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Pierce stepped out and yelled at Oleg angrily, "You fucking coward! Stop saying shit! You're just scared of dying..... Warden Oleg, you won't have to be a slave, but what about the citizens? We all know how horrible being a slave is, it's better to die in battle than that....."

After he said that, he turned around and said to Fei with craze burning in his eyes, "Your Majesty! Please command us. My brothers and I are willing to die on the defensive wall of Chambord rather than become lowly slaves with our families!"

Pierce was very emotional. Brook stepped out at the same time and half kneeled; he said seriously, "King Alexander, I wish the same! I would rather die in battle than become a slave!"

"Hua- hua- "

All the soldiers and young adults kneeled down after Brook finished.

Life as a slave on Azeroth Continent was worse than death – they could be killed and sold at their master's will. They would also be recruited into the death squads of the army or do hard labour. They didn't have any hope until they died of disease or exhaustion. Their descendants would also be slaves, with no hope.

"Your Majesty! We are all willing to die to defend the kingdom!" The soldiers stared at the young king of Chambord, with their blood burning.

Fei was also influenced by this. All the worries in his mind disappeared, and what was left was only bravery and pride. When he was about to say something, he thought of something and turned around and asked Bazzar who was in silence, "Bazzar, what do you think I should choose?"

"Defense is our best option. We have a chance. I believe your majesty should not surrender at all!" Bazzar answered solemnly.

The answer surprised Fei. He thought that this gloomy red-robed old man was timid and preferred surrendering. Who knew that Bazzar was all in on the defending side of the scale, being all serious and stuff?

However, there wasn't any more time for Fei to think. He knew that he had to make the final decision, and he couldn't disappoint his loyal followers. Under the eyes of many people who were paying close attention, he walked back to the battlement and yelled,

“Did you hear my soldiers’ responses? Go back and tell that sneaky master of yours, if you want Chambord Castle, then take it away like a real warrior with blades and swords! Don’t play these dirty old tricks and try to estrange our unity. In Chambord, there are only warriors that would bleed and die in battle, no cowards that would want to surrender!”

Fei’s words heated up the morale and desire for battle of the soldiers.

The last sentence had especially excited and pumped the kneeling soldiers. They felt like something was about to burst out of their chests, and wanted to roar like wild beasts.

Under the defensive wall.

The four knight changed expressions. The reason the silver masked knight wanted to do this was to dismantle the unity and morale of Chambord; he wanted the royalty and citizens to have conflict so his army would conquer the kingdom easier and faster. They were deep into Zenit Empire’s territory. If the whole siege took too long and the Zenit Empire found out about them, all their effort and time would be wasted.

They didn’t expect that the retarded king of Chambord used their strategy into his advantage and pumped the soldiers’ morale.....The silver knight’s plan fell apart completely.

Black knight [One] was so mad that he started laughing. He twisted his lance holding the helmet and smashed it against the defensive wall and broke it into piece.

He flipped his lance again and pointed it at Fei on top of the defensive wall. He swore arrogantly, “You unappreciative dirt bag! My master was generous and was willing to let you live; however, you just really want to die like a pig to show off your pitiful bravery..... You dirty low lives, start trembling, you will pay for your decision! When the castle is conquered, the women will be torn apart right in front of you, the skulls of the elders and kids will be piled into mountains, and you.....” He pointed at Fei, “You retard! You will be chopped into pieces and made into a stew to feed our horses. I swear!”

After he finished, he turned his horse around and was about to leave. However, the tough guy Pierce on the defensive wall was enraged by what [One] said. He grabbed the bow and arrow from an archer beside him, pulled on the bow and yelled, “Bastard! You want to leave after insulting my king? Take this!”

“Woosh-”

The arrow was aimed at the back of the black knight.

“Tink-”

[One] swung his lance and blocked the arrow easily.

He turned his head around and looked at Pierce, "White haired punk, your strength is way too weak..... I will remember you. Just wait, when we conquer the castle, I will chop your head off myself and place it onto the tip of this lance!"

Pierce was born with inhuman strength, but he didn't have any energy and wasn't a star ranked warrior; however, [One] became a one star warrior a long time ago. They weren't on the same level. There was no way that Pierce was able to hurt [One], so [One] didn't even try seriously.

[One] glanced through all the faces on the defensive wall arrogantly and started heading back while laughing out loudly.

But at this moment –

"It's better if you leave your head here!"

A roar sounded on the defensive wall. A blue flash of energy appeared and a figure jumped off the tall wall. He swung his sword rapidly in midair and waves of blue energy flew towards [One] at the speed of light. They looked unstoppable and had great momentum.

"This"

Right at that second, the shadow of death hovered over [One]'s mind. His pupils contracted as he tried to block the waves of energy with his lance as fast as he could, thinking about a plan to escape from the situation.....

