

## **Ocean Lord 301**

*Chapter 301: Various Items, Enslavement Contract Scroll,*  
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He could also use it on others!

If a skilled resident of the Crown of the Ocean becomes an alchemist, they can delve into the secrets of alchemy. As their expertise grows, much like ThotmudOj they might uncover the techniques to craft alchemical entities like the Ruins Guardians, Ocean Guardians, and Sky Guardians, and potentially even produce them in large quantities.

They might even decipher the gnomish technology hidden within that gnomish merchant ship.

Not only that, in his backpack, there was a priceless treasure Krieg's alchemical notes. Who knows how much alchemical knowledge is hidden within?

With the knowledge of the ancient Lidl who had lived for tens of thousands of years, it was not impossible to cultivate a powerful alchemist!

Let's not get too caught up in the likelihood of success; we should prioritize pursuing our dreams!

Next, there were two bottles of potions. In the light of the crystal lamps in the castle hall, the golden liquid in the two bottles refracted strange colors, clearly indicating their extraordinary nature.

[Potion: Holy Healing Elixir 1

[Tier]: 5 stars

[Effect]: Provides potent healing effects

[Blessed by the divine |

The description was brief, but the 5-star tier undoubtedly indicated its incredible efficacy.

Even though Ji Chen had various means to preserve his life now, having two more life-saving potions was still excellent.

In this dangerous world, having an extra means of survival might save his life at some critical moment.

Ji Chen opened his backpack, and placed them within easy reach, ensuring he could access them quickly in emergencies.

His gaze then fell upon the last two items.

A scroll made of parchment, bound together.

In terms of mystery, this item, was second only to the final metallic creation. It appeared ordinary on the outside, but it had been safeguarded individually by the gnome Ernesto, indicating its value.

Carefully untying the hemp rope that bound it, Ji Chen slowly unfurled the parchment.

On the parchment, countless blood-like patterns twisted around the center, forming an eerie runic symbol that seemed to draw anyone who looked at it in.

[Enslavement Contract Scroll]

[Tier]: Special

[Effect]: Can forcibly enslave a higher being, compelling them to enter into a binding servitude contract with the user, essentially making them the user's servant.

An enslavement contract?

Ji Chen couldn't help but be surprised. This item was a common element in fantasy worlds, but this scroll was extraordinary it could target higher beings.

What constitutes a higher being?

Advanced elemental creatures, rare and powerful races, advanced-tier beings, and even dragons were included.

Being able to forcibly establish an enslavement contract without conditions made it no less valuable than the love potion from earlier.

In terms of rarity, this scroll might be the most valuable item on the entire gnome merchant ship.

Looking at the scroll before him, Ji Chen pondered. If he could use it wisely, perhaps he could recruit a formidable ally for the Crown of the Ocean.

The last item was a square metal artifact, the material it was made of was unknown, but it looked extremely durable.

[Key to Entering Gigantooth City]

[Only by holding this key can the gates of Gigantooth City be opened |

So, it was a key.

Ji Chen had learned about Gigantooth City from Ernesto. It was situated in the Western Continent and serves as one of the two major gnome cities.

Rumors had it that this city had been constructed using countless gnome technologies and contained numerous gnomish innovations that outsiders coveted.

However, it was a city that only gnomes could enter; any other race attempting to enter would be bombarded into dust by various gnome weapons.

Looking at this key, Ji Chen had another idea.

After all, he possessed the Illusory Mask, which could mimic any living being.

If he could transform into Ernesto...

At this point, everything had been checked.

The next morning.

He summoned Wilus and Leysha, giving them the blueprints for the gnome freshwater purification device and the brewery workshop, respectively. He instructed Wilus to select a resident with a character suitable for becoming an alchemist.

Then, he called on heroes like Anina and instructed them to guard the Crown of the Ocean diligently. Afterward, he set off with Alice and the nine Tyrant Azure Dragons to meet with I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings on King Kong Island.

Along the way, he also helped Alice capture a batch of soul servants to fill all the available slots as soon as possible.

Traveling on Tyrant Azure Dragons was incredibly fast, several times faster than a typical sailboat.

In just one day and one night, he arrived at King Kong Island with Alice.

When I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings saw Ji Chen appear in front of her territory, she looked a bit puzzled.

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Between King Kong Island and the Crown of the Ocean, there was a full three days of sailing. How did you manage to get here in just one day?

Surprised as she was, she didn't forget her business.

"Boss Ji Chen, the first batch of goods you transported has entered the player market on King Kong Island. They sold out quickly, not even lasting a day, and we've already paid you. Your fleet is probably on its way back now."

Ji Chen nodded, not paying much attention to these minor matters.

He didn't worry too much about the cargo from just five ships; there would be more merchant ships going back and forth between King Kong Island and the New Moon Islands in the future.

He had come specifically this time for one thing.

I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings was a clever person and naturally understood this. She readily took out the Gloria Elf Treasury map and handed it over..

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"Boss, I understand this map must be special, but if it's of any help to you, it's yours!"

Observing her eagerness to hand over the map, Ji Chen smiled. "You truly have no curiosity about this map... about Gloria?"

I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings' face stiffened for a moment.

To say she had no curiosity would be a lie. These past few days, she had intentionally or unintentionally gathered bits of information about Gloria: the ancient elves, the lost city, the conflicts among the elves, the fragments in the hands of the dwarves...

But after reading just a little, she dared not look any further.

What kind of terrifying stuff was all this?

It appeared to be something incredibly perilous, a proverbial hot potato one wouldn't even want to hold.

Driven by her self-preservation instincts, she suppressed her greed and curiosity and resolutely handed it over.

"Curiosity may be good, but I'm very afraid of dying, so I'd rather not."

"Big Boss Ji Chen, take it quickly. I won't be able to control my hands if you delay any longer!"

Seeing I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings with a pained expression, Ji Chen burst into laughter, took the map, and placed it in his backpack.

"Since I've accepted your 'gift', I should naturally show some appreciation.

If you ever encounter any difficulties in the future, don't hesitate to ask for help. I'll do my best to assist you."

Upon hearing this, I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings' face lit up with joy, and any lingering reluctance vanished.

This was precisely why she did it, wasn't it?

In life, especially in such a dangerous world, having a strong back to rely on was the most important thing.

It was her life's motto!

"Thank you, boss! Boss, you're generous!"

"Since you've come all the way here, how about being a guest here? Let me be a gracious host."

Ji Chen thought for a moment, nodded without refusing, and let the Tyrant Azure Dragon stay in the sea while he followed I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings to the depths of her territory.

On the way, they could see the significant progress in I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings' strength.

First and foremost, it was evident from the appearance of the territory.

The pier had expanded several times over, with five oceangoing sailboats anchored there. During his previous visit, there were only two barely seaworthy coastal ships.

From the pier to the highlands where the Lord's Manor was located, a bustling main road had formed. On either side of the road were two or three-story wooden loft houses, interspersed with five or six-story tall stone clock towers with sword-signboarded taverns.

There was a dense flow of people, and soldiers in armor were patrolling, maintaining order in the territory.

Perhaps it was due to I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings opening up foreign trade, but many residents had set up stalls along the roads, loudly hawking their wares. Some traders and players from other places were bustling around, intending to purchase things that caught their interest.

To him, this scene had a distinct medieval town vibe.

Even with access to a significant amount of resources, not everyone could transform their territory into such a state in a short time.

It was evident that I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings possessed a talent for management.

In comparison, Ji Chen's Crown of the Ocean followed a semi-militarized business policy.

They maintained enough vigilance and caution towards the outside world while systematically exporting goods.

