

The Mighty 541

Chapter 541 Sharp Teeth

When Ach appeared, it caused the Rainbow Whale to have an extreme reaction and turn around to flee.

However, after Liszt's soothing and half an hour's struggle, it finally accepted Ach's presence and was no longer afraid of the Sea Serpent that had captured it before.

It was all thanks to Liszt letting Ach catch some small fish and throw them to the Rainbow Whale that he successfully eliminated its hostility towards Ach.

Food is always the best tool for communicating with animals.

But what moved Liszt the most was that, while avoiding Ach, the Rainbow Whale never once threw him off its back, nor did it cancel the protective magical layer covering him. Carrying Liszt while dodging Ach greatly reduced its speed; otherwise, with its velocity, it could have easily gotten rid of Ach.

Ach was a sprite of the sea, much faster than ordinary fish, but still far behind the Rainbow Whale.

Liszt suspected that the Rainbow Whale's speed could reach up to one hundred and twenty kilometers per hour, or even eighty kilometers per hour when carrying someone.

Because Ach's top swimming speed was just eighty kilometers per hour.

"Since you are a female Rainbow Whale, I shall call you Rose." The reason he thought of the name "Rose" was simply because, while riding it, the image of Jack hugging Rose in "Titanic" floated into Liszt's mind, equally cool.

Liszt referred to Rose's protective magic layer as the Rainbow Breathing Membrane.

Its main function was breathing underwater, seemingly using magic to gather oxygen from the seawater and provide it directly for nasal breathing.

A very peculiar kind of magic.

Liszt had never seen it in any magic books, as if it was a magic unique to the Rainbow Whale.

"Ach, we can now talk directly underwater." After having a simple meal on the surface, Liszt began patrolling the Giant Algae Forest while riding the Rainbow Whale.

The Rainbow Whale was very human-like. Liszt just needed to manipulate its dorsal fin: tilting it to the left, it would swim left; tilting right, pulling up, or pushing down, it would correspondingly swim. It seemed to enjoy such interactions, probably because it was too lonely.

Just like the Mangrove Minor Elf Nami, loneliness made her approach others proactively.

The Dragon Beasts that Liszt had encountered were few, but whether it was the Landwalker bird Loki or the Rainbow Whale Rose, they lived alone. He had never heard of such a species of Dragon Beast before, clearly indicating their extreme rarity, to the extent that humans had not yet discovered them—dolphins lived in groups, but the Rainbow Whale moved alone, a sign of its loneliness.

"Brother, Rose is really nice!" Ach reached out and touched Rose's belly.

Rose immediately let out a joyful cry. Its call in the sea was different from its call on land, a bit deeper, yet one could still feel the same cheerful tone: "Xi yu huru lulu lulu..."

"Let's go and meet that Giant Algae Greater Elf; I can rest easy once we've formed a contract with it." Now that he had the Rainbow Whale as a mount and their minds began to understand each other, Liszt was confident enough to contract with the ferocious wild Giant Algae Greater Elf.

Of course, he still needed to be cautious.

Because he couldn't release Dou Qi on the Rainbow Whale's back, once the Dou Qi burst forth, it would quickly break through the Rainbow Breathing Membrane, causing trouble

both for Liszt and the Rainbow Whale—it seemed that after using the Rainbow Breathing Membrane for too long, the Rainbow Whale was no longer accustomed to holding its breath underwater.

He would primarily be evading in the confrontation with the Giant Algae Greater Elf.

Under Ach's guidance.

They quickly made their way deeper into the Giant Algae Forest, and soon, they arrived at the location of the Giant Algae Cordyceps.

"Brother, it's here."

"I see it," Liszt signaled Rose to stop and quietly observed the huge Cordyceps ahead. The Giant Algae's roots clung to the rocks in a deep pit, as Ach had described, at least two or three meters thick, resembling a colossal pillar.

The Cordyceps stretched straight up for forty meters above its roots, and after the forty-meter mark, it started to curl and wind its way through the shallow seawater, almost forming a forest with a single Cordyceps.

This suddenly reminded Liszt of the legend of the Elf King—according to legend, the Elf King was the ultimate evolution of the Dragon Elf, with immensely large Cordyceps, each Cordyceps forming an entire forest. Even countless Magical Beasts, Elves, and Dragons lived in the forests that sprang from the Cordyceps of the Elf King.

The Giant Algae Greater Elf's Cordyceps before him, though much smaller compared to the legend of the Elf King, with its enormous size and densely extending leaves, truly deserved to be called a Cordyceps that could expand into a large forest. The expanded area was at least as big as a soccer field.

The Giant Algae Minor Elves' Cordyceps, merely as thick as a bucket, were already impressively huge.

It was unimaginable that the Giant Algae Greater Elf's Cordyceps could grow to such an exaggerated extent.

"Brother, the Greater Elf is over there," Ach quickly found the Giant Algae Greater Elf and pointed it out to Liszt.

Liszt followed the direction she pointed, only to see a baby-sized elf holding onto a leaf of its own Cordyceps, swinging in the water like a swing.

Using the Eye of Magic, they could see the intensely concentrated magic radiance within its body.

The jade powder was amply prepared.

They could boldly and confidently lure the Greater Elf.

Liszt traded whispers with Ach for a moment, agreeing that the main plan would be to tempt with jade powder for half an hour. If they couldn't manage it in that time, they would attack from both sides and capture the Giant Algae Greater Elf—Liszt had Dou Qi, he wasn't afraid of the Greater Elf's magic at all.

Plus, his snake skin armor had a strong magic resistance.

He not only wore it himself but also clad Ach in one.

