

The Lord's Empire

Chapter 46: Powerful Orcs

In order to accomplish the first method, Zhao Fu had to ally with the other three villages. He would have to make some sacrifices in order to convince the other three villages, and he would also have to bear the brunt of the Orc attacks. Otherwise, he would not be able to fully gain the support of the other three villages. In the end, he would bear the greatest losses.

In fact, it was possible that they would betray him and stab him in the back if they did not believe that he could defeat the Orcs.

The second method presented his own side with the greatest benefits and the smallest losses.

Zhao Fu thought about it and decided to take the second option because it clearly had the greatest benefits. If the three villages were his allies, he would not be able to do such a thing, but right now, it was unclear if they would be his allies or enemies. As such, Zhao Fu did not hold back.

Now, the question was how to go about executing this plan. The Orc Village was most likely not willing to attack the three villages because it knew that it would cost too much to take down the three villages. As such, Zhao Fu had to make them go crazy and attack the other 3 villages at all costs.

What was key was how to make them do something completely crazy. Zhao Fu had Kobolds and Goblins. They could pretend to attack the Orcs and make them think that it was the Kobold Village and Goblin Village that had done it.

However, they were too weak, and they could not cause the Orcs to go mad. Instead, it might even cause them to have doubts. The Orcs might even suspect why these villages had dared to attack them despite being so much weaker than them.

Zhao Fu never looked down on anyone or anything, so he naturally did not look down on the Orcs. As such, he would not use such a method.

He decided to hide for now and catch an Orc during the night to get some information out of it so that he could make a more precise plan.

As the sky darkened, torches started to be lit in the Orc Village below, and it also started to drizzle.

Bai Qi, Zhang Dahu, and a few others took this opportunity to catch one of the weaker Orcs.

Within a large hole in a tree, Zhao Fu looked at the bound up Orc. After Zhao Fu ordered his soldiers to whip it a few times, it quickly surrendered.

This Orc was weak and clearly nutritionally deficient, and it seemed to have lived a tough life in the Orc Village. It was most likely looked down upon and bullied most of the time.

This often happened in Human Villages as well. Those who were strong would often bully those who were weaker than them. The law that the strong preyed on the weak existed in all cultures, and even humans, with their 'superior intellect,' acted in this way.

Because its status was quite poor in the Orc Village, its Loyalty towards the village was quite low, so it gave in quite easily. If Zhao Fu's soldiers had caught Orcs that were quite well-off, they might not have given in even if their skin was turned into a bloody pulp.

"What is your name?" Zhao Fu asked the Orc.

The weak Orc replied fearfully, "Sir, my name is Anlun."

Zhao Fu nodded in satisfaction and asked, "I want to know everything about the Orc Village. If you know what's best for you, you will tell me."

Following this, Orc Anlun obediently told Zhao Fu everything about the Orc Village.

The Orc Village was called Odeis Village, and it was an Advanced Village. Its Chief was called Odeis, who was the most powerful Orc in the village. Odeis also had a little brother called Oka, who was also quite strong, and Oka was the second in command in the village.

Zhao Fu quickly asked, "How is the relationship between the Chief and the second in command?"

Anlun replied, "It's quite good; the Chief cares about the second in command greatly."

Zhao Fu smiled – he now had a target. He continued to get information from Anlun about the Orc military and found out that there were two Orc military units:

[Orc Warrior]: E- grade Military. Description: Powerful warriors among the Orcs. Effect: Receives [Barbaric Battle].

[Strong Orc]: D grade Military. Description: Powerful warriors among the Orcs. Effect: Receives [Ancestor's Might].

The second type was a special military profession, and because the village was an Advanced Village, the limit was 30 Orcs. Both of the Orc Chiefs were Strong Orcs.

Zhao Fu asked about some other matters, and after receiving some satisfactory answers, he left the Orc under guard before discussing with Bai Qi and the others his strategy.

The next day, Zhao Fu and his soldiers continued to observe the village from far away.

At this moment, a 2-meter tall Orc with totems tattooed all over his body walked out with 100 or so Orcs. From the information he had obtained from Anlun, Zhao Fu knew that this Orc was the second in command, Oka.

