

## **Ocean Lord 411**

### *Chapter 411 - 411: Lord of Coral, Secret of the Mystic Realm*

The Great Luminescent Sea, the Dragon King's City.

A Crab Soldier Commander swam in from outside the palace and knelt before a curtain made of fist-sized ivory pearls, reporting.

"Water Dragon King, the two thousand troops we sent out earlier to investigate the 'Gate' have been completely wiped out."

"Completely wiped out?" A voice of impatience came from behind the curtain, "I simply instructed them to guard the area and prevent anything from entering. How could they mess it up?"

"These two thousand troops are more than enough to defeat three thousand troops from the Coral Palace. They're truly worthless!"

The owner of this voice seemed more concerned about the failure to guard the gateway than the lives of the two thousand troops.

"...Based on the scene and the traces in the canyon, an external army found the 'Gate', defeated them, and entered the Great Luminescent Sea," the Crab Soldier Commander said, his head pressed firmly against the ground. "But we learned about these intruders from nearby villagers."

"Hmm?"

"The leader is a human."

"A human?" The 'Water Dragon King' sounded frustrated. "Are you trying to deceive me? How could a human survive here? Do you think I've been in this palace for so long that I've lost my common sense?!"

"I would never deceive you, my lord."

The Crab Soldier Commander quickly reassured, "The villagers said that this human was accompanied by a very powerful army. They emerged from the canyon of the 'Gate' and claimed to be the lord of a territory called the 'Crown of the Ocean' from a world beyond.

Before leaving, they gave a large amount of food to the villagers, and our investigations confirmed that the food was only suitable for humans."

At this point, the Water Dragon King calmed down and his tone remained steady, devoid of fluctuation. "Where did this human go?"

The Crab Soldier Commander breathed a sigh of relief and replied, "There is a high probability that they are headed to the Luminescent Forest on their way to the Coral Palace."

“But aside from this, we’ve also gathered some additional information.

That human also took away the Second Prince, who was originally hiding in that village.”

“What? That fool is there?” The ‘Water Dragon King’ once again displayed emotional fluctuations in his tone, filled with murderous intent. “A few years ago, I accidentally let him escape from the Dragon King’s City. This time, I will definitely eliminate him completely!

If that old fool really handed the throne over to that naive idiot, the Dragon King’s City would have been destroyed long ago! Only under my leadership can the Dragon King’s City unify the Great Luminescent Sea!

Convey my orders. Mobilize the First and Second Divisions and head to the Luminescent Forest at all costs. Ensure the extermination of that human and that fool, Andar!

Furthermore, take a thousand troops and clear out that village. They provided information to the outsider and sheltered that fool. That should be enough for them to pay with their lives.”

Ji Chen didn’t say anything, remembering the location of the arch, and then left the ruins with his army.

Andar hesitated for a moment, then gritted his teeth and followed.

As a completely powerless weakling, staying here alone would only make him a snack for the wandering monsters.

Silently leaving the ruins, the half-fish being Commander of the Coral Palace, who had been waiting outside, saw Ji Chen and his group returning and immediately approached.

“Lord Ji Chen, I heard that there was a battle inside...”

“Just a group of lizards, I’ve already taken care of them.”

The Half-Fish Being Commander nodded without thinking much. If there were monsters guarding here, there should be some gains inside.

“Lord, since you helped us earlier, we would like to invite you to visit the Coral Palace. With a guest like you, the Lord of the Coral should be pleased.”

If there was such a powerful figure, it would be foolish not to try to win them over.

The military strength of the Coral Palace was already slightly lower than that of the Dragon King’s City, but if they could recruit such a powerful ally, the balance of power would shift.

Ji Chen nodded slightly and agreed, going along with the flow.

However, Andar on the side became anxious.

“Didn’t you say you would help me return to the Dragon King’s City? Why are we going to the Coral Palace now!?”

In his mind, with the Ocean Crown’s army, he could definitely avoid persecution by Diago’s henchmen and safely return to the Dragon King’s City. Then, he could reveal his true identity. With

the support of the loyal generals and troops, he could easily regain the throne. With the Ocean Crown's army and the Dragon King's City's forces combined, victory would be assured.

Andar seemed to have already envisioned himself on the throne, with all the troops and residents of the Dragon King's City kneeling at his feet, and his elder brother Diago filled with guilt and regret for letting him escape.

In his mind, all he needed was to summon the Ocean Crown's army, and those loyal to the former king would rally to his side. He could almost see himself taking back the throne effortlessly.

When that time comes, he would reconcile with the Coral Palace, live in peace, and bring tranquility to the Great Luminescent Sea.

Ji Chen looked at Andar and knew that he was being naive again.

Without saying a word, he communicated with Alice with just a glance. She understood and waved, signaling two soul-bound servants to come forward and escort Andar to the back.

Ji Chen nodded. "We're ready."

The Half-Fish Being Commander was speechless.

Despite his curiosity about the feeble catfish in the midst of strong men, he wisely refrained from asking more questions and promptly took the lead.

The group marched out of the Luminescent forest in a grand procession, entering a vast underwater plain..

*Chapter 412 - 412: Lord of Coral, Secret of the Mystic Realm (2)*

In the glow of luminescent plants, they swiftly crossed the plains covered in knee-high green grass, entering the territory of the Coral Palace.

From a distance, a cluster of grand coral palaces, adorned with numerous giant corals, rose within an underwater basin. Among them, fluorescent trees grew, casting a gentle glow.

Hundreds of stone pillars encircled the edges in a pattern, adorned with runes and emitting a faint light, indicating they were more than just decorations. Small marine creatures darted between the palace structures like tiny specks.

However, the most eye-catching feature was the large, inverted-bowl-like white canopy that enveloped the entire palace cluster.

This appearance easily brought to mind the protective arrays of sects one might find in a cultivation novel.

As the forces of the Crown of the Ocean appeared, several Coral Palace patrol teams rushed over, but upon seeing the half-fish being leader of the army at the forefront, they all converged towards him.

The half-fish being leader swam forward to explain.

Soon, the Coral Palace soldiers regarded Ji Chen with friendly eyes.

No matter who you were, as long as you are here to deal with the scoundrels from the Dragon King's City, you are their friend.

While excited about their achievements in eliminating a Dragon King's City thousand-strong squad, they couldn't help but be curious about Ji Chen.

A human lord from beyond the world...

What does the world outside look like?

On this day, the normally tranquil Coral Palace suddenly buzzed with activity.

A human lord from beyond the Great Luminescent Sea had visited with his formidable army.

Inside the central area of the Coral Palace, within a coral-made hall.

Ji Chen sat at a table made of some kind of coral, with Alice and Anina standing behind him on either side.

Behind other tables in the hall sat various Coral Palace nobles, each with their own unique aquatic features.

At a glance, he could find shrimp, crabs, fish, and more, almost in their complete variety.

In the entire hall, he was the only human, and being scrutinized by all these seafood creatures felt somewhat surreal.

But he noticed something peculiar – all these Coral Palace nobles had some humanoid characteristics to varying degrees. For instance, the shrimp had hands instead of pincers, and the crabs had legs instead of crab claws.

They couldn't be considered humans because they appeared somewhat unlike typical humans, while they might represent shrimps, yet they were not entirely shrimp-like.