The reason was simple: Crown of the Ocean faced attacks from various monsters and coveting forces at irregular intervals.

If they fully opened up without a plan, they would either be turned into a sieve or infiltrated thoroughly.

It seemed like I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings wanted to fully implement the plan of a medieval lord. She had erected a wooden city wall around the highlands, enclosing the Lord's Manor, isolating it from the outside.

Once it reached the level of a feudal city, the Lord's Manor would transform into a lord's castle, probably not much different from the medieval territories he had in mind..

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Armed Naga and the Trident of the Abyss – Trident Tip

Seeing the appreciation in Ji Chen's eyes, I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings proudly said, "Transforming the land into its current appearance required a significant amount of my effort and time.

However, achieving this has nearly depleted the profits I had accumulated earlier. It's quite costly."

She said this, but the satisfaction on her face couldn't be concealed.

"How many residents do you have here?"

"Not many, all in all, around 1,500 people, and if you count the army, it's about 2,500."

Ji Chen nodded. With 1,500 residents, it was a thriving small town, and after including the troops, it was certainly impressive.

Seeing Ji Chen's approval, I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings suddenly asked, "Big Boss, how many people do you have in your territory now?"

"Not many, just over 10,000 residents, and if you count the army, it's around 20 to 30 thousand."

I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings instantly sobered up and fell into silence.

A moment ago, she was a bit arrogant, but now, she was abruptly humbled. In comparison to the boss, she felt like a tiny fish in a big pond.

Not to mention the number of residents, even the nine Tyrant Azure Dragons docked at the pier could easily destroy a territory.

Ji Chen glanced at her casually. He hadn't even mentioned the Underground Lizardman Kingdom yet. If she knew there were over a hundred thousand lizardmen underground, she might go crazy.

Young people should maintain their humility.

In a strange silence, the group entered the Lord Manor.

I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings tactfully let the others go first and took a seat on the side.

Ji Chen didn't make a fuss either and sat down directly.

He got straight to the point, revealing the second purpose of this visit besides obtaining the map.

"Do you know if there are any fourth-tier wild ocean monster lairs near King Kong Island?"

Alice had currently enslaved over two hundred soul servants, and while there were many powerful monsters in the deep sea, most of them lived alone and were highly scattered. Despite Ji Chen and Alice's efforts to find them, their efficiency had not been improving.

Filling all the enslavement slots would take months at this rate.

I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings looked visibly puzzled. "I do know, but Big Boss, what do you want them for?"

"It's none of your concern."

She wanted to ask more, but seeing Ji Chen's serious expression, she decided to keep quiet. "There aren't many fourth-tier ocean monster lairs nearby, but I know the location of three of them. They're all a considerable distance from King Kong Island. I'll mark it for you right away."

I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings took out a map and made a few marks on it, then handed it over.

Ji Chen took a look and saw three red circles drawn on the sea areas.

"Big Boss, although these three monster lairs are fourth-tier, there might be fifth-tier monsters inside, so you should be careful," I\_Love\_Black\_Sockings cautioned, her words carrying some weight.

She had once observed one of them from afar and was nearly scared to death.

The density and number of fourth-tier monsters in these lairs were enough to wipe out half of King Kong Island.

Fortunately, these lairs were at a certain distance from King Kong Island, so as long as they didn't provoke trouble recklessly, there shouldn't be a problem.

Ji Chen nodded, bid his farewell, and left, heading towards the locations marked on the map.

He made his way through the waves.

Soon, he arrived at the nearest lair.

On a small island no larger than four or five basketball courts, there were densely packed Razorfin Seals basking in the sun, their bellies turned upward.

[Razorfin Seal]

[Tier]: Fourth Tier, 1 Star

Although they were only fourth-tier 1-star creatures, their numbers were significant, with about three to four hundred Razorfin Seals in sight, making it a plentiful source.

Without hesitation, Ji Chen waved his hand, and all eight Tyrant Azure Dragons, except the one beneath him, charged towards the island.

The Razorfin Seals, which had been leisurely basking on the island, suddenly sensed an extreme danger approaching. They looked up and saw eight terrifying Azure Dragons rapidly closing in. Instantly, they panicked, instinctively climbing onto the island and away from the water.

This was their genetic instinct to evade formidable enemies, as most marine creatures could only survive in the water and couldn't go ashore.

However, little did they know that this action sealed their only hope of escape.

The eight Tyrant Azure Dragons surrounded the island, exposing their heads above the sea surface. Their enormous nostrils emitted wisps of icy mist as they watched the trembling Razorfin Seals on the island. There was a trace of disdain in their eyes.

These fellows were useless.

Ji Chen and Alice casually approached the island, initiating the enslavement process.

Faced with the already frightened seals, the process went smoothly. After a little over ten minutes, Alice gained three hundred and eighty fourth-tier 1-star soul servants, further expanding her entourage of servants.

Without stopping, the group headed to the next monster lair.

After two hours of rapid travel, they arrived at the location marked on the map.

Unlike the previous Razorfin Seal island, this monster lair was not located above the sea surface but rather within the sea.

However, this had no impact on them; in fact, they could better utilize their combat capabilities in the sea.

They submerged several hundred meters into the sea and quickly discovered traces of the monsters in a trench.

Four-armed Nagas were bustling around, carrying prey back and forth. Their robust muscles and emerald-green scales showcased their formidable strength..

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*Armed Naga and the Trident of the Abyss – Trident Tip (2)*

The bone weapons gripped in their hands clearly showcased their deadly capabilities.

[Four-Armed Nagas]

[Race]: Naga

[Tier]: Fourth Tier, 6 Stars

[Level]: 30

Surprisingly, these Four-Armed Nagas, of the same race as his own Nagas, were even higher tier and had quite respectable levels.

The more powerful they were, the more satisfied Ji Chen became.

Regardless, they would ultimately become Alice's soul servants, fighting for the Crown of the Ocean.

Upon seeing Ji Chen's group, the Four-Armed Nagas responsible for vigilance issued a warning.

In an instant, the entire trench came to life.

The Four-Armed Nagas set aside their prey and rushed forward with their weapons.

Unlike the Razorfin Seals, they did not fear the Tyrant Azure Dragon. Instead, their cruel eyes were filled with a desire for battle. If they could slay such a giant creature, it would be the ultimate glory.

Seeing this scene, Ji Chen was somewhat surprised.

Apart from the Sea Heir, it was the first time he had seen creatures that weren't afraid of the Tyrant Azure Dragon.

However, not fearing and being able to defeat it were two different things.

Ji Chen raised his right hand, and the Four-Armed Nagas charging at them were immobilized in place. Upon closer inspection, one could see a distinct water rope tied around their necks, keeping them bound and unable to move.

They blushed with exertion, their four arms straining as they attempted to break the water ropes. Yet, despite their best efforts, they couldn't break loose.

Every Four-Armed Naga that emerged from the trench was caught by these inexplicable water ropes as they charged.

This was the strength of Ji Chen.

As his level continued to rise, his control over water also grew stronger, and conjuring water ropes, which seemed inconceivable to outsiders, became effortless for him.

In the trench, a particularly burly figure suddenly appeared, wielding a giant axe, a longsword, a bone spear, and a chain in its four muscular arms.

At first glance, it looked like something.

Ji Chen's eyes narrowed, and it seemed that this Four-Armed Naga was the leader of this monster's lair.

[Four-Armed Naga (Leader)]

[Race]: Naga



[Tier]: Blue Leader

Oh, it's a monster leader. No wonder this Four-Armed Naga group is so powerful.

However, he didn't really pay much attention to a mere blue-tier monster leader.