Zhao Fu was quite surprised that he only took 100 Orcs with him. However, since the Orcs were the overlords here and everyone would try to avoid them, they were most likely used to going around unhindered. How could they expect Zhao Fu, who should have been 100 kilometers away, to be right in front of them?

Zhao Fu told his soldiers to lay an ambush and began the plan!

“Second Chief, where are we going to hunt today?”

Oka was leading his team forwards, and just as he was about to respond to the question...

Swish, swish, swish...

The sound of the air being torn sounded out as Oka looked over in surprise and roared, “Ambush!!”

However, it was too late. Zhao Fu had 300 Archers, 200 Crossbowmen, and 200 Kobolds with javelins. How could the 100 or so Orcs evade these attacks?

The Orcs were either shot to death by countless arrows and crossbow bolts or pierced by javelins and nailed to the ground. Blood spurted everywhere, and it was a total massacre.

Oka was hit by many arrows, but he slashed away the javelins flying towards him with 2 saber strikes. Looking at the dead Orcs around him, he furiously roared, “Who is it? Get out here!”

Zhao Fu slowly brought his soldiers over and looked at the Orc Village’s Second Chief, Oka.

Oka was quite surprised when he saw that it was a human – when were there humans around here?

However, Oka understood his situation and yelled, "I'm Odeis Village's Second Chief. Human, do you know just who you're going against?"

Zhao Fu couldn't understand him, but after Anlun interpreted what he said, Zhao Fu lightly laughed.

Suddenly, Oka turned into a black blur and rushed towards Zhao Fu. He was covered with arrows and heavily injured. He knew that his only hope was in capturing Zhao Fu, so he rushed over and tried to catch him unprepared.

However, Oka had underestimated Zhao Fu. The instant he moved, countless arrows flew towards him, forcing him to quickly defend with his saber.

Suddenly, a spear flew at him like a bolt of lightning, piercing Oka's chest. The Kobold Chief, Doke, had ended Oka's life with a single strike.

Chapter 47: Kill them all!

Zhao Fu looked at the Orc corpses, which were covered in arrows, and gave the order for all of the arrows to be pulled out. He then told his soldiers to use spears or sabers to make it look like all of the wounds were caused by Kobolds.

The most powerful of the 3 other villages was the Kobold Village, which had 4,000 Kobolds. Next was the Goblin Village. Even though it had 5,000 Goblins, its overall battle strength was far weaker. The weakest faction was most likely the Elf Village, which had 3,000 Elves.

Since the Kobolds were the most powerful, Zhao Fu would bring disaster to them first.

They continued executing the plan, and Doke took all of the Kobolds under Zhao Fu's command to drag the Orc corpses near the Orc Village before leaving a trail of Orc corpses towards the Kobold Village.

Within the Orc Village.

"Urgent! I saw a lot of Kobolds dragging away Orc corpses west!!" Some of the Orcs standing guard at the village entrance suddenly yelled as they ran into the village.

Many of the Orcs who heard this did not initially believe it – why would the Kobolds dare to attack them? However, when some Orcs dragged back a few bloodied Orc corpses, all of the Orcs became completely enraged. When they saw the injuries on the corpses, they could only imagine how much they had suffered before dying.

Countless Orcs ran to the Village Hall and loudly shouted that they wanted permission to destroy the Kobold Village.

Within the Village Hall, an Orc that was more than 2 meters tall with totem tattoos also looked completely enraged. This was Chief Odeis. Right now, he had a terrible feeling because these corpses were all those who went with his little brother.

Worried that something had happened to Oka, Odeis gathered most of the Orc warriors, leaving very few of them behind to defend the village, and headed west.

They saw many wretched Orc corpses on the way, and all of the Orcs suppressed the flames of fury in their hearts as they quickly made their way to the Kobold Village.

On the other side, the Kobold Village was the same as usual, and everyone went about their normal business. Everything seemed quite peaceful.

At this moment, the Kobolds standing guard saw a few unfamiliar Kobolds dragging what looked like corpses to a large tree about 300 meters in front of the village.