At first glance, it seemed like a mishmash of creatures that had escaped from some kind of biological laboratory.

"Are all the sea clans in the deep sea like this?"

Upon hearing Ji Chen's muttering, Anina lowered her head and whispered in his ear.

"Not all of them. Sea clans typically follow two evolutionary paths. They either retain a purely biological form or shift towards a more human-like appearance.

Both Alice and I fall into the latter category, but we are both high-ranking sea clans, capable of freely shifting between our biological and humanoid forms."

With this explanation, Ji Chen began to understand.

Soon, this banquet, which served both as a welcoming celebration and a commemoration of the defeat of the Dragon King's City thousand-strong squad, began under the strange melodies played by several shrimp people blowing some seashell instruments.

As soon as the music started, many Coral Palace nobles began to enjoy themselves. Just when they wanted to chat with the human who claimed to be from another world, they realized that the man had disappeared without them noticing.

In front of a more luxurious coral palace in the central area, the half-fish being leader stopped.  
“Lord Ji Chen, the Lord of the Coral awaits you inside.

But only you may enter; these two guests must remain outside...”

Ji Chen nodded slightly, gesturing for Alice and the others to wait outside, and then he entered.

The coral door behind him closed, and he began to assess his surroundings.

This coral palace was approximately the size of three basketball courts, standing over twenty meters tall. Its irregular but aesthetically pleasing top was supported by thick coral pillars.

The interior was adorned with luxurious decorations. Luminous pearls hung from the ceiling, illuminating the place like daylight. Even the tables and chairs made of coral were embedded with large pearls and gemstones, engraved with beautiful patterns and designs.

Just placing one of these chairs in the Northern Continent market could fetch an exorbitant price. The level of intricacy and beauty was enough to make even elven designers feel ashamed.

However, he furrowed his brow.

He had already found something peculiar in the banquet hall earlier. Why were the houses used by the sea clans filled with human-style furnishings?

This included the tables and chairs they used, interior decorations, and various furnishings, all of which seemed designed for human use.

Ji Chen had observed in the Catfish Village before. The giant corals where the catfish resided mainly had a single layer of soft seaweed for sleeping, with nothing else.

In other words, these sea clans in the Coral Palace didn’t require unnecessary human furniture, which made it all the more unsettling.

Just as he was puzzled, a figure emerged from behind the pearl curtain deep within the palace.

With a graceful face and dressed in a white gown, she had ivory-like bare feet, giving the initial impression of a human woman.

However, the white scales on her forehead and behind her ears indicated that she wasn’t human but a sea clan.

[Sonia (Monster Leader)]

[Race]: Ivory Sea Clam

[Level]: 50

[Current Tier]: Red (Legacy Tier)

[Potential]: Red (Legacy Tier)

[Skills]: Torrential Wealth, Whirlpool, Mana Surge, Sea Clam Protection

[Unit Trait]: Lord of Coral (When leading the Coral Palace army, morale never decreases, and combat strength increases by 150%)

*Chapter 413 - 413: Lord of Coral, Secret of the Mystic Realm (3)*

[In the vast and ancient Coral Palace, the Lord of the Coral, who had existed for an unknown period of time, possessed formidable magical attack powers.] This sea sovereign was none other than the ruler of the Coral Palace, the Lord of the Coral.

As Ji Chen had previously speculated, she was a Red-Legacy Tier monster leader unit.

The Coral Lord, Sonia, approached with a smiling face.

“Your Excellency, you don’t seem surprised, do you? After all, the Lord of the Coral is... in human terms, a weak woman?”

Ji Chen replied calmly, “I do not judge a person or creature solely by appearance. Besides, looking weak doesn’t necessarily mean being weak in power. Just like Alice and Anina, they are all strong in their own right.”

Sonya nodded in agreement. She could feel the immense power emanating from the two sea races outside, which exceeded the capabilities of any leaders she had under her control.

“If that’s the case, then I may have been a bit narrow-minded.”

Sonia lightly lifted her skirt with both hands, performing a gesture only noble human women would use.

“Perhaps Your Excellency has already noticed why, deep beneath the sea, within the Coral Palace, there are so many things and customs related to humans.

Just like the human saying, ‘Drawing a snake and adding legs...’ well, that should be the phrase.

In fact, this world was originally completely dominated by humans. In that era, the sea clans were just a weak race that survived on scraps, thanks to the pity of the prosperous human civilization.”

Sonia calmly revealed the ancient secrets hidden in this realm.

Ji Chen raised an eyebrow, feeling a great deal of interest.

“Your Excellency, if you don’t mind, please sit down and listen to my story.”

Ji Chen nodded slightly and sat on a coral chair, just as if they were on land.

Sonia’s eyes filled with nostalgia. “Back then, they sat across from me like this.” Before Ji Chen could ask who “they” were, she began to narrate.

Thousands of years ago, most of this realm was still land. The human civilization that emerged was incredibly prosperous, and they even used alchemical technology to create portals connecting to a much wider world outside.

At that time, the sea clans were just a weak race that had flowed in from the outside world.

Then something terrible seemed to have happened in the outside world, and the human civilization within the realm voluntarily closed the portals.

But for some unknown reason, as the last portal was completely closed, the sea level began to rise wildly, submerging the harbors, farmlands, and homes.

Over a thousand years passed, and the sea had already submerged more than one-third of the land.

It was at this point that the humans in the realm realized that civilization had gradually developed underwater, but the sea clans were still naive and weak. Perhaps considering the ongoing rise of the sea in the future, they decided to nurture these sea clans to become loyal servants so that they could continue to obtain resources for survival in the ocean after the water levels rose.

Indeed, they did contribute to the development of the sea clans. Through their retrieval of lost technology and resources from the ocean, they once again achieved the prosperity of their heyday.

Their proudest and most powerful sea clan servants were one called the Dragon King and another named Coral.

However, the good times didn't last long, as the rate of sea level rise far exceeded their expectations.

The sea gradually submerged half of the land, and during this process, the sea clans, which had been artificially nurtured, had gained enough living space. They no longer needed the assistance of humans and could live freely on their own.

As a result, more and more sea clans no longer obeyed humans and instead spread throughout the ocean, evolving into various sea clan divisions.

“At the same time, due to humans becoming increasingly greedy for resources, the loyal Dragon King and Coral also chose to leave. They each went to opposite ends of the Great Luminescent Sea and used their power to establish their own divisions, gathering sea clans.”

Listening to this, Ji Chen had already understood what Sonia meant by the Dragon King and Coral establishing tribes.

The Dragon King founded Dragon King City and called himself the Water Dragon King.

Coral established Coral Palace and claimed to be the Lord of the Coral..

*Chapter 414: Two Dimensional Keys, Sonia's Compromise, and Terrifying Undercurrent*

As for what came next, Ji Chen had already guessed most of it.

With the continuing rise of sea levels and the loss of support from the Sea Clan, the people of the Mystic Realm had no choice but to migrate to higher ground, ultimately struggling to survive on scarce land.

Meanwhile, the ocean that gradually occupied most of this realm brought unprecedented prosperity to the Sea Clan.

One of the two most powerful servants of the past, the current Lord of Coral, Sonia, chose to leave, but she still cared about humanity, yearning for the human civilization that had nurtured them like parents.

