

Ocean Lord 42

Chapter 42: Mineral Veins, Dragon Veins, and Kobolds

Along the way, Ji Chen had already discovered many mineral resource points.

Among them, there were not only basic resource points such as crude iron mines and quarries but also copper mines that produced level 2 copper resources and iron mines that yielded level 2 refined iron resources.

Furthermore, there were not only small-scale mines but also a considerable number of medium-sized ones.

It seemed that the Kobolds had not tapped into the technology of smelting iron and copper, as most of these mines were still abundant with reserves and had been largely abandoned.

These Kobolds are sitting on a gold mine without even realizing it!

Ji Chen gazed towards the deeper parts of the cave, a fiery determination burning in his eyes.

Could there be more mineral resource points in the deeper areas? Perhaps even advanced resources like Mithril or Crystals?

In a large hall deep within the cave, a multitude of Kobolds had gathered together, armed and vigilant as they kept watch on the outside.

Every single Kobold was aware that their tribe was facing an imminent catastrophe today.

A human, leading a powerful army, entered their cave and killed many of their tribe members.

The gathered Kobolds barked and communicated with each other, attempting to discuss a way to eradicate the human invaders.

“Despicable humans! How dare they invade the sacred caves of the noble Kobolds? We must kill him and devour him to vent our anger!”

“But the human army is too strong. We ordinary Kobolds are no match for them.”

“Don’t be afraid! We still have a group of Dragon Vein Kobolds, perhaps they can stand against them.”

“Yes, and besides, we obtained a powerful treasure stolen from the great entity. It should be able to drive them out.”

Upon hearing this, the eyes of many Kobolds lit up with excitement.

The power of that treasure was incomparably powerful. That human definitely could not withstand it!

Just as they were barking excitedly...

“Boom!”

Water arrows were shot in from the cave outside, and the violent explosions blew the Kobolds in front of them into pieces.

Instantly, panic and chaos gripped the other Kobolds.

In the next moment, dozens of torches were thrown inside, illuminating the cave with flickering flames, causing their pupils to involuntarily dilate.

Amidst the dancing firelight, a group of Murlocs and pirates rushed in.

Following them were Naga warriors and Sea Pixies.

Among the Naga warriors, Ji Chen revealed his presence.

Observing the spacious hall filled with numerous Kobolds, a hint of delight appeared on his face.

“Oh, so you’ve all gathered here. Saves me the trouble of searching for you.”

“It’s just perfect. I’ll take care of all of you at once.”

Witnessing his confident demeanor, the Kobolds immediately barked furiously with anger.

“Despicable human, you will suffer the wrath of the Kobolds!”

As they spoke, a group of particularly tall and strong Kobolds walked out from between them.

Adorned with thick layers of scales and wielding a massive obsidian battle-axe, the Dragon Vein Kobolds exhibited extraordinary combat prowess.

Ji Chen narrowed his eyes and examined their profiles.

[Dragon Vein Kobolds]

[Level]: 9

[Tier]: Second Tier, 8 stars

[Skills]:

Veins Power (blue skill, possesses an impressive strength due to having more dragon Veins)

Dragon Scale Armor (blue skill, enhanced defense from the revitalization of their Veins)

Veins Resistance (green skill, possesses resistance against various mental spells)

Night Vision (green skill, excellent ability to see in the darkness, freely navigating through dark caves)

[Unit Traits]: Cunning and deceitful (Kobolds are naturally cunning and not easily subjugated by other creatures)

[Oh, great dragon, we implore you to bestow more Veins upon the Kobolds!]

Ji Chen’s eyebrows twitched slightly.

The Dragon Veins Kobold whose Veins had been revived was actually a tier 2 8-star?

It had two blue skills – one for attack and one for defense.

This was really troublesome.

Not only were the Dragon Vein Kobolds at a higher tier, but their level also reached an imposing level 9, putting additional pressure on Ji Chen.

The only aspect where there was no suppression was their numbers.

This squad of Dragon Vein Kobolds consisted of only thirty individuals, which wasn't a significant quantity.

However, what troubled Ji Chen the most was that due to their bloodline, they possessed a certain resistance to mental spells.

This meant that Alice's singing may not have 100% control over them.

It could be said that the Dragon Veins Kobolds were currently the most formidable and challenging monster unit Ji Chen had encountered.

"Ding – You have entered combat mode. Morale assessment in progress. The Lord of your side leads the army, morale +10. Number disadvantage, morale -10. Level Suppression, Morale -5.

Level disadvantage, morale -5. Hero Commander, Morale +15. Dark environment, morale -10."

"Our overall morale is at 45 points. We are at a disadvantage."

Misfortunes never came alone. This was the first time he had encountered a battle with morale below 50 points.

There were at least 500 to 600 Kobolds here, almost four times their number.

"Kill these despicable creatures! Kill all humans!"

The Kobolds surged forward like a tide. At the front were 30 Dragon Veins Kobolds.

Ji Chen didn't dare to be careless in the face of such a powerful army.

He immediately ordered the Murlocs and Pirates to dodge and deal with the other ordinary Kobolds, and let the Naga Warriors take over.

The Naga Warrior's eyes were bloodshot. It wiggled its snake tail and charged forward like a chariot, waving the bone blades in its arms.

"Thump!"

The clash between the bone blade and the obsidian giant axes was sudden and fierce, creating a jarring collision sound.

In an instant, the bone blade, which had effortlessly dispatched ordinary Kobolds before, now bore a deep, gaping wound.

It was a daunting prospect, as just twenty more strikes would likely sever it into two pieces, blades and serpent combined.

Struggling to withstand the ferocious axe swings of the dragon-vein Kobold, the Naga warrior found it immensely challenging to hold his ground.

Witnessing this, Ji Chen swiftly commanded Alice to step in and alleviate their pressure.

Before long, a blend of gentle beauty and trembling resonance echoed through the air in the form of a song.

Because the cave was relatively sealed, the terrifying song continued to echo here, and its power actually increased by several times.

The ordinary Kobolds were stunned almost instantly, allowing the Murlocs and pirates to slash at them, leaving corpses everywhere.

As for the Dragon Veins Kobolds, they were inevitably affected. Their attack speed was visibly slower.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, the Naga Warrior's eyes flashed red. He quickly swung his bone blade and ruthlessly hit the scales of the Dragon Veins Kobold.

Crack.

The dragon-vein Kobold's sturdy scales were split open by a small crack.

Stimulated by the pain, the dragon-vein Kobold regained some mental clarity and let out a furious roar.

The enormous axe in its hand descended with force.

A louder cracking sound echoed.

To everyone's astonishment, the Naga warrior's bone blade shattered abruptly under this strike, leaving a deep wound on the serpent's body from the sharp axe edge.

Just as they were about to deliver another blow, several water arrows shot towards them in anger.

The physical defense of the dragon-vein Kobold, provided by its robust scales, proved formidable. However, when faced with magical attacks, its defensive effectiveness was considerably weak.

In an instant, the water arrows exploded, creating several bloody holes, causing blood to flow profusely.

Upon witnessing this scene, Ji Chen couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

If magical attacks couldn't inflict effective damage on them, then what was the point of this fight?

Fortunately, they had the sea pixies; otherwise, they would have been defeated long ago.

The battle continued fiercely..