"Human, why are you attacking us? We have no grievances with you!"

At this moment, the Four-Armed Naga leader hissed in snake-like language, speaking human words.

Ji Chen glanced at it and replied indifferently, "Do I need a reason to attack you?"

This arrogant attitude left the Four-Armed Naga leader stunned. It had lived for so long and roamed these waters for many years, yet this was the first time it had encountered a human more domineering than itself.

Feeling its dignity insulted, it angrily roared, "You damned human, you will pay for this!"

"Brave warriors, charge!!"

In an instant, a large wave of Four-Armed Nagas surged out of the trench, along with those bound by Ji Chen. There were at least five hundred of them.

Ji Chen wasn't taken aback but rather pleased. They had concealed so many inside. Now, he could gather a substantial group of minions!

His left hand, which had been hanging down, slowly lifted, and countless seawater surged, condensing into water ropes that bound all the Four-Armed Nagas, rendering them immobile.

Even the Four-Armed Naga leader was bound, and its proud four-armed weapons and strength were useless at this moment.

"Human, you're damned!"

Its eyes turned completely red, and its body suddenly expanded. Its already muscular physique grew even larger.

Its four colossal arms tugged at the water rope encircling its neck, gradually extending it.

Ji Chen's eyes showed some surprise. Was it undergoing a power-up?

However, this wasn't a typical action-packed anime where a significant difference in power could be bridged by a power boost. After all, why would powerful individuals bother with self-improvement otherwise?

He merely increased his mana output, causing the water rope to thicken by a loop, firmly locking around its neck. No matter how desperately it struggled, it couldn't break free.

Soon, the Four-Armed Naga leader's body, which had initially deflated like a balloon, returned to its original size, devoid of any strength to resist.

Seeing this scene, the other Four-Armed Nagas who were still struggling lost their spirit. Even their most powerful leader couldn't break free, so how could they resist?

"Ding- The morale of the Four-Armed Naga has decreased by 20 points."

Ji Chen nodded to Alice and said, "You can begin."

Upon hearing this, Alice used her mind control skill and started singing with her enchanting voice.

The Four-Armed Nagas all covered their ears in agony, but her song seemed to penetrate their physical bodies and reach their souls. No matter how tightly they covered their ears, they could still hear it.

Apart from the song, they heard nothing else.

Gradually, they stopped resisting, the light in their eyes faded, forever lost in the endless melody.

"Ding- Siren Hero: Alice has enslaved 510 units of Four-Armed Nagas (Fourth Tier, 7-star), and 1 unit of Four-Armed Naga Leader (Blue Tier)."

This was the power of Alice!

In addition to ordinary troops, she could even capture enemy monster leaders and make them her soul servants.

That was the terror of the Siren race.

Given enough time to grow, every Siren had the ability to command an army by themselves!

No wonder Lady Irona said that most marine races showed disgust and rejection toward the Sirens. Who knew if one day the Sirens would forcefully turn them or their people into their soul servants?

All he could say was that this ability was too mysterious and ruthless.

He could only be thankful that Alice was currently a hero of the Crown of the Ocean and was fighting for him, not against him.

After enslaving more than five hundred Four-Armed Nagas at once, Alice appeared somewhat fatigued. Ji Chen had no choice but to let the Tyrant Azure Dragon carry her for some rest.

During this short break, he took a look at the current progress.

[Enslaved Quantity: 1090/3125]

After all the hustle and bustle, he had only managed to reach a third of his goal.

He felt a mixture of worry and joy.

If he could fill all of it, he would have an additional army of three thousand Fourth Tier units, which, even in the current Crown of the Ocean, would be a force to be reckoned with.

Of course, it would be excellent if he could enslave Fifth Tier beasts.

His expectations were modest; he'd be satisfied with just a few dozen skeletal wyverns that he had encountered under the command of Skeleton King Solin.

Thinking of this, Ji Chen suddenly remembered the nest of Four-Armed Nagas in the trench. Perhaps there were some treasures hidden inside?

Instructing five Tyrant Azure Dragons to guard Alice as she rested, he entered the trench with the other four.

Soon, he followed the traces and found a massive underwater entrance in the trench.

The entrance was too narrow for the massive Tyrant Azure Dragons to enter, so Ji Chen had to swim in by himself. He kept the Omniscience map active as he ventured inside.

After entering through the entrance, he found himself in a spacious area that resembled a meeting hall. A brief inspection didn't reveal anything significant, so he continued further inside to chart the layout of the nest.

Before long, a complete blueprint appeared in his mind.

The Four-Armed Naga nest had a structure resembling the Chinese character “41” (zhong).

The entrance represented the bottom stroke of the character, the first horizontal stroke was the meeting hall, the two strokes on the left housed food and miscellaneous items, and the right side was where they resided. The top part of the character was the sleeping chamber of the Four-Armed Naga leader.

Inside the leader's chamber, Ji Chen found a considerable amount of gold coins, some sparkling gemstones, and jewelry.

These were probably treasures they had salvaged from sunken human ships, as they had a natural advantage in underwater treasure hunting.

However, in the sleeping chamber of the Four-Armed Naga leader, he discovered something else.

A broken staff, so damaged that it was impossible to discern its original appearance.

[Abyssal Trident – Trident Tip (Severely Damaged)]

[Tier]: 5-star Artifact (Severely Damaged, Downgraded)

[Effect]: (Severely Damaged, Unable to Determine)

[Skills]: (Severely Damaged, Unable to Determine)

[The Abyssal Trident is rumored to be a weapon beyond the mundane. It shattered into several pieces during a certain battle, scattering throughout the ocean. If one could collect and repair it completely, it might unleash a terrifying power]..

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A weapon beyond the mundane?

Ji Chen pondered, somewhat unclear about what exactly “beyond the mundane” meant in terms of grade.

Treasures above 7 stars were legendary treasures, and beyond that were artifacts.

If “mundane” referred to treasures of 7 stars, then anything above that was likely legendary.

Unfortunately, this fragment of a trident's tip was probably just a small part of the complete trident. Finding this piece had been a stroke of luck; searching for the other parts would be like finding a needle in a haystack.

Ji Chen shook his head slightly with a hint of regret but didn't dwell on it, tossing it into his backpack where it would gather dust.

After collecting gold and silver coins, gemstones, and jewelry, he left the lair of the Four-Armed Nagas and reunited with Alice.

The group set out again, heading to the last monster lair.

This time, the monsters were fourth-tier three-star Blue Ring Octopus Beasts. They could release a massive amount of toxins through their tentacles, making them formidable opponents, and there were plenty of them, numbering over a thousand.

Under Ji Chen's strong crowd control, the process of enslavement went smoothly this time.

Several tens of minutes later, Alice's army of soul servants had increased by another thousand, reaching a total of over two thousand, with just over a thousand left to reach the maximum.

As they explored the three monster lairs, Ji Chen returned to King Kong Island.

When I\_Love\_Black\_Socks saw over two thousand fourth-tier monsters trailing behind them, behaving as obedient as pets, she was utterly speechless with astonishment.

Since when could monsters be tamed like this?

Ji Chen paid no attention to her shocked expression and asked directly, "Are there any other monster lairs nearby?"

"I only know of those three... but I can ask the other players on King Kong Island!" I\_Love\_Black\_Socks quickly said and opened the chat channel to inquire. Soon, she received a response.

"Some players said they found an underwater ruin in a remote sea area to the south of King Kong Island, occupied by a large number of monsters. It's probably another monster lair.

But they mentioned that there seems to be something like a negative force field in that area. Anyone who gets too close is affected by negative effects. Coupled with the strong monsters there, no one has dared to approach."