Therefore, within the Coral Palace, human architecture, layouts, decorations, and even manners and actions were meticulously replicated everywhere.

Sonia noticed the change in Ji Chen's expression and smiled gently.

"It seems that you have already figured out what comes next, so I won't waste effort recounting it."

Ji Chen nodded slightly.

"But I have a question. What do you want me to do by telling me all this?"

The question had come, and Sonia had revealed the long-hidden secret of this realm to him, not simply to tell a story.

He couldn't believe that his charisma alone could make Sonia, whom he had just met, go to such lengths. There must be something she needed from him.

She gave a bright smile.

"Indeed, you are an intelligent person. I do have a favor to ask of you."

"You should have seen the metal archway in the Luminescent Forest, haven't you? That used to be the portal they used to enter and exit the main world, but they closed it when they left.

I hope you can use that archway to reconnect the Great Luminescent Sea with the outside world."

Ji Chen furrowed his brow slightly.

Sonia, as one of the rulers of the Great Luminescent Sea, naturally knew more secrets here that were not known to the public. She probably had already learned about his visit to that ruin from the Half-Fish Being leader.

After some consideration, he spoke.

"If you just want to go outside and take a look, you can use the Mystic Realm Gate I came through now."

"But that's only a temporary opening, isn't it?"

Sonia shook her head. "What I want is to permanently connect the Great Luminescent Sea to the outside world, just like it was thousands of years ago, so that it can be entered and exited at any time.

If you haven't seen it, you might get used to it, but after experiencing the splendor and conflicts of the outside world, you'll start to find the petty conflicts of this small piece of land over the centuries increasingly distasteful.

I hope that the Coral Palace can witness a broader world, rather than spending life meaninglessly in the small Great Luminescent Sea, even if it means paying the cost of life."

Ji Chen nodded in realization. So that's it. As one of the proudest "servants", Sonia might have followed humans to the main world before.

In common parlance, it's like seeing the nightlife of the outside world and finding it hard to tolerate the monotony of life here. He seemed to understand such feelings.



Ever since he left the New Moon Islands and saw the prosperity of the continent and the abundance of powerful individuals, he couldn't bear to stay confined on the islands. He wanted to venture outside to witness more prosperity, defeat more enemies, and conquer more powerful beings.

And this request happened to align with his plans and desires.

"But to activate that Mystic Realm Gate and make it permanent, we need a dimensional key and a massive, stable source of energy.

I can handle the latter, but I have no clue about the whereabouts of the dimensional key..."

"I know where both dimensional keys are."

Ji Chen looked at her in surprise and quickly realized, "You mean there are two dimensional keys?"

"That's correct." Sonia nodded. "I've observed their operation on one occasion and learned the secrets behind them."

"One dimensional key is used to anchor a specific location in the outside world, while the other is used to activate the archway at that location. After the archway is activated, the Great Luminescent Sea will establish a stable portal with the main world."

Ji Chen nodded; this explanation sounded reasonable.

You could liken the Great Luminescent Sea Realm to a ship, the main world to the seabed, and to keep the ship fixed on the sea's surface, you needed to throw an anchor into the sea. The two dimensional keys were the two ends connecting the ship and the seabed.

"I can agree to your request, but I want to tell you that I didn't come here just for a casual visit.

I want something far more than you can imagine."

Sonia replied without hesitation, "As I mentioned earlier, I can sacrifice everything, even my life. The Coral Palace has collected a vast amount of treasures and resources from the Great Luminescent Sea over thousands of years. They can all be offered as rewards if you desire."

"But what if what I want is the entire Great Luminescent Sea?"

Sonia looked up at Ji Chen in shock, and only when she saw his undeniable ambition on his face did she realize that he wasn't joking.

His heart was in turmoil.

"Consider the pros and cons carefully, and then tell me the location of the dimensional key.

Of course, if you choose not to tell me the location of the dimensional key, it doesn't matter. The iron boots of the Ocean Crown's army will march across the entire Great Luminescent Sea until they find it."

After speaking, Ji Chen looked at her quietly, waiting for a response.

At the same time, the Ocean Crown's army stationed outside the Coral Palace abruptly began to move. Legions of soldiers marched out, surrounding the Coral Palace with a menacing aura.

Once the Lord's command was given, they would not hesitate to raise their weapons and exterminate all life here..

*Chapter 415: Two Dimension Keys, Sonia's Compromise,*

Terrifying Undercurrent (2)

Seeing the Ocean Crown's forces, who had been friendly just a moment ago, suddenly change their demeanor and draw sharp swords, all of the Coral Palace's troops had their faces change color. They hurriedly reached for their weapons, preparing to face off.

However, they all felt somewhat uncertain. Facing an armed force and heroes numbering over 15,000 from the Coral Palace against just over 5,000 Ocean Crown troops was a daunting prospect, not to mention winning the battle.

Over 15,000 Coral Palace soldiers gathered, but they appeared cautious in the face of the Ocean Crown's well-armed troops and heroes, just standing there put immense pressure on them, let alone winning the battle.

Tension filled the air outside the Coral Palace, and it was on the brink of conflict.

Inside the central palace of the Coral Palace, the atmosphere was equally tense.

Sonia stood frozen, her expression extremely nervous.

She felt the human man standing less than two meters away from her, and his presence was locked onto her. If she dared to make any move, she would face a storm of attacks like a raging tempest.

Even though they were separated by the icy seawater, she could still feel the surging power, like mighty waves.

This was not what she had anticipated!

Sonia believed that her strength surpassed that of this human, which was why she had agreed to meet with him alone, in the same room. But now, it seemed like she had dug herself into a hole!

Didn't you say I should consider it carefully?

Doesn't this appearance suggest that if I don't agree, I'm going to die!?

Moreover, outside the Coral Palace, there were two heroes of equal strength waiting for him. The three of them were more than capable of capturing her.

Furthermore, a formidable army was stationed outside the Coral Palace. Since this human man dared to act like this, it was likely that the army had also started moving.

Sonia couldn't afford to gamble with her life, and neither could the entire Coral Palace.

After a long silence, with a heavy sigh, Sonia's face was filled with helplessness, and her body relaxed.

“Your Excellency, please have your subordinates and troops stand down. Continuing like this may lead to disaster.”

However, Ji Chen remained calm and composed.

“Have you made up your mind?”

“The Coral Palace is willing to submit.”

As these words fell, Sonia felt the pressure on her shoulder disappear completely, causing her to let out a sigh of relief.

She moved her body, which had become somewhat stiff due to excessive tension.

With a somewhat resentful look in her eyes, she gazed at Ji Chen. “Your Excellency, you are quite skilled. You used the entire Coral Palace and my desire for the outside world to force me into submission.

If I had known that you had such power, I would never have been so careless as to meet you alone.”

Ji Chen smiled and replied, “If you hadn’t been careless, the Coral Palace might have faced dire consequences.

Moreover, the reason I decided to do this on a whim is because you mentioned knowing the whereabouts of the dimensional keys.”

Sonia pursed her lips, mentally scolding herself.

But upon reflection, without Ji Chen’s assistance, she wouldn’t have seen even a glimmer of hope for the Great Luminescent Sea to connect with the main world. Waiting for another outsider who could cooperate peacefully might take an eternity.