Because the approaching Kobolds swaggered forwards like they were completely confident in what they were doing, the guards thought that they were new Kobolds who had recently spawned, which was why they did not recognize them. They felt that their actions were quite strange, so they asked, "What are you doing?"

Doke and his soldiers were about to hang up a body, and when he heard the Kobold guard's question, he cheerfully responded like they were friends, "Nothing much! We're just hanging something here."

Following this, Doke changed the subject by loudly declaring, "The Kobold Village is the strongest one here; let's all be proud of our village!"

The guards were quite confused by what Doke initially said, but after hearing him continue, they started to feel quite pleased. Who wouldn't feel happy when someone glorified their race?

The guards shouted back, "That's right! The Kobold Village is the strongest! Orcs? Elves? Goblins? They're all trash! The Kobold Village will get rid of them sooner or later!"

By now, Doke and his soldiers had hung up the Orc corpse, and when he heard what the guard said, he laughed and raised his hand as he shouted back, "Shout your praises to the Kobold Village! We'll definitely become the most powerful race and conquer all the other races. Kobolds forever!"

Doke lived up to his reputation as a former Chief of a Kobold Village. He was able to instantly make the atmosphere incredibly joyful and lively, and the Kobold guards' blood boiled as they raised their hands and shouted back, "Kobolds forever!"

After completing his task, Doke looked at the Kobold guards and cheerfully laughed as he said, "The Chief has given us other orders, so we'll be off now."

The guards enthusiastically yelled back, "Brothers, we'll treat you to some wild boar meat when you come back!"

Doke and his Kobolds suppressed their laughter when they heard the Kobold guards call them brothers. These guards had no idea they had been played by Doke, and they called him their brother and wanted to treat him to wild boar meat.

A while after Doke and his Kobolds had left, a faint breeze blew over and a guard wondered, "Why do I smell Orcs?"

The other Kobolds also smelled it and looked ahead of them, almost forgetting something. They had thought that the Chief had ordered this corpse to be hung up, and no one paid much attention to it. However, they couldn't stop themselves from going over and having a look at the bloodied corpse, and when they saw it closer, they became so scared that their legs weakened. They recognized this Orc – it was the incredibly ferocious and evil Second Chief of the Orc Village.

By now, Odeis and his Orc warriors had reached the Kobold Village. Even though he had hoped that his little brother would be fine, he felt as if his eyes were going to burst when he saw his brother's corpse hanging off the tree, and he shrieked, "Kill them all!!"

The fury that the Orcs had suppressed this entire time suddenly exploded out. 4,000 or so Orc warriors rushed at the Kobold Village like a flood, causing the earth to tremble and birds to fly away in fear. The Kobolds quickly came out to defend against the Orc attack. Spears flew through the air, and because the Orcs knew exactly what they were going to be dealing with, they had come prepared.

They all had wooden shields – or rather, wooden blocks – that they held in front of themselves.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The spears contained immense force, and while some of them were stopped by the wooden shields, others pierced through the wooden shields, killing the Orcs behind them.

However, the spears only killed a few Orcs, and the Orcs continued to charge forwards. The Orcs were incredibly ferocious as they rushed over, and when they brandished their

hatchets and maces, the Orcs gave off an aura that made it seem as if they would destroy everything.

The 2 sides quickly clashed, and facing the Orcs' attacks, the Kobolds desperately defended.

Zhao Fu coldly watched the battle in front of him. Lives disappeared in an instant, and blood stained the ground as the aura of death spread.

"Prepare to release the fire arrows," Zhao Fu ordered as his soldiers lit their arrows and shot them from behind the Kobold Village, lighting many buildings on fire and killing many Kobolds.

Right now, Zhao Fu had to help the Orcs destroy the Kobold Village. He still needed the Orcs to destroy the other 2 villages, so he had to preserve at least a portion of the Orcs' strength.

The Kobolds were facing the Orcs' savage attacks from the front, and they were now attacked by Zhao Fu's forces from the back. After being pincered, the situation quickly became ugly for them. When he heard that Orcs were attacking from the front and that Humans were attacking from behind, the Kobold Chief became incredibly furious and thought that the Orcs and Humans were shamelessly working together to destroy the Kobold Village. The Kobold Chief knew that they would definitely lose, so he went to the Village Hall and chose to [Relocate] the village before giving the City Heart and 100 warriors to a trusted aide. The aide was to escape with 200 elderly and children, while the Chief would fight to the death to buy some more time.