An underwater ruin?

Ji Chen became interested, and his adventurous spirit ignited once again.

Ruins meant danger, but they also meant rewards.

If he hadn't taken the risk to enter the Skeleton Secret Realm earlier, how could he have met Elin and Thotmudo and obtained treasures like the Illusory Mask and Void Ring?

Ji Chen had always followed the philosophy of high risk, high reward.

"Where is the exact location?"

I\_Love\_Black\_Socks was taken aback by Ji Chen's nonchalant attitude. What others saw as a dangerous place might not be anything to a pro like him.

"I'll ask... That sea area is about eighty to ninety nautical miles south of King Kong Island. Near the underwater ruins, there's a small island with a tall statue on it.

As long as you can find that small island, the underwater ruins should be easy to locate.”

Eighty to ninety nautical miles, roughly two hundred kilometers when converted, wasn’t a great distance at sea.

With a rough idea in mind, Ji Chen set off immediately.

The nine Tyrant Azure Dragons spread out in a V-shape formation, let out a roar, and burst forth with formidable momentum.

The seawater churned, and countless small monsters and fish fled in fear.

Behind the Tyrant Azure Dragons were over two thousand soulless, lifeless monsters, like puppets manipulated by someone.

Even so, more than two thousand monsters, all of them at least fourth-tier 1-star, represented a frightening force.

With such a powerful army traveling through the sea, countless monsters scattered in their wake.

Due to the influence of soul servants, Ji Chen and his group didn’t move very quickly, and took half a day to reach this sea area.

This was a distant area, well away from any known shipping routes. There were no indications of human activity nearby, and no readily available resources to exploit. It was a place that not even animals would venture into.

There were some scattered small islands in the vicinity, but apart from dilapidated and abandoned houses beyond repair, there was nothing worth noting.

Holes in the houses, tattered cloth fluttering in the wind on wooden frames, and small docks reduced to decaying wooden supports all gave the place a desolate feeling.

After leaving this group of scattered islands behind, they continued searching for the island with the statue.

“Lord, do you think that thing over there is a statue?”

Alice pointed to the distance.

Ji Chen followed her pointing finger and saw a small island in the distance. There stood a tall statue.

“Head towards that small island.”

With his command, the army changed course and sped up.

As the distance shortened, the statue’s appearance became clearer. When Ji Chen finally saw it clearly, his pupils couldn’t help but contract.

The statue had the appearance of a monstrous creature with a green face, sharp fangs, and wings on its back. One hand cradled its knee, while the other pointed into the distance. Its enormous eyes carried a hint of ferocity.

The sculptor had crafted this statue with such precision that it appeared as if it could soar into the sky at any instant. Every aspect, from the wings poised for flight to the well-defined muscles, sharp claws, and even the wrinkles on its skin, appeared remarkably lifelike.

It appeared as if it were real.

Although it was just an inanimate statue, it exuded pure evil, strangeness, and chaos.

Alice looked at it curiously and asked, "Lord, is that thing a statue?"

*Chapter 306 - 306: Negative State, Amos Temple (2)*

"Lord, we've spotted the statue, but where is the underwater relic?"

Ji Chen pointed to the enigmatic statue.

"This statue has already given us a clue. Look at its finger."

Upon hearing this, Alice looked in the direction indicated. The statue's finger appeared to be pointing straight into the distance, but in reality, it was slightly inclined downward, leading to a spot in the sea.

"If my guess is correct, right below that section of the sea lies the location of the underwater relic."

Seeing this somewhat eerie statue, Ji Chen became more cautious.

"Alice, have a few of the Soulbound Servants go ahead and scout."

Alice nodded, and several Razorfin Seals broke away from the group, diving into the sea and leading the way.

Ji Chen and the rest of the team followed, maintaining a distance of several hundred meters.

"Ding- Soulbound Servant: Razorfin Seal is affected by a negative force field, entering a negative state with a 5% reduction in all attributes."

Ji Chen didn't pause, and he waved for them to continue. Soon, the invisible force field began to affect the entire group, subjecting them to a negative state. After advancing for several hundred meters more...

"Ding- Negative effects intensify, with a 10% reduction in all attributes."

Wow, this negative effect can actually get stronger?

Could it be that the closer they get to the underwater relic, the stronger the effect becomes?

As the distance decreased further, the negative effect increased from 10% to 15%, and then from 15% to 20%. Even Ji Chen felt the influence of some kind of energy, as if a heavy stone were pressing down on his shoulders. His body became somewhat sluggish, and the flow of mana in his body also slowed down significantly, reducing his overall vitality.

Alice, on the other hand, didn't seem to be affected much. While her mana was suppressed, her Soulbound Servants had long been controlled and imprinted with soul marks, so they remained under her control even with the lowest levels of mana.

As they were finally able to spot a colossal underwater relic on the seabed with their naked eyes, the adverse effects on them peaked in intensity.

A 35% decrease in attributes equals a total one-third reduction.

At this point, Ji Chen became completely serious.

This underwater relic couldn't be ordinary, or else it wouldn't have such terrifying negative effects.

Now, returning to the important matter at hand, how could they address this persistent negative effect?

Suddenly, an idea flashed through Ji Chen's mind.

If he were to draw a comparison between this negative field, where the closer he got, the stronger the effect, to a negative state or condition...

Is it possible for a domain to neutralize another?

With this in mind, Ji Chen decided to give it a try immediately.

With a thought, a surge of mana, like a tsunami, erupted.

[Tidal Domain (Orange Skill, can expand a tidal domain with a radius of five hundred meters, reducing enemy attributes within the domain by 0-70%, with the effect determined by the difference in strength between the enemy and us, reducing physical and magical damage by 30%, reducing mana consumption by 30%)]

Centered around him, a spherical domain with a radius of two hundred and fifty meters was formed.

Suddenly, the pressure on his shoulders dissipated, and he felt free once again.

The negative status effects previously imposed on him vanished.

Upon closer examination, about two hundred and fifty meters away, they noticed a tumultuous sea where vibrant deep blue mana and ominous gray-black energy clashed and battled each other relentlessly.

It seemed that the gray-black energy was the tangible manifestation of the negative force field, but it had been hidden all along.

Ji Chen monitored the mana usage rate. While there was a small difference between mana recovery and consumption, the overall trend was a decrease. Thanks to his ample mana reserves, he could sustain the Tidal Domain for an extended period.

Without any hesitation, he gave the command for the army to continue forward.

The closer they got, the more colossal the relic on the seabed appeared.

Rather than calling it a relic, it was more like a relic city.

Countless pillars with obvious signs of civilization lay in ruins all over the seabed. The remnants of stone buildings filled every corner, exuding a desolate beauty.

But the most prominent feature was the towering temple-like structure at the center of the relic, reaching dozens of meters in height and occupying a wide area. This was the only building in the entire relic that remained well-preserved.

[Temple of Amos Sacrifice]

A temple?

Ji Chen was slightly surprised, but he understood.

In the era when gods existed, believers built temples like this one in many places, from the freezing north to the endless swampy deathlands, from the highest peaks of the world to the depths of the lightless sea, to worship and show their devotion to the gods.

As the river of time flowed on, most of them had already perished into oblivion, but there were still some buried in unknown places.

And the sacrificial temple before their eyes was clearly one of them.

In every sacrificial temple, believers, in order to express their supreme devotion, collected countless treasures from all over the world, even from the void, to offer to the gods and seek their protection.

Of course, whether the gods cherished these worldly objects was still unknown.

But one thing could be known – this sacrificial temple, which had been preserved due to its location and had not been explored, might contain some unexpected things.