It was Ach's first time wearing clothes, but to Liszt's disappointment, when she donned them, the opaque bands of water that coiled around her body didn't disappear... The leather armor was clearly too big, ill-fitting, and wearing just one piece looked quite odd. Yet within the oddness, there was a hint of a strange allure.

If it were any other time, Liszt might have expressed his admiration.

But at that moment, his attention was more focused on the Giant Algae Greater Elf. They made their preparations, and Liszt piloted the Rainbow Whale close to the Giant Algae Greater Elf.

This successfully caught the Greater Elf's attention. It immediately bristled, and the small-sized giant algae on its head, the length of a palm, stood up instantaneously. It charged at Liszt and threw several beams of light, planting giant algae. The beams traveled fast, unavoidably scattering over both man and whale.

The seeds, made of magic, swiftly burrowed into their bodies.

However, the Rainbow Whale had magical defenses, and Liszt had his armor and Dou Qi to block them. The seeds could only grow on the surface and were wiped off by Liszt before they could even grow an inch.

"Just like described, it's irritable and ferocious," Liszt scattered a handful of jade powder, didn't fight back, and directly steered the Rainbow Whale away from there.

The Giant Algae Greater Elf pursued them for a distance.

Seeing it couldn't catch up, it swam back and started searching for the jade powder that had settled on the rocks.

Liszt had a half-hour window to hold it off... Yet no matter how he scattered the jade powder or made friendly gestures, he couldn't elicit even a shred of gentleness from the Giant Algae Greater Elf. All he got in return were incomprehensible shouts like "gurgle", "angry", "bladah", and so on.

Most of these noises were dominated by deep growls.

The Greater Elf could speak, but since no one had taught this Giant Algae Greater Elf how to do so, it could only roar and shout meaninglessly.

Time ticked away second by second, and patience was exhausted.

Liszt's expression turned grave as he slightly narrowed his eyes, finally determined to change the plan. He called out to Ach, who was hiding in the distance, "Gentle measures are useless, Ach, let's take action!"

Boom!

Ach instantly turned into white lightning, rushing towards the Giant Algae Greater Elf while releasing a spell—Water Whirlpool, disrupting its movements.

On the other side, the Rainbow Whale also charged towards the Giant Algae Greater Elf, driven by Liszt's guidance.

Without using Combat Skills or drawing a weapon, Liszt simply pulled out a finely meshed fishing net, prepared in advance and stored in the Gemstone Space, and cast it directly over the Giant Algae Greater Elf.

A Water System Grand Mage and a Sky Knight, both exerting full force to capture the alertness-deprived Giant Algae Greater Elf.

Clearly, there was no difficulty at all.

Desire quickly enveloped the Greater Elf, which reacted fiercely, biting the net madly with its razor-sharp teeth, tearing the net apart in just a few bites.

Just as it struggled to break free the instant escape seemed possible, Liszt had already rushed over and grabbed the Greater Elf.

Then, with the speed of lightning, he thrust the tip of his finger into its mouth, felt a sharp pain as he bit down, and the finger began to bleed profusely. Had he not been mentally prepared and quickly withdrawn his finger, the Greater Elf's sharp teeth might have bitten it off.

However.

That pain was soon replaced by a wondrous sense of mental linkage, as if his consciousness had split in two; one part suffering as Liszt, the other experiencing novelty as the Giant Algae Greater Elf.

"Gurgle..."

The Giant Algae Greater Elf also froze, its eyes clouding with confusion, unable to determine its own identity or purpose for a moment.

Wondering why there was another set of strange emotions in its mind.

Chapter 542 The First Greater Elf

The contract with an elf could be considered a strange form of contact magic, with the primary point of contact being the elf's mouth. As long as it bit any part of the human body, an unbreakable contract would be established.

There was no need to break the skin, only a forceful touch was necessary.

As for the principle behind it, Liszt didn't know, and countless magicians and knights who had studied elves didn't know either. Many magicians had published their views on elf contracts in magic books, but very few actually had evidence or insight.

However, a hypothesis previously provided by Chris Truth had led him to his own deductions.

At that time, Liszt gave Chris the Elf Bug Amber to study in order to help her break through to Grand Magician, and indeed Chris had made some discoveries. She believed that the Elf Bug itself was a complex magic array, and very likely was a form of magic power composed of a more advanced magic array.

The forms of magic arrays, from basic magic arrays, common magic arrays, to dynamic magic arrays, each level was more complex than the last.

Higher tiers of magic arrays definitely existed but involved the field of Archmages, about which Chris was clueless.

She could only speculate that perhaps at the end of magic arrays lay elves or even dragons.

Actually, Liszt rather believed such a theory. The triangular theory of magic power, material, and spirit, along with the structural theory of magic arrays, could integrate well. Especially the entire process of nurturing Little Fire Dragon Leo was the best proof of the triangular theory.

An elf might just be a touch-sensitive magic array; a slight touch would trigger the magic array and conclude the contract.

Gazing at the Giant Algae Greater Elf still lost in confusion.

Suppressing his excitement from owning his first Greater Elf, Liszt whispered to Ach, "I've had some inspiration regarding magic arrays. Ach, later I'll write a book 'The Unification of Triangular Theory and Magic Array Structures', and you could help me reference it."

"Ah, Brother, have you made another new discovery?" Ach barely kept up with Liszt's train of thought; one moment he was contracting with the Greater Elf, the next moment he was thinking of writing a magic book.

"It's the inspiration that contracting this Greater Elf brought to me."

"Ach will definitely help Brother review it carefully."

While they spoke,

The Rainbow Whale couldn't help but touch the befuddled Giant Algae Greater Elf; it was interested in the elf, but it had no intention of eating it.

With its touch,

The Giant Algae Greater Elf suddenly jolted awake.

"Glub... Anjé..." Roaring, it cast a seeding spell toward the Rainbow Whale; light flickered, and soon countless giant algae sprouted out of the Rainbow Whale's body.