Chapter 48: Elves

Zhao Fu watched as the structures gradually vanished, and he understood that the battle was over. He ordered his people to retreat, surprising the Kobold Chief. Now that they only had to defend against the Orcs, with most of the Kobolds defending, they were able to give the ones that were escaping some time to run away.

Now, the Kobold Chief drew his large saber and personally went to fight with the Orc Chief, Odeis.

"Why did you ally with humans and attack the Kobold Village?" The Kobold Chief furiously roared as he slashed Odeis.

"Why did you kill my little brother?" Odeis roared as he hatefully glared at the Kobold Chief.

It was a pity that they could only speak their respective languages. Neither of them could understand each other, and the only thing they saw was an enemy that they had to kill. The thought that someone had orchestrated all of this never came to their minds.

Zhao Fu also noticed the escaping Kobolds and turned to look at the Kobold Chief, who was fighting a bloody battle. He was willing to sacrifice himself so that some of the other Kobolds could escape.

All the escaping Kobolds watched their Chief desperately fight on the battlefield as tears streamed down their faces. His body seemed to be glowing with light, making him look incredibly heroic.

Zhao Fu saw that the Kobold Chief had been injured many times by Odeis's hatchet and was covered in blood. And yet, he was still fighting valiantly, though his movements were growing sluggish. It was clear how this would end.

"Ai!" Zhao Fu sighed. In these disturbed, chaotic, war-filled times, if Zhao Fu did not become powerful, his result would be like that of the Kobold Chief's or even worse. If he did not become powerful, his forces would be devoured by someone else's.

Zhao Fu turned to look at the 300 or so escaping Kobolds and gave the order to capture them.

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"Humans! Why will you not spare us?"

By now, 900 of Zhao Fu's soldiers had surrounded the 300 Kobolds, and the Kobold leading them angrily yelled at Zhao Fu.

"I want you to surrender to me. As long as you surrender, I promise that I won't harm any of you," Zhao Fu said as Doke interpreted.

"Haha! You and the Orcs attacked our village together and killed so many of our people, yet you want us to surrender to you?" The Kobold mocked as he coldly laughed.

Zhao Fu remained expressionless as he coldly replied, "First, I didn't collaborate with the Orcs. Second, if I didn't reduce you to this state, would you have agreed to surrender to me? Third, I'm not negotiating with you; if you want to die, I'll fulfill your wish!"

All of the Archers and Crossbowmen raised their weapons. As soon as Zhao Fu gave the order, they would fire at the Kobolds.

The expression of the leading Kobold became ugly. He thought back to how the Chief had entrusted everyone's lives to him, and he hesitated before choosing to surrender.

Now, the main battlefield was split into 3!

Since the escaping Kobolds were taken care of, Zhao Fu went back to the Kobold Village. There was only a small team of Kobolds desperately fighting back, and in the end, all of them were killed. This, of course, included the Kobold Chief. The Orcs had come to seek vengeance, and they normally didn't take prisoners anyways.

All the Kobolds, except for the ones that had surrendered to Zhao Fu, had died. Around 1,000 of the 4,000 Orcs had died, and most of the surviving Orcs had been wounded.

Odeis wanted to chase down the 300 Kobolds that escaped, but after massacring the entire village, he decided that he had taken revenge for his little brother. When he saw how exhausted his subordinates were and thought about how far the Kobolds would have run away by now, he decided to give up.

Suddenly, a few Orcs reported that they had seen humans, although there were very few of them.

Even though Zhao Fu's soldiers had been stealthy, there were still seen by a few Orcs. Luckily, Zhao Fu's soldiers had split up, so the Orcs had only seen 10 or so humans.

After listening to their reports, Odeis did not give much mind to those 10 or so humans. It was possible that a Human Village nearby had been attacked by the Kobolds, and they could be slaves that the Kobolds had captured

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While all of this was happening, Bai Qi took 900 soldiers to attack the Orc Village while most of the Orcs were attacking the Kobold Village.