But –

"Crack, crack, crack!"

After a series of clear sounds, the hard lance was chopped into a couple large pieces. The blue energy surrounding the figure expanded and flashed in the observers' eyes a couple times to fight [One]. After that, he jumped up, grabbed onto the base of the defensive wall to regain his momentum and pushed as he jumped back up onto the high defensive wall.

The whole process was clean and fast. Everyone was shocked by what had happened.

After they processed what had happened in their minds, that godlike figure was already back on top of the defensive wall holding a head in his hands, with a pair of eyes still wide open.

It was the head of [One]. Moreover, the person who was holding the head was the number one warrior of Chambord, three star warrior Frank Lampard.

His strength had shocked everyone on the battlefield. The battlefield was dead silent.

Suddenly –

“Pa!”

Under the wall, [One]’s beheaded corpse, which was on the horse fell and smashed onto the ground.

Blood spurted out his neck like a fountain and quickly stained the soil underneath it.....This arrogant black knight who was yelling and screaming a second ago died under Lampard’s sword in a few strikes and got his head chopped off; it was just like what he said he would do to Pierce.

No one expected the silent Lampard to attack so suddenly. The extreme strength of a three star warrior was thoroughly demonstrated by Lampard.

“Dot, dot.....”

On the defensive wall, Lampard stood like a demon in front of the enemies. The head he was holding was still dripping blood. The eyes were wide open, filled with terror and regret.

“Insulting my king and breaking the negotiation helmet.....shall result in death!”

Lampard yelled using his energy. The voice came out loud and clear and every enemy soldier heard it, even the silver masked knight on the other side of the wide river. The voice sounded like thunder, especially the emphasis on the word ‘kill’. It shocked the enemies and created a little chaos in the enemies’ formations.

According to the rules and customs of wars on Azeroth Continent, during negotiation, even if it didn’t work out, parties were not allowed to break the helmet on the tip of the lances. Doing so was extremely disrespectful and would shame the God of War. [One] broke the helmet and insulted the opponent king; those action were forbidden, so he deserved to be killed.

Fei looked at Lampard, he was in shock.

“This is a real warrior!”

In yesterday’s battle, Lampard was entangled with the enemy’s three star warrior Landes and didn’t shine too much, but killing a one star warrior easily like eating pie proved that he deserved the soldiers’ respect and worship.

Fei knew that his strength was not as strong as that. But as a king who liked to show off, he wasn't going to let this chance pass by. He jumped onto a battlement, swung his axe and yelled to the three black knights who were still in shock, "Fuck off!!"

Fei used the barbarian's war cry skill 【Howl】 while yelling.

Because of the distance between Fei and the black knights, it only surprised them and they didn't experience the terrifying pressure. However, Fei's targets weren't the three one star warrior black knights, but rather.....

The horses they were on; they didn't have anywhere near the strength of a one star warrior.

Chapter 32: The Early Christmas Presents

Although the power of 【Howl】 was significantly reduced by the time it reached the bottom of the defensive wall, it was enough to affect the average horses. The horses started to neigh in terror, and they lost their strength and fell to the ground, defecating everywhere.

This took the three black knights by surprise, and they quickly jumped off of their horses.

"You fucking....."

No matter how hard they whipped the horses, these well-trained battle horses seemed as if they were possessed; they wailed about but couldn't get up.

"Ohohohoho, look! They pissed themselves, haha!"

"Fuck off, Bastards! Bring your weapons next time!"

"You want us to surrender? You must be dreaming! Taste my axe!"

"Chambord will not be conquered by you low lives! We will teach you a memorable life lesson....."

"Hahaha, you scared? Go cry to your mom!"

"....."

After seeing that, the soldiers of Chambord burst into laughter. Some soldiers started mocking them, and some even took out their dongs and started peeing on the knights under the defensive wall.....

"Tink, tink, tink – "

Some soldiers started tapping their weapons. The mighty and powerful metal sounds in addition to what Lampard and Fei did got rid of all the fear in everyone's mind. Even the most timid soldiers were excited for battle and wanted to kill a few enemies.

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Far away, on the other side of the Zuli river.

Seeing what had happened from far, even the silver masked knight who appeared calm and relaxed became extremely angry.

He was trying to use this negotiation to tear apart the unity within Chambord and create conflict within to dismantle their morale. Even if Chambord didn't surrender, Chambord's defensive ability would fall to an all-time low and it would be way easier for him to conquer the kingdom.

However.....

He didn't expect things to turn out like this.

The rage and stupid behaviour of [One] had broken the unwritten rules of negotiation on the battlefield and gave Chambord a proper reason to attack [One]. [One] didn't just lose his life, but also gave Chambord a chance to stimulate their own morale and stomp on the enemy's morale.