Frightened, the Rainbow Whale twisted its body to scrape the giant algae against the rocks to rid itself of them.

Reacting quickly, Liszt directly wiped off the giant algae from its body and communicated with the Giant Algae Greater Elf, using emotional pressure to stop it: "Stop, Giant Algae Greater Elf, don't recklessly use magic!"

"Glub!" The Giant Algae Greater Elf turned its head and bared its teeth at Liszt.

"How dare you bare your teeth at me?"

"Glub!"

"We have already contracted, I am your master, understand?" Liszt wasn't angry but found it quite intriguing. Clearly, there was a mental link with the Giant Algae Greater Elf, and they could sense each other's emotions very clearly. Yet, despite this, the Giant Algae Greater Elf was still unfriendly toward him.

He sensed chaotic thoughts in the other's mind; on one hand, the power of the contract made it impossible to reject the imposition of will, yet on the other hand, it indeed harbored hostility toward Liszt, an innate enemy towards invaders.

Looking at the snarling Greater Elf,

He understood — it lacked training.

Domesticated elves like the Tulip Great Sprite Xiang Xiang were naturally close to people but the Giant Algae Greater Elf was a wild elf who had lived in the wild for who knows how long. Its wildness had taken over most of its instincts, and even the mental connecting power of the contract couldn't immediately erase its wild nature.

Luckily,

The contract could at least influence the Giant Algae Greater Elf, preventing it from attacking Liszt or running away. How to tame it was a matter of Liszt's patience.

And so,

decisively,

Liszt took out the Jade Powder and placed it in the palm of his hand, calling out to the Giant Algae Greater Elf, "Stop barking, come here and eat the Jade Powder. Remember, if you follow me, you will never lack Jade Powder. This time is just a greeting gift, but if you roar at me again, it means no Jade Powder for you. Only if you stop roaring will you get to eat the Jade Powder."

With the telepathic contract, it was very easy to communicate these intentions to the Giant Algae Greater Elf.

After understanding the meaning, it hesitated, twisted and turned, and finally approached Liszt cautiously, standing on the back of the Rainbow Whale and lowering its head to eat the Jade Powder from Liszt's hand.

Liszt stretched out his other hand and touched the miniature giant algae on its head.

It immediately raised its head, baring its teeth and grinning once more.

But Liszt instantly sent out an emotional exchange of "roar again, and you'll get no Jade Powder" which made it unnaturally retract its mouth. After struggling for a few seconds, it gave up its dignity and buried its head in eating the Jade Powder, no longer caring about how Liszt touched it. Even after a few times, it started to enjoy being caressed by Liszt.

"With the contract binding, training it is just too easy," Liszt thought contentedly.

Today was indeed a huge harvest.

He had acquired a low-level Dragon Beast, the Rainbow Whale mount, which would allow him to breathe underwater, and successfully made a contract with a Giant Algae Greater Elf, giving him the illusion that his life had suddenly reached its peak.

In his pride,

he couldn't help but say to Ach with a beaming smile, "From now on, the land is mine, the sky is mine, and the sea is mine too!"

"Hee hee, now that brother has a Greater Elf, you will definitely be able to become an Earl, or even a Marquis," Ach replied.

"I will also become a Dragon Knight and establish a new nation, ascending to the throne as king!"

Ach had no doubt about it, "Hmm, brother will become a king!"

Rainbow Whale Rose also joined in the fun, "Hee yooh hurrullurrullur..."

Hearing the call of Rainbow Whale, the Giant Algae Greater Elf, still engrossed in eating the Jade Powder, didn't even lift its head and just waved a hand, casting a ray of light to grow more giant algae on the body of the Rainbow Whale—it couldn't reprimand Liszt, but could it not teach a fish a lesson?

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"Mission complete, reward: one Giant Algae Greater Elf."

The Smoke Mission had been completed the moment he mounted Rainbow Whale Rose.

The new mission was naturally issued immediately.

"Mission: The core secret of the Giant Algae Forest has been found, and a water mount has been acquired. It's now time to complete the final exploration of the Giant Algae Forest and to rearrange all the Giant Algae Cordyceps, re-planning the Giant Algae Forest. Reward: a shell that produces pearls."

After the successful contract with the Giant Algae Greater Elf, Liszt planned to strike while the iron was hot, finish searching the Giant Algae Forest as soon as possible, and discover the remaining elves—he suspected that in this vast Giant Algae Forest, there were still elves to be found, as he had only explored half of the area.

Now every Giant Algae Elf was a strategic resource.

Before setting out to search,

he did not plan to bring the Giant Algae Greater Elf along.

Firstly, it was not yet well trained and the Giant Algae Greater Elf still harbored a strong sense of resistance. Secondly, it would be inconvenient to bring it along as it would not be directly restrained by Liszt like the Little Minor Elves and Elf Bugs. If it saw other elves inside Ach's shell, it might start a scruffle and that would not be good.

He would have to wait until he had completely tamed it before he could introduce it to the other elves and take it back for protection.

"Ach,"

"Hmm?"

"I'm thinking of giving the Giant Algae Greater Elf a name. Now that the Greater Elf can talk normally like a human, it needs a name for easy reference," Liszt said as he stroked the miniature giant algae on the head of the Giant Algae Greater Elf. "I have three names here; help me choose one."

"Sure, brother, tell me," Ach responded.

"One is Nautilus, meaning the deep-sea titan; another is Oloi, meaning the beast priest of the sea; and the last is Pike, meaning the phantom of Blood Harbor."

Chapter 543 Pike and Liszt

Ach thought the name Oloi was nice to hear, but ultimately, Liszt still rejected it.