Old Logue and his Goblins attacked from the front while Bai Qi and his soldiers stealthily killed some elderly and young Orcs.

Zhao Fu had to admit that these methods were quite vicious, but if he had to choose between the elderly and young Orcs and his people, he would choose the Orcs to die.

Bai Qi's job was to make it look like the Goblin Village had attacked the Orc Village, and since many elderly and young Orcs were killed, it was as if the village had become hell. In order to infuriate the Orcs even more, he even torched some of the buildings.

After doing all of this, Bai Qi ordered the Goblins to leave clues that this was done by the Goblin Village to the south.

After the 3,000 Orcs returned from destroying the Kobold Village, even though they had taken revenge, their hearts still felt quite heavy. After all, they had lost nearly 1,000 Orcs.

However, what they never expected was that they would see many elderly and young Orcs lying in pools of blood when they returned. Their fury shot to the sky when they saw their family and friends' corpses on the ground.

The remaining Orcs sorrowfully cried out that this was done by the Goblins from the south. Because only the Goblins had shown themselves while everyone else hid and killed Orcs, most of the remaining Orcs only saw Goblins attacking them, and the remaining Orcs saw them leaving southwards. Naturally, they would think that they were from the Goblin Village in the south.

All the Orc warriors once again picked up their weapons, disregarding their weariness. They marched towards the Goblin Village in the south filled with killing intent.

Nearby, Zhao Fu and Bai Qi had regrouped, and they started leading their forces towards the Elf Village in the east.

A while later, Zhao Fu, riding on Little Black, went to the front of the Elf Village with 500 soldiers. Because his goal was to lure the Elves out, he did not bring many soldiers with him.

When Zhao Fu saw the Elves, he found that they were just as the stories had said. No matter if it was a male or a female, all the elves were incredibly good-looking and had pointed ears, snow-white skin, and delicate features.

Zhao Fu lead his soldiers over to the Elf Village in an aggressive manner, and this caused the Elf Village to become quite wary. The Elf Village's defenses were decent, and apart from wooden barriers, they also had a few sentry towers.

What Zhao Fu did not expect, however, was that the Elf Village's Chief would be an extremely beautiful female Elf. She looked like she was in her early thirties, and her golden hair reached her waist. She also wore a set of leather armor that revealed her mature curves.

Chapter 49: Encircled and Killed

After looking at the Elf Chief, Zhao Fu ordered his soldiers to start attacking the Elf Village. Zhao Fu was not easily allured by beauty, and of course, he would not have his soldiers actually attack the Elf Village with their full might. Rather, he ordered his Archers to attack in order to act as if he wanted to take down the Elf Village.

Facing Zhao Fu's provocation, since he only had a few hundred soldiers, the Elf Village quickly responded. 2,000 Elves rushed out of the village, and when Zhao Fu saw this, he immediately chose to run.

The Elves didn't want to chase after him. After all, the Elves were not a race that loved to fight, but when they started to retreat to their village, Zhao Fu once again came to provoke them. By the third time this happened, no matter how well-tempered the Elves were, they couldn't stop themselves from becoming furious, and they started to angrily chase Zhao Fu's soldiers.

However, after chasing for a while, though Zhao Fu's soldiers had disappeared, the Elves heard fighting from nearby. They looked over and saw that the Orcs were fighting with the Goblins.

The Elf Chief immediately realized something, and a look of shock appeared on her beautiful face as she yelled, "Hurry and leave!"

However, it was too late. When the Orcs saw so many Elves rush over in such a bloodthirsty manner, they thought that the Elves were here to help the Goblins, so some of the Orcs started to rush towards the Elves.

The Goblins, on the other hand, thought that the Elves were here to help the Orcs destroy them, so they also started to attack the Elves.

By now, it was too late for the Elves to run away even if they wanted to. They could only retaliate at the Orcs and Goblins rushing at them, and a chaotic three-way battle ensued.

Zhao Fu and his subordinates coldly watched the battle unfold, waiting to be the fisherman that caught the sandpiper and clam after they fought.

