

Chapter 71: The Duke's Arrival

It is already spring on the island in March, and the temperature rises quickly. Henry was sitting in the lobby listening to Hawke's report. Since the beginning of spring, many people have come here admiringly, wanting to live and live in the Angome Islands. The large number of people has brought many safety hazards. According to reports, recent brawls in the city have occurred from time to time. Most of the reasons are because the original residents looked down on the new immigrants, thinking that they did not participate in the construction of the territory and should not enjoy the same rights. At present, he has no good way to solve this problem. He can only strengthen patrols and wait a few years to solve it.

While the two were discussing, a messenger ran in at the gate. He went to the hall and knelt down on one knee and said to the two of them, My lord, my lord, the Duke of Anta Silvershield is arriving soon, and the watchman on the lighthouse has seen the flag on his fleet.

A smile appeared on Henry's face, and the duke finally came. He said to the person kneeling on the ground: You have done a good job, go down and receive the reward. The messenger stood up and bowed, then followed the butler and left the hall.

Hawk stroked his meticulously combed hair. It seems that we will have a large amount of gold coins in the account soon. I hope His Excellency the Duke's fleet is big enough, otherwise it won't be able to hold so many spices in the warehouse.

Shikodi came in from the door. She smiled and said to Hawke: Sir, you underestimate my brother. I bet he must have recruited a lot of businessmen, otherwise there is no way to recruit him with his strength. So many ships.

Henry looked at his wife with a smile. I hope he won't take credit, I'm dying of poverty now. Building the mage's tower cost almost all my savings.

Hearing this sentence, Shikodi laughed out loud. Oh! Dear, if I remember correctly, last month you also received 450,000 gold coins from the settlement of the Seven Sun Alliance. If you are still poor, let us only have a few thousand gold coins every month How do men live. You are right, Sir Hawke.

The old captain stood up and saluted. Ma'am, this is a difficult question to explain. It is like a hundred gold coins to the difference between you and ordinary people. Maybe it is just a beautiful dress or a piece of jewelry to you, but For ordinary people, that is a lot of money that can change your life. In the same way, 450,000 gold coins may mean a lot to

you, but to the earl, it may be just a few magic experiments or making a few alchemy coins. cost of goods.

Shikodi's eyes lit up and looked at Hawke. It's very kind of you to say it. I didn't realize you were a philosopher before. That really surprised me, sir.

Hawke bowed slightly proudly. I am extremely honored by your compliment.

Henry sat aside and covered his face with his hands. He felt that these two people were acting like a stage play. But it seems that all the nobles around here are talking like this.

He hastily interrupted the mutual flattery between the two. Honey, your brother is coming soon. Shall we go to the port to greet him? And you and my sir, as the mayor of the city, don't you think there should be a welcoming ceremony? After hearing his words, the poem Cody immediately ran upstairs to make up and change clothes, while Hawke stood up and said thank you for your reminder before rushing out the door. Twenty minutes later, three people arrived at the pier with a guard of one hundred people.

As soon as the Duke's ship docked, he stepped off the ship and gave Henry and Skody a hug. Hello Earl Angomey, I am so glad to see you. And you, my dear sister, I am relieved to see you now.

Henry smiled and said, You are welcome to the Duke of my territory. Get in the carriage with me and go back to the lord's mansion. We will talk about other matters when we get home. Anta Yindun nodded and followed Henry into the carriage. Under the escort of the guards, the group returned to the Lord's Mansion.

As soon as he entered the hall, the Duke couldn't wait to ask: Count, I heard that your territory has started selling spices. I don't know if you have reserved my share.

After sitting down, Henry signaled the butler to serve some drinks, and then said to the Duke: I only sold half of it to the outside world, and the other half is in the warehouse. I don't know if His Excellency the Duke has the ability to take them all away.

Anta Yindun picked up his glass and took a sip of wine. You need to look at your inventory. I only brought six ships this time. I don't know if I can load them or not.

Shikodi stood up and said to Henry: Honey, let me accompany my brother to the warehouse.

Henry nodded and said to his wife: Then you brothers and sisters can just chat, but remember to come back for dinner earlier. Shi Kodi stood up and took the Duke to the warehouse where the spices were stored.

On the way, Anta Yindun looked at his younger sister and asked, Shikodi, are you happy in your married life?

Shi Kodi smiled and nodded and replied to her elder brother: My marriage is very happy, you have chosen a good husband for me.

The Duke smiled. Then I'm relieved, but I want to remind you that it's best to give birth to a male heir as soon as possible. Only in this way will your status be more stable. You must know that a man like him will have many **s.

After hearing this sentence, Shi Kodi frowned. You don't need to worry about this matter, this is a private matter of the Angomei family.

Anta Yindun looked at his sister in astonishment and thought: I didn't expect Shikodi, who was a little cowardly before, to change so much after getting married. It seems that it is impossible to obtain more benefits from her in the future. . The two of them never said a word to each other, and kept silent all the way to the warehouse.

The guard at the door bowed deeply after seeing that it was the countess, and hurriedly opened the door. Seeing the mountains of spices piled up inside, the Duke took a deep breath of the air here, and he gently grabbed a little bit with his hand and put it in his mouth to chew. It's a fine spice. It hasn't been dried for a year. It's really fragrant. I want them all. Now let's talk about the price.

Shi Kodi glanced expressionlessly. Then let's go back and find my husband now. He always makes the big decisions. After speaking, he turned and walked out. The Duke stood there awkwardly and hesitated for a while before following. It didn't take long for the two of them to return to the Lord's Mansion. When they walked into the hall, Henry saw his wife's expressionless face and thought: It must be what Anta Yindun said that offended her.