"For the sake of tradition, let's go with Pike."

The so-called tradition was the naming style he had used all along for the mounts, magical beasts, elves, and dragons he had trained—Fire Dragon, Li Dragon, Douson, Juan Fu, Lightning, Jela, Nami, Loki, Mickey, Leo, Fizz, Tam, Ros.

So, following convention, the Giant Algae Greater Elf was named Pike.

Bloodharbor Ripper Pike, a very ferocious hero in "League of Legends", matched the temperament of the Giant Algae Greater Elf quite well.

"You're called Pike, got it?"

"Gurgle!"

"Your name is Pike, follow me and say it..." Liszt used his thoughts to communicate, pointing at it, and then pronounced clearly in Serpent Script, "Pike!"

Pike turned its head away, ignoring Liszt.

Liszt smiled and took out a handful of Jade Powder, "Pike."

"Gurgle..." Pike's eyes were glued to the Jade Powder, unable to look away, and only after a while did it reluctantly speak, "Pai... ke..."

"It's Pike, Pike," Liszt insisted, clenching his fist, still smiling.

"Pa... ke..."

"Pike."

On the third try, the Giant Algae Greater Elf finally clearly called out its own name, "Pike."

"Good boy, here, this is for you, I have to leave for a bit now, but I'll come find you in the evening." He handed the Jade Powder to Pike.

Liszt waved his hand, riding the Rainbow Whale Rose, and along with Ach, left Pike and its giant cordyceps behind.

Once their figures disappeared into the Giant Algae Forest.

Pike, who had been downcast eating Jade Powder, suddenly stopped, raised its head, and stared blankly at where Liszt had left as if lost in thought.

A quarter of an hour, perhaps two quarters of an hour.

Pike opened its mouth and softly called out, "Pike."

It continued calling, "Pike."

"Pike."

"Pike."

The calls grew louder, and eventually, it simply started laughing with delight, shouting, "Pike! Pike! Pike!" It was excited to have a name for itself.

It had lived in the sea all its life, never thinking about giving itself a "name."

Mimicking Liszt's way, it pointed to itself and pronounced distinctly, "Pike." Its voice was shrill, but the tone was pleasant to hear, although the teeth in its mouth detracted a bit from its beauty.

After calling out "Pike" for a long time, it even forgot to eat the Jade Powder in its hand.

Just then, a fish darted over, seemingly wanting to taste the Jade Powder. Before it could nibble, a flash of light twinkled, and countless Giant Algae burst from the body of the fish, tearing it apart alive.

Pike turned its head.

Looking at the remains of the dead fish, it roared, shouting, "Pike!"

The other fish that had come close, seeing the dreadful end of the dead fish and hearing Pike's roar, were instantly terrified and turned to flee. For a time, the area around the cordyceps was quiet except for Pike. It continued to eat the Jade Powder, then returned to its own cordyceps, curling up a leaf to wrap itself inside.

A vague murmur could be heard, "Pike."

Soon.

The place became a territory for various fish, shrimp, and crabs again.

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"I actually felt Pike's emotions, a childlike happiness at getting a toy?" Liszt had just left when he received Pike's emotional feedback.

He wasn't quite sure why Pike was so happy; not even when he fed it Jade Powder had he seen such a display of emotion.

Shaking his head without giving it much thought, as long as it wasn't the panic that came with danger, it wasn't something to worry about. With Rainbow Whale Rose, his speed of searching the sea bed made great advances, and though there seemed to be ten thousand acres of Giant Algae Forest left to search, it was essentially just a matter of making a round trip.

The Eye of Magic continued without interruption. Despite the narrow field of vision underwater, the water was clear, so he could still see dozens of meters away. A quick glance would reveal whether there was any feedback of magical light, thus eliminating the cumbersome process of identification.

It could be said,

the Eye of Magic, this Dou Qi Secret Technique, existed for the purpose of finding elves.

Suddenly,

a brightness caught his eye, a point of magic feedback light attracted his attention. Immediately he urged Rose towards the light, and upon getting closer, indeed, it was a Giant Algae Cordyceps, with an Elf Bug wandering around its base. With nothing left to say, he sprinkled Jade Powder, extended his finger, and "snap," just like that.

The fifth Elf Bug contributed by the Giant Algae Forest was in hand.

The appearance of this Elf Bug proved Liszt's hunch was correct; there were still elves in the Giant Algae Forest. Therefore, he continued his search with rejuvenated spirits, exploring every corner. In the evening, just before planning to return, he made a new discovery—this time, the cordyceps he found belonged to a Giant Algae Minor Elf.

"The third Giant Algae Minor Elf, happiness has been hitting my face so frequently it's overwhelming... I need to go back and take a breather," Liszt used the usual method and successfully contracted this minor elf.

After much thought, he named it Eddie.

Besides following tradition, he could not come up with a suitable name for the many mounts, Magical Beasts, elves, and dragons. Therefore, Eddie became a name without any particular meaning. This probably also had something to do with the timing of its appearance; who asked it to show up after Pike.

Having contracted a Greater Elf, it was inevitable for Liszt to slightly neglect the Little Minor Elves, and Eddie was just the icing on the cake after a barrage of happiness so dense that he was already numb to it.

He couldn't be bothered to come up with another pleasing name—many Nobles' Little Minor Elves didn't have names, only identified by their cordyceps as a code.

Soon, he too was stepping into the ranks of the Nobles, and in the future, there would be more and more Little Minor Elves.

He stuffed Eddie into Ach's shell, and before the three Giant Algae Minor Elves could bare their teeth and snarl at each other, he forbade it from fighting with Fizz and Tam.

He curbed the elves' wildness

Liszt called to Ach, preparing to return.