Each side steadily lost people, and blood and corpses covered the ground. After the massive, chaotic battle, there were only 300 out of the 3,000 Orcs left, 400 out of the 2,000 Elves left, and 700 out of the 5,000 Goblins left.

Zhao Fu saw that the time was ripe. He and his forces revealed themselves and formed a massive encirclement that surrounded the 3 factions.

Right now, Zhao Fu did not fear them at all. Combined, they had less than 1,400 soldiers, and all of them were wounded and exhausted from the taxing battle. The Orcs were in the worst state after going through two big battles.

When they saw that the enemy surrounding them included Goblins, Gnomes, Kobolds, and Humans, the surrounded Elves, Orcs, and Goblins were stunned. They all stopped fighting and warily looked at the people surrounding them.

Of course, the Elves were the clearest about what was going on because they knew it was Zhao Fu who had lured them into this massive battle, resulting in the present situation. The Elf Chief furiously looked at Zhao Fu and called out, "You shameless humans!"

The Goblins were the most confused. Why did the Orcs suddenly madly attack them? Why did the Elves suddenly join in? Why were they now surrounded by Humans for no reason?

The Orcs, on the other hand, were the most furious. When they saw Zhao Fu's appearance, they understood everything: why the Kobolds had dared to kill the Second Chief and why the Goblins would attack their village – the one behind all of this was the human in front of them.

All of the Orcs roared and furiously charged at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu calmly watched the Orcs rush at him and turned to signal at Bai Qi. Bai Qi loudly shouted, and 20 ballistae, which gave off terrifying auras, were wheeled out.

Back then, when Zhao Fu was about to set off, the Gnome Mechanics Scholars came to inform Zhao Fu that they had successfully researched the ballista. Zhao Fu ordered the Gnomes to start researching the ballista the day he had conquered his first Gnome Village, and they had finally succeeded. That was why Zhao Fu waited a few days before leaving the village.

Ballistae were quite difficult to create, so even though Zhao Fu had poured all his resources during those days into creating ballistae, they were only able to create 20 of them.

Now, it was time to test the might of the ballistae. Each one of them could shoot 3 bolts at a time, and each bolt was 1 finger-length wide and 1.4 meters long. When the 300 Orcs rushed at them, the soldiers readied the ballistae and took aim.

“Fire!”

As Bai Qi gave the order, the soldiers operating the ballistae started to release the bolts.

Swish, swish, swish...

The bolts tore through the air, and they traveled incredibly quickly, making them look like dark rays of light that could only be seen for an instant.

Chi, chi, chi...

The Orcs were already completely exhausted, and they were using the last of their strength to charge towards Zhao Fu's forces. The bolts pierced through Orc after Orc, and some even stabbed into the Orcs behind them, turning them into skewers as blood erupted from their chests.

In just an instant, 70 or so Orcs had suddenly died. The might of the ballistae caused the Orcs that were running and shouting to stop in their tracks.

Odeis, who was leading the charge, was hit in the abdomen by a bolt, and the massive impact almost destroyed all his organs. He half-knelt on the ground and vomited up blood as he hatefully glared at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu calmly took out a bow and slowly drew it, aiming at Odeis's chest. Zhao Fu did not want to do this – if possible, he wanted to live in a peaceful world where he didn't have to fight, kill, plot, or do things that he didn't want to do.

However, right now, the world was extremely chaotic. If he did not become powerful, his end would be like Odeis's – after all, this world was one that belonged to the strong; the weak simply could not survive.

Facing Odeis's hateful eyes, Zhao Fu completely understood how he felt, and Zhao Fu did not feel angry at all. However, Zhao Fu still had to kill him.

Zhao Fu released the arrow. Just like that, Odeis, the orc Chief who had dominated the surrounding 50 kilometers, died at his hands.

Zhao Fu looked around and yelled, "Put down your weapons and surrender or die!"

As Zhao Fu yelled, Old Logue and Orc Anlun interpreted what Zhao Fu said.