He stood up and said to the Duke, Well, my goods are not bad.

Anta Yindun smiled and replied: I want all the very good spices. Now we should talk about the price. What do you think of the 600,000 gold coins?

Henry glanced at his wife, Shi Kodi shook his head slightly. He smiled and said to the duke, I think the price is a bit low. You should know that I can earn more by selling it to other merchants.

Anta Yindun lowered his head and thought for a while. Then 650,000 gold coins, if there is more, I won't be able to get cash.

Henry waved his hand. I think it would be better to pay a deposit of 400,000 yuan at a time, and then we will share it through sales.

The Duke's eyes lit up when he heard these words. This is a good way. I think fifty-fifty is the most fair.

Henry shook his head. You are too greedy, my duke, four to six, I six to you four. You must know that there is no other place on the west coast where spices can be grown except here.

Anta Silver Shield thought for a while, finally gritted his teeth and said, Count, you are a greedy devil, well, I agree. Let's sign the contract now.

Henry asked the housekeeper to draft two contracts and brought them over. The two signed each other's names after reading and confirming that they were correct. The Count breathed a sigh of relief. I'll have someone deliver the gold coins tomorrow morning, and I should be able to pick up the goods in the afternoon.

He handed over the contract to his wife Henry who was beside him and nodded. That's right, you can pick up the gold coins at any time after they arrive. But I think you'd better hire some workers at the dock, otherwise the sailors on your ship might not be enough for such a long journey.

Thank you for your reminder, I will hire the moving workers in advance. The Duke replied.

At this time, the butler came over and said to Henry after a salute, Count, dinner is ready. Is the banquet open?

Henry glanced at the Duke. Let's start the banquet. I think His Excellency the Duke must be hungry. Then one dish after another was served on the table, and a total of twenty different delicacies were neatly arranged.

Anta Yindun glanced in surprise. Count, you are really spending too much money. These expensive ingredients cost hundreds of gold coins once at Baldur's Gate.

Henry made a gesture of please. You're welcome, Duke, these are our specialties. Some dishes are specially prepared for you, and you won't be able to eat them when you leave here. After speaking, everyone began to enjoy a sumptuous dinner. During the whole meal, Shi Kodi kept a straight face and said nothing, which made the atmosphere at the table extremely weird. After eating something, the Duke excused himself from the fatigue of the journey, and Henry hurriedly asked the housekeeper to take him to the guest room to rest.

After Anta Yindun left, Shikodi said angrily to her husband: My brother is too much, he actually wants to interfere with our housework. And he even satirized me for not having children.

Henry stood up and pressed his wife on the shoulder. Don't be angry dear, these are some small tricks that nobles often use. It is not surprising that these small tricks can become a joke at any time as long as we continue to be strong.

Shikodi calmed down a little after taking a few deep breaths, she looked at her husband and said, You'd better make that damned brother of mine disappear from our territory quickly, or I'll get angry when I see him.

Henry looked at the childish Shikodi. I promise to let him leave with the goods as soon as possible after getting the deposit tomorrow. Don't worry about three days at most, I promise to make him disappear from your sight.

Shikodi nodded and hugged her husband tightly. We've been married for a year, why am I not pregnant yet. Is there something wrong with me?

Henry stroked his wife's hair. Don't worry, both of us are fine. Don't forget that I am still a druid. If I have any physical symptoms, I will report them as soon as possible. Then Henry stayed with his wife for two hours, Seeing that Shi Kodi, who was feeling a little lost, fell asleep.

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Chapter 72 Summoning and Golems

In the next two days, after the Duke paid the deposit in order to avoid embarrassment, he quickly loaded the goods onto the ship and returned to Baldur's Gate. After he left, Shikodi's mood immediately improved a lot, and the weird atmosphere at home also disappeared. Henry returned to the Wizard's Tower after spending a few days at home with his wife, mother and naughty sister. Now that he has enough money and the power of the mage tower is sufficient, he can't wait to summon some creature guards and make some magic items. When he came to the bondage, he began to use the power of the mage tower to cast summoning magic,

The powerful energy formed a portal in the center of the room. Within a few minutes, two very beautiful women walked out slowly from the inside. They had elf-like facial features, and their eyes exuded a strange emerald green brilliance. His dark brown skin was smooth and attractive, and his green hair fell loosely on his shoulders. The taller one kept staring at Henry, and after a while she asked, Hello, handsome mage. Is there anything you can do to summon us here? You must know that the dryad cannot leave his tree for too long of.

Henry raised his sanity and vigilance to the limit, and the two dryads exuded an aura of nature and beauty. He has a fatal attraction to men, and he doesn't want to be charmed just because of his carelessness.

After bowing slightly, Henry replied: I am the master of this mage tower, I hope you can take care of my arcane garden and guard it.

As I said just now, the dryad can't leave his tree for too long. Otherwise, he will get sick and die. We can't satisfy your request. The dryad replied with a frown.

Henry said with a smile: You can tell me the location of the tree, and I will transplant the tree to the Arcane Garden together. This way you can get closer to your own tree.

The two dryads looked at each other helplessly, the mage in front of him was obviously very careful. The power of the mage tower has been used to restrain them in place, and ordinary charm obviously does not work. In the end, he could only nod helplessly. Well you win, prudent mage, we can help you tend and guard the garden.

