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Chapter 181: Toothwood Tribe, Persuasion

These well-built but simple-minded Half-Orcs became increasingly furious as they saw Anina, a small human, charging toward them. Did she underestimate them?

This was an insult to the mighty Toothwood Tribe!

However, what followed was completely contrary to their expectations.

The small and fair fists struck them, sending them flying with each punch.

The clearing resounded with the sound of fists hitting flesh and the continuous wails of the Half-Orcs.

Within a few minutes, the battle was over.

The charging Half-Orcs lay in various positions, groaning on the ground, hanging from tree branches, or wedged in the camp wall.

The other Half-Orcs, who had been watching the scene, widened their copper-like eyes in disbelief. Some thought they were seeing an illusion and rubbed their eyes before looking again.

Anina stood triumphantly, hands on her hips, her face filled with ease. She didn't even seem out of breath, as if she had done something insignificant.

The Half-Orcs swallowed their saliva nervously and felt a tingling sensation in their limbs.

One person fought thirty Half-Orcs!

And without any injuries?

Was she still human?

"Do you still want to fight? Then come at me together," Anina said, her hands on her hips, giving them a contemptuous look.

The Half-Orcs, fueled by anger, shouted, "Don't be afraid! As long as we attack together, we can defeat her!"

"That's right! Ura!"

"You fools! Stop!"

A sharp voice came from the camp, miraculously causing the enraged Half-Orcs to halt immediately.

They respectfully made way for someone in their midst.

Ji Chen raised an eyebrow, curious, and looked in that direction.

A female Half-Orc stepped forward.

To his surprise, this female Half-Orc didn't have the usual bulky physique and rough appearance. Instead, she had a slender and fair body, with delicate features.

Except for the pair of white ears on her head, her appearance was strikingly similar to a human, resembling what people often referred to as a Kemonomimi.

She stood in stark contrast to the rugged and green-skinned Half-Orcs behind her, like two completely different styles.

It reminded Ji Chen of certain indescribable scenes.

Looking at the Kemonomimi girl in front of him, he became very interested.

How could there be a Kemonomimi girl among a group of burly Half-Orcs?

And she seemed to be their leader?

[Irona (Hero)]

[Race]: Half-Orc

[Level]: 20

[Current Tier]: Purple (Rare Tier)

[Potential]: Purple (Rare Tier)

Oh, she's actually a rare-tier hero!

Irona looked at the human male before her, sizing him up and feeling somewhat uncomfortable.

However, she had to yield to the dominant force.

She keenly sensed the strength of the hero and realized that the little girl alone could defeat all the Half-Orcs. The Murloc and the beautiful girl with fin-like ears behind the human male were also extremely dangerous.

Under caution, Irona spoke slowly, "Sir, may I ask what brings you here? I don't recall any previous encounters between us."

"We haven't had any encounters before." Ji Chen smiled. "But now we do."

"These Half-Orcs attacked us without any provocation and injured my subordinates. So, isn't it fair to ask for compensation?"

Irona's eyes widened as she observed the Half-Orc warriors sprawled on the ground, groaning in pain, some suspended from tree branches and the camp wall. Her gaze then shifted to Anina, who remained unscathed, her smile intact.

Her face showed a mix of shock and disbelief.

This human dared to lie to such an extent?

Although she felt angry, Irona knew it wasn't the time to argue.

In the jungle, strength was paramount.

The one with the bigger fist could speak the loudest.

The one with greater strength had absolute authority.

And it was quite embarrassing that dozens of brawny Half-Orc warriors had been defeated by a little girl.

Irona took a deep breath. “We are willing to compensate, but I’m sorry to say that our Toothwood Tribe has nothing left to offer.”

Ji Chen glanced at the other Half-Orcs. They had fierce expressions, but their hungry looks were hard to hide.

They seemed as if they hadn’t eaten for several days.

Their tattered animal skin clothes and severely damaged weapons confirmed their desperate situation.

Considering what the two urinating Half-Orc warriors had said earlier, Irona probably wasn’t lying. However, Ji Chen’s purpose wasn’t to demand compensation of such a small scale.

“No, no, no. You possess something very valuable,” Ji Chen said.

“Something very valuable?” Irona became puzzled, looking at the Half-Orc warriors who even made their own wolf-toothed clubs. She couldn’t figure out what they had that could attract the human’s attention.

Until Ji Chen pointed at her and the other Half-Orcs.

Irona first froze, then anger surged on her face.. “Sir, are you implying that you’re a slave-catching party?”

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“If that’s the case, then we have no room for negotiation. Even if we fight to the death, we will never send our comrades to be slaves!”

As the words fell, all the Half-Orcs became furious, their eyes turning bloodshot with anger.

The reaction was even more agitated than before.

“Slave hunters?” Ji Chen couldn’t help but be taken aback. “We are not them.” “Not them?” Irona looked at Ji Chen, who seemed genuine in his denial. She remained skeptical. “Then why did you happen to appear outside our camp?” “We had just returned from the center of the island and stumbled upon your camp.”

“The island’s center!?” Irona’s face showed surprise. “That’s impossible.”

According to the legends passed down through generations on King Kong Island, the island’s center was a land once inhabited by deities, guarded by numerous divine beings who would tear apart any intruders.

All the shamans on the island warned their tribesmen to stay away, as it would bring calamity to the tribe.

Therefore, no foolish tribe or Half-Orc would dare to violate the ancestral taboo and venture beyond the forbidden boundaries.

But this human man claimed they had just returned from there?

And he didn't even look injured...

For a moment, Irona couldn't make sense of it.

Until she saw the human man wave his hand and summon a towering aura guardian. It looked exactly like the divine guardians depicted in the tribe's folklore!

Suddenly, Irona's gaze toward the human man turned reverent.

She placed her left palm over her heart, bowing her head.

"I apologize for the misunderstanding, Great Lord. I, esteemed leader of the Toothwood Tribe, Irona. I offer you my sincerest apologies."

Irona's change in attitude made the other Half-Orcs feel somewhat embarrassed as well.

To return safely from the legendary land and even obtain a divine guardian, these people couldn't possibly be despicable slave hunters.

Ji Chen casually waved his hand, retracting the Ruins Guardian. "I am Ji Chen, Lord of the Crown of the Ocean and ruler of the New Moon Islands. There's no need to apologize. Let's get back to the main topic... If I guess correctly, you are on the brink of extinction here, aren't you?"

At Ji Chen's words, Irona's face showed a bitter expression, and she didn't hide anything anymore. "Indeed, Lord Ji Chen, we can no longer survive on King Kong Island."

"Can you tell me more about your situation? Like... the slave hunters you mentioned?"

Irona sighed. "If you don't mind, Lord Ji Chen, why don't you come inside our camp? I will share with you the details you find interesting."

Ji Chen nodded and instructed Benbo to keep the army stationed outside the camp. He then followed Irona into the camp, accompanied by Alice and Anina.

Surprisingly, although the exterior seemed crude, the interior was orderly, free from the common sanitation problems seen among orcs and Half-Orcs. It even had a sense of cleanliness.

Noticing Ji Chen's surprise, Irona smiled lightly. "Are you surprised to see a Half-Orc camp so clean? Actually, before I became the tribal leader, the Toothwood Tribe's settlements and camps were incredibly filthy, with excrement everywhere, utterly unhygienic. But ever since the arrival of the esteemed lords on King Kong Island, the Toothwood Tribe started interacting with them and learned many things from human society, such as not defecating everywhere and not polluting water sources... We also exchanged resources with some friendly esteemed lords, trading ores for weapons and food, commissioning them to purchase rare supplies from the outside world for the island. Of course, the arrival of esteemed lords has also squeezed the living space of various tribes on the island, resulting in frequent friction and conflicts..."

Ji Chen nodded slowly, gaining a new perspective on the impact brought by the players from the standpoint of the native people.

There were both positive and negative aspects.