Riding on Rose's back, he felt a bit dazed, "As I keep increasing in strength, the number of elves, mounts, Magical Beasts around me will grow, and those companions I once treasured will gradually become marginalized... In fact, it's been a long time since I cared for the Fire Dragon Horse, Li Dragon Horse and Lightning; Loki has already replaced them."

A touch of subtle sadness.

But that's life, like the toys of childhood, they inevitably retire quietly at a certain point in time.

"At least they can still enjoy a proper life on my territory, receiving conscientious care from the Servants." Liszt put away his sentimentality; he wasn't a person given to melancholy.

He was striving towards his ideal

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Quickly returning to the location of the Giant Algae Greater Elf Cordyceps, he woke up the sleeping Pike, lingered a while to practice a few "Pike"s, and told Pike his own name.

"Liszt," he pointed at himself, then pointed at the Giant Algae Greater Elf, "Pike."

This time, Pike behaved very harmoniously.

It first pointed to itself: "Pike."

Then, pointing at Liszt, it said clearly, "Liszt."

Liszt immediately smiled, then pointed at the nearby Sea Serpent, "Ach."

Pike's expression suddenly changed, as if about to roar: "Grumble!"

Ach felt somewhat disappointed.

But Liszt comforted her quickly, "Don't worry, Pike will get used to you over time."

"Yeah, Ach knows."

Chapter 544 Followers' Astonishment

After training Pike for a short while, the sunset was rapidly sinking towards the sea's horizon.

Liszt also had to return to the port town, back to land to rest, but he was worried about Rainbow Whale Rose. Although they'd had a pleasant time today, it would be embarrassing if Rose were to wander off and couldn't be found the next day.

So.

He planned to entrust Rose to Ach, just as he entrusted all those sea elves to him: "Rose, follow Ach and don't run around. You'll live in the waters around Black Horse Island. I'll treat you well with good food and drinks in the future, and Ach will take good care of you."

"Jiyu..." The Rainbow Whale didn't know if it understood, but it seemed very cheerful.

It originally held great hostility towards Ach, who was bent on hunting it, but now it had completely forgotten and was able to accept Ach's embraces and petting.

Upon reaching the seaside, Liszt stood in the shallow water and waved to the Rainbow Whale.

The Rainbow Whale dared not swim ashore, but it lingered in the shallow water, unwilling to leave, and clearly reluctant to part from Liszt. It wasn't until Liszt left the shore with the

waiting servants that it, urged by Ach, reluctantly returned to the sea and was led by Ach toward Mangrove Island.

Meanwhile.

Upon Liszt's return, he was immediately visited by Consultant Goltai.

This territory advisor had been very spirited recently. His wife and children had moved from Coral City to settle in Fresh Flower Town, and then he quietly moved his mistress, Freya, and his illegitimate son, Donald, to the port town. When he went to Fresh Flower Town, he was with his aging wife and two grown children; when he returned to the port town, he was with his young lover and a two-year-old illegitimate son.

The joy of family life was unending.

"My lord, I hear you subdued a sea monster out on the ocean?"

"It seems you've already heard. Yes, it's a Rainbow Whale, and it has become my mount. I can ride it to roam the vast and boundless ocean, which to me is like a backyard," Liszt said, his brows raised in pride. He indeed had reason to be proud.

Goltai expressed his amazement: "A sea monster can become a mount?"

"There's no difference between a sea monster and a magical beast. If I can ride a magical beast, naturally I can also ride a sea monster. Consultant Goltai, look beyond the land for a moment, and consider the sea. Everything the land has to offer, the sea has as well—magic potions, elves, sea monsters, and even those pearls."

"I understand, my lord. It's just a bit sudden. You actually discovered two Little Minor Elves and four Elf Bugs in the sea, all Giant Algae Elves that can cultivate Magic Medicine Kelp. It's simply incredible," Goltai said.

"Your information is a bit outdated. I now have three Giant Algae Minor Elves and five Giant Algae Elf Bugs, and moreover..."

Liszt left a bit of suspense.

It wasn't exactly suspense; he was weighing the pros and cons of whether to reveal the existence of Giant Algae Greater Elf Pike right now. But after ten seconds of deliberation, he decided to reveal it. The concept of "hidden wealth" could be applied to the Little Fire Dragon Leo. As for a Greater Elf, there was no need for such caution.

As a Sky Knight, acquiring a Greater Elf was no issue at all.

So, while Goltai listened earnestly, Liszt spoke calmly: "I also contracted a Giant Algae Greater Elf in the Giant Algae Forest."

As expected, the response was spectacular.

Goltai nearly jumped: "What? My lord, you, you, you mean, a Giant Algae Greater Elf? A Greater Elf, as in... that kind of Greater Elf?" He became incoherent, stammering with surprise and disbelief, his gaze filled with utter astonishment.

"There's no need to be surprised. It is indeed a Greater Elf, not an Elf Bug or a Little Minor Elf, but a Greater Elf." Liszt took a sip from his green tea on the table, "Its name is Pike, and since it's a wild Greater Elf, it hasn't yet learned to speak and needs time to adapt to human life."

"Yes, yes, wild Greater Elf, needs time," Goltai managed to say, still not recovered from his shock.

Liszt called for his personal servant Thomas: "Summon the town's officials here; I want to hold a meeting."

"Yes, my lord."

A moment later.

The officials remaining in the port town arrived one by one under the leadership of Teacher Marcus and Blair.

Liszt wasted no time, stating directly: "I've summoned you here tonight to share some good news. Today at sea, I discovered a Giant Algae Greater Elf and have completed a contract with it. The dominion's first Greater Elf has been born, and its name is Pike."

"Ah?"

"My lord, did I hear that correctly?"

"A Greater Elf!"

"A Giant Algae Greater Elf?"

"Incredible!"