After getting the specific location, Henry directly used the power of the mage tower to teleport himself to the side of two huge oak trees in the forest. Using the power of the druid to touch the trunk, after confirming that it was correct, he began to use spells to turn the soil. An hour later the great oak had been transplanted into the arcane gardens of the mage's tower, and he turned for the Bindings. The two tree spirits sat quietly on the ground, and they already felt that their trees had been transplanted nearby.

Henry came in and took out a magic contract. He said to the tree spirit: I believe you have already felt that I have planted two oak trees in the Arcane Garden. Now as long as I sign this contract, I will let go of the bondage. In the future, except for a few special places, you can move freely in the mage tower. The slightly shorter dryad took the contract and looked at it carefully. The general content above is: it is not allowed to use charm spells on anyone living here, you are not allowed to leave the mage tower at will within a radius of 200 meters, you must take care of all the plants in the garden, and you are not allowed to show up in front of the apprentices etc.

Seeing these two dryads heaved a sigh of relief, but fortunately there are no special terms of service. They bit their fingers and signed their names, and returned the contract to the mage in front of them. After Henry got it, he glanced at the signatures below. The tall one was called Wendy, and the short one was called Casey.

He then freed the two dryads from the mage's tower. Then Wendy and Casey, I will hand over my arcane garden to you. Here are some seeds of magical plants, and you are responsible for planting them. Wendy took a bag of seeds and took Casey to run quickly To the Arcane Gardens, they were anxious to see how their trees were doing.

After sending the dryad away, Henry continued to summon, this time he summoned 500 pixies. As soon as these naughty little things came out, they flew back and forth between the restraints, making Henry's eyes dazzled. After using the power of the mage tower to fix these little things in place, he called Louise over. After a brief conversation, Henry threw these little things into one of the workshops, and his magic chong taught them how to make triodes. And allow them to gather honey in the arcane garden and provide them with food and lodging.

After solving these troublesome little things, he came to the workshop, and he was ready to start making his first golem. First melt a large number of steel ingots and add some mithril and adamantite, and then use magic to shape it repeatedly. Slowly, the shape of a huge steel golem is ready, and after it cools down, some enchantments will be performed on the entire body. Since it is a steel golem, the first spell to be added must be acid protection, followed by fire protection. Only these two kinds of damage are the most deadly to steel. In order to make the golem have more functions, Henry also designed a lot of small mechanical arms for it, which looked like robots in science fiction movies.

In the end, he stuffed an elemental plane's soul into it, and took out a limited wish scroll, inspired it to the huge golem and made a wish. After the violent shock, the golem stood up staggeringly and said to Henry: My master, please give me an order. Seeing this big guy speak, Henry was very happy, and Master Habasser was right. Making a golem is a challenge for every mage. If the alchemy is successful, it will be greatly improved.

Cortana, you will take over this multifunctional golem from now on. Let it be responsible for cooking, cleaning, and tidying up the warehouse. Henry ordered Taring, and then he said to the golem: From now on, you obey Cortana's order and don't disobey it.

The golem replied in a low voice: Follow the master. Then Taring's voice rang in Henry's ear. Having taken over the No. 1 multifunctional golem, the first task is to tidy up the warehouse on the first floor and then go to the kitchen to prepare dinner.

The Iron Golem stood up. The order has been received, and now we are going to the work site. After speaking, he took a big step and walked down the stairs. After watching the golem leave, Henry turned on the system and took a look, but he was startled. It took 8,000 experience points to make the golem just now, which is the most he has ever consumed in making all the items. But it's worth thinking about it carefully. After all, the entire Mage Tower will have a chef who can cook and a cleaner who can clean.

When the golem came to the hall on the first floor, many apprentices were frightened, and Debra, who was teaching the apprentices, was also startled. But the golem didn't have time to talk to these people, it went straight to the warehouse and started sorting things. Cortana said to everyone in the hall after noticing the commotion caused by Number One, Please don't panic, that's the Multipurpose Golem Number One. It was just made by the master and it's now cleaning out the warehouse and preparing dinner.

The apprentices heard that the golem of the master of the mage tower started whispering to each other, and Debra secretly breathed a sigh of relief. She thought it was the Arcane Brotherhood calling in. Quiet! Don't make a fuss! This is a mage's tower, magic can create all kinds of weird creatures. Look at you now, it is a disgrace to the mage. Now let's continue the class. The female mage said to the students below Just a reprimand.

Soon it was time for dinner, and the apprentices returned to their rooms to prepare for dinner. Debra arrives at Henry's work and finds him making some potions. The female

mage stood quietly and waited, and Henry quickly finished making the last bottle of lesser recovery potion. He turned to Debra and said, What's the matter?

The female mage bowed her head and performed a mage salute. I saw the golem you made, which is very powerful. I wonder if I can learn this superb magic skill from you.

Henry smiled. Not yet, your spellcasting level is too low. You must know that making a golem is a very complicated process that requires a lot of knowledge and craftsmanship. You need to learn from the basics. The third row from the left in the library There should be the knowledge you need on the bookshelf. Debra was a little disappointed, but she also understood that her mage level was not enough to possess such power.

After she figured it out, she said, Master, if you want to make a golem in the future, can you allow me to watch it?

Henry nodded. There is no problem with this, but I won't make it for a while. Because the one just now has consumed all my production materials.

Debra saluted Henry and turned to leave. She was going to the library to check the relevant information first.