Ji Chen narrowed his eyes.

It seemed that this journey had not been in vain.

Gurgle-

Out of nowhere, thousands of creatures with razor-like fins sprang forth from every corner of the ruins, resembling the statue on the small island.

Their sharp claws left deep marks on the pillars, a testament to their strength.

[Razorfin Demons]

[Race]: Demon

[Tier]: Fourth Tier, 3 Stars

[Level]: 30

[Skills]: Rend, Combo Strike, Sharp Teeth

[Unit Traits]: Ruthless and Cruel (...)

[The backbone of the Demon race, placed here to guard the temple]

Demons?

Ji Chen was somewhat surprised.

According to what he knew, demons were often servants nurtured by evil gods. Could it be that this temple was dedicated to worshiping an evil deity?

This was yet another unexpected turn of events.

“Try to subjugate them.”

Alice nodded, closed her eyes slightly, and released her spiritual power, but her face suddenly turned pale.

“Lord, I can’t subjugate these demons.”



“Why?”

“Their souls have already been marked for countless years, and the one who marked them is a presence I can’t contend with...”

Ji Chen understood. These demons were probably minions of some evil god, and competing with a god for control over them was a difficult task.

“Since we can’t subjugate them, then let’s prepare for battle!”

These demons were all at the fourth tier, 3 stars in rank, and level 30.

Even with their strength reduced by 35% due to the negative status, they were still formidable opponents. But now, the negative status had been negated by the Tide Domain, and in terms of raw power, Ji Chen and his group had a clear advantage.

“Everyone, stay within the range of my domain!”

Two thousand fourth-tier Soul Servants were present, ranging from fourth-tier 1-star to fourth-tier 6-star, densely packed within the domain, ready to face the enemy’s onslaught.

The Razorfins Demons attacked from various directions, but as soon as they entered the Tide Domain, their movements slowed down, as if they were being pressed down by a great mountain. Their strength was significantly reduced.

“Ding- Razorfins Demons are suppressed by the Tide Domain, all attributes reduced by 50%.”

This was much stronger than the negative status imposed by the temple. Their strength was now only at 50%, almost like having both hands tied behind their backs.

However, Ji Chen’s group remained unscathed, and they even experienced a 30% decrease in physical and magical damage inflicted upon them.

The Razorfins Demons, who could originally cut through metal like butter with their claws, now only left shallow marks, and their power had diminished significantly.

This almost made them curse out loud.

What the heck is this!?

Under the domain suppression, the power gap between the two sides was brought to a terrifying level.

This was another strength of Ji Chen.

Not only did he possess formidable combat abilities, but he could also provide significant buffs to his allies, exerting strong suppression on the enemy.

If he wanted, he could easily serve as a support.

With the power gap, the Razorfins Demons were quickly slain one by one, and their murky black blood polluted the seawater.

Nevertheless, this darkened blood didn't disperse when mixed with the seawater; rather, it was drawn back into the massive temple, akin to iron filings being irresistibly pulled back in, one droplet at a time.

Upon contact with the black blood, the temple broke the silence it had maintained for countless ages, trembling suddenly, causing the seawater to shake.

Something dreadful was slowly awakening.

Ji Chen's mouth twitched.

Well, he knew things wouldn't be that simple.

But he had grown accustomed to it. He ordered everyone to retreat hundreds of meters, ready to prepare for battle at any moment..

*Chapter 307: Double-Winged Demons: Too Mischievous, Saturated Assault*

A malevolent energy seeped out of the temple, and in a matter of moments, the negative field around it intensified dramatically, mercilessly compressing Ji Chen's Tidal Domain.

The sea at the periphery churned wildly as if corroded by some kind of acid.

Ji Chen chose not to confront this force head-on. Instead, he narrowed his domain, maintaining it at a size that could encompass his entire army, reducing the pressure from the energy.

His eyes were fixed firmly on the temple.

Knowing that this temple was likely dedicated to some dark deity, especially with the strange resurgence happening now, he remained on high alert.

Of course, the resurgence couldn't be the true dark god itself.

Even the most feeble of dark gods held the potential to wreak havoc upon the world, so how could there be such a disturbance?

At that moment, the trembling temple finally came to a stop, and the massive stone doors slowly swung open. A tall figure wielding a bone staff emerged from behind the doors.

With wings spanning several meters, coiled muscles, dehydrated and wrinkled skin that extended like scales, and razor-sharp fangs, the figure was an eerie sight to behold.

But the most striking feature was its abyssal, pitch-black eyes, devoid of any emotional expression, only darkness.

The appearance of this enigmatic entity instantly changed the atmosphere.

Oppressive, malevolent, and chilling.

It felt like a thousand-year-old iceberg had suddenly appeared, spreading an immense coldness that made their blood sluggish and their bodies rigid.

It seemed as if the sun had vanished from the sky, casting the world into an unending darkness, leaving only those pitch-black eyes in their sight.

Thump—

Ji Chen's heart skipped a beat, and his mana surged out like a breached dam, desperately dispersing the oppressive aura that surrounded them.

When he snapped back to reality, he realized that, unknowingly, his Tidal Domain had been compressed to a size of just a few dozen meters, and many of his Soul Servants were already exposed to the negative field.

He hastily expended his mana to restore the domain, finally letting out a sigh of relief.

As he gazed at the motionless figure, a sense of wariness remained in his eyes.

Undoubtedly, this was something related to a dark god, and it was indeed as eerie as he had expected. They had come perilously close to falling under its influence.

[Amos Temple Dark Acolyte (Weakened)]

[Level]: 45

[Incarnation of a faithful follower of a certain dark deity, sacrificing flesh and soul, willingly guarding this temple for eternity]

A hoarse and eerie voice echoed directly in their ears.

“Ignorant intruders, you have disturbed the tranquility of the temple.

Those who are ignorant must pay the price.

I will bind your souls and use your blood to appease the peace in this place.”

As the words fell, the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte took a step forward, raising the bone staff in hand. An aura of terror emanated from his body.

From the skull at the tip of the staff, a substantial black mist spewed forth, transforming into countless tendrils resembling small serpents, and they burrowed into the lifeless Double-Winged Demons.

With a bizarre and twisted wriggling, the once-dead Double-Winged Demons actually stood back up, and their wounds rapidly healed.

Their once pitch-black eyes were now a deep blood-red as if oozing with fresh blood.

[Corrupted Double-Winged Demons]

[Tier]: Fourth Tier, 6 Stars

[Level]: 30

“All units, prepare for battle!”

As soon as the command was given, the resurrected Double-Winged Demons lunged at them.

Compared to before, they were now several times stronger.

Perhaps due to their corruption, even when entering the Tidal Domain, the suppression they faced was greatly reduced, with only a 20% reduction in all attributes. Now, they were no less formidable than Alice's Soul Servant army.

At this moment, the demons' razor-sharp claws, capable of tearing through metal, displayed their tremendous power.

With a slight tug, the flesh was torn, nearly sundered at the waist, and blood flowed out continuously.

A single Razorfin Seal found itself encircled and assaulted by two Corrupted Double-Winged Demons. Their claws pierced its chest, disappearing completely within its body, and then they yanked to the side.

Rip-

The Razorfin Seal, with its tough hide, proved fragile as paper under the claws. It was torn into four pieces, with its organs scattering in all directions.

Among the Soul Servant army, the weaker ones succumbed one after another under the claws of the Corrupted Double-Winged Demons, while the more advanced ones persevered.

As Soul Servants, they were like puppets driven solely by a desire for slaughter, devoid of unnecessary emotions. They would not retreat or falter as long as Alice, their "puppeteer", did not stop.

