Upon exiting the Azure Dragon Snail, Zhao Hai immediately summoned his Blade Scale Whale. He tried to invite Luo Ying inside the whale but she snorted before she called a huge seahorse over from the snail. When the seahorse came over, Luo Ying immediately rode it and had it slowly swim towards Zhao Hai's whale. At the same time, Dashan also rode his mount and went to the other side of Zhao Hai's whale.

The other Mermaid warriors also called their mounts over and followed behind Luo Ying. Their mounts were also seahorses, and they were all well trained. These seahorses were green and had occasional blue spots on their bodies, their height exceeded five meters. Contrary to what Zhao Hai expected, these seahorses didn't hop around. They moved stably when they move forward, moreover, they were also quite fast.