For dinner, everyone ate dishes made by Golem No. 1. Henry took a sip and found the taste to be pretty good. Although it wasn't as delicious as the chef at home, it wasn't too bad. After dinner he came to the Arcane Garden, where the two dryads had planted all the seeds. All the seeds have already started to germinate due to the great amount of energy gathered here. Wendy and Kathy were sitting under their own tree and chatted for some reason, but Henry didn't disturb them and turned back to the lobby on the first floor. After casting a portal here, I returned to the Lord's Mansion in the blink of an eye.

The butler hurried over when he saw him. Lord Earl, in the afternoon, Emerald Isle sent news that an apprentice in the Druid Valley has been promoted.

After hearing the news, Henry's eyes lit up and he immediately asked, Really! Who is it? When did it happen?

The butler took out a piece of parchment from his pocket and handed it over, Henry immediately opened it and read: Apprentice Mike completed his promotion in the Druid Valley of the Emerald Isle on March 15, 1358, and is now a first-level Druid. After reading this news, he was very happy, and with the Druids in the territory, he was much less dependent on the temple. Although there are no priests in Bruwent City applying to build a temple, it will be a matter of time. He is going to spread the Druid teachings in his own territory, as long as all these apprentices are promoted, he will start to implement them.

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Chapter 73 Heading to Waterdeep City

The next morning, Henry came to the Druid Valley on Emerald Island, where the apprentices had already started a day of practice. Now that there is a good role model, everyone starts to get excited. Those who have been slaves for a while understand that once they become a druid, they will get great benefits.

Henry called these apprentices together and said to them: I got the news yesterday that one of you named Mike has become a first-level druid. Who is it now to stand up?

After speaking, a small boy with freckles squeezed out from behind the crowd, and he saluted Henry a little nervously. My lord, I am Mike.

Henry lowered his head and said to the boy who looked less than fourteen years old: Mike, you did a good job. Now tell me what you understand naturally.

Mike lowered his head and thought for a while and replied: Nature is nature. It exists everywhere. It is not limited to forests, animals and plants. The sky is a part of nature just like the sea.

This answer surprised Henry a little. Most people in this world, including gods, think that nature is just the forest and the animals and plants that live in it.

After sorting out his thoughts, he said to the boy: Mike, your idea is very unique. Now that you are a first-level druid, you will be my apprentice from today, and you can call me a teacher in the future. Just after finishing speaking, the other apprentices looked at Mike with envious eyes, and the boy asked in a trembling voice: Really? That's great! Teacher, I will work harder to learn how to protect nature in the future, and I will definitely not let you down. You are disappointed.

Henry stretched out his hand and touched his head and said to the others: You also have to work hard to become a qualified druid as soon as possible. In the future, when I am not here, everyone must obey Mike's orders. Then Henry taught Mike. After some knowledge, I left the Druid Valley.

When he returned to the lord's mansion, he found that Hawke was sitting alone in the living room as if there was something wrong. After seeing Henry appearing, Hawke hurriedly stood up and saluted. The Earl's territory has stabilized now, and I want to go back to Waterdeep City to pick up my wife and daughter. It happens that there will be a ship at the pier tomorrow to deliver a batch of weapons there, and I want to ask you for a leave of absence.

Henry thought for a while, and he was about to do some things, and buy some special metals and materials by the way. And he also wanted to see this famous port in the north with his own eyes. No problem Sir, I just want to go to buy some things. Please arrange a few more places for me tomorrow. He raised his head and said to Hawke.

The old captain breathed a sigh of relief. No problem Earl, I will make arrangements right now. I will show you around Waterdeep City when I arrive. You must know that I was born in Waterdeep City, and no one knows the streets and alleys there better than me.

Henry nodded. It would be best if you could help me contact a few capable miners. I am in great need of some ores such as mithril, adamantine, and cold iron. I am also interested in the corpses or blood of other alien creatures.

Hawke thought for a moment. This is a little difficult, but I can help you find out. If there is nothing else, I will resign first, and I will go to the city hall to arrange the handover work.

Henry looked at the anxious old man and said, Then please go ahead, I'm just going to inform the other passengers. After speaking, Hawke bowed, turned and left the lord's mansion and got on the carriage parked at the door, and then It started slowly and drove towards the city center.

Henry waited until he left and told the butler standing aside: Notify my wife and mother, just say that I have something to go to Waterdeep City. Let's have dinner together tonight. The butler turned and left after receiving the order.

Sitting on the chair in the living room, he began to think about who to bring with him this time. Robert must not be able to do it. The young leader of thieves has to issue orders and process a lot of information every day. Cagan left the territory for his hometown and has not returned yet. Amy is a good candidate, but her warlock blood seems to be in a special period now, maybe next time. After thinking for a long time, he finally decided to take the half-orc warrior Vaughan and the female mage Debra who had nothing to do all day. Finally, bring the brown bear Ares. This big guy has been doing a bear cub exercise with the female bear in the forest recently. Henry hasn't summoned it for a long time.

After deciding on the candidate, he first notified Debra with a message technique, and then asked the servant to go to the barracks to inform Vaughn. As for Ares, he stood directly on the balcony and used the druid's special ability to call. In the evening, Vaughan appeared in the lord's mansion fully armed, and Ares also ran out of the forest not long after. Its huge size caused a lot of commotion, and the servants turned around and ran away in fright. Henry walked up to it and stretched out his hand, he could no longer reach Ares' head. The length of this big guy has exceeded seven meters, and his height has also increased a lot. The brown bear lowered its head, gently hugged its nose, arched Henry, and hummed a few times, then lay down on the spot.