As they continued talking, they entered the largest tent in the camp.

Irona invited Ji Chen to sit at the head, and he accepted without hesitation.

Might makes right.

Irona sat on the left, while Alice and Anina sat on the right.

“Now, if there are friendly beings, there are naturally malicious ones too. Some evil esteemed lords have formed slave hunting teams, capturing lone Half-Orcs on the island and shipping them off to be sold in the outside world, earning profits. As you may know, robust and powerful Half-Orcs with weapon proficiency and vitality are highly sought after by mine owners and slave masters... Some members of the Toothwood Tribe have also been taken, which is why we reacted so strongly earlier.”

Ji Chen nodded with understanding.

He had certainly come across such information in chat channels and forums. Races such as orcs and half-orcs, known for their simple minds yet robust physiques, were in high demand in the market. Mines, plantations, and arenas had a significant need for their labor, leading to these races often being sold at lucrative prices in the slave market. As a player hailed as the “Fourth Cataclysm”, it was only natural for Ji Chen to seize this opportunity for wealth.

*The term Fourth Cataclysm is widely used among Chinese within the online gaming community as a playful and humorous way for players to refer to themselves when they possess significant power or influence within a game. The term highlights their ability to disrupt and reshape the game world, similar to the catastrophic events depicted in games like “Stellaris”. It has become a sort of inside joke and a way for players to express their prowess and dominance in the gaming realm.

“It turns out the slave hunters are like this... But your current plight shouldn’t be mainly due to the esteemed lords, right?”

Irona sighed and began to explain.

In fact, they had some connection to the players as well.

When the players arrived on King Kong Island, relying on their numerical advantage and endless tricks, they greatly compressed the living space of the Half-Orc tribes on the island.

The Half-Orc tribes fought back against the player invasions while struggling to secure internal space.

As a result, intense conflicts arose between the Half-Orc tribes.

In these conflicts, there were winners and losers.

And the Toothwood Tribe was among the losers.

After their former tribal leader was killed, Irona led the remaining members of the Toothwood Tribe on a journey of escape.

But with King Kong Island being as small as it was, where could they possibly escape to?

Eventually, they were forced to move deeper into the island, closer to the forbidden center that all Half-Orc tribes feared...

As Irona explained their situation, Ji Chen began to grasp a better understanding of their circumstances. This newfound knowledge boosted his confidence in his previous ideas.

Observing a glimmer of curiosity in Ji Chen's eyes, Irona's heart filled with a subtle delight. Rising to her feet, she approached him and executed a formal salute with utmost solemnity.

"Therefore, Lord Ji Chen, I beseech you to lend us a helping hand. The Toothwood Tribe will surely repay your kindness in the future."

Looking at Irona's sincere plea in front of him, Ji Chen pondered the situation. From his perspective, the thin animal skin clothing reveals a deep cleavage between her prominent breasts, resembling an abyss.

"This girl is quite something..."

After contemplating for a moment, Ji Chen stood up and helped Irona to her feet.

"Lord Ji Chen, what are you...?"

"I have a better solution that can permanently resolve your predicament," Ji Chen interrupted.

Irona couldn't help but be stunned. A better solution?

As she looked at the perplexed Kemonomimi girl, Ji Chen smiled faintly and spoke slowly.

"As long as you pledge your allegiance to me, I can bring you out of King Kong Island, to my territory, where you can live. This way, the conflicts here will no longer concern you, and you won't have to worry about food and shelter."

Irona's mouth hung open. This method... it seemed like it could truly provide a permanent solution...

But soon, Irona snapped back to reality.

How could the Wood tooth Tribe ever submit themselves to someone else, especially a human?

Half-orcs would never be slaves!

Irona was about to refuse, but Ji Chen placed a finger on her mouth, and the gentle touch sent a shiver down her spine.

"Don't rush to refuse. Listen to my reasons," he said.

"It appears that without food, your survival may be limited to just a week. Consider the young ones in your tribe. While you might manage to last a week, they won't even

make it through a day. That's the first challenge. Your weapons are scarce and in severe disrepair. Reclaiming your habitat through a counterattack will become a distant dream, as you won't even be able to defeat the creatures lurking in the woods. You're slowly perishing. That's the second challenge. Without a stable shelter, enduring constant hardships, and being pursued by enemies, the prospects of reproduction are bleak. Simply avoiding further loss of tribe members would be considered fortunate. That's the third challenge."

"These three predicaments are like three massive mountains pressing down on you. Before long, the Toothwood Tribe will likely vanish in the vast forest."

These words struck Irona's heart like a heavy hammer.

With each sentence, her heart sank deeper.

Ji Chen's words accurately hit her weak points.

The once firm convictions now wavered within her..

Chapter 183: Toothwood Tribe, the Unexpected Changes In I_Love_Black_Sockings

Having gone through so much hardship, Irona naturally understood the difficulties and pain involved. The more one experiences adversity, the more they yearn for a better life. This holds true for any race. Since the former leader of the Toothwood Tribe passed away, Irona had taken on the responsibility of leading the entire tribe, guiding a group of half-orcs who only knew how to shout "Ura" and ensuring their survival. The pressure was far from insignificant.

If it were just her alone, perhaps she would have started considering whether to agree or not. But now, the safety and well-being of the entire Toothwood Tribe rested solely on her shoulders. Moving to a completely unfamiliar land, and one that belonged to someone else's territory, made her approach the situation with even more caution.

Seeing Irona's hesitation, Ji Chen seized the opportunity to persuade her. "The New Moon Islands are just as magnificent as King Kong Island. They are abundant in food and resources, with forests as vast as oceans and diverse landscapes. You can easily find a place that suits your tribe for settlement. The islands and their surroundings are guarded by hundreds of land-based defenders, as you've seen earlier. I possess hundreds of such land-based guardians, thousands of sea-based guardians, and even aerial guardians. You need not worry about safety and food. In my territory, the Toothwood Tribe can thrive and reproduce without any concerns. As long as you pledge your loyalty to me, I can provide you with the life you desire."

Ji Chen spoke confidently, his demeanor and words exuding a sense of nonchalance. With the growth of his power and advancement in his profession, he naturally emitted an aura of royalty. Coupled with his naturally attractive appearance, people couldn't help but bow their heads in respect and admiration.

Irona gazed at Ji Chen, captivated by his extraordinary presence, her eyes shimmering with a peculiar light. For some reason, her heart began to beat faster, as if a voice within her was urging her to accept his offer.

However, she was still a purple-rare tier hero. In just a moment, Irona forcefully bit her tongue, snapping herself back to reality. After a brief moment of contemplation, she spoke again, slowly and deliberately.

“Great Lord, I believe the Toothwood Tribe is not yet prepared to relocate.”

Hearing these words, Ji Chen couldn't help but understand her gentle refusal, though he wasn't disappointed. After all, if a purple-rare tier hero was easily swayed, they wouldn't be considered as such.

Even Liu Bei had to invite Zhuge Liang three times before he agreed to come out of seclusion. Ji Chen wasn't in a hurry to immediately recruit Irona into his ranks.

He displayed a slightly regretful expression and continued, “I will be staying on King Kong Island for a few more days. If you change your mind, you can find me in my territory on the southern coast, which is only half a day's journey from here.”

With that, he stood up, walked to the center of the camp, and summoned a grid-like structure from his backpack. It was approximately 2,000 units of meat.

“These rations are a gift from me to you.”

Irona looked at the mountain-like pile of meat that appeared out of thin air, her eyes brimming with surprise. These rations could greatly alleviate the tribe's current food shortage. It was truly a timely help!

“Thank you very much for your generosity, Great Lord. The Toothwood Tribe will never forget your helping hand,” Irona expressed her gratitude.

Ji Chen nodded briefly without saying much, bid a simple farewell, and left the camp. He disappeared into the dense forest with his troops, while Irona and the other half-orcs watched him depart with admiration.