So perhaps this was the price she had to pay?

Since it had come to this, she had no choice but to accept it.

Adjusting her mindset, Sonia continued, “Thousands of years ago, when the Dragon King left, he took one of the dimensional keys with him and built the Dragon King’s City. If I’m not mistaken, that dimensional key has been passed down through the generations of Water Dragon Kings and should be with the current Water Dragon King.

The other one is still in the hands of the human kingdom on the surface of the sea. They consider it a royal heirloom and have been preserving it well.”

Ji Chen nodded, confirming his suspicions. One dimensional key was likely in the possession of the Dragon King’s City, and the other... He glanced at Sonia. Was it because those humans were descendants of the people from thousands of years ago that they hesitated to take it?

But that didn’t matter to him. He wouldn’t be concerned about that. If they were unwilling to hand it over, he would use ‘diplomacy’ to achieve his goal.

Excellent, both dimensional keys now had clear leads, and the next step was to recover them.

At that moment, the urgent voices of Alice and Anina, who had been guarding the entrance, echoed from outside.

“My Lord, there’s been a change in the situation. The Dragon King’s City army has suddenly attacked, and their numbers exceed twenty thousand.”

Sonia’s expression changed, twenty thousand troops? Had the Dragon King’s City decided to go to war at any cost and unify the Great Luminescent Sea?

“You both go to the front lines, I’ll join you shortly.”

“Yes!”

Turning to Sonia, Ji Chen smiled and said, “It seems I won’t have to exert much effort to find them now.”

Seeing his calm demeanor, Sonia, who had been somewhat flustered, suddenly regained her composure. Indeed, with the Ocean Crown’s forces and Your Excellency present, what could the Dragon King’s City possibly achieve?

“If we manage to defeat the Dragon King’s City army, then I am willing to pledge my allegiance to you and become the blade in your hand,” she said earnestly.

Ji Chen smiled but didn’t say anything. He simply turned and pushed open the door, swiftly heading outside the Coral Palace.

With each step, an immense surge of mana, vaster than the deep sea itself, flowed like a volcanic eruption.

The charged ring on his finger emitted a faint warmth.

The next spell’s damage is increased by 30%.

Skill: Torrential Giant Wave

—Consumes a large amount of mana to create a terrifying wave, dealing physical and magical damage to enemies.

Skill: Triple Casting

Able to consecutively cast three times skills of up to orange grade.

The energy in his hand had reached its peak. Standing above the buildings, Ji Chen no longer controlled it. He swung his right hand heavily, sending out three currents, each over a kilometer wide, carrying terrifying power.

In front of the Coral Palace, amidst the towering luminescent forest, formations of a thousand soldiers from the Dragon King’s City emerged one after another. Guided by their leaders, they arranged themselves in orderly formations and marched together toward the Coral Palace.

“Annihilate the Coral Palace, today is the day!”

“After today, the Great Luminescent Sea will belong only to the Dragon King’s City! To battle, even to the death!”

“Hail to Water Dragon King!”

The morale of the Dragon King's City army was exceptionally high as they looked at the not-so-distant Coral Palace, their eyes filled with excitement.

They had been waiting for this day for a long time. After today, the only remaining power in the Great Luminescent Sea would be the Dragon King's City!

Seeing the sudden appearance of the Dragon King's City army, the Coral Palace forces were first stunned, then panicked.

They were already outnumbered by the Dragon King's City, and now they were surrounded by the Ocean Crown's forces, making their situation even more dire.

"Damn it! I knew this suddenly appearing army was allied with the Dragon King's City. Now we're truly done for!"

"Does this mean that the Coral Palace, which has survived for thousands of years, is going to fall today!?"

"Even if we have to die, we'll die fighting! For Lord of the Coral!"

Just as they wore faces filled with sorrow, preparing to face death in battle, the Ocean Crown's army suddenly collectively turned towards the outer side, marching forward in unison, their formations directed straight at the Dragon King's City army.

But before they could react, they suddenly felt a violent disturbance behind them. After only a slight perception, these soldiers, extremely sensitive to the flow of the ocean, had their expressions change once again.

Terrifying ocean currents were approaching!

While there were no tsunamis in the water, the constant presence of these ocean currents was just as powerful as the raging waves.

The power of the three currents they sensed was comparable to waves several tens of meters high, and anyone caught in them would be swept away, with little hope of survival.

These three currents, at a terrifying speed, passed over their heads and then surged towards the Dragon King's City army.

The Dragon King's City army, as though their weight had vanished, had their bodies effortlessly wrested from their control by the powerful currents. They coiled together like strands of dough and rolled backward even faster than before.

In the frantic rolling, many ordinary soldiers and commanders gradually lost their life force and lay scattered on the ground, turning into lifeless corpses.

The first current passed, then the second, followed by the third.

The plain that had been filled with Dragon King's City forces moments ago now appeared empty, with barely a tenth of them left standing and capable of fighting.

At this moment, the Ocean Crown's army, which had been poised for action, finally revealed their fangs. Led by various heroes, they tore apart the remaining enemies one by one.

They left no survivors, ensuring that they completely crippled the military strength of the Dragon King's City in one fell swoop!

*Chapter 416: Destructive, Diago's Method, Secret Army*

Herald led the Naga Legion at the forefront, constantly hurling thunderbolts filled with terrifying energy, causing lightning to burst forth.

The Naga Guardians swiftly dispatched the Dragon King's City army, who were still recovering from the previous dark stream storm, decapitating them.

With their high mobility, the Dragon Blood Murlocs plunged into the enemy formation, unleashing their draconic might and effortlessly spearing down the suppressed foes.

The massive Tyrant Azure Dragon merely shifted, sending over a dozen enemies flying as he exhaled a freezing breath that turned them into ice lumps.

Several legions acted like speeding war chariots, tearing through the enemy ranks, and harvesting lives along the way.

The Coral Palace's troops watched this scene in shock and unease.

If they were standing on the opposite side, would the outcome be any better for them?

If this army had attacked them earlier, they might have been the ones lying on the ground.

Among the many onlookers, Ji Chen's figure gradually appeared in the rear. They all knew that the three decisive surges of dark currents that had determined the battle were released by this human from another world.

Behind that human, their leader, Lord of Glory, followed obediently, taking a lower position.

Recalling the sudden actions of the Ocean Crown's troops earlier, they seemed to realize something.

Ji Chen looked down at the Coral Palace's people below, his tone calm.

"From today onwards, the Coral Palace shall submit to the Ocean Crown.<sup>11</sup>

The faces of all the Coral Palace residents showed no surprise, but their expressions were extremely complicated.

It wasn't that they didn't want to resist, but when their leader had chosen to bow down, there was little they could do.

"But in return, I will lead you to conquer Dragon King's City and unite the Great Luminescent Sea."

With these words, the Coral Palace residents hesitated for a moment, their eyes filled with excitement.

They looked at each other.

Raising their weapons, they shouted loudly.

"We are at your service, my lord!"

Tens of thousands of Coral Palace troops followed Ji Chen and the Ocean Crown, marching towards Dragon King's City.

Prince Andar, who was caught in the midst of it, had a frightened expression.

I wanted you to help me regain the throne in Dragon Kings City, not conquer it!