Those within the encirclement became completely frightened by the ballistae's might. After considering how many soldiers Zhao Fu had and the fact that they were completely surrounded, they knew that they simply could not win. As such, the Goblins were the first to surrender.

As for the remaining Orcs, a few of them were stubborn and willing to die rather than submit to Zhao Fu. They raised their weapons and charged at Zhao Fu, and they were quickly killed. As for the other Orcs, when they looked at their dead Chief again, they decided to surrender.

Finally, after the Elf Chief looked at Odeis's half-kneeling corpse, a complicated look appeared in her eyes. The Orc Chief that had dominated this region and caused countless villages to tremble in fear had died at the hands of this human.

The Elf Chief looked at Zhao Fu and thought about the elderly and young Elves in the village. She sighed and half-knelt on the ground with the other Elves.

"System Announcement! Daisy Village has surrendered to you. Would you like to accept?"

Hearing this system announcement, Zhao Fu looked at the beautiful Elf Chief and chose to accept.

Chapter 50: Elder Bai

After everyone surrendered, Zhao Fu left the management of all of these people to Bai Qi. Zhao Fu stepped over corpse after corpse and went to the Goblin Village's Village Hall. Unsurprisingly, the Goblin Village was an Advanced Village and Blue grade.

Zhao Fu chose to conquer it and [Relocate] it, and he received a system announcement telling him that he had obtained 200 Achievement Points and 4,340 EXP.

Zhao Fu was quite happy that he had obtained so many Achievement Points and so much EXP all of a sudden – these were the benefits of conquering an Advanced Village. Right now, the Great Qin Village was only an Intermediate Village and required 30,000 EXP to level up to an Advanced Village. After receiving so much EXP, it was quite close to leveling up again.

Because the Elf Village was quite close, Zhao Fu took his soldiers to the Elf Village. The Elves inside the village received system announcements that their Chief had surrendered, but they were still surprised to see so many Outlanders walk in: there were Kobolds, Goblins, Gnomes, and even the terrifying Orcs.

As such, most of the Elves did not dare to approach, and they stood far away as they looked at them fearfully.

Daisy brought Zhao Fu into the Elf Village and walked towards the Village Hall. At this moment, a 15 or 16-year-old Elf girl ran over and tugged at Daisy's arm before burying her head into Daisy's embrace. She asked nervously, "Mother, what's going on?"

Daisy looked at her daughter lovingly and stroked her head as she said softly, "We'll talk later!" Daisy then turned to Zhao Fu and introduced them, "Your Majesty, this is my daughter, Asani."

Zhao Fu looked at Asani. She was also quite beautiful and had delicate features. She looked a lot like her mother, but she had an air of tenderness about her.

Zhao Fu nodded, indicating that he understood.

Following this, Daisy brought Zhao Fu into the Village Hall. Zhao Fu looked at the Elf Village's stats and found that it was also a Blue grade Advanced Village. Just as he was about to conquer and [Relocate] it, he suddenly thought of something and went to the Elf Barracks.

[Elven Archer]: E- grade Military. Description: All Elves are proficient at archery and using swords. Effect: Receives [Bow and Sword Control].

[Elven Priest]: D- grade Military. Description: A Priest among Elves. Effect: Receives [Power of Life].

Zhao Fu was quite surprised when he saw a Profession Change Stone Stele for Elven Priest. After all, a Priest was a special profession, and one could only obtain that profession through a godly spirit. That was why Zhao Fu felt that this was quite strange.

Afterwards, Zhao Fu asked Daisy about it. She explained that every Elf was a child of the great Goddess of Life, so all Elves could become a Priest through such means.

Zhao Fu remembered that the most eye-catching profession in the chaotic three-way battle was the Strong Orc. When the Strong Orcs started to fight, their eyes became blood-shot and their muscles became incredibly taut. They became incredibly valiant and fearless, making anyone feel terrified when seeing them fight. Next were the Goblin Warriors, who brandished their short sabers as they took life after life.

After them were the Elves holding wooden staffs. They could release a green light to heal the injured and could also use offensive magic – wooden spikes that were 1 meter long and would pierce the enemies.