As Ji Chen and his group ventured further into the woods, they heard a resounding cheer coming from the half-orc camp. Ji Chen smiled faintly.

Anina caught up to him, her mind filled with question marks. She asked with confusion, “My lord, I can understand why you initially demanded compensation from them, but how come you didn't receive any and instead even gave them 2,000 units of food?”

Upon hearing her words, Ji Chen simply smiled mysteriously, choosing not to say much.

Alice also smiled gently without saying a word.

Anina looked at Ji Chen, then at Alice, muttering to herself, “Another enigmatic person... With so much meat, I could eat well for quite some time. What a waste...”

To Ji Chen, 2,000 units of food meant very little. Considering the food reserves on his ship, giving away 2,000 units of food wouldn't even scratch the surface. However, it was highly suitable for improving Irona's and the half-orcs' favor towards him.

Moreover, 2,000 units of food for the voracious half-orcs of the Toothwood Tribe would only be enough for four or five meals. It could give them temporary relief but wouldn't completely solve their food shortage issue. That was precisely his intention.

If Irona and her tribe were to face further setbacks and difficulties, or if food scarcity became a pressing issue again, he wanted them to immediately think of Ji Chen, the one who had once helped them..

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I_Love_Black_Sockings (2)

At that moment, everything would be much easier...

After leaving the Half-Orc camp, Ji Chen and his group continued their journey through the forest without encountering any further accidents.

Half a day later, they returned to the vicinity of the I_Love_Black_Sockings' territory.

By now, the night had fallen, and the surroundings were enveloped in darkness, with only the stars in the sky shimmering.

As they emerged from the forest, they saw a blaze in the distance on a highland, faintly accompanied by the sound of battle cries.

Ji Chen's expression turned serious.

Something had happened in the I_Love_Black_Sockings' territory.

The Lord Manor of I_Love_Black_Sockings, situated at the highest point of the highland, was engulfed in raging flames.

The buildings constructed on the highland were now burning, with flames leaping toward the sky.

On the roads between the buildings, countless enemies were assaulting the defenses on the highland.

As an evolved Tidal Dominator, Ji Chen possessed extraordinary vision, allowing him to quickly spot I_Love_Black_Sockings who was commanding behind the defenses.

At that moment, her hair was slightly disheveled, her face smeared with blood and dust, and her black stockings had torn holes on her legs.

"Team Five, move up immediately! Don't let the enemy break through the defenses!"

"Milady, the right-side defenses are about to collapse; there are too many enemies!"

"Don't panic, stay calm! The reserve team, head to the right-side defenses and make sure to drive the enemy back!"

"Yes!"

I_Love_Black_Sockings gazed at the never-ending stream of enemies pouring in from the highland, a hint of unwillingness flashing across her face in the glow of the flames.

Big Boss Islander, where are you? I'm about to bid farewell to this world.

One day ago, shortly after Big Boss Islander dealt with those four players and left her territory, several players arrived to investigate what had happened there.

They discovered that the resources previously owned by the four players had all been taken over by her.

Consequently, they collectively assembled their armies to attack her. Outnumbered, she had no choice but to retreat temporarily. However, she never anticipated that these players would join forces in an attempt to eliminate her completely.

And thus, the current situation unfolded.

It had been a whole day since the enemy started their attack, and I_Love_Black -Stockings was barely holding on, relying on the terrain advantage of the highland and her makeshift defenses to resist the onslaught.

Moreover, the players' alliance was tenuous as they were each harboring selfish intentions, hoping to let the others exhaust their forces first. That was the only reason she managed to hold on until now.

However, after a day of fighting, her forces had been depleted, and now only a small group of less than a hundred soldiers remained. Apart from the highland, her territory had already fallen to the enemy.

It was safe to say that she was now at the end of her rope.

I_Love_Black_Stockings' eyes were filled with unwillingness. If given more time, she could have converted the resources she obtained earlier into military strength.

Not only would she be able to face these players, she would even dare to challenge the most powerful players on King Kong Island.

But there were no ifs in the competitive world of King Kong Island. The moment weakness was exposed, it would be instantly exploited and devoured.

"Milady, the left-side defense has been breached!"

The soldiers' cry brought her back to reality. "Team Six, move up!"

"Report! Team Six has been wiped out, and even Teams Seven, Eight, and Nine have all perished. Now, it's just us left."

Upon hearing this, I_Love_Black_Stockings finally showed a hint of despair.

At this moment, she was starting to understand the feeling of powerlessness that Xiang Yu experienced when he was surrounded by enemy forces at Wujiang River.

What if... she followed Xiang Yu's example and committed suicide?

But after a brief consideration of the gruesome aftermath of such an act, I_Love_Black_Stockings shuddered and immediately discarded the idea.

At that moment, the soldiers suddenly exclaimed in astonishment.

"Milady, look over there, it's a tidal wave!"

"A tidal wave? Do you have time to watch tidal waves?"

Upon hearing this, I_Love_Black_Stockings erupted in anger, venting her frustration on the soldier.

“Don’t you know the enemy is about to attack? Don’t you realize that if they capture me, they might tear my stockings off and let several big men take turns violating me? And yet, you’re here watching the sea?”

“Before they get their hands on me, I’ll definitely blow up your asshole! See if you’ll still be watching the sea!”

However, as I_Love_Black_Sockings turned her gaze towards the ocean, her rage instantly turned into bewilderment.

Muttering to herself, she said, “Holy crap... it really is a tidal wave...”

In the distance, on the dark sea, a massive wave over fifty meters high and four hundred meters wide was crashing towards the land.

Vast, majestic, and terrifying.

Not only I_Love_Black_Sockings but also the players on the highland who were directing their armies towards the coast were utterly shocked by the scene before them.

They never expected that the once peaceful sea would suddenly unleash such a terrifying tidal wave without any warning.

This was unbelievable!

Hearing the deafening roar of the surging waves, they finally snapped back to reality and ran in terror towards the land.

But it was already too late.

The colossal wave carried an unimaginable force, akin to a billion-ton heavy hammer, crashing onto the shore and instantly engulfing everything beneath the highland. Their screams and cries of fear were also swallowed by the monstrous deluge.

People, buildings, ships at the docks, trees – everything was uprooted by the colossal wave, hurtling towards the deeper parts of the shore.

It wasn’t until the wave had reached several hundred meters inland that it slowly receded and returned to the sea.

Most of this territory had turned into a waterlogged swamp.

Above the water surface floated bodies, vegetation, debris of buildings, and shattered wooden planks.

The besiegers’ entire army was annihilated.

I_Love_Black_Sockings, positioned on the highland and unaffected by the terrain, had her mouth agape in utter shock as she witnessed the scene before her.

At this moment, her mind went completely blank.

What in the world had just happened?

What was the cause of this colossal wave?

Could it be that the heavens were helping her?

No, something was amiss. This suddenly formed wave seemed somewhat reminiscent of...

I_Love_Black_Sockings' mind jolted, and she immediately turned her head to see Ji Chen slowly walking on the water's surface not far away.

With overwhelming excitement, she yelled, "It really is you!!! Big Boss!!!"

Ji Chen calmly approached the highland and looked at the ecstatic I_Love_Black_Sockings from head to toe.

He said nonchalantly, "It seems like you're doing quite well. You haven't lost any arms or legs. It seems my return was timely."

I_Love_Black_Sockings rushed up to him, filled with excitement. "That's not important at all! You created that massive wave, didn't you? It was so cool and awe-inspiring!"

"It's like you simply swept away those people like ants. You're a true master at one-click clearing!!!"

One-click clearing master?

Ji Chen's face twitched at this strange metaphor. What kind of marvelous comparison was that?

When he saw I_Love_Black_Sockings being besieged earlier, he decided to test the power of the Tidal Dominator he had evolved into.

And thus, he directly activated the skill: "Torrential Giant Wave" [an orange-tier skill that consumes a massive amount of mana to generate a terrifying wave, dealing both physical and magical damage to enemies].