"A Greater Elf, oh, how much Magic Medicine Kelp it could produce!"

Gasp of shock and exclamations of astonishment intermingled, rising one after another among the officials, all dizzy from the unexpected news of the Greater Elf.

The presence of a Greater Elf signified a Nobles family, as families that owned a Greater Elf could almost effortlessly accumulate military achievements and be ennobled as Earls. After all, a Greater Elf represented a wealth accruing over time, which nobility had to cultivate over generations. Some Marquis families possessed only one or two Greater Elves at most.

Liszt was merely a Viscount, an ennobled Viscount of less than a year.

Yet he had become a Sky Knight and even obtained a Greater Elf that could cultivate Magic Potions. The future of such a landlord was so dazzling, that it hardly took any thought to imagine. And as his followers, serving a landlord with limitless prospects naturally came with many benefits.

At this moment, all followers were thankful for the favor of knightly glory, including those knights who had been won over.

An increase in the followers' loyalty followed, as if by an unseen force.

Liszt was satisfied with his followers' reactions, but he still maintained his usual noble composure, unruffled and nonchalant, "I shall send a knight to deliver a message to Tulip Castle, setting a date for a celebration. Teacher Marcus, I entrust you with this task."

"As you wish, my lord!" Marcus responded, exhilarated, as he knelt on one knee, performing the knightly salute.

Watching Liszt, sitting in the seat of honor, calmly sipping his tea, he seemed to see the glory of knighthood as a cloak, draped over his own student.

Marcus himself had once been a commoner student at the Coral Island Knight Academy. Though not among the top in strength, he was considered a practice genius among commoners. After advancing to an Elite Earth Knight, he was assigned by the Earl to be Liszt's home tutor, responsible for teaching Liszt's knightly practice.

At first sight,

he had lofty ambitions, prepared to assist Liszt in accomplishing great deeds. After all, being a commoner himself, he wasn't eligible to follow the Earl's heir, Levis, the second son of the Tulip Family. The second son needed continuous war to earn nobility.

However, the initial Liszt was simply a youth with poor aptitude and a timid character, not favored in Tulip Castle.

Indeed,

ultimately Liszt was made a Baron, bypassing the process of struggle, but Marcus couldn't be happy at all. He didn't believe Liszt would participate in wars, vie for glory, and following such a landlord would not allow him to achieve his noble ambitions.

Before departing for Fresh Flower Town, he was often in despair.

But he couldn't defy the command of the Earl.

However, the Liszt who arrived in Fresh Flower Town had changed, as if a completely different person, maturing inside and out in an instant.

Even more surprising, starting with the rearing of the Fierce Earth Dog Douson, knightly glory had been lavished upon the land and the landlord like water, without cost. In just one year, Liszt, originally of mediocre talent, had grown at a startling pace into an Elite Earth Knight and had even defeated him head-on.

In the two subsequent wars, his performance was nothing short of exceptional.

On his first participation in the Pioneer Mandate, he broke through and became a Sky Knight, dazzling all of Coral Island. It's also imaginable that even across the Grand Duchy of Sapphire, there would be Nobles discussing the seventeen-year-old Sky Knight Liszt—this signified the rise of another nobility star within the nation.

And today, the youngest Sky Knight had made a pact with a Greater Elf.

Such a Greater Elf, that Noble families need generations to bring forth, was obtained so effortlessly, as if crossing the struggles of several generations within a mere two or three years.

"Apart from 'Son of Glory,' no other title could describe him!" Marcus felt a fiery passion in his heart and brimmed with expectations for the future; becoming a follower of the Son of Glory, glory was within grasp!

He even couldn't suppress the thought: "As the 'Son of Glory', how long will it take for Liszt to become an Earl, to become a Marquis? He became a Sky Knight at seventeen, is there a possibility of... Dragon Riding in the future?"

Dragon Riding might be remote,

but he believed at the very least, Liszt's future would see him become a Marquis.

Chapter 545 The Earl's Shock

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The clatter of hooves was urgent.

The towering Tulip Castle was already in sight, and Marcus could not recall how many times he had visited this grandest castle on Coral Island. Since following Liszt, entering and leaving Tulip Castle had become as common as having a meal at home.

He advanced along the causeway leading to the castle.

Soon, a patrolling Knight Squad approached to greet him, with a captain who was clearly an acquaintance calling out from a distance, "Captain Marcus."

"Captain Xuleer."

After explaining the reason for delivering the message.

The Knight Squad immediately escorted Marcus to the castle gate.

He had been here many times, and each time he could sense the varying changes in the glances cast upon him by the knights. When he first visited Fresh Flower Town, mockery and contempt were common, as everyone believed he had lost his eligibility in the contest for nobility. Later, when he came with Douson, some began to express surprise.

After the birth of Jela, he finally enjoyed the gaze of admiration; the knights understood what a Little Minor Elf meant.

Moreover, after the battle for Iron Hoof Island, Liszt became famous in a single fight, and the knights looked at him with even greater admiration; and after the issuance of the Pioneer Mandate, the admiration turned into envy.

"After today, with what sort of gaze will you be watching me?" Marcus tried to maintain his composure, yet his mood was so elated he wanted to burst into song—of course, he had never sung before. His personality was always stern and rigid, and, even with rich emotions within, he was reluctant to show them.

The Castle's new deputy butler greeted him.

"Captain Marcus, what brings you here today?"

"I bring a message from Lord Landlord for the Earl."

"Ah, a message from young master Liszt. Please wait in the drawing-room; I will inform the master at once." The deputy butler left briefly and soon returned, "Captain Marcus, the master is in his upstairs study, please go there."

"Thank you."

At the study's door, Marcus straightened his attire, still full of reverence for the Earl. After entering, he promptly performed the knightly courtesy: "Marcus greets the Earl."