Under such a frenzied counterattack, they managed to kill many of the Corrupted Double-Winged Demons.

A particularly bloodthirsty Corrupted Double-Winged Demon rashly charged in alone and was torn apart by dozens of Four-Armed Nagas working in perfect coordination, using over a dozen weapons.

Several Corrupted Double-Winged Demons formed teams to attack but were tightly embraced by dozens of Blue-Ringed Octopus Beasts. The teeth in the suckers on their tentacles tore through skin and muscle like a cutting machine, paralyzing and killing their prey with toxins.

These were just ordinary scenes within the entire battlefield.

The battle had heated up right from the start, with casualties on both sides happening constantly.

However, overall, the advantage still leaned toward the side of the Soul Servants.

The Amos Temple Dark Acolyte, who had been standing still and observing the battlefield, once again raised his bone staff. Countless tendrils of black mist penetrated the bodies of the recently deceased Corrupted Double-Winged Demons.

Surprisingly, two to three hundred Corrupted Double-Winged Demons, who had just died, were resurrected.

Even those torn apart, with their body parts drawn together as if by magnets, witnessed their wounds squirming and healing. They quickly returned to the battle, alive once again..

*Chapter 308: Double-Winged Demons: Too Mischievous, Saturated Assault (2)*

This scene made Ji Chen furrow his brows.

Damn it, are they always this stubborn with their resurrections?

Apart from these persistent resurrections, some demonized double-winged demons had even resurrected four or five times. If the soul slaves still had any emotions left, they would probably be cursing by now.

If this continued, with each revival, their side would lose more and more ground, no matter how many of them there were.

He must capture the leader first. Ji Chen set his gaze on the Temple Dark Acolyte.

You can resurrect your minions, huh? Well, let's see if you can resurrect yourself.

**“Tyrant Azure Dragons, attack and stop the Temple Dark Acolyte, unleash full firepower!”**

The Tyrant Azure Dragons, which had been conserving its strength, casually flicked its tail. Its massive body seemed to ignore the resistance of water, darting forward like an arrow leaving the bowstring. It unleashed a terrifying blast of icy breath, freezing everything in its path with bone-chilling cold.

Amos Temple Dark Acolyte's face slightly changed. A dark aura emanated from its bone staves, enveloping it. In the next moment, the icy breath froze it in a large block of ice.

But before they could rejoice, cracks appeared on the ice, and it exploded amid a surge of seawater. It revealed Temple Dark Acolyte inside.

Ji Chen didn't look disappointed. It would be strange if it were severely injured or killed just like that.

But as a fifth-tier military unit, the Tyrant Azure Dragon's signature attack was not entirely ineffective; the Temple's Dark Acolyte visibly weakened.

**“Keep attacking!”**

The nine Tyrant Azure Dragons followed one another, each exhaling a breath capable of shattering souls.

Every time the Temple's Dark Acolyte attempted to move, it was frozen by a mouthful of breath. Helplessly breaking free from the ice, it was immediately frozen again by the next breath.

The seamless coordination among the nine Tyrant Azure Dragons resulted in an extremely long-lasting continuous control.

At this moment, the Temple's Dark Acolyte felt extremely frustrated. Although the breath's damage was not significant, it was immensely humiliating.

As a dignified guardian of the temple, it was being toyed with by a lowly human.

This ignorant human had to pay the price!

After being frozen by another breath, the Temple's Dark Acolyte didn't break free as it did before. Instead, it appeared lifeless, as if it had lost the strength to break free.

Seeing this, the Tyrant Azure Dragons stopped in their tracks, circling around the large block of ice.

Ji Chen was momentarily stunned. Could it be that the Temple's Dark Acolyte would be killed by being frozen alive like this?

This seemed a bit too easy; he hadn't even taken action yet!

However, in the next moment, Ji Chen realized it was a trap!

He wanted the Tyrant Azure Dragons to continue using their breath attacks, but it was already too late.

In an instant, the frozen ice, which had been still just moments ago, shattered open. Out of it emerged dozens of thick, black, spiked tendrils, each as wide as tree trunks, that rapidly ensnared the nearby Tyrant Azure Dragons. Without warning, they constricted tightly around it.

Roar!

The Tyrant Azure Dragons emitted a painful cry, attempting to break free from the tendrils' grasp. However, these tendrils, like those of a giant octopus, clung firmly to them, their sharp thorns piercing deep into their flesh, draining their life force.

The more it struggled, the tighter the tendrils constricted, causing even more agony.

When it tried to exhale an icy breath towards the tendrils, a black light on the outer edge of the tendrils blocked it.

The Temple's Dark Acolyte emerged from the shattered ice, holding its bone staff high, a fanatical and angry expression on its face.

"Damnable human, I will imprison your soul here!"

"Let you taste the pain of being whipped for ten thousand years!"

The bone staff flashed, and more than ten tendrils pierced through dozens of demonized winged demons and soul servants without distinction and shot towards Ji Chen.

Ji Chen's expression remained unchanged. He raised his right hand, and in front of him, more than ten overlapping water shields formed. Each one was strong enough to withstand a direct cannon blast.

Boom!

The tendrils pierced through the first few water shields without any obstacles, but their speed slightly decreased as they pierced through the subsequent ones. When they passed through the last one, however, they didn't find Ji Chen's figure.

The Temple's Dark Acolyte looked left and right, alarm bells ringing in its mind. It swung its bone staff once more.

Black mist gushed out and coalesced into a dark gray shield around it.

In the next moment, dozens of blades made of iron-like water suddenly appeared from the side and swiftly struck the shield. However, they were all deflected.

The Temple's Dark Acolyte, with a hint of disdain in its eyes, said, "Ignorant human, back when I fought alongside my god in the divine war, you were probably clueless about your whereabouts. These feeble tricks won't work on me."

Struggle as much as you like; this way, you will gradually experience despair, and your soul will become even more delicious.”

In the distance, Ji Chen’s expression grew solemn.

This enemy was the most formidable one he had encountered since becoming a Tidal Dominator.

Apart from the initial surprise attack by the Tyrant Azure Dragons, which had frozen him continuously, the enemy’s decisions had been flawless.

Whether it was combat prowess or combat awareness, they were outstanding.

However, the more formidable the enemy, the stronger Ji Chen’s competitive spirit burned.

You’re strong, but as long as I defeat you, it means I’m even stronger.

Besides, even if you’ve participated in some so-called divine war, there’s no reason why I can’t defeat you, a weakened follower of evil, right?

After a moment of contemplation, Ji Chen decided to utilize his greatest strength: saturation strikes!

He raised both hands, and a surge of mana rolled within him. Various water-based weapons began to form behind him, each one crafted from gentle seawater and infused with mana to become deadly instruments of destruction.

One hundred, five hundred, over a thousand of these water weapons.

The densely packed water weapons resembled an army formation, neatly arranged behind him.

At a glance, it was a spectacular sight.

It wasn’t until the number reached a staggering three thousand that Ji Chen’s eyes subtly shifted. The weapons, like arrows strung on a bow, suddenly shot forth.

Boom.

Boom.

One, ten, a hundred.

The water weapons, one after another, slammed into the Temple’s Dark Acolyte’s shield. The energy released upon impact churned the surrounding seawater into a turbid mess, with no room for dispersion.

At first, the Temple’s Dark Acolyte’s expression was nonchalant. However, gradually, it became more serious.

Damn, this human has an unusually vast reservoir of mana.

If it were back during the divine war, at the peak of its power, dealing with such an opponent would have been effortless.