But even after using it, he was taken aback.

The wave stood an astonishing fifty meters tall and stretched four hundred meters wide!

And this was the result of him deliberately controlling the mana output.

If he hadn't held back even a little, the height and width would have increased even further.

Compared to when he was the Tidal Lord before, the power of this skill was not just ten times stronger but far beyond!

It was like going from a bicycle to a motorcycle!

"After 1 left, what happened? Why were those people besieging you?"

I_Love_Black_Sockings calmed down her excited emotions and narrated the events in detail.

"...That's what happened."

I_Love_Black_Sockings had a lingering fear on her face. "Big Boss, you are my savior. If it weren't for you, I might have been done for this time."

Ji Chen nodded but furrowed his brows, "Didn't 1 say that when you're in danger, you can summon my fleet for firepower support?"

Upon hearing this, I_Love_Black_Sockings looked somewhat embarrassed, scratching her head.

“I did think of that at first, but those players had already blocked off my harbor and coastline. I couldn’t break through the blockade and was forced step by step to this highland.”

“And your fleet was quite a distance away from here. I tried to call for help, but they couldn’t hear me, and they didn’t proactively come to support...”

Ji Chen’s mouth twitched; this guy was truly eye-opening.

If it weren’t for the smooth journey in the ancient land of the divine realm this time, he would have returned much later and might have stumbled upon her corpse..

Chapter 185: The Prototype of the Trade Fair, Competition among Fishermen

Ji Chen looked at the elevated waters of the highland. The massive waves from earlier not only wiped out the enemies but also swept away I_Love_Black_Sockings’ dock, and most of the buildings on the shore were also washed away.

As a result, the entire territory was left with only half of the Lord Manor burned, a few military recruitment camps, and a few houses situated on higher ground.

“The territory might need to be rebuilt from scratch,” Ji Chen remarked.

I_Love_Black_Sockings remained unfazed and waved it off. “It’s nothing serious. I can start anew. Besides, the resources and population from those defeated players are enough to build a new territory.”

After returning to the ship with the army, Ji Chen rested for one night and the next day, he once again arrived at I_Love_Black_Sockings’ territory.

At this moment, the place was in a state of disorder. The army was busy clearing the corpses, debris of buildings, mud, and various seafood washed ashore by the huge waves.

On the other side, I_Love_Black_Sockings was directing the people to set up temporary tents for shelter.

Seeing Ji Chen coming over, I_Love_Black_Sockings hurriedly walked towards him, taking long strides with her legs.

“Big Boss Islander, you’re here? Did you rest well last night?”

“Fairly well,” Ji Chen replied casually, observing the bustling scene around him.

“That’s right. Last night, I had my people collect the resources and population from those players. For now, we’ll use tents for a few days and then rebuild the houses once the ground is cleared,” I_Love_Black_Sockings said with a smile, clearly satisfied with the wealth obtained from those players.

Ji Chen nodded and continued to ask, “How did it go with gathering other players as I instructed yesterday?”

“I’ve informed them, but it’ll take some time for players from other parts of the island to arrive here.” I_Love_Black_Socks hesitated/ “I’m not sure if they will come, though.”

“The players on the island don’t get along well, and they might think I’m tricking them into a trap. They could choose to ignore the invitation.”

“So, Big Boss, if you can, it’s better to make a post on the forum.”

Upon hearing this, Ji Chen felt it made sense.

So, he opened the post about purchasing military recruitment camp cores and thought that all this effort seemed a bit excessive just for buying a few of them.

He gave it a thought and edited a message: “I’m on King Kong Island, and I’m buying various treasures, special and rare resources, military recruitment camp cores, and blueprint designs for buildings. Gold coins accepted for transactions.”

He sent the message and pinned it to the top of the forum.

Soon, a flood of responses came in.

“Buying things? I’m from the 358th Regiment, ahem, I, King Kong Island’s number one handsome guy, will surely lend a hand!”

“King Kong Island? Big Boss Islander is on King Kong Island? No, I have to go see for myself and see what the Big Boss looks like.”

“I’m finding someone to team up! Contact me and let’s meet up!”

Seeing the enthusiastic responses from the silly netizens, Ji Chen felt somewhat relieved.

It would have been awkward if he had received little or no response after making such a post, especially now that he had gained some popularity as an idol.

However, he needed to decide on a location for the trade.

Initially, he thought of conducting it in I_Love_Black_Socks’ territory, but now that most of her land had been destroyed, it wouldn’t be suitable.

Ji Chen looked around and fixed his gaze on the New Moon, anchored on the sea.

“Doesn’t those Film and Television on Earth often hold trade fairs and auctions on cruise ships?

The New Moon has a large tonnage and spacious interior, and even accommodating thousands of people is just a piece of cake, making it a high-profile venue for trading.

After some thought, Ji Chen made up his mind.

He added a sentence to the post: “The trading location is on the New Moon, anchored on the south side of the nearby sea.”

After pinning the post, he closed the forum and followed I_Love_Black_Sockings to nearby natural attractions.

Upon seeing Ji Chen's message in the thread, many of the silly netizens also chimed in.

"The New Moon? Sounds like the name of a ship. But is a ship too small for a trade fair?"

"Are you dumb? How could Big Boss Islander's ship be small? Don't mistake it for your little fishing boat?"

"That's it, I'll dress up tomorrow, and if the big boss takes a liking to me then... hehe."

"Aren't you a guy? Put on some pants! But I also have some spare resources right now. I can trade with the Big Boss if he's interested..."

"It looks like a lot of people will attend this trade fair. Count me in for the fun!"

"With all of you gathering like this, are we going for an offline

Player-to-Player trade? I'm joining in (confident voice)!"

King Kong Island players who followed the thread expressed their intentions to come and see what was going on.

They were curious about the famous Big Boss Islander, well-known on the forums.

Additionally, players realized that with so many people gathering, it could be a fantastic opportunity to exchange resources with each other.

Furthermore, being on the territory of this powerful Big Boss, they didn't need to worry much about enemy attacks or vendettas.

Unaware of how his two sentences in the post had sparked a magical response, Ji Chen had managed to attract many more players than he had anticipated.

At this moment, Ji Chen and the others were led by I_Love_Black_Sockings into a side forest, walking for several hundred meters until they reached a waterfall.

The waterfall cascaded down from a cliff tens of meters high, resembling a silver-white silk, falling into a pool at the bottom.

The sound of water rushing against rocks, combined with the beautiful surroundings, instantly made people feel refreshed and their moods lifted..

Chapter 186: The Prototype of the Trade Fair, Competition among Fishermen (2)

"Boss, isn't the scenery here beautiful? The first time I saw it, I thought it was an amazing sight, definitely a 5A-level scenic spot on Earth!"

I_Love_Black_Sockings took a deep breath, her face filled with delight. "The air here is also very refreshing. If I don't die halfway through my career, I feel like I could live to be a hundred years old in this place."

“Moreover, there are many fish in this pond. During my leisure time, I occasionally come here to fish and enjoy the serenity.”

Hearing about fishing, Ji Chen became instantly interested and excited. “You said there are fish here?”

“That’s right.” I_Love_Black_Sockings nodded, her face showing a hint of pride. “I don’t mean to brag, but when it comes to fishing, I am an expert among experts. There’s no fish I can’t catch.”

“My secondary profession is Fisherman, and my proficiency has already reached a decent level, not far from mastery. This level, to say the least, is unmatched in King Kong Island, and I dare say, no one can claim to be number one!”

Ji Chen was slightly surprised.

There are nine levels for secondary professions: Rookie, Novice, Skillful, Proficient, Decent, Mastery, Consummate, Peak, and Profound.

“Decent” is the fifth level, and to reach this level, one would need a proficiency of at least ten thousand.

Ji Chen then looked at his own proficiency.

[Secondary Profession]: Fisherman (Novice [Proficiency: 274/500])

Huh... Novice, at the second level, still quite a distance from Skillful.