"Shit....."

The silver masked knight couldn't help but swear. He didn't know why, but he felt the operation of sieging Chambord Castle wasn't going to be as easy as he thought.

"Master, please allow me to kill that arrogant three star warrior!"

Landes felt it was a great opportunity for him to redeem himself. He stepped up and requested. Some of the other black knights were getting impatient too.

As witnessing their own being killed one by one by the Chambord soldiers, they felt their pride as the silver masked knight's henchmen being challenged. They expressed their wish of sieging right away and executing everyone in Chambord.

But –

The silver masked knight held his horsewhip tightly in his hands. The joints on his fingers were turning white because he was applying a lot of force; he was trying to endure the rage in his mind.

After thinking for a moment, he waved at his subordinates and surprisingly stopped them. He said with a deep voice, "Follow my command. Stop the siege right now. We will start attacking after lunch!"

Landes and the black knights were surprised; they didn't expect such a command.

"Those low lives are at the peak of their morale; if we siege right now, we will fall into that retarded king's trick....." The silver masked knight pointed at Chambord with his horsewhip, and said calmly, "After lunch when their morale dies down, it will be our best opportunity to siege. Put all the siege ladders and machines into battle when it begins. I want this sinful castle to be conquered within half an hour! We will execute them for three days following it to seek the revenge for my warriors!"

His calm voice turned into a roar when he was finished. He turned his horse around and headed back to the base.

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On the defensive wall.

After three minutes, Fei and Brook looked at each other.

Everyone on the defensive wall thought that after Lampard had killed the black knight, the enemies would be angered and would start attacking aggressively right away. All of the soldiers were ready for that.....

Who knew that three minutes had passed by and the aggressive attacks hadn't come? The enemies' formation were still the same, occupying the whole bridge. They didn't move at all and just stayed out of the archers' range.

"Damn, what's going on?"

Fei was confused. He even thought that the enemy commander's head had been kicked by a donkey, so he couldn't think straight. However, it was more likely that he was playing another trick.

Brook was thinking hard beside Fei as well. He felt that the enemy commander's intentions were hard to estimate. Although the storm-like siege they expected didn't occur, a bigger and more rapid storm was developing in this short-lived peace.

As the general commander appointed by King Alexander, Brook felt he had a lot of responsibilities, so he had to quickly understand the enemy's intentions.

After thinking for a while, Brook looked at the mountains surrounding the kingdom.

To make sure that the enemies were not attacking from the sides, Brook commanded a couple of smart soldiers to check from the peak of the three mountains, just in case the enemies sent star ranked warriors to climb on the mountain to siege from the sides.

Fifteen more minutes passed by.

As time passed by, the atmosphere on the defensive wall changed.

Fei suddenly found out that some soldiers' spirits started to relax. The grips on the weapons loosened and their stares were losing focus. If the previous condition of the soldiers was like a bow that was pulled to the max, they were now a bow that was not pulled at all.

The situation wasn't good. The morale that Fei raised with a lot of effort was slowly depleting due to the enemy's strange behaviour.

"Shit! Could this be the strategy of the enemy commander? If it is....."

Fei was nervous.

"If this is their plan, then we are in a lot of trouble."

This revealed a lot of information. "The clearest point is that the enemy commander is way smarter and stronger than I expected. He can control himself and grasp people's mind really well....." Morale was an interesting thing. If commanders used it to their advantage, it would literally determine the outcome of a battle.

"What should we do?"

After getting a grasp of the enemy's intention, Fei couldn't find a good counter-strategy.

It was obvious that the enemy commander played a dirty trick. Although his intention was discovered, the only way for Chambord to use the high morale to their advantage was to initiate the battle. However, for Chambord who had limited military power, giving up their terrain advantage to initiate the battle was like seeking their own death.

But if this continued and every soldier was continuously alert, they would have a breakdown under such pressure sooner or later.

After thinking for a moment, Fei called Brook aside and ordered him to divide the soldier into two groups. When the enemies were not sieging, one group would be guarding and observing the enemy's actions and one group would be resting. They would rotate every twenty minutes to make sure every soldier's physical and mental strength was at a standard level.....

This was the best plan Fei could come up with. After another twenty minutes, the sun had already risen up to the middle of the sky.

The sunlight was heating up. Thick armour, heavy weapons and the mental pressure from facing numerous enemies made the soldiers sweat.

Fei stood on the defensive wall and observed the enemies even more, but he felt like they still didn't want to attack at all. He thought about it and decided to not wait like this.

Every minute and every second was precious to him. He had to enter the Diablo World as soon as possible to level up and increase his strength. It was way better than waiting like this.