If Dragon Kings City is gone, what's the use of me regaining the throne!?

Vaguely, he felt that he had brought the wolf into his own home and deeply regretted it.

But no matter how Andar struggled and shouted, none of the sea clans paid him any attention. They all followed closely behind Ji Chen, their expressions filled with fanaticism.

Together, the Ocean Crown and the Coral Palace had over twenty thousand troops, rampaging through the Great Luminescent Sea. Everywhere they went, chaos and panic ensued, with countless wandering sea clans watching in fear as this massive army passed by.

When they saw the direction they were heading, a thought suddenly arose in their minds.

Could it be that they are going to attack Dragon King's City?

Regardless of which side emerged victorious, it seemed that the fate of the Great Luminescent Sea was about to change.

Dragon King's City was originally the capital of the ancient human civilization of the Mystic Realm, dating back thousands of years. It was from here that the first tribes and city-states were born.

However, as the sea level rose, humans were forced to abandon this place and move to higher ground for habitation.

After many sea clans left behind the greedy humans, one of the two powerful "servants", the Dragon King, also known as the First Water Dragon, chose to return here and established Dragon King's City, gathering the sea clans to thrive and multiply.

But it was clear that the Dragon King did not have the same affection for humans as Coral did, nor did he appreciate everything about humans.

Therefore, during the thousands of years he resided here, the once towering city walls, adorned with countless exquisite statues and masterfully designed buildings, had been reduced to a state of ruin.

Exquisite statues had their heads chopped off, their bodies adorned with inexplicable bone trophies. Elaborate urban sewage systems had become dwelling places for some subterranean sea clans, and the theaters once used for drama and dance performances had become places for brutal and savage bloodsport.

The entire city, apart from its relatively intact city walls, had long since lost its former glory.

And within the palace at the city center, the Water Dragon King's furious roar could be heard.

"Are you kidding me!? Two legions of ten thousand soldiers each were defeated in less than half a day? If you dare to report false information, I'll skin you alive and hang your hide at the city gates!"

A legion commander who had a position towards the rear and had grasped the horrifying nature of the dark currents wisely led his troops to retreat early, barely managing to survive.

Facing the Water Dragon King's questioning, he trembled all over, recalling the horrific scenes that had unfolded earlier.

"It wasn't half a day, it was in an instant! We had just surrounded the Coral Palace when we were suddenly attacked by three terrifying dark currents. More than half of our soldiers died in the onslaught.

There was also an entirely new and unfamiliar army present. Once the dark currents ceased, they commenced a ruthless massacre of our soldiers. They are a band of merciless executioners!"

At this point, the commander of the thousand-strong team seemed to recall something, his face filled with fear as he said, "It must be that human who caused the dark currents! That unfamiliar army must be the subordinates of that human!

Since your comrades have already perished on the battlefield, why are you still alive?"

The commander of the thousand-strong team hesitated for a moment, then immediately knelt down and begged, "Lord Water Dragon, please spare me. I promise to fight bravely next time! "

The Water Dragon King emerged from behind the curtains, appearing as a crystal-headed catfish with double horns that resembled deer antlers, exuding a powerful aura of magic..

*Chapter 417: Destructive, Diago's Method, Secret Army (2)*

This was the hallmark of the Water Dragon lineage and the source of power.

However, compared to the Coral Lord, who had lived for thousands of years without decline, the lifespan of the Water Dragon lineage was much shorter. Over the course of thousands of years, Dragon King City had experienced more than ten generations of Water Dragon Kings.

The current Water Dragon King, Diago, who ascended by slaying his father and driving out his brother, gently placed his hands on the head of the legion commander and spoke softly.

"Dragon King City does not need deserters, nor does it need soldiers who have already been frightened to the bone."

In his words, a hint of killing intent had already surfaced.

The legion commander dared not move a muscle and continued to tremble, pleading for mercy.

At this moment, the Giant Turtle Grandmaster, who stood on the side, stepped forward and made a suggestion.

"Your Majesty Diago, I believe we can spare his life for now. After all, the attacking army has suffered heavy losses, and those cowards from the Coral Palace may harbor some ill intentions because of it.

So, keeping him alive can at least serve as a deterrent, a way to make use of this waste."



Upon hearing this, the legion commander quickly begged, “Yes, Your Majesty, please spare my life, and I will redeem myself with future victories.”

After pondering for a moment, Diago released his grip and reluctantly agreed to the proposal. “Very well, then. Take your legion and continue to the front lines. Do not return until you have annihilated three enemy legions.”

“Be off with you.”

“Yes!”

Hearing these words, the legion commander felt as if he had been granted a reprieve and quickly retreated, leading his legion away.

The Giant Turtle Grandmaster said, “Your Majesty, judging by the current situation, the Coral Palace has likely allied with that human, and they may already be planning an attack on Dragon King City.

Furthermore, even the Second Prince might be involved.”

“No, this time it probably has nothing to do with that fool,” Diago said, sitting back on his throne and stroking his chin. “Andar probably thought he had found a savior after meeting that human and placed all his hopes on him. He might have been manipulated.

Perhaps even the secret treasury that the old fool refused to disclose might have been revealed as a price.

This idiot, he still doesn’t understand how naive and foolish he is.”

The Giant Turtle Grandmaster fell silent. As a member of the long-lived Giant Turtle clan, he had accompanied several generations of Water Dragon Kings and was well aware of the hidden secrets.

In a world where the strong preyed on the weak and deceit was common in the Great Luminescent Sea, Prince Andar’s simple-minded thinking was rarer than pearls the size of heads.

In other words, he was a one-of-a-kind oddball.

On the contrary, Diago, who he now served as an advisor, was ruthless and cunning, possessing the qualities of a conqueror. In just a few years of his rule, Dragon King City had gained an advantage over the Coral Palace, shifting the power balance between the two.

Between Andar and Diago, the latter was undoubtedly more suitable to be the ruler, perhaps capable of achieving the long-held aspirations of the Water Dragon lineage.

“Your Majesty, I believe it is time for Dragon King City to mobilize its soldiers and strengthen its vigilance in preparation for the threat posed by that human and the Coral Palace.

That human will not stop here; he desires more!”

“I am well aware of that. They may think that two legions of ten thousand soldiers represent most of Dragon King City’s forces, but they certainly haven’t considered that I have hidden our true strength.”

Diago’s face revealed a wicked smile. “This is the perfect opportunity to utterly destroy the Coral Palace and unite the Great Luminescent Sea.

As for that human, I will personally deal with him, avenging my foolish brother.”

The Giant Turtle Grandmaster bowed respectfully and said, “May Your Majesty fulfill the long-standing aspirations of Dragon King City.

To unify the Great Luminescent Sea and achieve unprecedented greatness!”

“Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha!”

Diago burst into maniacal laughter, envisioning himself ruling the entire ocean with the Coral Lord groveling at his feet.

“Whoosh—”

A loud alarm sounded from outside, somehow reaching the palace.

“Enemy attack!”

“The Coral Palace army is attacking!”

Diago was momentarily surprised, then his face twisted into a sinister grin.

“These pests came so quickly. Well, the sooner I eliminate you all, the sooner I unite.”

“Hidden warriors, reveal yourselves and show the enemy what you’re made of!

Today, I shall make my name known throughout the ocean!”