Thanks to the talent of “Blessing of the Sea”, he never really worried much about fishing and didn’t pay much attention to his proficiency.

However, from the looks of it, I_Love_Black_Sockings in this regard could definitely be considered a “pro player”.

“Seeing your reaction, Big Boss, do you also enjoy fishing?”

Ji Chen smiled. “Well, sort of. My secondary profession is also a Fisherman. This profession really helped me in the early stages.”

When he first arrived in this world, he relied on fishing to catch a large amount of sea fish, which greatly alleviated the initial food pressure.

He even caught some valuable items, and even the hero Alice.

Upon hearing this, I_Love_Black_Sockings naturally thought that Ji Chen also relied on fishing to obtain scarce food in the early stages.

Thinking that they had something in common, she proposed.

“Boss, since we have time now, how about we have a fishing contest?”

Hearing this, Ji Chen couldn’t help but look amused. “Sure, we can, but are you sure you want to compete with me? I’m afraid...”

“Don’t worry, it’s just for fun. Let’s treat it as a game,” I_Love_Black_Sockings said with a smile. “Friendship first, competition second!”

“Well, if you say so... then okay.”

Ji Chen nodded and took out a fishing rod from his backpack.

[Worn-out Fishing Rod]

[Tier]: 1-Star Treasure

[Effect]: Increases the chance of catching valuable fish from the water.

[A good fishing rod handed down from ancestors, seemingly imbued with the frustrations of many fishermen who have caught nothing...]

Speaking of which, this fishing rod has been lying in the backpack for quite some time. If it weren’t for the backpack, it would probably have accumulated thick layers of dust by now.

Ji Chen was a little worried since he hadn’t fished in a long time, fearing that his skills might be rusty. However, as soon as he gripped the rod, the familiar sensation from the past surged back instantly.

“Boss, is this fishing rod a treasure?”

“Yes, it’s just a i-star treasure.”

I_Love_Black_Sockings’ eyelids twitched. It sounded too casual to be true.

But then again, this person truly deserved the title of “big boss”.

Even the fishing rod used was a treasure—definitely a true tycoon!

Looking at her self-made ordinary fishing rod, she felt a bit like crying.

However, she quickly regained her composure.

In the world of fishing, the fishing rod was only a part of it. The real determinant of victory and outcome was the angler’s skill and judgment!

She firmly believed that she could impress with her superior fishing skills.

She, I_Love_Black_Sockings, the most formidable fisher on King Kong Island, was challenging the great boss who had come from afar!

“Since it’s a competition, there should be rules. Let’s decide the winner based on who catches more and heavier fish within a designated time of three hours!”

“Sure.” Ji Chen had no objections, but he couldn’t understand why I_Love_Black_Sockings suddenly became so passionate.

From her expression, it seemed more like she was facing some significant life challenge rather than a normal fishing competition.

Ji Chen casually found a slightly flat stone on the bank as his fishing spot.

I_Love_Black_Socks wandered around, stomping on the muddy ground and reaching into the water, murmuring words like “water temperature”, “air pressure”, and “depth”.

Once she was satisfied with the location, she scattered a handful of bait into the water.

Only then did she confidently call out to Ji Chen, “I’m ready. Can we start now?”

Ji Chen gave her a thumbs-up.

Baiting the hook, he cast his fishing rod slowly and leisurely before taking a seat on a nearby rock.

The distance between the two was about fifty meters, not too far nor too close, with no obstacles in between. They could see each other’s fishing situation clearly.

I_Love_Black_Socks sat on a small wooden stool and secretly glanced at Ji Chen’s position, a trace of delight flashing in her heart.

With her abundant experience, she could tell at a glance that Ji Chen’s location was entirely unsuitable for fishing. Not to mention catching big fish, even small fish wouldn’t bother visiting there.

This wave is in the bag!

Boss, don’t blame me for not reminding you. This is my chance to prove myself!

I will reclaim the glory of the fishers; it’s my duty!

At that moment, her fishing float suddenly sank, and she felt a pull from the direction of the fishing hook.

I_Love_Black_Socks’ face lit up; she had caught a fish!

With skilled techniques, she reeled in the fishing rod and pulled up a carp about ten centimeters long and weighing around two catties.

This was undoubtedly a good start!

On the other side, Ji Chen looked at I_Love_Black_Socks, who had just cast her rod and caught a decent carp within seconds. He couldn’t help but be surprised.

It seemed that she really had some skills.

Then, I_Love_Black_Socks cast her rod again, and in less than half a minute, she caught another fish.

This time, it was a crucian carp weighing three catties.

Within a minute, she had caught two fish consecutively, making her laugh with joy.

Successively, the third, fourth, and fifth fish were caught, each weighing between two to four catties, and they all wriggled energetically inside the water bucket.

I_Love_Black_Socks was in an excellent mood; having such good fishing luck was quite rare in her fishing career.

What did they say about being a fishing expert? (Tactical gasp)

She looked over at Ji Chen.

If she remembered correctly, the big boss should not have caught a single fish by now.

However, when she saw him, her eyelids twitched.

Ji Chen, the big boss, was lying on the white legs of a hero named Alice, holding a fishing rod, and enjoying the comfort of a knee pillow.

Over his head, there was a sunshade, and beside him, there was a plate of fresh fruits.

He was being fed by Alice's fair, slender fingers.

His face looked incredibly content and comfortable.

Jealousy... Ahem, no, it's infuriating!

Hey! Are you here for leisure or to compete!?

Could you show some respect to your opponent!?

Though she was angry, I_Love_Black_Sockings dared not speak up. She could only focus all her attention on fishing.

She, I_Love_Black_Sockings, was determined to defeat this life winner head-on today!

She would show him how dangerous the society could be!

Suddenly, Ji Chen felt a wave of enthusiasm coming from beside him. He turned to look and saw I_Love_Black_Sockings, with a flushed and excited expression, which puzzled him.

What's going on? Did fishing make her so happy?

Truly deserving of someone with their fishing skill at the "slightly accomplished" level. Her passion impressed him.

At that moment, Ji Chen felt a pull on his hand.

The fishing float on the water surface suddenly sank rapidly, accompanied by a strong force.

Clearly, this fish was not light!

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Ji Chen immediately stood up from Alice's lap and pulled with one hand.

Swoosh-

A large carp weighing at least six catties flew out of the water, flopping around on the fishing hook.

On the other side, I_Love_Black_Sockings, who was secretly observing, felt a little uneasy when she saw that Ji Chen's first catch was a five-catty carp.

However, she quickly shook her head with a relaxed expression.

So what if its five catties? I've already caught five fish, totaling about fourteen catties.

Five against one, fourteen catties against six catties.

It's still stable, no need to panic!

In that moment, the fishing hook was tugged once more, and the force felt remarkably strong, sending a tremor through her heart.

She quickly pulled and successfully added the sixth five-catty fish to her collection.

Just as I_Love_Black_Sockings felt a little proud, there was a commotion on the other side.

She turned her head to look.

Big Boss Islander was holding the fishing rod, and the hook was attached to a fish that was almost as long as his forearm.

Her eyes widened.

This... must be at least eight catties, right?

She had only caught a fish of this size once before, and it took her a long time to wrestle with it before she finally caught it. She was happy for several days after that catch.

But now, the Big Boss seemed to have easily caught it?

She was a little envious...

However, I_Love_Black_Sockings quickly adjusted her mindset and comforted herself.

He's a beginner, it's normal to have good luck.

If he wants to keep catching fish, he still needs the expertise of an experienced fishing expert like herself!

As long as she stays steady, she'll be the ultimate winner!

But as soon as she calmed down, she heard another commotion beside her.

Did he catch another fish not inferior to the one before?

With this catch, doesn't his total weight exceed hers now!?

At this moment, her mindset underwent some changes.

In less than half a minute.

Another burst of cheers came from beside her. The Big Boss had caught a twelve-catty fish.