He turned around and returned to the watchtower on the defensive wall. He let Pierce who was carrying the [King's Sword] guard the entrance. Fei himself sat on a stone and closed his eyes. He concentrated as he tried to communicate with the cold, mysterious voice.

He got a quick response –

“Sufficient mental strength.....Scanning soul wave..... confirmed.....Entering Diablo world in 3.....2.....1.....Ding, entering!”

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Fei chose the barbarian character again this time.

He appeared on the burial grounds on 【Cold Plains】 .

The corpse of 【Blood Raven】 lied in front of him. Gold coins and items surrounded him. However, there was no time for him to pick them up; because he re-entered the world, the monsters on the burial ground had refreshed. Numerous 【Corrupt Rogues】 and 【Fallen Shamans】 started to attack as they saw someone appeared in their territory.

Another round of battle had begun. With some effort, Fei swept the monsters at the burial ground again. He finally had time to pick up the items and coins.

When he reached for the three blue magic items under 【Blood Raven】 's corpse, he moved the corpse a little bit. He suddenly saw some yellow light.

“Could it be.....” Fei was excited because it was the color of rare items.

His hand shivered as he moved 【Blood Raven】's corpse aside.

There were more than one rare item!

“Damn, I must’ve been good this year so Santa gave me some early Christmas presents!”

There were three rare yellow items. There was a shield that had black hooks on it, an oddly-shaped sword and a delicate bronze glove.

All three items were not identified, so Fei didn’t know what their actual capacities were.

After seeing the three yellow items, Fei didn’t care about the blue items anymore and threw them all into his 【Item Slot】.

After he collected all the gold coins on the ground, he opened up his 【Character Status】.

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Rank Item Type Item Color

Lowest Normal Items White

Magic Items Blue

Rare Items Yellow

Set Items Green

Highest Unique Items Gold

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After Fei picked up all the items and coins, he opened up his 【Character Status】 -

Gamer: Fei

Class: Barbarian

Level: 7

Experience: 35100/40000

Strength: 51

Dexterity: 20

Intelligence: 10

Vitality: 34

Damage: 30-43

Accuracy: 114

Armor: 77

Endurance: 1124

Health: 126

Resource (Fury): 19

Fire-Resistance: 0

Cold-Resistance: 0

Lightning-Resistance: 15

Poison-Resistance: 0

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These stats were way better than what he started with. But one thing was obvious, even with stats like these, it wasn't enough to solve the problem he was having in the real world.

From Fei's rough estimation, level 5 in Diablo world was equal to a one star warrior.

Between level 5 and 10, he could kill a one star warrior easily and would a big threat to the two star warriors, judging by how he killed Conca. However, when faced with actual two star warriors who could utilize their strength efficiently, it wouldn't be that easy. However, it wouldn't be impossible to win either. When facing a three star warrior like Landes or Lampard, unless Fei used sneak attacks, there was zero chance of winning.

If he reached level 10, Fei believed that he could fight Landes effectively without using abilities such as **【Howl】** .

This was why Fei had to use his time wisely and level up as soon as possible. Once his barbarian character surpassed level 10, Chambord would have a better chance of winning.

Fei started his journey in the Diablo world again.

“Bzzzzz...”

Fei opened his 【Item Slot】 and used a 【Town Portal Scroll】 , and the blue oval shaped portal appeared beside Fei. He stepped into the portal and went back to 【Rogue Encampment】 .

The first person he went to was Priestess Akara. He bought a 【Tome of Town Portal】 and a 【Tome of Identify】 , which could each contain 20 【Town Portal Scrolls】 and 20 【Identify Scrolls】 respectively. They helped save storage room in his 【Item Slot】 .

If each scroll took up a slot in his inventory, 40 scrolls would occupy the entire space and there wouldn't be any room for anything else.

Because Priestess Akara was very cheap, Fei didn't want to sell the items he didn't need to her. He left Akara, and then went into an empty tent and started using 【Identity Scrolls】 to identify the items he obtained.

Fei started with the three yellow rare items. The first one was the shield that had black hooks on it. After using a 【Identity Scroll】 , all the properties of the shield appeared in Fei's mind –

【Azure Spiked Shield】

Defence: + 20

% Block: + 25%

Durability: 10/10

Required Strength: 35

Required Level: 7

Special Property: +9% Cold-Resistance, +17% replenish life (Increase life regeneration), +7 Resource (Fury), ethereal (Unable to repair)

The properties of this shield were too good. It was the perfect shield for a barbarian. With this shield, Fei's defense had went up a level.

The only drawback was that the durability of the shield was only 10, and it couldn't be repaired at all. Once the shield was broken, it would be gone forever. However, the pros outweighed the cons by a lot, and this shield was just what Fei needed right now.

He equipped it without hesitation.

Then, he continued the identification.