A large building in Dragon King City suddenly collapsed, raising a cloud of underwater dust. From the dust emerged black-scaled unicorn whales and half-fish men wielding spears.

Black Unicorn Whales, Tier 5, 5-star, 2000 in number.

Silverlight Half-Fish Men, Tier 5, 5-star, 2000 in number.

These two types of troops were the hidden forces that Diago had cultivated over the years since he seized the throne, pouring all available resources into their development.

Their might far exceeded that of the ordinary Dragon King City army. This force of four thousand, working together with perfect harmony, was potent enough to rival several times, if not ten times, the Coral Palace’s army.

The appearance of these two types of troops immediately quelled the anxiety in Dragon King City. Countless citizens fervently cheered for Diago’s name.

Diago’s figure appeared in the sky, and the crystal horns on his head emitted a dazzling radiance, further fueling their excitement.

He was their great ruler, the hallmark of the Water Dragon lineage, and the symbol of Dragon King City!

Looking into the distance, the Coral Palace army had arrived outside the city. Upon seeing these two small but incredibly powerful armies, their expressions turned grim.

When did Dragon King City have such a formidable army?

Coral Lord Sonia also furrowed her brows deeply. When had the current Water Dragon King secretly cultivated such a force?

“Ji Chen... My Lord,” she hesitated for a moment, then changed her address. “This army doesn’t seem easy to deal with...”

“No worries. Leave them to the Crown of the Ocean to handle, and the Coral Palace will be responsible for surrounding and attacking the rest of Dragon King City’s forces,” Ji Chen replied calmly.

Although both of these troops were Tier 5, 5-star units, except for the Tyrant Azure Dragon, no unit in the Crown of the Ocean was of higher rank.

But tier alone didn’t tell the whole story; combat strength depended on coordination, skills, leadership, hero support, and other factors.

Ji Chen had enough confidence in the units of the Crown of the Ocean.

“Herald, take your Naga Legion to deal with those black unicorn whales. Alice and the Soulbound Servant Legion will assist you.”

“Benbo, the half-fish men who are neither human nor fish are entrusted to your Dragon Blood Legion. You will also temporarily control the Knight Legion.”

“Furthermore, the Guardian Legion and the Tyrant Azure Dragon Legion are ready to support you at any time.”

When the heroes heard that they would be fighting, they all became excited and promptly went to fulfill their orders.

When Herald led the Naga units, they received a 300% boost in combat power, despite being two stars lower than the black unicorn whales in tier.

With the assistance of the Soulbound Servant Legion, the Guardian Legion, and the Tyrant Azure Dragon Legion, if they couldn’t win, Ji Chen felt they could go back home and till the fields.

Similarly, when Benbo led the Murlocs, they enjoyed a 125% increase in combat power. The Dragon Blood Murlocs had inherent dragon power, which naturally had a suppressing effect on the half-fish men. Their actual combat strength might even surpass the latter.

With heroes of red-tier legacy and even orange-tier legendary heroes in command, there shouldn’t be any major problems.

Seeing the enemy showing no fear and even daring to actively approach, Diago’s anger flared, and even the crystal horns on his head gleamed with intensity.

“Attack! Take down these worms for me!”

A quick glance showed that the Coral Palace army was already facing off against the other Dragon King City armies, and his secret forces couldn’t be spared for the moment.

Diago decided to take matters into his own hands. To catch a thief, one must catch the leader. In an instant, a red energy-like lightning bolt shot out from his twin horns, crossing several hundred meters in the blink of an eye and heading straight for Ji Chen.

Sonia’s expression changed slightly, and she swiftly moved to create a white shield in front of her, blocking the lightning bolt.

“Sonia, you deal with this long-horned catfish,” Ji Chen said.

It was just what he wanted—to see how strong this Coral Lord really was..

*Chapter 418: Diago Defeated By Sonia, the Situation Has Been Decided, Dimension Key*

“Yes, my lord.”

Sonia replied with a lowered head. For her, this was an opportunity.

Originally, she thought that she could gain Ji Chen’s attention with the power of the Coral Palace, but after witnessing the terrifying strength of the Ocean Crown Army, she realized that the Coral Palace’s forces were insignificant.

At most, they could serve as cannon fodder or a suicide squad.

In the ruthless Great Luminescent Sea, only the sea clans with value would be respected.

Therefore, she had to use this opportunity to showcase her worth, so that the Coral Palace could receive better treatment from the Ocean Crown after surrendering.

Sonia quickly stepped forward, confronting Diago.

In a deep voice, she said, “Surrender, and Lord Ji Chen will forgive you,”

Diago chuckled and looked at her with a mocking tone.

“The Coral Palace, which has ruled for thousands of years, has surrendered to an outsider in just a few days. How laughable.

It seems like you’re reminiscing about the days when humans used to ride on your neck. It’s truly the shame of the sea clans in the Great Luminescent Sea.”

Sonia’s face remained emotionless, and she naturally ignored these words, which were clearly meant to provoke her.

“Lord Ji Chen will lead the Coral Palace and the sea clans of the Great Luminescent Sea out into the outside world. It’s more dangerous, but it’s also much broader. That’s why I’m willing to dedicate my strength to him.”

“The outside world?” Diago furrowed his brow deeply.

It was precisely because he knew about the dangers of the outside world that he had immediately sent troops to stop outsiders from entering as soon as he discovered the opened portal, and he had kept it closed until now.

The Dragon King's City could dominate the Great Luminescent Sea, but in the outside world, they would be easy prey. He preferred to rule and dominate in this small corner of the Great Luminescent Sea rather than becoming a weak presence in the outside world.

But as he looked into Sonia's eyes, shining with determination and hope for the future, Diago felt a sharp pain in his heart, and a surge of anger rose within him.

So, you want to take the Coral Palace to the outside world, huh?

Then I will utterly destroy it, shatter your hope completely!

The twin horns emitted an unprecedented bright light, gathering a terrifying energy. A red lightning bolt formed above the space between the horns, gradually growing into a red lightning sphere, which continued to expand.

After a dozen seconds, the lightning sphere had grown to a diameter of two meters, containing extremely intense energy. It shone brightly in the deep water, resembling a small red sun.

Seeing this, the nearby Coral Palace and Dragon King's City forces turned pale and scrambled to get as far away as possible.

A wicked smile appeared on Diago's face.

"Die!"

The lightning sphere shot out as if released from an invisible bow, racing forward, leaving behind a trail of red lightning.

Sonia remained calm.

She raised her hand once again to create a white shield, catching the lightning sphere as if catching a falling stone. In a matter of moments, she dissipated it effortlessly, without a ripple.

Impossible!!!

Diago stared wide-eyed. This was one of his most powerful techniques, how could it be so easily dispelled?

Sonia looked at Diago, who appeared incredulous, and her tone carried a hint of admiration.

"The first-generation Water Dragon King also liked using this move. He thought it was both cool and straightforward.

However, the lightning sphere you conjured is too small. The first-generation Water Dragon King's lightning sphere had a diameter of ten meters."

Her tone of admiration, when seen by Diago, felt more like mockery, making him extremely angry.

He gritted his teeth.

"I hope when I have you crushed under my foot, you can still talk like this."

The twin horns emitted another flash.