I_Love_Black_Sockings' face looked as if she had seen a ghost.

Are there such large fish in this pond?

Just as she was trying to collect herself, another fish took the bait on Ji Chen's side.

This time, there were two fishes on the hook, each weighing less than five catties, but together they totaled around ten catties.

One minute later...

A fish weighing eight catties was hooked on the side.

Three minutes later...

He caught another ten-catty big fish.

As time crawled by, the jubilant cheers from beside her made I_Love_Black_Sockings feel increasingly numb.

It had been an hour since she last caught a fish, not even a small thumb-sized one!

On the other hand, it seemed like the fish on Big Boss Islander's side were lining up underwater to bite the hook one after another.

The moment the fishing rod was cast, a fish would bite immediately, and it never stopped!

Minute by minute, second by second, time went by.

Listening to the constant commotion nearby, I_Love_Black_Sockings felt that their feelings were not mutual; she only found their noise irritating.

After three hours, the competition ended.

When I_Love_Black_Sockings and Big Boss Islander met again, both sides fell into silence.

I_Love_Black_Sockings looked at her own harvest.

Two buckets of fish, with one bucket not even full.

And as for Big Boss Islander...

There were over a dozen buckets brimming with fish.

Laying the results side by side, the outcome was obvious, and the winner was clear.

Ji Chen glanced at this stark contrast and almost burst out laughing, but he managed to hold it in, saying, "Looks like 1 won by a small margin."

"Big Boss, you are really amazing, 1 admire you." I_Love_Black_Sockings forced a smile, but no matter how one looked at it, it seemed pained and forced.

"Don't think too much of it. 1 just had slightly better luck and caught a dozen buckets more fish than you did."

Hearing that, I_Love_Black_Sockings felt even worse.

Fig Foss, what you said is true, but please don't say it again next time.

The competition ended, and it was already afternoon.

The group began to return.

On the way, I_Love_Black_Sockings asked about the upcoming trade tomorrow.

"Big Boss, the trade tomorrow will take place on the New Moon. I heard that many players will be attending, and some may have malicious intentions. You better be careful."

Although Ji Chen wasn't too concerned, he still nodded, "Alright, I'll keep that in mind."

The New Moon was now under the control of the Tidal Sea Spirit, and everything on the ship was within his grasp.

Furthermore, his ship and army were powerful enough, and with targeted measures, he wasn't afraid of anyone causing trouble.

Causing trouble? He would deal with them.

As the two parties separated on the shore, I_Love_Black_Sockings continued to oversee the reconstruction of her territory, while Ji Chen and his team returned to their ship, preparing for tomorrow's trade.

Early the next morning.

Eight three-masted warships set into motion, with four surrounding and guarding the New Moon, while the remaining four began patrolling the area.

On the ship, all pirates and soldiers heightened their alertness, and the cannons were ready to fire at any moment.

Especially the New Moon, the gunports on both sides of the ship were wide open, and the black barrels protruded.

Not for any other reason, but to serve as a deterrent.

The weather was also very good today, with clear skies and calm seas, providing excellent visibility.

From King Kong Island, one could see the majestic and powerful New Moon moored on the sea surface.

Even though there was still some distance, its grandeur, and mightiness could be felt at a glance.

Several players who had quite good relationships came together to attend the trade.

Upon arriving at the shore and witnessing the New Moon, which resembled a stone mountain floating on the sea, and the three-masted warships guarding and patrolling around it, they were astonished.

"That's the ship of the Big Boss Islander? The New Moon... Could it be that it's the largest ship they're talking about?"

"I never expected it to be such a massive ship. I thought it was just those three-masted ones...."

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"So, here's the problem. How should we get there?"

"You see, there seems to be a ferry over there."

At the mention, everyone looked in the direction and saw a simple pier on the shore, with several single-masted sailboats moored there.

Two large signs were erected on the pier. The first one was painted with words:

"Ferry service to the Big Boss Islander's trading event! Exclusive authorization!"

The second sign read:

“Luxurious seats, breathtaking sea view, offering you a homely service!”

They exchanged glances and approached the pier with their respective armies.

I_Love_Black_Sockings stood before the pier and saw people approaching. Her eyes brightened, and she hurriedly greeted them.

“Are you all attending the Big Boss Islander’s trading event and need to go to the New Moon?”

“That’s right... Can we take your boat to get there?”

Upon hearing this, I_Love_Black_Sockings beamed with enthusiasm. “Of course! I have obtained exclusive authorization from the Big Boss Islander. Only my ship can approach and board the New Moon.”

“If any unfamiliar vessels dare to get too close, they will be treated as enemies and sent to the bottom of the sea. So, if you wish to participate in the trading event, don’t waste any time and make sure to register with me!”

Several players looked at each other, and one of them asked, “How much is the fare per person?”

I_Love_Black_Sockings raised five fingers of her right hand and said with a smile, “Five gold coins for a round trip, and I promise no deceit.”

“Five gold coins? You might as well go and rob!” The players became impatient.

Five gold coins per person, and if they brought their armies, the fare would easily exceed a hundred gold coins in no time.

“It’s already very cheap!” I_Love_Black_Sockings wore a sly smile on her face.

“Besides, the Big Boss Islander’s ship is extremely safe. The Big Boss Islander said that participants can only bring a few guards aboard, so it’s not even a few dozen gold coins for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

“Moreover, think about it, this trading event is rare. So many players from King Kong Island gathered together without fighting, allowing for peaceful transactions and the exchange of resources each one needs.”

“If you don’t go, but your opponents do, and they become stronger after the exchange of resources, then... hehe, you will be in a passive position.”

I_Love_Black_Sockings used enticing and instigating words, causing these players to instantly feel that if they didn’t go, they would be at a disadvantage.

After a moment of hesitation, they exchanged glances and gritted their teeth, taking out the gold coins. “You’re quite cunning! Hurry and take us over!”

I_Love_Black_Sockings received the gold coins and weighed them in her hand, then smiled contentedly, gesturing for them to come aboard. “Please follow me this way, guests!”

When the players boarded the sailboat, they realized they had been tricked.

The so-called luxurious seats and breathtaking sea view were all false advertisements.

The not-so-spacious deck was filled with rows of small wooden stools, which were touted as luxurious seats. As for the breathtaking sea view, it was merely the open ocean outside the deck.

But fortunately, after half of the players boarded the ship, it did transport them to the New Moon, and the patrolling warships did not attack, which allowed them to relax.

Ji Chen stood at the bow of the ship, watching I_Love_Black_Sockings' boat shuttle back and forth between the shore and the New Moon, and couldn't help but smile wryly.

She really had a keen sense of business, finding a way to make money like this.

Charging five gold coins per person, and players could bring up to four guards, which meant they would pay twenty-five gold coins at most.

Some players attending the trading event had hundreds of people with them, along with their guards, totaling hundreds of people.

Doing the math, I_Love_Black_Sockings could easily earn thousands of gold coins, with almost zero costs.

It was much more profitable than selling resources!

What a business genius she was!

By noon, many players had boarded the New Moon, but they were restricted to the first deck, as the other decks were blocked by numerous armies, not allowing anyone to enter.

Initially, some curious players wanted to sneak a peek at other areas of the New Moon, but when they saw the fierce and powerful Naga warriors, Dragon Blood Murlocs, and Pure Water Sea Pixies blocking various passages and doors, they all retreated.

They could sense that if they forced their way in, they would really be killed by these troops.

On the first deck.

Players shouted to each other, looking for buyers and sellers.

Some wanted to sell their idle resources, materials, and military recruitment camp cores in exchange for gold coins or other resources.

Others roamed around like they were in a market, searching for things that piqued their interest.

Here, thanks to Ji Chen's own powerful presence, most of them let go of their vigilance towards each other on the island and conducted their trades with peace of mind.

Seeing this scene, Ji Chen also felt relieved.