After using one more **【Identity Scroll】**, the property of the golden sword appeared too

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【Storm Sabre】 (One handed)

Damage: 3-7

Durability: 24/24

Required Strength: 25

Required Dexterity: 20

Special Property: +1 Minimum Damage, +16 Accuracy, +51% damage to Undead, +69 Accuracy to Undead, +5 lightning damage, +6 poison damage over 2 seconds.

The sword's properties were amazing as well, just like how rare items were supposed to be.

Fei thought about it and equipped it too. In the Diablo World, except for items such as armour and rings that a character could only equip one at a time, characters could equip two set of weapons and could freely switch between them in different situations.

Fei equipped **【Azure Spiked Shield】** and **【Storm Sabre】** as a weapon set. With the sword in the right hand and the shield on his left, they were a perfect set of substitute weapons. The massive double-handed axe was still Fei's main weapon.

It was time to identify the last yellow rare item – the bronze gloves.

The properties appeared after using the scroll.

【Bronze Self-Repairing Gloves】

Defense: +6

Durability: 14/14

Special Property: +15 Accuracy, +10% fire-resistance, +15% cold-resistance, self-repair 1 durability in 33 seconds.

Another piece of beauty. Fei's head was a little dizzy, and he had to pinch himself to make sure that he wasn't dreaming. All three yellow rare items had amazing properties,

and best of all, Fei could equip them right away as a level 7 Barbarian. It felt like the three items were tailored towards Fei.

He equipped the 【Bronze Self-Repairing Gloves】 to get rid of the old worn out leather gloves. The three yellow rare items were shining on him. It made him feel very powerful. He couldn't wait to go to the moor to battle with monsters just to try out his new 'outfit'.

After he finished identifying, he went to the female blacksmith Charsi.

He sold all the blue magic items that he didn't need for 18,666 gold coins. Seeing all the 21,000 gold coins in his 【Item Slot】 , Fei felt a sense of accomplishment, going from a pauper to a prince in terms of wealth.

Time was tight. After Fei finished everything, he repaired all his items at Charsi's, bought a metal helmet and a pair of heavy leather boots and quickly went to the next location on his mind.

The next stop was Kashya, the military leader at 【Rogue Encampment】 . He completed the quest 【Sisters' Burial Grounds】 and was there to receive his rewards.

"Oh, god bless. Young traveller, you have really killed that sinful traitor.....Congratulations, you have earned my trust and friendship. As a reward, you shall receive a powerful female rogue as a mercenary."

Kashya was surprised that Fei had successfully completed the quest. After she finished speaking, a young pretty female rogue archer stepped out of a tent behind Kashya and walked to Fei.

"This is the most powerful magic archer at Rogue Encampment, Elena. Young traveller, Elena shall be by your side and fight for you from now on. Kashya introduced the female rogue fighter to Fei.

Fei took a close look. This young magic archer named Elena was about twenty one years old. She was only a little shorter than Fei. Her fiery red long hair was tied to the back of her head with a coarse cloth, and her figure was beautiful. She wore rough leather armour that only covered important spots on her body. A pair of leather barreled boots covered her calf, but most of her thighs were exposed; the leather war-kilt acted as a mini-skirt. Her appeal almost caused Fei to have a nose bleed. Despite her appeal, Fei felt that this female magic archer had a special feeling of courage and bravery that ordinary girls didn't have.

"Hello, according to Leader Kashya's orders, I shall fight for you, young warrior."

Elena didn't like talking. After she said that, she stood behind Fei like a bodyguard. Her expression was very calm. Fei felt that although she looked cold and independent, she was easy to talk to.

Fei remembered the effects of fighting with a mercenary that he learned on Earth from the original game.

If he wasn't wrong, fighting alongside a mercenary would increase the speed of leveling up by a lot. He thanked Kashya and went to priestess Akara with his new hot bodyguard to receive the third quest – 【Search for Cain】 .

This mission was a little bit more complicated.

Fei had to cross the 【Underground Passage】 and find a mysterious scroll in the 【Dark Wood】 under the Tree of Inifuss. He had to then go back to priestess Akara to get the scroll translated – which would give Fei a series of numbers. He had to then touch the five cairn stones in sequence at 【Stoney Field】 . This opened the portal that would send Fei to a mysterious space where the 'obscene' old man, Cain, was locked in a cage on a tree by a bunch of demons. Fei had to kill all the demons in that space and free the old man in order to complete the quest.

Chapter 34: Unexpected Change

This quest was complicated, but it was very important to the plot in the Diablo World as a whole. This was because after the player rescued the 'obscene' old man Cain from the mysterious space called Tristram, the old man would be around the player wherever he went and would give out all types of quests to link the plot together in Diablo.

Before Fei started the quest, he double checked his items and the details of the quest.