But with the passage of time, even though it spent most of it in a dormant state, it couldn’t escape the erosion of time. Most of its strength had waned.

Now, it could only exert twenty percent of its former power at best.

And this human, it seemed, was no ordinary opponent...

As it looked closer, its expression suddenly turned horrified.

“You carry their bloodline! I didn’t expect that you would survive too!

Since it’s you, then you must also possess the bloodline of that race.”

It turned its gaze to Alice, and a trace of expectation flickered in its eyes.

“I understand now. You wish to destroy my god’s chance of returning? It’s a futile hope. My god is the only true deity in the world, and no one can stop its return!”

“Anyone who dares to obstruct will have their souls cursed for eternity!”

Listening to its seemingly nonsensical, fanatical words, Ji Chen furrowed his brow.

What bloodline?

What return?

Had this Temple’s Dark Acolyte gone mad from too much solitude?

If that was the case, then please die quickly and stop disturbing the peace.

With that thought, Ji Chen’s mind surged with more mana, continuously forming water weapons that rained down on the enemy’s shield like a storm.

No matter how strong the shield was, there would come a day when it would crack.

Under countless attacks, cracks resembling spiderwebs appeared on the shield, forcing the Temple’s Dark Acolyte to retract its tendrils that had been restraining the Tyrant Azure Dragons and focus all its energy on maintaining the shield.

The freed Tyrant Azure Dragons immediately distanced themselves, covered in wounds from the tendrils, its life force nearly drained.

Inside the shield, as if realizing something, the Temple’s Dark Acolyte’s face showed a fanatical and resolute expression.

“If I can destroy you here, perhaps I can reduce the obstacles to my god’s return.”

“My great god! Please sow the seeds of destruction in this world and reshape its order and rules!”

Watching the Temple’s Dark Acolyte’s demeanor, Ji Chen couldn’t help but feel a chill creeping into his heart..

*Chapter 309 - 309: Corruption! Terrifying Tentacles! Neutralizing Negative Energy Field! Kill!*

These days, those who gained power through faith in gods and believe in divine invocations were somewhat mentally unstable.

Among them, these cultists were particularly insane. One moment, they were fighting you, but the next moment, they might start self-harming.

The temple dark acolyte in front of them was clearly a typical representative of them.



The shield was constantly weakening, on the verge of collapsing, but there was no trace of fear on its face. Instead, it raised its hands fanatically, muttering something.

Finally, after continuous bombardment, the shield shattered, and the temple dark acolyte was instantly turned into a hedgehog, with water weapons piercing every part of its body.

However, strangely, its body seemed to have dried up, without a drop of blood flowing out. It was like a deflated balloon. Its body rapidly shrunk, and at the same time, from its wounds, mouth, and skin, countless thorn-like tendrils protruded.

In just a few seconds, the entire body of the temple dark acolyte was occupied by numerous thick tendrils, transforming from a three-meter demon into a ten-meter-high monster composed entirely of tendrils.

Countless tendrils dance wildly, driving people crazy just by looking at them.

[Amos Temple Dark Acolyte (Corrupted)]

[Level]: 50

[The corrupted temple dark acolyte sacrifices its own life force to transform into a tentacle form, greatly increasing its combat power.]

Well, the acolyte has corrupted once again?

Buff upon buff.

After the corruption, the temple dark acolyte seemed to have lost its sanity, carrying an aura of destroying all living beings, and it swung its tendrils to attack.

The speed of these tendrils was faster than cannonballs, penetrating dozens of demonized four-armed Nagas in an instant, sucking their life force, turning them into lifeless corpses.

This almost made the demonized four-armed Nagas curse.

Because due to the previous constraints on the temple dark acolyte, after losing the advantage of resurrection, they were already overwhelmed by their numerous soul servants. Now, they are suddenly attacked by their own leader, and the line of defense they maintained collapsed instantly.

However, in the face of this chaotic situation, the corrupted temple dark acolyte, who had already lost its sanity, continued to swing its tendrils without any regard. It captured the remaining demonized four-armed Nagas one by one, draining their bodies.

After absorbing a large amount of life force, it emitted an unprecedented terrifying aura. Its body once again rose, reaching a height of over twenty meters, resembling a huge mass of flesh with tendrils.

At a glance, it looked like a meat tree, with the fleshy column as the trunk and the tendrils as branches.

It wriggled and waved.

Displaying its “beautiful” body to the world.

Ji Chen’s vigilance had reached its maximum.

At this moment, all contempt in his heart had been put away.

He didn't expect the Temple Dark Acolyte to be so tenacious, demonstrating a series of strange abilities one after another, and finally, even being able to undergo a dark transformation to absorb the life force of allies to strengthen itself.

Truly worthy of being a Temple Dark Acolyte who had once participated in the Divine War. Indeed, it was quite powerful.

"Alice, have all the Soul Servants retreat."

At this point, the Soul Servants were no longer of much use, and continuing to stay here would only allow the transformed Temple Dark Acolyte to capture them and further enhance its strength.

Upon hearing this, Alice immediately ordered all the Soul Servants to retreat a considerable distance, leaving only Ji Chen, Alice, the Nine Tyrant Azure Dragons, and the Temple Dark Acolyte that was swinging its tentacles on the battlefield.

Ji Chen waved his hand, instructing the Tyrant Azure Dragons to launch the first attack.

This time, they had become much smarter and didn't approach recklessly, choosing to attack from a distance.

The once highly effective Ice Breath gushed out once again.

Even though it froze even the seawater, the transformed Temple Dark Acolyte did not suffer any significant damage. However, its movements were visibly affected, slowing down slightly.

Its thick, grinder-like tentacles swung like whip grass, but the Tyrant Azure Dragons deftly avoided them. It bit down and, like a cutting machine, bit off a segment of the tentacle.

The physical attack was incredibly effective!

The transformed Temple Dark Acolyte immediately showed signs of pain. Several of its tentacles, as if going mad, flailed about, capable of snapping, but the Tyrant Azure Dragons were no fool. After the previous lesson, they immediately swam away after biting off the tentacle, without lingering in battle, not giving the enemy a chance to counterattack.

At this point, the drawback of the transformed Temple Dark Acolyte's clumsy movements became evident. Its massive body gave it tremendous strength but also made its movements very slow.

Since it had a weakness, it could be exploited!

The Tyrant Azure Dragons adhered to a hit-and-run tactic, causing considerable damage to Acolyte. About a third of its tentacles had been bitten off from the head.

Seeing this, Ji Chen nodded in approval.

If this continues, they might actually wear it down!

However, the transformed Temple Dark Acolyte, even though it had lost much of its rationality, seemed to retain some combat awareness. It no longer sent out its tentacles recklessly for biting and became more cautious in its attacks.

When one of the Tyrant Azure Dragon's breathed out its breath, trying to tear off an approaching tentacle, several tentacles suddenly emerged from the seabed mud below, unexpectedly entangling and restraining it. The sharp thorns on the tentacles pierced into its flesh, absorbing its life force.

Oval-shaped balls formed along the tentacles, absorbing vitality and making its aura visibly stronger.

While Ji Chen swiftly intervened to sever the tentacles, the transformed tentacles' ability to absorb life force was alarmingly rapid. In a moment's time, they had absorbed half of the Tyrant Azure Dragon's life force..

*Chapter 310 - 310: Corruption! Terrifying Tentacles! Neutralizing Negative Energy Field! Kill!*

The Tyrant Azure Dragon, as one of the top-tier units at the fifth tier, possessed a robust life force within its body. Half of its life force was enough to contend with hundreds of demonized Razorfin Demons. Upon receiving this infusion of life force, the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte, now transformed, swayed its body in wild jubilation, and its tentacles danced with joy.