At least no reckless individuals dared to cause trouble; everything was moving in the right direction.

This made him consider imitating I_Love_Black_Sockings' approach; every player wanting to board the ship for the trading event would have to buy a ticket.

This way, he could earn a considerable amount of gold coins without any effort. Wouldn't that be delightful?

Being a banker and taking a cut would also bring in some money!

Because hardly any players had seen Ji Chen's real appearance, he walked on the deck without anyone recognizing him as the Islander. At most, they felt he looked handsome and charismatic.

Many female players approached him with enthusiasm, trying to develop some personal relationships.

However, Ji Chen firmly rejected them.

He was a person of integrity and would never involve himself in such matters (clears throat)!

Back in the cabin, Ji Chen saw I_Love_Black_Sockings waiting there, and her face lit up when she saw him return.

"Boss, I hit the jackpot this time! It's only the first day, and I've already earned over three thousand gold coins. It's an absolute windfall! And when more people come on the second and third days, won't I make even more? Becoming a millionaire is not just a dream!!"

She spoke with excitement, feeling that her life had become smooth sailing.

Ji Chen smiled and shook his head, then adopted a stern expression, asking, "Have you completed the task 1 assigned to you?"

Seeing his serious demeanor, I_Love_Black_Sockings also became serious and nodded, saying, "Boss, I found several players who are willing to sell precious treasures, various military recruitment camp cores, and rare resources like Mithril and Gold. They all said that they would prioritize trading with you if the price is right!"

Ji Chen nodded in approval. "Good, call them in now."

"Sure thing! I'll go get them right away!"

I_Love_Black_Sockings hurriedly left the cabin, eager to help Ji Chen with anything he needed. After all, following such a big boss had many benefits, and even a little favor from him would fill her belly.

For instance, transporting players this time was only possible with Ji Chen's consent. Otherwise, how could those patrolling and guarding warships allow her boat to approach?

Soon, after about ten minutes, I_Love_Black_Sockings returned with three players.

They looked somewhat reserved but also curious, wanting to see what the legendary Islander looked like.

When they saw Ji Chen's appearance, they were immediately astonished.

Among them, the only female player blushed, feeling embarrassed.

As it turned out, she was the one who had tried to strike up a conversation with Ji Chen earlier. She didn't expect that the handsome guy she was talking to was actually the Islander. Now, she felt like her toes were about to tap dance with embarrassment.

Seeing their reserved behavior, Ji Chen smiled and said, "Please, have a seat. There's no need to be so cautious."

Hearing this, the three players glanced at each other before sitting in the chairs that had been prepared in advance.

“I heard that you have something I’m interested in. As long as I need it, money is not a problem. Hmm, let’s start with you.”

“Me? Oh, okay.”

The female player pointed to herself and seemed slightly dazed. For some reason, even though they were fellow players, facing the Islander gave her a sense of confronting a superior. It was as if before her stood a highly respected and long-established powerful figure.

Invisible but discernible, there was a peculiar aura of authority that evoked reverence.

Amidst the nervousness, they couldn’t help but marvel at the greatness of the Big Boss Islander.

In just two months since entering this world, someone had already managed to possess such a powerful fleet and formidable army.

While feeling envious, they were also full of admiration..

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She quickly took out a wooden box from her backpack and opened it, revealing several round military recruitment camp cores inside.

“These are what I brought, eight military recruitment camp cores. Four of them are Tier 2, 5-star Naga Warriors, three are Tier 2,1-star River Murloc, and one is a Tier 2,1-star Sea Pixie.”

Military recruitment camp cores?

Ji Chen gestured for Alice to take the wooden box.

Alice returned with the box and stood aside as Ji Chen casually picked up one of the cores.

Inside the fist-sized crystal sphere, lifelike miniature models of the troops were condensed.

A quick glance confirmed that these were genuine military recruitment camp cores.

There were a total of four Naga Warrior recruitment camp cores here, and with the one on New Moon Islands, there were five in total.

At a production rate of 14 units per camp per week, they could produce 70 units in a week.

Apart from the Naga Warriors, there were also three River Murloc cores, each producing 14 units per camp per week, totaling 42 units, and two Sea Pixies cores, producing 14 units per camp per week, totaling 28 units.

Ji Chen placed the core back into the wooden box and thought for a moment before giving a price.

“The price for each Naga Warrior recruitment camp core is 800 gold coins, each River Murloc core is 300 gold coins, and each Sea Pixie core is 400 gold coins, amounting to a total of 4500 gold coins. Can you agree to this price?”

Upon hearing this, the female player was first surprised and then delighted, quickly responding, “Of course, I will accept that!”

This price had exceeded her previous expectations.

She had been thinking that if Ji Chen offered a low price, she would try to raise it by acting pitiful.

To her surprise, Ji Chen was incredibly straightforward and generous, offering a purchase price that was 15-20% higher than what other players were offering on average.

Seeing her acceptance, Ji Chen nodded and waved his hand, summoning a wooden box filled with gold coins to appear on the ground.

The lid of the box remained open, and in the slightly dim cabin, the gold coins inside emitted a dazzling and enticing light.

These players were clearly seeing such a large amount of gold coins for the first time, and they held their breaths, their eyes widening in amazement.

Gurgle- They unconsciously swallowed their saliva.

Soon, the female player regained her composure and quickly stored all the gold coins from the wooden box into her backpack. After a quick check to confirm the correct amount, she immediately bid her farewell.

Once she stepped out of the cabin, her expression immediately became alert. She quickly called her guards waiting outside and hurriedly left.

It seemed she was eager to leave New Moon and return to her territory.

Seeing the player’s vigilant look, Ji Chen’s face showed a hint of amusement.

Yet, witnessing such extreme caution over a mere 4,500 gold coins, Ji Chen couldn’t help but wonder how the female player would react if she knew he carried over a million gold coins. She might not even dare to step outside her residence.

Seeing the first female player complete the transaction and receive her gold coins so quickly, the remaining two players couldn’t help but get excited. Without waiting for Ji Chen to speak, they eagerly took out their treasures.

“Big Boss Islander, these are what we brought. Take a look and see if you need them.”

What they presented were a staff and a blueprint for a building.

At first glance, the blueprint didn’t reveal much.

However, the staff appeared remarkably extraordinary, crafted from blue gemstones and emanating a captivating radiance. Clearly, it was a precious treasure.

It was the first time Ji Chen had seen a staff-like treasure, which piqued his curiosity.

He immediately had Alice take it and examine its properties.

[Amplifying Staff]

[Tier]: 2-star Treasure

[Effect]: When held, increases the power of the next spell by 30% at the cost of increasing mana consumption by 30%. Usable [10/10] times per day.

An amplifying staff?

It enhances the power of spells but increases mana consumption. It can be used ten times per day.

This staff was quite good and suited his abilities.

Seeing Ji Chen's interest, the player's face brightened.

Since the boss was interested, the deal should be secured.

After putting away the item panel, Ji Chen casually asked, "How much for this staff?"

"Nine thousand... no, no, no, eight thousand gold coins!"

Upon hearing the price, Ji Chen was momentarily stunned.

Wasn't this too cheap?

Treasures were called treasures precisely because of their rarity and value, akin to heavenly treasures and earth treasures, each possessing unique effects.

Even a 1-star treasure was not something that everyone could possess, and many players didn't even have a single treasure.

Now, a 2-star treasure was priced at just eight thousand gold coins, almost like a giveaway!

"Are you sure about this price?"

Seeing Ji Chen's slightly strange expression, the player hesitated for a moment, feeling that the price might be too low. However, he gritted his teeth and said, "It's this price! Consider the difference as a gift for you, Boss!"

Wow, this player had a generous attitude.

Although Ji Chen didn't intend to take advantage of such a small benefit, he was pleased to see the player's understanding and his good judgment.

"Then let's go with the nine thousand gold coins price."

As the player lamented the loss of the difference, he heard Ji Chen's words and his face lit up with joy. "Thank you, Boss!"