It wasn't too challenging for Fei in his current condition. After calculating the time, Fei felt that he could complete the quest in two hours if everything went smoothly. There would also be extra time for him to do the things he planned before he would get kicked out. Fei decided to go and find the tree of Inifuss.

Before he left the encampment, he looked at the hot mercenary Elena who was following him quietly. He thought of something and went back to the female blacksmith Charsi. He spent around 1,000 gold coins and purchased a strong bow, heavy leather armour, a pair of heavy leather boots and a top quality hat that was made for female characters.

“Hey beauty, you can use these items, right?” Rêad latest cha/p/ters on no/v/e/l(b)in(.)c/o/m

Fei had a bright smile on his face. He said to Elena, “If you can use these, then put them on. When facing monsters and demons, a bit more strength will increase our chance of survival.”

“These.....these are for me?” Elena was surprised; she didn't expect this at all. It seemed too unbelievable.

“Do you thinking I’m that sick to use female items?” Fei felt that the hot mercenary in front him was very excited. He was a little confused; these items valued around 1,000 gold coins weren’t that good under Fei’s standards. It was like comparing a small patch of grass to a large tree if they were put beside Fei’s weapons and armour.

“Why are you so excited?” Fei didn’t know.

“Thank you, young warrior.” After confirming that those items were meant for her, Elena calmed herself. She bowed and thanked Fei and took the items into the tent behind Charsi.

Soon, sounds of Elena changing her clothes came from the tent; Fei wished he had x-ray vision.

After about 20 seconds, Elena walked out. Fei’s eyes shined. Elena’s new look was just too damn fine. The heavy leather armour covered in light blue light had outlined her perfect body. With the bow in her hand and arrows on her back, she looked like the goddess of war.

“Haha, it fits you perfectly. Let’s go!”

Fei felt his nose was about to bleed any second. He pretended everything was fine, turned around and started walking towards the gate of the encampment.

The reason Fei bought this hot mercenary items wasn’t purely because he was perverted; Elena was a great fighter. Increasing her strength would help Fei complete his quest quickly.

A smiled appeared on Elena’s face, but it was gone the next second and her calm demeanor returned. She didn’t say anything and followed Fei quietly.

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“Woosh!”

Three **【Fallen Shaman】** screamed as they fell on the ground.

“Tink!”

A blue magic item dropped from the monster’s corpse. Fei was excited. He picked it up and saw a unique shaped ring. It wasn’t identified, so he didn’t know the properties of the item.

After using a 【Identify Scroll】 , Fei found out that the ring was 【Glimmering Ring】 , +8 Resources (Fury), +5 light radius. It wasn't too useful to a barbarian who fought in close combat, but Fei put it on; it was better than nothing.

Elena glanced around carefully, maintaining full alert while Fei was doing that. What made Fei feel strange was that he felt that Elena couldn't see the items that dropped from the monsters. This was because the hot mercenary looked at him strangely, as if he was a mime artist.

“Could it be that the residents in the Diablo world like Elena can't see the items that drop from monsters?” Something hit Fei, “So that means...In this world, I'm the only one who can obtain items from killing monsters?”

This hypothesis surprised Fei. He felt he had discovered something, but he just couldn't wrap his mind around it.

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Time was tight. Fei and Elena moved quickly through the map.

In the deepest location of 【Stoney Field】 which was connected to 【Cold Plain】 , Fei took Elena through a portal that brought both of them into the 【Underground Passage】 .

After they stepped foot into the 【Underground Passage】 , all they could see was darkness.

There wasn't any light in the passage, and the chilling wind blew against them.

The sharp and devastating screams of the monsters echoed through the deepest part of the passage. A fishy stench filled the passage and made it even more terrifying.

“Be careful! Stay behind me. Remember, don't ever go in front of me.” Fei turned around and ordered the mercenary.

He was a barbarian, which innately had more health and armour. He could act as a tank that blocked all the damage in the front. Elena on the other hand was a ranged magic archer. She had a high damage, but low health and armour. If monsters got close to her, she would be in a dangerous situation.

Elena was stunned. She didn't expect the young traveller in front of her to make such a decision. It was totally different from the scary myths that were passed around in 【Rogue Encampment】 , where travellers would get the most value out of their

mercenaries as possible. Before, Elena thought that her fate would be just like the female rogues from 60 years ago; she would be used as bait to attract monsters by Fei and act as a human shield, but.....

While the hot mercenary was still in shock, Fei already started charging.

“Roar – !”

Fei used warcry- 【Howl】 as he swung his huge axe.

He chopped three times easily and he separated the three 【Goatman】 that were rushing towards him into six pieces from the waist.

“Come on! We have to move through here fast!”