Those were most likely the Elven Priests. Just like Zhao Fu's Demon Priest profession, it was also a D- grade profession. However, Zhao Fu felt that the Elven Priest profession was better. After all, there could only be 100 Demon Priests at any point in time, while any Elf could use this Profession Change Stone Stele to be an Elven Priest. Moreover, the Demon Priest profession had a weak godly spirit while the Elven Priest profession had the great Goddess of Life as its godly spirit.

After looking at this information, Zhao Fu went back to the Village Hall and chose to [Relocate] the village, resulting in him obtaining 200 Achievement Points and 3,650 EXP for the Great Qin Village.

Finally, Zhao Fu went to the Orc Village. By now, there were less than 50 Orc warriors and 200 or so elderly and young Orcs left in the Orc Village.

The Orcs wisely chose to surrender when they saw Zhao Fu's massive army, and Zhao Fu went straight to the Village Hall and looked at the village's stats. He was surprised to find that the Orc Village was a Silver grade Village.

After choosing to conquer and [Relocate] the village, Zhao Fu received 200 Achievement Points and the Great Qin Village received more than 7,000 EXP. After conquering 3 Advanced Villages, Zhao Fu's total Achievement Points were now over 800, and the Great Qin Village had more than 26,000 EXP. Zhao Fu's status and the Great Qin Village's level were both close to increasing.

Their greatest gains this time, however, was the population increase. There were 300 or so Kobolds, 700 or so Goblins, 400 or so Orcs, and 1,400 Elves. Because the Elves were the weakest faction and Zhao Fu had involved them last, they had the most people remaining.

After taking care of all of this, Zhao Fu's 100-kilometer expedition came to a perfect conclusion. Not only did they rid themselves of the Orc threat, but they also gained 2,800 villagers, 1 Silver grade City Heart, and 3 Blue grade City Hearts.

After a few days, Zhao Fu and his soldiers returned to the Great Qin Village. After settling in the new villagers, he took three rotting corpses to the altar at the region of bones. These three corpses belonged to the Kobold Chief and the two Orc Chiefs.

Zhao Fu selected the option to refine them, and he obtained 3 Grade Orbs. He received 1 SS grade Orb, which had most likely come from Odeis, and 2 S grade Orbs.

Zhao Fu was ecstatic when he saw that Odeis had been refined into an SS grade Orb. Zhao Fu remembered seeing a quest to kill Odeis at Holy Light City, and the rewards were quite good: an abundance of Merit Points and a Silver grade weapon. However, the requirement to complete the quest was to surrender Odeis's corpse or head.

The Merit Points and Silver grade weapon simply could not compare to an SS grade Orb. Zhao Fu didn't try to be greedy by cutting off Odeis's head – he was worried that the corpse wouldn't be refined into a Grade Orb or that the Grade Orb would be incomplete if it was lacking anything important. If that were the case, it simply wouldn't be worth it for Zhao Fu.

As for the three Grade Orbs, Zhao Fu quickly decided who to give them to. After returning to the surface, Zhao Fu called Bai Shan to the Village Hall. Bai Shan was the Great Qin Village's first B grade villager and Scholar, and he was around 60 years old. At the same time, he was also the Captain of the Research Team, and now that the Great Qin Village was at Intermediate Level, the maximum number of Scholars had risen to 20.

When Bai Shan heard that Zhao Fu had summoned him, Bai Shan thought that Zhao Fu was angry that he had not been able to research a skill that determined the grade of a corpse even after such a long period of time. As such, as soon as he arrived, he knelt on the ground, his face pale, and said, "Your Majesty, please punish this subordinate for not being able to successfully research the skill after so long!"

Zhao Fu was sitting on a chair and just about to raise his teacup. Zhao Fu paused in surprise when he heard what Bai Shan said, but Zhao Fu realized that it had indeed been quite a while since they had discovered the Heaven and Earth Refining Formation. However, this was not something that could be rushed, so Zhao Fu did not blame Bai Shan.

"You may rise, Elder Bai," Zhao Fu said after sipping his tea.

From Zhao Fu's tone, Bai Shan felt that Zhao Fu wasn't angry, and he quickly got to his feet. Following this, Zhao Fu handed him a blood-red orb.