Carefully collecting the gold coins and leaving, he kept thanking Ji Chen along the way.

"Boss, you are generous! I wish you good health and endless wealth! May you have a successful career and a happy family!"

His voice only quieted down once he left the cabin through the door..

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Ji Chen watched this scene and sighed, putting the Amplifying Staff into his backpack.

Now, there was only one player left among the three.

This player brought a blueprint.

As Ji Chen took it and examined it closely, he was instantly astonished.

This blueprint was no ordinary one...

[Blueprint: Elemental Arrow Tower]

[Tier]: Five-Star

[Effect]: Capable of launching different elemental arrows to attack ground, aerial, and underwater enemies, inflicting powerful spell damage, and causing different negative effects based on the arrow's element.

[Required Resources for Construction]: 50,000 units of Stone, 10,000 units of Crystal, 10,000 units of Mithril, 10,000 units of Fine Gold.

[Area Size]: 30x30x75

[Attack Range]: 50-3000 meters

The blueprint allowed for the construction of the Elemental Arrow Tower, a building that could launch elemental arrows to attack enemies.

In other words, it was a territorial defensive structure.

Based on its blueprint tier and the required construction resources, its power was undoubtedly extraordinary.

Moreover, the Crown of the Ocean greatly needed such a defensive building, and its anti-air capabilities made it even more valuable in Ji Chen's eyes.

Armed with the Elemental Arrow Tower, they could effectively neutralize the threat posed by the Floating Skyriders!

But why would this player take out such a precious blueprint to sell?

Couldn't they keep it for themselves?

When Ji Chen asked this question, the player's face showed a hint of bitterness.

"Big Boss, I obtained this blueprint from a treasure chest, but I almost lost all my troops defeating the wilderness creatures guarding it.

"This blueprint is indeed valuable and rare, but it's a bit awkward for me.

"I don't even know how long it will take for me to gather all the materials and resources needed to build it. So, instead of leaving it in my backpack collecting dust, I'd rather take it out now and exchange it for resources."

"This way, I can develop as quickly as possible, as survival is the top priority."

After hearing this, Ji Chen suddenly realized and found himself agreeing with the player's reasoning.

For most players, obtaining the construction materials for an Elemental Arrow Tower would undoubtedly be a tremendous challenge.

Even for Ji Chen, gathering such a quantity of resources wasn't an easy task.

The player's train of thought was quite clear and reasonable.

"Then how much do you plan to offer for this blueprint?"

"40,000, no, 30,000... gold coins?" The player hesitated and said.

Selling a five-star tier blueprint for just 30,000 gold coins, are you being charitable?

Ji Chen couldn't help but inwardly mock.

He was just about to suggest a suitable price when he realized he had no idea what amount to propose.

After all, he was purchasing this level of blueprint for the first time and had no reference point for pricing.

After thinking it over, Ji Chen opened the forum and began searching for related posts.

Soon, he closed the forum and directly stated a price.

"How about 80,000 gold coins?"

"What? 80,000?" The player was stunned. He hadn't expected to sell it at such a price.

80,000 gold coins, wasn't that more than ten times the price of the staff from earlier?

It was nearly twenty times the amount of the first player's transaction!

"What's wrong? Do you think it's too low?"

"No, no, no, it's enough, it's enough! That price is fine!" The player hurriedly replied, afraid that Ji Chen might change his mind.

"Then it's a deal."

As the player walked out of the cabin, the brilliant sunlight shining on his face, he still seemed somewhat dazed.

He obtained 80,000 gold coins just like that?

It felt unreal.

With 80,000 gold coins, how much resources could he buy?

How much food could he purchase?

How many beautiful ladies could he afford?

At this moment, his mood was like becoming rich overnight, and he felt incredibly delighted.

However, when he saw other players passing by, his expression immediately became extremely nervous.

Looking around, just like the female player, he hurriedly left with his guards.

Inside the cabin.

Ji Chen looked at the things he had obtained from the transactions and felt quite satisfied.

Eight military recruitment camp cores, one two-star staff, and a five-star blueprint.

Although he spent quite a bit of gold coins, it was worth it.

Besides, what's the point of keeping gold coins if he doesn't spend them? Should he hoard them like Edward and take them to the grave?

Ji Chen decided that this time he would spend money as much as possible, extravagantly.

Setting a small goal, he planned to spend at least three hundred thousand gold coins from his current stash.

As l_Love_Black_Sockings, who was observing from the side, witnessed the entire process of the three transactions, she remained calm at the beginning.

At first, when Ji Chen casually spent over four thousand gold coins to buy the military recruitment camp core, she remained calm.

After all, the player's military troops were their capital, and spending gold coins on military recruitment camp cores to recruit more troops was quite normal.

Then she saw Ji Chen spend nine thousand gold coins to buy a staff.

Though she couldn't help but admire the Big Boss's wealth, it made sense considering that he seemed to be a mage, and buying a suitable staff was also normal.

So, she wasn't too surprised and remained relatively calm.

But in the end, when she saw Ji Chen remain calm, not even blinking an eye, as he casually threw out 80,000 gold coins to buy a blueprint that required a massive amount of resources to construct, she couldn't stay calm anymore.

Her heart screamed loudly.

That's a whole 80,000 gold coins!

Why does he look so composed, as if he's just buying something worth eight coins!?

In an instant, l_Love_Black_Sockings felt the overwhelming financial power of a wealthy player.

No wonder he didn't care about the few thousand gold coins she collected as a ferry fee. To be able to easily produce so much gold indicates terrifying wealth!

He's simply an inhuman tycoon!

He's not only powerful but also rich, and he's extremely generous.

For a moment, l_Love_Black_Sockings even felt like asking the Islander to financially support her.

However, when she looked at Alice, the beautiful and obedient woman who was always standing beside the Big Boss, she dismissed that idea.

With such high attractiveness and being a powerful hero, even with her "Black Sockings" charm, she couldn't compete.

Perhaps sensing her gaze, Alice turned her head to look at her.

In her sapphire-like eyes, a hint of confusion flashed.

Seeing such a perfect and enchanting profile that even women would find attractive, I_Love_Black_Sockings was instantly enchanted.

In her heart, she trembled and kept repeating to herself, "I'm not into women, I'm not into women."

Ji Chen put away the staff and blueprint, then suddenly noticed I_Love_Black_Sockings' body trembling and murmuring to herself, so he curiously asked, "What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell?"

"Not at all, just feeling a bit warm here," I_Love_Black_Sockings tried to maintain a calm face as she fanned herself.

At that moment, Anina, who had been invisible, jumped out with a mischievous smile on her face.

"I saw it! She was staring at Alice just now!"

Upon hearing this, I_Love_Black_Sockings' face changed dramatically, and she couldn't hold back her embarrassment.

Feeling the gazes from Ji Chen and Alice, she became extremely awkward, stuttering and trying to explain herself.

Ji Chen glanced at her a few times, finding it a bit strange, but he didn't press further. He got up, stretched lazily, and suggested, "If it's too hot here, let's go up to the deck for some fresh air."

With that, he walked towards the outside of the cabin.

On the spacious deck, many players were engaged in various transactions.

The sounds of buying and selling, the simple stalls on the ground, the diverse array of goods, and the bustling crowd reminded Ji Chen of the lively scenes he experienced back on Earth during temple fairs.

Looking at this scene, I_Love_Black_Sockings couldn't help but sigh, "It's been a long time since I entered this world, and I haven't seen such a lively scene. It feels quite nice."

Ji Chen stood with his hands behind his back and remained silent, his gaze profound as he thought about many things.

If one day, the New Moon Islands could be as lively as this, how wonderful would that be?

When that time comes, not only players would come from afar to the New Moon Islands, but the native inhabitants would also flock there.

The Crown of the Ocean would undoubtedly become the shining gem he had envisioned when he first named it, becoming a dazzling pearl in the ocean!