The lost tentacles regrew in a matter of breaths. What's more, its massive body grew taller and larger once again.

Twenty-one meters.

Twenty-two meters.

In front of them, like a magical beanstalk that grew overnight from a fairy tale, it wildly expanded.

Its body continued to swell, extending thicker and sharper tentacles.

Half a minute later, a horrifying monster, standing over thirty meters tall, with a body as thick as a house and hundreds of tentacles swinging, loomed before them.

Countless tentacles shot out like cannonballs, their speed several times faster than before, instantly sending the Tyrant Azure Dragon, which weighed enough to crush a house, flying dozens of meters away.

Even the heavily armored Tyrant Azure Dragon couldn't withstand the intensity of the blows, and its head was buzzing.

A radius of 150 meters centered on the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte became a forbidden zone of flailing tentacles.

Upon seeing that even the Tyrant Azure Dragon couldn't take advantage in such a dense barrage, Ji Chen's expression hardened.

He turned and said, "Alice, stay safe and seize the opportunity to disrupt the attacks of the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte."

Alice, whose lower half had already returned to its fish-tail form, nodded solemnly.

Although the Soul Servants were no longer of much use, she still possessed strong psychic interference abilities. As long as the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte still had a soul, it would be affected.

Alice activated her skill, and the previously writhing body of the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte suddenly trembled. Its soul was impacted and suppressed, causing gaps in its previously impenetrable tentacle attacks. Seizing this opportunity, the Tyrant Azure Dragons launched another assault, tearing fiercely with their massive, sharp teeth.

They were determined to make up for their previous failure.

Ji Chen also didn't idle. He had only brought the nine Tyrant Azure Dragons and Alice for the sake of faster travel, and his output was severely lacking. Only by personally joining the battle did they have a chance to defeat this enemy.

He fired a volley of water-based projectiles, but a surprising scene unfolded as the gray aura blocked all the attacks from the condensed water-based weapons.

It turned out that this gray aura had an effect of resisting spell attacks.

Observing the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte closely, if he were to look carefully, there was a faint layer of gray aura surrounding its body. This gray aura was what made the Tyrant Azure Dragon's most potent breath attack useless, forcing them to resort to the most straightforward method of attack.

If they could break through this gray aura, the battle would undoubtedly become much simpler.

Ji Chen stared intently.

It seemed like he had discovered something. This gray aura appeared to be very similar to the negative energy field here.

Could it be because of the negative energy field?

If so, as long as they could move it out of the negative energy field, perhaps they could dispel this gray aura.

Nevertheless, the Amos Temple in the heart of the ruins emitted a negative energy field that stretched out for several kilometers in every direction. Trying to get the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte stationed here to leave this area and evade the field appeared impractical.

Now, there was only one way: Ji Chen had to use his Tidal Domain to cover the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte, which would push the negative energy field away.

The attack range of the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte was only 150 meters, but the maximum range of his Tidal Domain was a whopping 250 meters!

Without hesitation, Ji Chen moved to a spot over 200 meters away from the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte.

Then, he channeled his mana, and the domain began to confront the negative energy field, gradually expanding to its maximum of 250 meters.

As the negative energy field was slowly pushed out, the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte not only felt the suppression of the Tidal Domain but also saw the gray aura on its body recede like a receding tide, revealing its underlying flesh.

"Alice, disrupt it with all your strength!"

"Tyrant Azure Dragons, use your breath attack, full firepower!"

Upon hearing the command, both units unleashed their most powerful attacks.

The vast mental powers were like heavy hammers, slamming down heavily. The Amos Temple Dark Acolyte immediately felt dizzy, and its tentacles gradually came to a halt.

The Tyrant Azure Dragon, after holding back for so long, spewed out a massive icy breath attack. This time, it didn't have the same minimal effect as before.

Like injecting liquid nitrogen, the ultra-low-temperature breath instantly froze several tentacles into icy lumps. With a gentle tap, they shattered into countless pieces, flesh and ice intermingled.

The rage of the nine Tyrant Azure Dragons poured out like a storm.

As tentacles froze and turned into fragments, the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte resembled a hedgehog with its spines removed, exposing the vulnerable flesh beneath.

Above the fleshy pillar, there were dozens of massive tumors pulsating continuously.

Ji Chen, who had been closely monitoring the battlefield, realized that this should be the weakness.

He immediately ordered the Tyrant Azure Dragons to attack.

The Amos Temple Dark Acolyte noticed that the Tyrant Azure Dragons were attempting to approach for an attack and vigorously swung the remaining tentacles to block them.

However, Alice, who had already prepared herself, exerted her mental attack again, causing the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte to stagnate once more.

The Tyrant Azure Dragons gained an excellent opportunity to attack, and their icy breath engulfed the tumors, causing them to burst.

One, two, ten tumors.

With the loss of each tumor, the massive fleshy pillar quivered in pain, and its vitality rapidly dwindled.

One restrained with mental attacks, the other inflicting damage with its breath, the coordination between Alice and the Tyrant Azure Dragons led the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte, bereft of the gray aura's protection, into an irredeemable decline.

When all the tumors were destroyed, its vitality plummeted to the lowest, and the remaining tentacles flopped down helplessly, devoid of any resistance.

This was a far cry from its initial formidable appearance.

Seeing this scene, Ji Chen, who had been maintaining the Tidal Domain to resist the negative energy field's erosion, dared not delay and immediately ordered its complete elimination to prevent any unexpected twists.

He wasn't a hero from a story who would make victory proclamations after the enemy's defeat.

Only a dead enemy was a good enemy.

Receiving the command, the Tyrant Azure Dragons unhesitatingly released a simultaneous breath attack, instantly freezing the defenseless Amos Temple Dark Acolyte into an ice pillar.

Within the ice, its appearance remained lifelike, but its vitality rapidly faded.

"Ding- You have defeated the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte (Corrupted) and gained experience..."

Upon receiving the system prompt, Ji Chen finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Damn, this thing finally died.

This battle had been so intense.

It was undoubtedly the most challenging battle Ji Chen had ever encountered.

He felt like he had conquered one difficulty after another, just like going through a series of trials and ultimately defeating the final boss.

First, there was the negative energy field, which came with its own super DeBuff. Such a thing alone would make most ordinary players stay far away.

Then, under the influence of the energy field, he had to battle over a thousand Corrupted Double-Winged Demons. This challenge was enough to discourage the vast majority of players.

Next was the battle against the Corrupted Double-Winged Demons that the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte could resurrect. The difficulty of this stage was several times higher than the previous one.

Facing a group of enemies capable of unlimited resurrection would make anyone despair.

Next came the direct confrontation with the Amos Temple Dark Acolyte, whose combat prowess was formidable and not inferior to a Purple-Rare Tier hero.

Then, it was sacrificing oneself to become a Corrupted Amos Temple Dark Acolyte, raising the difficulty level several times over. Swinging impenetrable tentacles and absorbing the life force of enemies in large quantities, even if a thousand armies came, it would only make it continuously grow stronger. Who knew what monstrosity might be born from it.

If Ji Chen didn't possess the Tidal Domain that could resist the negative energy field, preventing him from being at a disadvantage in combat, if he didn't have Alice's ability to mentally attack and restrain the enemy, and if he didn't have the powerful Tyrant Azure Dragons for output.

Without these crucial factors, it would have been impossible to kill such a twisted Amos Temple Dark Acolyte. It would have escaped long ago.

Everything has its causes and effects.

It was Ji Chen's past experiences and encounters, gradually accumulated and combined, that led to the current situation..