Fei turned around and said to Elena as he continued charging. He soon disappeared into the darkness; Elena finally reacted and chased after Fei.

Numerous monsters and demons rushed towards Fei like a flood. He stepped forward and was about to strike when he heard a whooshing sound coming from behind him. Blue arrows flew past Fei and nailed four monsters right in their heads. The magic on the arrow exploded and turned them into ice statues; there were no life inside them.

“Sick!”

Fei gave Elena a big thumbs up.

This female rogue was not just a pretty girl to look at. Her shooting skills were outstanding. All four of her arrows hit the agile monsters accurately in such a dark environment; her ability had proven her worth to Fei.

Elena didn't react at all to Fei's compliment.

Her bowstring kept on stretching, “Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh -” three more arrows were shot out and sent three more 【Goatman】 to hell.

Fei discovered that this hot mercenary was an ice magic archer. All the arrows she shot weren't just powerful and did a ton of damage. It also slowed their movement and attack speed. She was literally the best supportive mercenary Fei could hope for.

They kept moving through the passage.

The 【Underground Passage】 was like a maze. There were a lot of curved paths and forks in the passage; it was very easy to get lost. Monsters attacked from various hidden corners and places. It was like the easier version of hell; the cold wind blew and monsters screamed.

Fei had done enough killing and had enough experience to not be affected by this.

Elena seemed like she experienced a similar scene and was not scared, either.

Every time she pulled the bowstring, a monster was killed. Of course, when faced with 【Disfigured Taints】 , 【Giant Spiders】 and 【Yeti Wendigos】 , all of which were higher leveled monster, it took more work than just one arrow. Without Fei's assistance, she needed three arrows to take one of them down. Moreover, she had to keep her distance from the monsters during the process in order to fully utilize her bow and arrows.

After about 20 minutes, their coordination became more proficient. As if they knew exactly what the other person was going to do, they barely talked to each other during the process, but they were becoming more coordinated. Fei swung his axe and smashed all the monsters that were close, while Elena shot her frost arrows to kill the monsters further away. The pace they were moving at was beyond Fei's expectations.

"If we can keep this up, we could get to 【Dark Wood】 and find that damn scroll under the tree of Inifuss in less than half an hour!"

Fei was becoming more optimistic about the mission.

At this moment, something unexpected happened –

"AHHH!!!"

The hot mercenary who was shooting at the monsters behind Fei suddenly screamed. Fei heard panic, anger and sadness in the scream; as if something terrifying had happened.

Chapter 35: Elena's Surprise

Fei was shocked. He quickly beheaded the monsters in front of him and turned around to see what had happened. It turned out that Elena was not attacked by monsters at all. However, she looked soullessly at the entrance of a dusky cave located far away. Her body was stiff, and her hand that was holding the bow was shaking uncontrollably. Tears dripped down her pale face as she stared at a blackened object.

Fei was worried. He rushed to Elena. When he got closer, he found out that the blackened object was the ruined corpse of a female rogue.

The corpse wore rough leather armour that was common for female rogues. She had red hair as well, but looked younger than Elena; around 17 years old. She had definitely been tortured by monsters when she was alive. Her chest was torn open, and her heart was missing. There were horrifying scratches on her left thigh, and her flesh on her right

thigh was missing, exposing the bone underneath. It looked like it was eaten by something.....

“Oh god!No..... She.....She’s Nina, she went missing when we were searching for food on 【Blood Moor】 , and she was”

Elena lost the strength to stand. She fell on her knees and couldn’t hold back her tears. “She was only 17, and that was the first time she had left the camp and participated in a mission.....and she volunteered to go.....Nina worked hard in the camp. It didn’t matter how hard work was, she always had a bright smile on her face and encouraged us like a cheerful angel, making us laugh. How could this.....Wahwahwah.....These monsters should all go to hell!”

After listening to Elena’s cries, Fei partially understood what had happened. It was obvious that this female corpse was someone Elena knew. She was taken by monsters a month ago while they were on a mission and suffered a horrific death in this cave.

17 years old was an age that a girl should have been enjoying life and having fun, but Nina had a tragic fate. It saddened Fei, despite not knowing who Nina was.

From the start, the Diablo world gave Fei a realistic feeling. He felt pain when he was injured, the NPCs had their own intelligence, and he felt thirsty, hungry and tired when he battled for too long.....But subconsciously, Fei had still treated this world as a game.

However, after seeing the ruined corpse in front of him and listening to Nina’s life story, Fei felt he got it all wrong. The Diablo World was also a real world. The residents in the world didn’t just have intelligence, but emotions and feelings as well. They were living humans, not some programmed scripts and codes.

“It’s alright Elena, don’t cry. Let’s kill all the monsters here and seek vengeance for Nina!”

