

## **Ocean Lord 45**

*Chapter 45: Sea Rice, Mineral Resource Points*

But reality told Ji Chen that these crops with green tassels were really watered with seawater.

[Sea Rice]

[Level: Special]

[Status: Immature]

[Usage: Generates ordinary grain rice]

[Production: 1000 units/mu]

[Maturity period: February]

[Survive by watering with seawater.]

What kind of Immortal Sea Rice was this?

In just 2 months, a round of harvest could be obtained, yielding 1000 units per acre.

What's even more astounding is that it can thrive solely on seawater!

It's incredibly mind-boggling, beyond imagination.

Such remarkable phenomena can only exist in a fantastical world.

With this calculation, each acre can produce a staggering 12,000 units of food per year. And if natural fertilizers or similar additives are introduced, the yield could soar to unimaginable heights.

After a brief moment of astonishment, a wave of ecstatic delight swept over.

With this kind of sea rice, wouldn't he have another stable source of food?

This was of strategic importance to the territory, which currently relied mainly on hunting for food.

Moreover, it was very likely that this sea rice alone could feed the vast majority of the population.

“Can you expand the planting area of this sea rice?”

“Of course, as long as there's a suitable environment.”

Hearing this, Ji Chen was delighted and waved his hand.

“Now, I'll give you the first mission. You'll have to find a suitable place to plant the sea rice on the island.”

“You can tell Wilus if you need any resources. If you encounter monsters that are difficult to defeat, you can come to me directly.”

“My only request is to start the large-scale planting of sea rice as soon as possible!”

The tribal leader bowed respectfully again. “We will follow your will.”

Ji Chen nodded.

As for this tribe, he planned to divide them into batches and move them to the territory one after another.

In addition to the need for labor, the natives and the original residents also needed a certain amount of time to integrate.

The natives had no objections to his decision.

Originally, they lived here to avoid the wind and rain and defend against the attacks of wild beasts, monsters, and Kobolds.

Now that the Kobolds had been conquered and they had been provided with stronger protection and sufficient food, there was no reason to oppose anymore.

And so...

As the sun set, the first batch of tribal natives accompanied Ji Chen on their return journey to the territory.

Their mode of transportation was different from when they had arrived.

They paddled in their own canoes, skirting along the western and southern coastlines of the main island, swiftly arriving back at the sandy beach at the entrance of the territory.

With these canoes, the natives were able to avoid the Kobolds on the island and travel between nearby islands.

The natives also told him an important piece of information.

Apart from the main island and the three secondary islands on the right, there were three smaller islands on the northwest side of the forest.

In other words, this archipelago had a total of seven islands. The main island was in the middle, and the other islands were distributed in the shape of a crescent moon.

That was why they called this archipelago.

New Moon Islands.

On the three islands to the left, there were probably plenty of resources waiting to be discovered.

However, it was already late in the day, and Ji Chen didn't think it was appropriate to explore them now.

He had to postpone the exploration of the other islands to a later date.

The next day.

He once again headed to the Kobold cave.

The harvest here had almost been completely accounted for.

First were the Kobold laborers.

He searched through the entire cave, capturing the Kobolds scattered in other caves.

After a thorough count, there were a total of 640 surviving Kobolds in the entire Kobold tribe.

This was the number remaining after he had already killed a significant number of them. Originally, there must have been over a thousand.

This wave of Kobolds brought a considerable amount of labor to the territory.

Based on all the discovered resource points, this wave of Kobolds could fully utilize them without any half-filled situations.

However, the Kobolds had something to say.

A few years ago, they had been attacked by a group of powerful monsters in the ocean. More than half of their clansmen had died, and less than one-tenth of them had survived.

This surprised Ji Chen even more.

After more than half of them died a few years ago, there were more than a thousand of them in a few years?

A few years ago, after losing more than half of their numbers, they multiplied to over a thousand in just a few years?

These Kobolds really know how to reproduce, even surpassing humans.

At this rate of reproduction, in a few more years, there might be thousands of them.

If not restrained, they would likely devour all the resources on this island in no time.

As for the powerful monsters they mentioned, Ji Chen guessed they were probably some kind of marine creature.

He didn't pay too much attention to it.

In this world, powerful creatures were abundant, especially in the vast and mysterious ocean.

The existence of powerful marine races was not surprising at all.

As for these Kobolds, they would be assigned to various resource points according to the demand, replacing the residents in laborious resource extraction work.

The excess Kobolds would be sent to the jungle to cut down trees, continuously expanding the usable area of the territory.

Some female Kobolds would be left behind to incubate Kobold eggs.

After dealing with the Kobolds' fate, the next issue was resources.

As the former dominators of the island, the Kobolds naturally possessed abundant wealth, with various resources filling their caves.

After a thorough count, among the five primary resources, there were 4,000 units of crude iron and 4,000 units of clay.

Because the Kobolds did not have the habit of using fire, they did not have much wood stored, only 3000 units.

However, there was a huge pile of fibers, a total of 4500 units. They were probably used to make nests.

Stone resources were the most abundant. They were basically the by-products of the Kobolds digging caves. There was a total of 8000 units, which was equivalent to the weekly output of a medium-sized quarry.

With so many resources, Ji Chen naturally accepted all of them with a smile and had them all moved back to his territory.

A considerable portion of these resources would be used to upgrade the army.

The encounter with the Dragon Vein Kobolds had served as a wake-up call for Ji Chen, highlighting the limitations he faced.

Even the strongest Naga warrior seemed comparatively weak, not to mention the murlocs.

With the acquisition of numerous resources this time, he had to focus on leveling up properly.

And now, the most exciting part awaited him—the discovery of the mineral resource points connected throughout the cave. After conducting a thorough assessment, the findings were as follows:

There were three crude iron mines, one of them being a mini-sized mine while the other two were small in scale.

Additionally, there were two stone quarries, one classified as small and the other as medium.

Compared to small resource points, medium-sized resource points had more reserves and a longer mining cycle.

[Quarry]

[Scale: Medium I]

[Level: 1]

[Main resource produced: Stone]

[By-product: None]

[Storage: 105000/105000 units]

[Maximum weekly production: 8400 units]

[Weekly Personnel Production: 50 units/person]

There were also two small clay mines, bringing the total number of small mines to three, including the previous one.

Additionally, there were two copper mines and two refined iron mines, both of which were small in size.

Since Ji Chen didn't have an immediate use for these resources, he set them aside as reserves.

However, what excited Ji Chen the most was the discovery of a miniature Mithril mine.

And to his delight, it was fully stocked!

With this new addition, he now had two mini Mithril mines that could produce 1400 units of Mithril every week, resulting in a total production of 7000 units.

If a resource like the Mithril mine were located outside the cave, even on a small scale, it would undoubtedly trigger conflicts among players and natives.

Yet, Ji Chen now possessed two such mines.

With more Mithril mines, the production of Mithril could be further increased, and Alice's growth and strength could be accelerated.

Alice was an essential asset in the territory, providing high-end combat capabilities. By enhancing her strength, Ji Chen would gain a significant advantage in battles..