Henry touched its ears. You grow up really fast. It seems that you can only stay on the deck when sailing at sea.

After instructing the housekeeper to let the kitchen prepare some meat for Ares' dinner, Henry returned to the dining table and sat down. Seeing her husband sitting down, Shikodi asked softly, Honey, I heard that you are going to visit Waterdeep City?

Henry turned his head and replied: Yes, I have a lot of things to buy. It is obviously a good idea to go to the most prosperous port in the entire north, and Sir Hawke is also going to pick up his wife and daughter.

Shi Kodi was slightly taken aback. Hawk actually has a wife and daughter? Why haven't I heard him mention it?

Henry looked at his wife and smiled. He should have only mentioned to me once that he would take them over after the territory stabilized. Don't you think it's the right time now?

Shikodi covered her mouth with her hands and smiled. That's great, I can often invite his wife and daughter to our house as guests in the future. I'm bored when you're not at home. After a few minutes, the butler and the maid brought the dinner, and everyone They all began to eat in silence. The half-orc Vaughan looked at the gentle eating of the others, shook his head slightly, opened his mouth and stuffed it violently. Fortunately, this is not the first time he has eaten in front of everyone, and everyone has already seen it. After dinner, the butler brought Vaughan into the guest room, while Henry carried his wife back to the bedroom.

The night passed quickly, and Henry brought Ares and Vaughn to the pier the next morning. Hawke and Debra had been waiting here for a long time. He walked over and said to them, Since everyone is here, let's set off. It will take a long time to sail to Waterdeep City.

Hawk said with a smile: It only takes more than ten days to reach the destination from Bruwent, which is much closer than the last time I went to Luskan. And there will not be many pirates along the way. I think this trip The journey will definitely be very easy. After speaking, everyone started to board the ship. There was a little accident when Ares boarded the deck. First, the hull shook violently, and then the sailors were scared enough. Hawke quickly explained to the crew, and they were all relieved to hear that the big brown bear was Henry's animal companion. Ares ignored the others, and found a spacious place to lie down and start basking in the sun.

Following the captain's order, the ship slowly left the port and began sailing north. Looking at the city that was fading away, Debra said to Henry: Master, what is the purpose of going to Waterdeep City this time?

Henry nodded. The first is trade. The surrounding area of Waterdeep City controls more than one million people. They all have strong purchasing power, which is the market we need. The second is alliances. We have now offended Luskan's Arcane Brotherhood .In order not to confront them directly, I need a strong ally. Waterdeep City is right between us and Luskan, which is a good shield. As for the purchase of ores and magic materials, those are incidental.

Debra thought about it when she heard it. How can you guarantee that the lords will agree to the request for an alliance?

Henry looked at the sea and smiled. Waterdeep City itself has irreconcilable conflicts with Luskan. If there is a territory with great potential to form an alliance with them to deal with the Arcane Brotherhood, would you refuse it?

The sorceress shook her head. I'm afraid not. An enemy's enemy is a friend. Even a fool knows this sentence. It seems that the success of this trip can be expected. I would like to congratulate you first.

The next voyage was as smooth as Hawke expected. On the thirteenth day, they had already seen the pier of Waterdeep City. After the ship sailed slowly into the harbor, it was guided by a small boat and docked at a berth. Henry smelled a foul smell as soon as he got off the boat, and he frowned tightly. The female mage beside him made the same expression as him, and the half-orc followed behind indifferently. When the dock officials saw Ares again, they almost turned around in fright and wanted to call the guards, but they were finally stopped by Hawke and explained again carefully.

Finally, the official came to Henry after receiving a deposit of one hundred gold coins. Sir, please take good care of your animal companion. If it injures someone for no reason, the security deposit will be confiscated. There are also some precautions that I have already told your companion, so I won't repeat them here. A final word of caution to you in the Docklands to beware of some thugs and thieves.

Henry glanced at the chaotic and noisy crowd in the distance. Please rest assured that my animal companions will not attack any creature without order. Also, I have a lot of experience and skills in dealing with these villains and thieves. I guarantee that after they try it once, they will come to me the next time they see me. Stay far away. The official nodded. Since that's the case, I wish you a pleasant experience in Waterdeep City. After speaking, he turned and walked away with the accompanying guards.

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Chapter 74: The Port and the Hawke Family

Standing on the pier, Hawke took a deep breath of the pungent stench here and smiled happily. He turned his head and said to Henry: Count, come with me to my house for lunch first. Although my house in Waterdeep City is somewhat She's short and old, but my wife's cooking skills are quite good. Henry had already secretly blessed himself with a magic to filter the air, otherwise he wouldn't be able to breathe the air here.

After taking a look at the surrounding environment, he said to Hawke: Okay Sir, I accept your invitation. I hope the environment around your home will be better than here.

Hawke laughed out loud after hearing this. Count, this is the port area, the dirtiest and worst place in Waterdeep City. My family lives in the northern area, where merchants and minor nobles gather. The streets are ten times cleaner than here, and there are quite a few guards patrolling non-stop.”

Henry nodded. Then what are we waiting for, let's leave this place quickly. As he spoke, he handed over the boat to the chief mate, and everyone left the dock and headed towards the North District.

A group of people walked unhurriedly along the dirty street. Henry noticed countless greedy eyes in the dilapidated houses around him. He looked back and found that there were quite a few tails behind him. The main reason why these people didn't rush out to rob immediately was that Ares was walking in the middle. Its huge size made everyone dare not act rashly.

