## Ocean Lord 16

Chapter 16

After eating and drinking to their fill.

Ji Chen returned to the Lord's manor and began a day of entertainment.

As the sun had set and night fell, numerous players had returned to their territories to rest, just like him.

Therefore, the chat channel was especially lively.

- "These people must be reincarnated hungry ghosts! They consume 200 units of food in a single day. And to make matters worse, I can neither reprimand nor discipline them. The people's satisfaction levels have dropped to an all-time low of 30. If it drops any further, there might be a revolt!"
- "My dwarves are starving! Despite their small stature, their appetite is enormous three times that of an average person. They didn't even leave a scrap of food behind; they ate everything!"
- "At last, I managed to capture a mini logging farm resource point today. Now, I can finally access some wood. How marvelous!"
- "Do you still plan on occupying the lumber mill? Aren't there trees all around? Oh, maybe you're just another unlucky guy in the desert, haha!"
- "Why are there so many tier 2 and tier 3 monsters around my territory? I'm just a tier 1, 5-star soldier, and I'm about to die. I don't even have the resources to recruit them..."
- "You might not believe it, but I've been taken in by a native lady from a nearby city. She's willing to use a large number of resources to support me. Do you think I should accept..."
- "Is she beautiful? Is she fair? Is she young?"
- "Nah, she's around the same age as my mum."
- "Go for it, what are you afraid of! You'll save 20 years of struggling!"

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The players who were called idiots were actually quite entertaining. People from all over the world shared their stories about them, which helped him expand his knowledge.

He also had a rough understanding of the problems the players were facing.

Food, monsters, resources, and troops.

In his eyes, these four problems were closely related.

With a powerful army, they could fight monsters and occupy resource points.

After occupying a resource point, they could obtain resources, recruit troops, and continue to hunt monsters.

After killing the monsters, they could obtain food to a certain extent to support the territory.

It formed a dynamic cycle.

Some players did not have resources, and even if they had powerful troops, they could not recruit them. Some players lacked food and could not operate their territories at all.

Ji Chen thought about his current situation.

There was no shortage of food for the time being. He also had a few resource points and some resources.

What they lacked now was an even stronger army.

"The places where it is easier to produce the core of the military recruitment camp are often dangerous areas or the wilderness far away from the territory."

"In addition, the treasure chest may also produce the core of the military recruitment camp, but the treasure chest is also likely to appear in the wild."

"In the end, we still have to actively explore the wilderness."

"Maybe we can try fishing to see if we can catch the core of the recruitment camp."

He made up his mind.

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The next morning.

Ji Chen watched as the blonde girl walked out of the door, shaking her voluptuous buttocks. He sighed at the indulgent lifestyle of the lord.

In just two short days, his steel-like willpower had been corroded to such a state.

How despicable!

He got up, put on his clothes, and brought the Murlocs to the beach.

The fishing session in the morning started.

He sat on the reef and looked into the distance with his fishing rod.

The ocean scenery today was also very good.

Below him was the undulating blue sea water, and above him was the cloudless blue sky.

A huge whale floated up from the sea in the distance. The hole on its head spewed out water that soared into the sky, bringing with it a rainbow.

A group of white-winged seagulls circled around the whale, trying to pick up some leftovers from its mouth.

Ji Chen thought about the future. Perhaps he could tame a whale as a mount and ride him across the ocean.

Less than a minute after the pole was thrown, the float suddenly sank.

Crash~

With a splash, a fat fish weighing at least four pounds was thrown ashore.

It was fluttering on the sand, looking very lively.

He took a look and estimated that it weighed about three and a half pounds after removing the internal organs.

Today's fishing session proved to be fruitful, and it was a promising start! Ji Chen managed to catch several fish one after the other.

As the sun slowly rose, it was almost time to wrap up the fishing session. The residents had brought their wicker baskets to collect the fish, which were filled to the brim.

On average, each fish weighed around four pounds, with some weighing as much as six to seven pounds.

The catch this time was truly abundant, and Ji Chen couldn't help but feel astonished.

The previous fishing trip had only yielded some unwanted items, so why was he now able to catch so many high-quality fish?

Did the fish sense his previous disappointment and come to make amends? As the sun rose higher in the sky, Ji Chen pondered over the unexpected turn of events.

Ji Chen muttered to himself, "Just one more and then we'll go explore the island. I need some extra strength for the last catch."

He cast his fishing rod into the water, aiming for a spot seven to eight meters away. This time, it took longer for a fish to take the bait.

The float remained motionless, and the water surface was still. Ji Chen, who had been feeling confident until now, suddenly felt a sense of doubt and uncertainty.

Was this what it was like for normal fishermen?

Was his luck as a fisherman fading away just like that?

Unconsciously, it was as if someone had pressed the pause button. The sea breeze suddenly stopped blowing, and the air gradually became stuffy.

Other than the sound of the surging sea, the sea was quiet.

The sun was high up in the sky, and time passed by minute by minute. There was still no movement from the fishing hook.

Despite the difficult fishing conditions, Ji Chen refused to give up.

He was determined to catch the last fish of the day, no matter how long it took. He sat on the reef with a stubbornness that seemed almost monk-like.

Even the pesky white-winged seagulls circling above and trying to steal fish from his basket didn't distract him.

For Ji Chen, it was no longer just about catching fish; it was a test of his own stubbornness and determination.

After two long hours, the sun was beating down on him, and his thirst was becoming unbearable. Yet his eyes remained bright and focused, as he continued to wait for that final catch.

He had a premonition.

The big one was coming!

A soft breeze swept across the boundless sea, brushing against his face like a whisper from another world, causing his hair to tremble.

He caught a whiff of an incredibly sweet fragrance in the air. Suddenly, the float that had remained still for a long time sank rapidly.

The force behind it was so strong and swift that it felt like something heavy was tugging on it. Ji Chen's face lit up with excitement as he thought that the big catch had finally arrived.

However, his expression quickly changed as an enormous pulling force surged from the direction of the hook, nearly dragging him into the water.

The fishing rod in his hand immediately bent into a half-moon shape, and the fishing line tightened, sticking tightly to the rod.

Oh my god!

Did he catch a shark?

This was no longer the strength of an ordinary fish. It was at least the strength of a small shark.

Ji Chen gritted his teeth and held the fishing rod with all his might. His feet were firmly planted in the grooves of the reef, and his body had become slightly stronger since reaching Level 2.

Otherwise, he would have been dragged into the water by the enormous pulling force.

As the struggle continued, the fishing rod bent more and more, making a creaking sound under the heavy load.

Ji Chen could only pray that the fishing rod, which had gathered the resentment of many fishermen, would last until the last moment.

Luckily, despite emitting an ear-piercing squeak, the high-quality fishing rod held up without breaking.

As expected of a 1-star treasure!

After a few minutes of stalemate.

Ji Chen was elated to find that the fish's strength had dwindled, indicating that it was getting tired.

This was the perfect opportunity to catch it!

He used his remaining strength to jump off the reef and landed on the beach. He then started to slowly pull the fish towards the shore.

Just as he thought, the fish on the other side of the hook probably really did not have any strength left. The strength of its struggle gradually weakened.

The fish that had been below the surface of the water slowly appeared.

However, when he saw the appearance of this 'fish'.

Ji Chen was stunned, his eyes filled with shock.

He subconsciously loosened his grip on the fishing rod, unable to believe what he was seeing.

The creature lying on the beach had a fish's lower body and a human's upper body!