Dozens of red whirlpools suddenly appeared behind Diago. From them, hundreds of tiny lightning bolts shot out, raining down like drops of water.

Sonia effortlessly waved her hand, and an even larger white shield easily blocked all the lightning bolts.

This made Diago even more frantic, unleashing various skills and techniques.

But no matter how he tried, Sonia could effortlessly defend against everything.

At this point, the difference in their abilities was crystal clear.

Diago, who had only practiced for a few decades, was clearly no match for Sonia, who had been alive for thousands of years and had become a master of combat through experience and wisdom.

The former's attacks were either blocked by the latter's shield or evaded effortlessly.

"How is this possible?! How is this possible?!"

I was supposed to be the destined ruler to unify the Great Luminescent Sea! You, an old relic who's lived for thousands of years, should have died along with that old immortal!

I refuse to accept this!!"

Diago, looking like a madman, continued to use various skills, but without exception, they all dissipated like water into snow.

In this state, he exposed countless vulnerabilities.

Sonia's patience was finally exhausted. She had initially hoped that Diago, as the descendant of the first-generation Water Dragon King, would realize the situation and willingly submit to Lord Ji Chen's command, leaving a path for the fellow dragon king who also served humanity.

But now, it seemed that not only had he not inherited the power, but he had also inherited none of the virtues.

At this point, she no longer held back.

With a wave of her hand, she sent a water stream that knocked the unguarded Diago away, leaving him severely injured.

Just as she was about to deliver another blow, Ji Chen called her to a halt.

"Spare his life; I have plans for him."

Sonia nodded and immediately withdrew.

However, she soon spotted a Dragon Horn Catfish, its eyes wide like copper bells. While being watched over by a dozen Tyrant Azure Dragons, he was fixated on the severely injured Diago, who was drifting in the water..

*Chapter 419: Diago Defeated By Sonia, the Situation Has*

Been Decided, Dimension Key (2)

That gaze, somewhat familiar...

Curiosity got the better of her as she asked, “Lord Ji Chen, who is he...”

“He is Diago’s brother, Andar.”

Sonia was stunned.

How did Diago’s brother end up in the hands of the lord?

And what about the crystal horn on his head?

Seeing her puzzled expression, Ji Chen briefly explained, and she finally understood.

Diago suffered a severe injury from a single strike, causing a sharp decline in the morale of Dragon King City’s army. They were eventually overwhelmed by the relentless assaults from the Coral Palace forces and forced into retreat.

The expected chaotic slaughter by the Black Unicorn Whale and the Silverlight Half-fish beings did not occur. Instead, they were mercilessly beaten by several teams from the Crown of the Ocean.

The Naga Legion, led by the legendary hero Herald, tore through the enemy formation like a drill, breaking it into several pieces. This prevented the Black Unicorn Whale, which relied on its horn to attack enemies, from effectively charging forward. They were forced to engage the Naga Guardians in close combat and quickly fell one by one under their bone blades.

On the other side, the Dragon Blood Murlocs once again played a decisive role in the battle.

Under the natural intimidation of their bloodline, the Silverlight Half-Fish being couldn’t withstand the Trident’s shots. Moreover, the Lobster Guardian Knights were constantly watching, launching sudden charges that caught them off guard.

As the Black Unicorn Whales and Silverlight Half-Fish being fell one by one, the morale of the Dragon King City’s army plummeted to its lowest point.

Soon, as the last leader of a thousand-man squad was bombarded from a distance by the Guardian Legion, they completely collapsed, dropping their weapons and fleeing towards the city.

The Crown of the Ocean’s forces pursued them, surrounding the entire Dragon King City.

Countless residents of Dragon King City looked on with fear and anxiety.

On this day, right before their eyes, their once invincible Water Dragon King fell, and the mighty Dragon King City’s army was utterly defeated. Even the two secret armies were completely wiped out.

In the ruthless Great Luminescent Sea, for hundreds of years, Dragon King City had either enslaved or slaughtered other factions, plundering all their wealth. They had enjoyed this windfall without a care in the world.

But they had never thought that one day Dragon King City would be attacked by an enemy.

Their fear had reached its peak.

Ji Chen slowly approached Dragon King City from above, overlooking the uneasy crowd below, and signaled for Sonia to bring Diago and Andar over.

Diago was already seriously injured and was carried over like a doll, looking weak, but his eyes glared fiercely at Ji Chen as if he wanted to devour him.

Ji Chen just glanced at him indifferently and then turned to look at the bound Andar.

Andar's expression was filled with anger.

"I asked for your help to regain the throne, not to kill so many Dragon King City soldiers! This is not what we discussed before!"

Ji Chen felt that this guy was becoming more and more unreasonable.

He calmly said, nodding towards Diago, "Your elder brother went to great lengths to find you, even launching two ten-thousand-man armies to attack.

Do you think we could have come to Dragon King City so effortlessly under the threat of so many Dragon King City troops?

Do you think that war is just child's play? Do you think you can reclaim the throne with just your words?

It seems you still haven't figured out why your father's so-called loyal subordinates chose your brother over you.

It's because of your simplicity and naivety. Nobody had faith in you."

Andar instinctively wanted to retort but was interrupted by Diago's maniacal laughter.

"Hahaha, my foolish little brother, you still haven't understood this until today?

If you had stayed hidden in that little village, I might have pretended not to know where you were. After all, with just you, you posed no real threat to Dragon King City.

But for all these years, you never gave up your obsession to come back, so I had no choice but to eliminate you.

It's just a pity that your plan to unify the Great Luminescent Sea under Dragon King City has been shattered by your collusion with humans. You are guilty!"

Diago gritted his teeth, in his view, if this human hadn't encountered Andar in the first place, none of these subsequent events would have happened.

Perhaps this human might have chosen to stand with Dragon King City rather than the Coral Palace! He hated it!

Hearing his bloodline elder brother speak like this, Andar felt as if he had been struck by lightning, trembling all over, with an incredulous expression on his face.

He kept muttering, "This can't be... You must be lying to me... I am the most suitable to be the Water Dragon King..."

He still appeared as if he couldn't believe it.

Sonia, witnessing this, shook her head. These descendants of the Dragon King were one worse than the other. If it weren't for her long lifespan and control over the Coral Palace, the Coral Palace might have faced a similar situation by now.



The army had suffered nearly complete casualties, and the Water Dragon King was taken prisoner. It appeared that Dragon King City, once a formidable power in the Great Luminescent Sea, was heading for its demise today.

Ji Chen watched all of this with cold eyes.

He wasn't concerned about this; he only cared about one thing.

"Where is the dimensional key that is kept in the Dragon King City?"

Diago hesitated for a moment, then burst into laughter. "So, you want that thing, and destroying Dragon King City is just a means to an end!"

The dimensional key is hidden by that old man who wouldn't die in the secret treasury. He only revealed the location and entry method to my naive second brother."

Everyone turned to look at Andar, who had gradually come to terms with the situation. He said angrily, "I won't tell you, and you'll never get your hands on it!"

The Great Luminescent Sea belongs to the Great Luminescent Sea Sea Clan, not to ambitious humans like you!"

Well, that was quite the ultimate statement.

But Ji Chen wasn't surprised by this and had a plan in mind.