"Please, take a seat, Marcus," said the Earl from behind his desk, gesturing for Marcus to sit down before asking, "What message does Liszt send me? It's such a short distance from Fresh Flower Town to Tulip Castle, he could have arrived in an hour's ride on a Landwalker Bird, yet he had someone deliver a message."

"Lord Landlord is attending to important matters on Black Horse Island and couldn't spare the time, which is why he sent me with the message."

"Very well, go ahead."

Marcus cleared his throat and spoke formally, "Lord Landlord invites you and your lady to Fresh Flower Town on the 14th of April to attend the Greater Elf birth celebration."

"Hmm." The Earl didn't immediately grasp the news, and after a three-second pause, he suddenly realized, "What did you say, a Greater Elf birth celebration?"

"Yes."

"Liszt has a Greater Elf? Which Little Minor Elf evolved, Jela, Nami, or Mickey? Jela and Mickey just evolved, so it seems unlikely they would evolve again. Could it be Mangrove Minor Elf Nami?" The Earl was well aware of Liszt's Little Minor Elves.

"Earl, the Greater Elf that Lord Landlord has contracted is not a domestic one but a wild Greater Elf. It's a Giant Algae Greater Elf. Lord Landlord personally dived into the sea to explore the Giant Algae Forest made of giant algae, discovered and contracted it, its name is Pike."

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After Marcus finished speaking, he added a few more details, "Pike was born in the Giant Algae Forest, and besides that, Lord Landlord also discovered and contracted with three Giant Algae Minor Elves named Fizz, Tam, and Eddie, as well as five Giant Algae Elf Bugs."

"One Greater Elf, three Minor Elves, five Elf Bugs?" Even with his seasoned composure, the Earl couldn't help but gape in astonishment, taking a while to recover from the shock, "Marcus, tell me what Giant Algae are. Is there really a forest in the sea, and do all these elves live in the ocean?"

"Yes, Earl. Giant Algae is a plant that grows on the seabed, dozens or even hundreds of meters long. They grow densely together, forming vast seabed forests. Those Giant Algae Elves live within these Giant Algae Forests. Moreover, Lord Landlord also found vast areas of Magic Medicine Kelp."

"Magic Medicine Kelp?" exclaimed the Earl once more.

Marcus was not accustomed to seeing the always lofty and dignified Earl lose his composure, but he dared not show any unusual expression and replied respectfully, "Yes, there's a wide expanse of Magic Medicine Kelp. Lord Landlord has decided to expand the cultivation of Magic Medicine Kelp in the sea, allowing all Giant Algae Cordyceps to farm it."

"Stop there a moment."

The Earl waved his hand and then let out a long breath, leaning back in his chair and seeming to drift off into thought. After a moment, he came back to himself, his voice steady again, "Sprites in the sea, that is indeed a surprising discovery. A celebration is indeed in order for contracting so many elves capable of cultivating Magic Potion."

"Lord Landlord will be looking forward to your and your wife's arrival in Fresh Flower Town."

"There's no need to wait. I'm preparing to visit Black Horse Island right now. By the way, where was the Giant Algae Forest discovered?"

"Off the coasts of Black Horse Island."

"You still have to notify others, right? Go ahead, and when you go back, tell Liszt that I plan to leave the day after tomorrow for Black Horse Island, to see the Giant Algae Forest and Greater Elf Pike for myself."

"Certainly, I will convey your arrival to Lord Landlord."

Marcus bowed and took his leave from the study.

The study quieted down.

The Earl leaned back in his chair, falling into deep contemplation. He too had contracted with a Greater Elf, although he had now passed Greater Elf Xiangxiang to his son, Levis. When he received the contract from his father, Greg Wafers, Xiangxiang was still a Little Minor Elf.

Then, the news of his father's death on the battlefield arrived, and at that time, he was still an Earth Knight, striving to grow stronger and avenge his father.

Shortly thereafter, Xiangxiang suddenly advanced to a Greater Elf, and his family truly encountered an opportunity for development. Although he had ascended to the rank of Earl through constant Pioneer Mandate wars, the true foundation of his family's success lay in its heritage. Compared to Liszt, he lacked almost nothing in terms of resources during his youthful years of training.

However.

Now, the thought of Liszt owning a Greater Elf, six Little Minor Elves, and dozens of Elf Bugs left him feeling profoundly conflicted.

On one hand, he was proud that his son was so favored by knightly glory; on the other hand, he felt a sense of loss at the thought of his son far surpassing himself.

In combat, he was already no match for his son's exceptional talent, and now it seemed his son's wealth might even surpass his own—The Tulip Family had a Greater Elf, twelve Minor Elves, and over a hundred Elf Bugs, but that had been the result of over twenty years of cultivating Coral Island; in comparison, the gains over three years were no match for Liszt's.

"Perhaps, he will soon separate from the family... Melissa, if you could see Liszt's achievements now, you would be so pleased; your son has started a new family dynasty."

The Earl shook his head.

Melissa had been dead for over a decade, and he should have long forgotten her, but with every achievement of Liszt's, he couldn't help but be reminded of his late wife.

After all, the only one in the family who inherited Melissa's beauty was Liszt.

Chapter 546 Shock after Shock

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"I just saw Marcus from Black Horse Island leaving the castle, did he come here for something?" Lady Marie entered the Earl's study, bringing a cup of green tea, and asked.

She had been learning the art of tea recently, Liszt sent over a lot of tea leaves from Fresh Flower Town, along with instructions on how to brew tea.

The Earl very much appreciated the taste of green tea and had made it a part of his daily beverage routine. Lady Marie took it upon herself to master the skill of brewing tea.