Fei didn’t know how to comfort this crying beauty properly. He reached for her hand and held up the crying mercenary. The ‘Goddess of War’ who had previously brutally killed monsters was now as weak as an ordinary little girl that needed care and protection. Fei had seen her weak side under her quiet and independent demeanor.

Maybe this was her true nature, suppressed by the horrible environment. It didn’t matter how strong or how calm she was when facing monsters; Elena was only a 21 year old girl. On Earth, most girls this age would be in school and have a bright future. Alternately, in the Diablo World, they needed to train in order to survive and battle against vicious monsters. It wasn’t uncommon to watch their friends and families die and be unable to do anything about it.

Fei dug a big hole in the ground with his axe and buried Nina's corpse. When he was moving the corpse, Fei found something – it wasn't gold coins or items, but rather a pocketful of plant seeds.

The little girl who came out of 【Rogue Encampment】 to find food had saved her 'treasures', even though she died in such an environment. Elena treated those plants seeds as her most precious possession and put them carefully into her pocket. After Nina's body was buried, the two of them continued on their journey.

Elena was still stimulated by what happened and transferred her sadness into anger against the monsters. Fei didn't really fight much; every time he was about to strike, arrows would kill the monsters he could see and send them to hell.

Elena's attitude towards Fei had changed a lot. Although they still didn't talk much as they continued pushing forward in the dark passage, Fei felt that the eyes behind him were much softer when Elena looked at him.....

As they moved forward, they had encountered a couple more corpses of female rogues. Luckily, Elena didn't know them, so it saved Fei a lot of trouble. However, he was compassionate, so he still took time to properly bury the poor rogues.

Because Fei had memories of the original game, he chose the path that led them directly to 【Dark Wood】 instead of going to the second level of 【Underground Passage】 .

It was brighter, similar to when Fei and Elena first stepped out of the portal from 【Underground Passage】 to 【Dark Wood】 .

【Dark Wood】 wasn't that dark. There was more grass and trees than 【Blood Moor】 and 【Cold Plain】 despite not being close to a forest at all.

Rain fell down from the sky. Fei looked in the distance and discovered crowds of monsters and demons. They were much more aggressive. When they saw two people appearing from the portal, they began charging towards them and screaming loudly.

“Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh – !”

A barrage of frost arrows shot out as if they were bullets from a machine gun.

“Whir, whir, whir -”

The double handed axe had drawn a deadly trajectory as Fei swung it forcefully.

Under the massacre of these two mad warriors, the monsters and demons died as fast as they charged.

Fei and Elena destroyed the monsters as if they were skilled farmers harvesting their crops.

Miserable screams filled the woods. The two of them quickly approached a giant withered tree about 50 yards (50 m) high while stepping in the flesh and blood of the monsters.

It was the tree of Inifuss.

There were piles of rotten corpses under the tree. Flocks of flies hovered above them. There were even some corpses hanging on tree branches, dripping blackened blood and pus. The stench around the tree could easily make anyone puke. The scene was like hell.

Fei squeezed his nose as he slowly approached the tree, and then softly touched it.

“Pa!”

A white parchment scroll shot off of the tree.

Fei picked it up and opened it. There was a large circle drawn with some sort of reddish-black material similar to blood. The circle contained a five-point star and mysterious symbols covered the rest of the scroll. It looked like it was one of those magic scrolls, but Fei couldn't understand a thing.

“Looks like I have to get it translated by Akara.”

Fei threw it into his 【Item Slot】 and also picked up a few valuable items dropped by the monsters. He then used a 【Town Portal Scroll】 , and the blue portal appeared again.

Fei turned around and signaled Elena who was guarding him to follow him into the portal. However, a surprised expression appeared on Elena's face again.

“This.....is a 【Town Portal Scroll】 ?”

Elena's voice shook, as if she couldn't believe her eyes.

The hot mercenary thought to herself, “If my fellow sisters had these kinds of magical scrolls, how many lives could that save? Maybe Nina would be still alive.....”

“Yeah, it's a 【Town Portal Scroll】 .”

Although Fei had noticed Elena's change in mood, he didn't think too much of it, “What's so special about a 【Town Portal Scroll】 that only costs 80 gold coins?” Time was tight

and he needed a lot of time to execute his plans. There was no time to waste, so he answered casually and stepped into the portal.

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Fei went straight to priestess Akara to get the scroll translated. Elena followed Fei and carefully went through the portal. This was the first time Elena had ever used the portal to get back to the camp, so her mind was filled with shock and curiosity. She had planned to visit her sisters and tell them about Nina's death, but after thinking about her new identity and Fei's quest, she hesitated and eventually gave up her plan.

After about three minutes, Fei rushed back with the parchment scroll in his hand.

“Why didn't you go and talk to your sisters?”