Seeing the gloomy expression on the master's face, Debra immediately came over and asked, Do you want me to teach these dirty mice a lesson? After she finished speaking, she glanced at the thieves and robbers hiding around with provocative eyes. Put these people in your eyes.

Hawk quickly turned his head and said to the female mage: Ma'am, don't cause trouble. Don't worry, they dare not attack us with this big brown bear here. And if there is a large-scale battle here, it will attract the attention of the council.” Hearing the old man's words, the female mage snorted softly.

It didn't take long for everyone to arrive at the exit of the dock area, and the guards guarding here stared at everyone vigilantly. An officer in half armor came out and shouted loudly: Explain your purpose, otherwise you will not be allowed to pass.

Hawke tidied up his clothes and hair and took a few steps forward, We are nobles from the Angome Islands, and we went to Waterdeep City to buy some ores and magic items. Behind me is the lord of the islands, Earl Henry Angome, that huge brown bear is his animal companion. After speaking, he handed over Henry's family crest.

The officer took it over in a little astonishment and inspected it carefully, and then he found that the badge was real, and it was also a magic item. For more than half a year, a large amount of spices from Bruwent City had poured into the city, and almost everyone was talking about the young earl. Some people envy and envy his good luck, while others appreciate his bravery and legendary adventures.

Then the officer handed the badge back with both hands, and he bowed deeply. Welcome to Your Excellency the Earl of Waterdeep City, please forgive me for my rudeness just now. I hope the robbers and thieves at the pier did not cause you too much trouble. Seeing the officer's polite manners, Henry secretly sighed, and sure enough As expected, even an ordinary officer in Waterdeep City can have such good manners.

He said to the officer with a smile on his face: We can understand your nervousness. I saw many people trailing behind me along the way. Fortunately, my animal companion is big enough, and these guys didn't dare to jump out. May I ask if the law and order in the dock area has always been so chaotic?

The officer gave a wry smile. The port is a place of riots, and endless quarrels fill the entire area. There is only a very small amount of trade here every day, so the council doesn't pay attention to it. We can only try to prevent the chaos in this area from spreading to other places.

After hearing the officer's explanation, Henry immediately understood the reason, and he continued to ask: When I came over just now, I found that you were all very nervous. Could it be that these thugs dare to attack the guards?

The officer nodded helplessly. Your guess is right. There is nothing these thugs are afraid to do. Except that the law and order around the pier is slightly better, other places are more dangerous than in the forest. Henry looked at the officer in surprise. He really didn't expect deep water. The port area of the city is so chaotic.

At this time, Hawke reminded: Count, we should go, or we will miss lunch time.

Henry nodded to the officer and said, Then I won't disturb your work, and I'll take my leave first. After speaking, he led everyone through the cordon and entered the North District a few minutes later. The air here is much better than the port area, and most of the houses on both sides of the road are beautifully built. There is a small green area in front of each house, on which various kinds of flowers are planted. Many of the buds that have grown look very beautiful.

Hawk led a group of people to a small two-story building. He stepped forward and knocked on the door lightly, shouting loudly: Dear Juliet! Open the door, I'm back!

After just a few seconds, the door was quickly opened, and a woman in her thirties ran out. When she saw Hawk, she hugged him and cried loudly. Oh! My God! They all told me that you were shipwrecked and died. I can't believe you can still appear in front of me. This is not a dream!

Hawk hugged his wife excitedly. I did encounter a shipwreck, but I was rescued by a passing merchant ship. Then some things happened. Now I have been canonized as a knight and have a manor. When I come back this time, I will take you and my little angel to move together. Live in the past.

Juliet wiped her tears and looked at her husband in surprise. You are a nobleman! This is really unbelievable good news! After speaking, she shouted into the room: Mia! Come out quickly, your father is back.

After a while, a little girl about thirteen years old ran out of the house. She stared at Hawke with a surprised expression, and then asked in a trembling voice, Dad! Is that you?

Hawke saw that his daughter's eyes were a little wet. He squatted down and said to the girl in a hoarse voice: It's me, my baby, are you okay? Come and let me take a good look. Mia rushed up and hugged her He burst into tears.

The half-orc warrior standing aside said to Henry: It's touching, isn't it! When I was young, I also wished to have such a father, but unfortunately my father always ignored me.

Henry patted Vaughan on the shoulder comfortingly. Although fate did not give you a happy childhood, it gave you a strong body and strength beyond your peers. Nothing is truly fair in this world, and everything must be fought for with our hands. You Warriors don't always say you have to keep going, self-pity is not your style.

The half-orc warrior opened his mouth and laughed. He said to Henry: Head! I think you chose the wrong profession, otherwise you must be a powerful warrior now. I will take your words as my motto in life, and use Practice it for the rest of your life.

The Hawk family cried together for a while, and Juliet wiped away her tears and said to her husband, Well, I'm already old, and I'm not afraid of being laughed at by others, now you should introduce me to Mr. and Mrs. Miss.

Hawke took a few deep breaths to calm down his excitement, he picked up his daughter and took his wife to Henry's side. Count, please allow me to introduce. The one next to me is my wife Juliet, and the one in my arms is my angel Mia. Then he said to his wife, This is my lord, the Angome Islands. Earl Henry, the owner. This is his guard Vaughan, and the lady behind him is Mage Debra. As for the huge brown bear, it is the earl's animal companion, and it is called Ares."

When Juliet heard that the handsome young man in front of her was actually a legendary figure, she hurriedly performed the skirt ceremony of a lady. It is a great honor to meet you Count.