He said coldly, "If you don't tell me, I will slaughter every inhabitant of Dragon King City, whether it's the army or the civilians.

I'd like to see if you'll choose to keep the secret or watch the innocent residents you want to protect die one by one."

"You...!" Andar's eyes widened in anger. "Shameless human, if you have the guts, come after me, but don't involve innocent civilians!"

Ji Chen remained unfazed, appearing as the ultimate antagonist. "And your own bloodline elder brother will be the first victim under the blade."

Andar looked at the increasingly weakened Diago and then at the city's residents, his eyes filled with hesitation.

For him, this was a choice he couldn't make. It was an agonizing decision.

If he agreed, the Great Luminescent Sea would be ruled by this human, but if he refused, the residents of Dragon King City would die because of him, which was also unacceptable to him.

With his injuries worsening and struggling to speak, Diago, who had become somewhat incoherent, looked unsurprised.

This naive and foolish younger brother of his was entangled by something irrelevant, not even recognizing this human's feigned threat.

Hmph, Dragon King City would undoubtedly face decline or even destruction in his hands.

However, he had second thoughts. It seemed that Dragon King City wouldn't fare any better in his own hands. He had never imagined that it would meet its downfall under his rule.

Thinking of this, Diago couldn't help but let out a self-deprecating smile.

On the other side, as he coldly gestured, the Naga Legion was about to charge into the city, causing chaos everywhere.

Andar compromised. He gritted his teeth and revealed the location of the treasury and the method to enter it, one word at a time.

Ji Chen gestured for Anina to go and check. She immediately left the group and headed to the location mentioned by Andar.

Two hours later.

Anina returned, holding a diamond-shaped crystal that emitted a white light.

[Dimensional Key]

[Effect]: Anchors the realm, fixes the realm gate

Ji Chen's expression changed slightly as he inspected it and confirmed its authenticity before stowing it in his backpack.

Finally, he had obtained a dimensional key. With this one and the one in the hands of the humans above the sea, the realm would belong to the Crown of the Ocean..

*Chapter 420: Human Kingdom, Royal Token, One of the Greatest Gains*

Having glanced at Diago and Andar, Ji Chen gave his orders.

“Detain them and station a strong guard.”

Now that the Dragon King City's army had dispersed, and its ruler, Diago, was captured, along with the commanders who had perished in the previous battles, it could be said that the downfall of Dragon King City was a foregone conclusion.

He ordered the Coral Palace troops to stay in the city to maintain order.

Then, under the leadership of a blue-tier hero, the Knight Legion would guard the secret vault of Dragon King City.

According to Anina's description, besides the Dimension Key, the treasury of Dragon King City contained a vast amount of resources and treasures accumulated over ten generations of Water Dragon Kings. This would be enough to significantly boost the power of the Ocean Crown.

Although Ji Chen was curious about the extent of this wealth, he knew that the most important thing now was to secure the other Dimension Key, leave before the Mystic Realm Gate closed, and anchor the Great Luminescent Sea realm.

“Take me to the human kingdom above the sea surface.”

Sonia nodded in agreement, her eyes showing a hint of curiosity once again.

Ji Chen and his group followed Sonia, making their way through the Luminescent Forest. Within this dark expanse of towering structures, they began swimming upstream.

Tall seaweed obstructed their view on both sides, but the fluorescent glow it emitted provided illumination. After swimming upstream for hundreds of meters along the direction of the seaweed growth, they moved away from the Luminescent Forest's illumination, and the surroundings suddenly darkened.

Looking back down, they realized that the Luminescent Forest and the distant glow were shining brilliantly.

"My Lord, the reason why it's called the Great Luminescent Sea is that there are numerous luminescent plants growing on the seabed, ranging from hundreds of meters to over a thousand meters deep. These plants not only provide some illumination but also serve as the basic food source for the lower-sea clans.

The existence of these luminescent plants provides a space for the creatures of the Great Luminescent Sea to survive.

However, the waters from over a thousand meters below the surface to the sea surface, spanning thousands of meters, are pitch black, like a dead zone.

Primitive sea clans, lacking intelligence and driven only by killing and feeding, inhabit this area.

There are also many remnants and structures left behind by humans who migrated continuously over the years. Inside, there may still be some resources and treasures."

Ji Chen nodded in understanding. So, the Great Luminescent Sea realm still held many secrets.

"So, does that mean we need to eliminate those primitive sea clans along the way to reach the sea surface?"

"Not exactly," Sonia replied with a smile and shook her head. "Over the past few thousand years, the Coral Palace has explored and found a safe passage above the Luminescent Forest that allows us to ascend to the sea surface without being attacked."

After crossing the top of the Luminescent Forest, the group continued to ascend.

The surroundings grew darker and darker, making everyone feel uneasy.

But soon, a faint light appeared in the endless darkness ahead. As they drew closer, the light changed from a point to a circle, gradually dispelling the shadows in their hearts.

It wasn't until they had shortened the distance to ten meters that they realized it was a cave with a diameter of seventy to eighty meters, stretching vertically upwards.

Inside the cave walls, some luminescent plants had been deliberately cultivated.

"Lord Ji Chen, as long as we follow this cave all the way up, we'll reach the sea surface."

Ji Chen nodded slightly and wasted no time. He led the troops into the cave and continued their ascent.

The inside of this cave was quite straight and spacious, with plenty of luminescent plants providing illumination along the way. It didn't feel cramped or narrow.

Without a moment's pause, the group continued to ascend.

Several hours later, they finally reached the end of the cave. After passing through the opening, they looked up and saw sunlight once again.

However, this wasn't the light from luminescent plants; it was the familiar sunlight. It shone through the shallow surface of the water into the sea, transforming the deep blue water into a lighter shade of blue. The atmosphere around them instantly became more relaxed.

On the boundless azure sea, a fishing boat had come to a stop, and the fishermen on board were about to cast their nets.

However, suddenly, a dozen or so massive Azure Dragons burst out of the sea not far away. Their colossal bodies leaped high above the water's surface and then crashed down heavily, creating towering splashes.

Just as the fishermen thought they had witnessed an entire pod of whales and felt excited, the area around these Azure Dragons swelled up with hundreds of water bubbles. Various marine creatures of different shapes and sizes leaped out of them, instantly filling the entire sea surface.

A man also emerged from the water, standing on the head of one of the Azure Dragons.

Ji Chen looked around, basking in the sunlight that streamed down from above, and heaved a long sigh of relief.

Compared to the overall dim and cold-toned underwater environment, the surface of the sea was much more comfortable.

Sonia, who was beside Ji Chen, also looked around with a touch of nostalgia. It had been hundreds of years since she had last come to the surface.

Without paying much attention to the nearby fishing boats, the group continued to move toward their destination without stopping.

The exit of the cave was not far from the human kingdom on the sea surface. After half an hour of marching, Ji Chen could already see a cluster of islands in the distance.

On the largest island among them stood a human city.

Behind walls that were less than ten meters high, there were rows of low-rise houses that didn't even compare to Maple City's Black Gold District, except for the slightly more dignified palace and castle in the city center.

It was more like a small town than a kingdom, with a population of no more than ten thousand people at best.

A few ancient twin-sail warships were anchored in the harbor near the city, and the artillery emplacements had small crossbows that were, at best, suitable for shooting at mosquitoes..