Henry nodded slightly. I'm also very happy to meet the beautiful lady, and this lovely little girl. After greeting each other, Hawke greeted everyone to enter the house. As for Ares, it was too big to stay at the door on the green.

After entering the living room and waiting for everyone to sit down, Juliet hurriedly poured a few glasses of water. She said to everyone: Everyone, please wait a moment, I'm going to prepare lunch. After she finished speaking, she turned and went into the kitchen.

Henry smiled and said to Hawke: Sir, I think you should help your wife. Otherwise, with Ares' appetite, I'm afraid the things she made are not enough to eat half full.

Hawke heard Henry's reminder, and immediately put his daughter in his arms on the ground. He stood up. Thank you for your reminder, I'll go help now. And I guess I don't have enough ingredients at home, so I need to buy some. After speaking, he turned and walked into the kitchen. Mia followed closely behind her father, for fear that he would disappear suddenly. Lunch was not served on the table until around two o'clock in the afternoon. There was steak cheese and foie gras caviar and a big bowl of vegetable soup at the end. As for the brown bear outside, Hawke directly bought a roasted whole pig for it.

Henry ate until he cut a piece of steak and put it in his mouth. The meat was fried just right and tasted good. Swallowing the food in his mouth, he said to Juliet: Madam, your cooking skills are really good. No wonder Hawke kept showing us your skills along the way.

Juliet glanced at her husband and replied with a smile: I'm flattered by your compliment. If you like it, please eat more. Henry nodded with a smile and continued to eat the food on the plate. As always, Vaughan directly used the fork to chew the whole piece of steak into his mouth. Mia, who was sitting next to him, was stunned, and the fork in his hand fell to the ground without noticing it.

Hawk laughed when he saw his daughter's expression. He said, Don't look at it, baby, your fork fell to the ground. That green-skinned uncle next to you is a half-orc, and he is a powerful Warrior. The little girl blushed and picked up the fork, lowered her head and began to eat without saying a word. The orc warrior was very happy to be looked at by a child with curiosity for the first time, knowing that most people had stared at him with disgust, contempt or fear before. After lunch, everyone was sitting at the table digesting the food in their stomachs. Hawke said to Henry who was sitting opposite: Count, I will take you to meet an acquaintance later to see if he has what you want stuff, but it's best not to get your hopes up too much.

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Chapter 75 Brown Bear Chamber of Commerce

In the evening, Henry and his party came to the door of a business firm located in the business district of Deep Water City. There is a beautiful bear-shaped pattern carved on the gate, and on the side is Brown Bear Chamber of Commerce in beautiful cursive characters in Common Language. The half-orc warrior opened his mouth and smiled when he saw it. He said to Hawke: If you bring Ares, it will definitely like this place. Looking at the size of the bear above, you know it must be a female bear. Hawk sighed, immune to some of Vaughn's jokes.

Henry waved his hand. Stop joking, sir. Is this where you're taking me?

Hawk click. It's here. The owner of the Brown Bear Chamber of Commerce is a tall and fat man named Andrew. It is said that he killed a big brown bear with his own hands on the road of business. Later, when he got rich and opened his own Chamber of Commerce, he used this as his name. He has his own trade route in the northern region, and he can often get some rare items, so he can gain a foothold in this bustling place.

Henry looked at the size of the chamber of commerce. Then let's go in and meet this Mr. Andrew now. I hope he won't let me down. Then everyone walked into the door under the leadership of Hawke.

As soon as he entered the hall, a huge fat man walked up to him. He laughed and gave Hawk a hug and shouted loudly: Oh! Captain Hawk, you know? They say you are dead, but I never believed these rumors. Now it seems that you are doing well, look at this high-quality clothes, my God! Is this the family emblem of the nobility?

Hawke pushed away the overly enthusiastic fatty. I'm afraid they will be disappointed. Not only did I not die, but I am now a nobleman. Please call me Sir Hawke from now on, and I have brought you a big client this time.

As he spoke, he pulled the fat man over and said to Henry: Count, this is Andrew, the owner of the Brown Bear Chamber of Commerce I told you. After speaking, he turned his head and said to the fat man, This is the nobleman I am serving now, Brother An Earl Henry of the Isles of America. I think as a well-informed merchant you must have heard that name.

Andrew shook the fat on his body, gave a noble salute with a smile on his face and said to Henry: It's a great honor to meet you, Your Excellency, Earl. Your legendary adventures are widely spread in this city. I don't know if I can be honored to be What kind of service do you provide?

Henry stared at the fat man with shrewd eyes for a while. Mr. Andrew, I need a lot of rare ores. Of course, it would be even better if you can get some special parts of magical creatures.

Andrew lowered his head to think for a while, then raised his head. Please come with me. I won't show these special goods casually to ordinary guests, but you are obviously not among them. After speaking, he led Henry and his party through the hall to the warehouse door behind. After entering the warehouse and continuing to walk for a short distance, Andrew suddenly squatted down. He started tapping the ground with a stone, and after a few minutes a slab was pushed up, and a dirty goblin crawled out of it.

Master, have you brought a big client here again? the goblin asked, rubbing his hands.

Andrew didn't reply, he kicked the goblin into the pit, turned his head and said to Henry: Count, you may have to wrong you a little bit in the next journey.

Hawke looked at the burrow in surprise. Andrew, you have never heard that you have such a secret warehouse before.

The fat man laughed and patted Hawke on the shoulder. My friend, that's because you weren't up to the level before.

Henry looked at the low tunnel and said to Andrew, It's okay, as long as you have the goods I am satisfied with. After speaking, he followed the fat man into the tunnel. After walking in the narrow tunnel with their heads down for five minutes, everyone suddenly felt that Realization became more cheerful. It was a huge man-made cave, surrounded by a large number of wooden boxes and shelves.

Andrew pointed to the boxes. The goods here are some rare ores and magic materials, and there are also a small amount of magic items. This is all the inventory I have saved for twenty years. Please choose slowly. If you have any inquiries, please contact Tim directly, that is That goblin is in charge of sorting out all the things here. After speaking, the fat man pulled a chair and sat down, and the chair almost collapsed with a squeak.

Henry walked up to the goblin. Then show me the metals and ores here first.

Goblin Tim ran quickly to a row of boxes. Dear guest, all the metal blocks and ores are here, please choose as you like. After speaking, he also opened several boxes.

Henry carefully checked the contents of the box, and after confirming that there were no fakes, he said to the fat man: I want all these ores and rare metals, and then take me to see those rare magic materials.

After hearing this sentence, the fat man stood up from his chair. He looked at Henry in surprise and asked, Count, all these things together cost at least 250,000 gold coins. Are you sure you want to buy them all?

That's right, don't you think two hundred and fifty thousand gold coins is a big number for me?

The fat man quickly raised his hand. No, no, no! I never doubted your ability to pay. I just didn't expect you to be so generous in buying things.

Henry ignored him and followed the goblin directly to the shelf where special materials were placed. It didn't take long for him to find some things that were hardly seen on the market, including the tail of the succubus, the silk sac of the etter monster, the poison gland of the giant desert scorpion, the tongue of the slaa toad, the eyes of evil beasts, etc. He picked out these materials, turned to Andrew and said, I didn't expect you to have some good things here, just help me figure out how many gold coins I need in total.

The fat man carefully looked at all the magic materials, closed his eyes and calculated for a while. These materials cost 130,000 gold coins in total, and the price of the ore is 380,000 in total. But I can only charge you 200,000 gold coins, but there is one condition.

Tell me your conditions. Henry said, looking at the shrewd businessman.

Andrew touched his fat chin. I hope you can provide me with a certain amount of spices every year. Of course, I will pay according to my share of four and you six after the sale. You must know that the merchants who bought spices from your island last year made a fortune. The profits made make me jealous.

Henry smiled. Mr. Andrew, you are really a shrewd and greedy businessman. If you can send some people to my territory every year, I can agree to your request.

Andrew gave a noble salute with a smile all over his face. Of course Earl, if the population is not enough, I will go to Luskan to buy a batch for you.

Henry looked at the big fat man with a little appreciation. If what you do satisfies me, I will consider increasing your share of spices year by year, and I don't only have spices as a business that can make a lot of money.

After hearing this sentence, Andrew immediately understood the meaning of the words, and he said to Henry in a low voice: It is my honor to serve you, if there is anything that needs me to do in the future, please just ask me. Seeing the fat man listening Understanding what he meant, Henry nodded in satisfaction. After giving Andrew 200,000 gold coins, he put everything into his dimensional bag and left the Brown Bear Chamber of Commerce.

Standing on the street in the business district, Hawke sighed: I have known Andrew for more than ten years, and I really didn't expect him to be in this kind of business behind the scenes. If he is caught by the Tower of Order, he will go to jail.

Henry smiled and said to the old captain: Sir, I once heard a saying that if a businessman has 50% profit, he will take risks; if he has 100% profit, he will dare to trample on all laws in the world; With 300% profit, he dares to commit any crime, even risking being killed.

Hawke pondered for a while and asked, That's really apt. Is that the scholar who said such philosophical words?

A man named Marx. But he is dead. After speaking, Henry smiled mysteriously.

Hawke sighed. It's a pity that I can't get to know such a wise man. After speaking, he led a group of people to tour the business district. Hawke explained this area to everyone behind him as he walked. The business district of Waterdeep City is never closed except for festivals. Various candles, oil lamps and magic flames are used to illuminate the entire

street at night. Moreover, all major guilds have their headquarters here, providing services for guild members at any time.

Henry walked around and had a look along the way. Although it is not as prosperous as some famous shopping streets on earth, it also has a special flavor. For example, the pet shop just now is very interesting, not only ordinary cats, dogs, mice, birds, but also some small pterosaurs, poisonous spiders and other dangerous animals. Henry even saw a young bear hound in the innermost part.

After walking around for a while, Hawke brought everyone back home. As soon as she entered the door, Juliet greeted her. She smiled and asked, How is the business going well?

Hawke hugged his wife. It went quite well, and I can assure you that the Earl will be quite satisfied.

That's right, I never thought I could buy so many things at once. You must know that many materials here are out of stock all year round.

Juliet helped her husband hang up his coat. I've got supper ready, shall I serve it now?

The half-orc warrior touched his stomach and nodded desperately. Of course ma'am, my stomach is already rumbling with hunger.

Hawk laughed and said to his wife: Didn't you hear what Vaughan said, my dear, I guess even our neighbors will be able to hear it in a while. After everyone came to the table and sat down, Dinner was served. Everyone was silently eating what was on their plate, occasionally making a bit of chewing or swallowing sound. After dinner, Hawke brought everyone into the guest room, and went back to his bedroom to find his wife for tenderness. Henry looked at the distant street scene in the city through the window, and he secretly lamented the prosperity of Waterdeep City. I don't know when my territory will be able to have such a large population and a bustling commercial street like here.

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