Holding the teacup in his hands, the Earl spoke very calmly, "Liszt has found some elves in the sea and is planning to hold a celebration, inviting us to participate before April 14th."

Lady Marie was momentarily stunned, "There are elves in the sea too?"

"Why can't there be? When I was on Blue Dragon Island, I saw a Great Elf of the Sapphire Family, which lived in Tranquil Lake among the water chestnuts. The vast water chestnuts all thrived on the surface. If elves can survive in a lake, then it's not surprising to find them in the sea."

"The sea is so deep; how did he find them?"

"I don't know either, I plan to visit Black Horse Island the day after tomorrow. I haven't been there since Liszt was ennobled as lord of the island, and this opportunity is perfect to explore it thoroughly," said the Earl, then remembering something, "Prepare a substantial gift; the main character of this elf celebration is a Giant Algae Greater Elf."

Lady Marie suddenly tensed, "Ah, a Greater Elf?"

Putting down his teacup, the Earl seemed to understand his wife's thoughts, placed his hand on her shoulder, and gave it a squeeze, "Its name is Pike, along with three Giant Algae Minor Elves, and five Giant Algae Elf Bugs — a whole nest of elves. I was as surprised as you when I heard it, but considering Liszt's luck akin to the 'Son of Glory,' it seems not so hard to understand."

"My dear, but it's a Greater Elf!"

"That's why I feel proud of him."

Lady Marie touched her chest, calming herself, with a complex look in her eyes, "I still can't believe it. A Greater Elf... The Tulip Family has strived for so many generations and we only have Xiangxiang; it seems lacking compared to such ethereal luck... Perhaps we should also search the seas around Coral Island."

"Of course, I will do that, but the sea is different from land after all, with many unknown dangers and it's difficult to develop. We can't just throw civilians into the sea to farm."

"Then how is Liszt developing those... Giant Algae?"

"Not clear; once I'm there, I will naturally find out. Don't overcomplicate things. Prepare the gift, and if you wish, you can come with me."

"Me?" Lady Marie pondered for a few seconds, then shook her head, "Never mind, I'll wait until April 14th to go. You and your son should have a good talk. After all, you're family. If he's able to obtain elves from the deep sea, he must have a special method. The Tulip Family will prosper even more with such technology."

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South-eastern sea region of Black Horse Island.

Close to the shore, sampans shuttled back and forth on the sea, harvesting a large amount of Giant Algae. These algae, having been tested, were non-toxic and edible, but not particularly tasty. Livestock and poultry could consume the algae occasionally, but it couldn't serve as a staple diet.

Moreover, eighty percent of the algae was water, and despite its vast volume, it shrank significantly after drying.

Nevertheless, it was still a very important seafood product, effectively easing the demand for fodder within the territory's animal husbandry.

The fishermen were harvesting Giant Algae on such a large scale in order to clear space for new Magic Medicine Kelp cultivation areas — there was no magic potion under Pike's influence of Cordyceps. So, Liszt tempted Pike with Jade Powder and, coupled with emotional exchanges, persuaded Pike to move its Cordyceps to the nearby sea area.

Its Cordyceps could cover an area of over 6000 acres, almost instantly embracing the entire nearby region suitable for Giant Algae growth.

Add in the Cordyceps of Fizz, Tam, and Eddie, along with the original five Giant Algae Bugs, and it's possible to affect over 10,000 acres of the sea region.

The entire nearby sea will be planted with Magic Medicine Kelp, while other areas will let ordinary Giant Algae grow freely, irrespective of whether they thrive well or poorly, as long as the production of magic potion is ensured.

A few kilometers away from where the fishermen were harvesting Giant Algae, the sea surface rippled slightly with waves.

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Suddenly.

Splash! A flurry of water sprayed into the air as a rainbow-colored large fish leapt out of the water, with someone riding on its back. It was none other than Liszt, who had been searching the Giant Algae Forest, and his newly tamed mount, the Rainbow Whale Rose.

"Phew!"

Liszt let out a long breath of murky air from atop Rose, his tone filled with a sense of relieved ease, "After a week's time, I've finally cleared the entire Giant Algae Forest. Unfortunately, not much was discovered in the deep water areas, only three Giant Algae Bugs were found... making a total of eight Giant Algae Bugs harvested."

In these last two days of searching, he only located three Giant Algae Elf Bugs.

The Giant Algae Forest, spanning 36,000 acres, had nurtured one Greater Elf, three Little Minor Elves, and eight Elf Bugs—it was definitely a tremendous treasure of the sea.

Ach surfaced as well, looking at Liszt with a frown of concern, "Brother, Ach's shell is so messy. Fizz, Tam, and Eddie just won't behave, and the eight Giant Algae Bugs keep bullying the Kelp Bugs, Laver Bugs, Redstone Flower Bugs, Horsetail Bugs, and Inkangle Bugs."

Her shell was indeed large, but unfortunately, the temperament of the Giant Algae Elves was terrible. Not only was the Greater Elf savage and the Little Minor Elves fierce, but even the usually peaceful and tranquil Elf Bugs would sometimes show their domineering side.

Taking advantage of the moment when Ach wasn't paying attention...

They would always bully other Elf Bugs or come to blows among themselves.

"I'll have the Sea View Villa in Fresh Flower Town expanded into a small coastal castle specifically for these sea elves to live in. One elf, one room, with no one infringing on another... A new castle will soon be built in the port town, and by then, Ach, you'll also have a room of your own."

"Will Ach have one too?"

"Of course, you're my sister. Although your identity must remain hidden for now, you'll be one of the castle's owners," Liszt said with a smile.

Ach broke into a happy smile and asked, "Can Ach have a slightly larger magic laboratory?"

"Absolutely."

"Uhm, thank you, brother."

"If building structures under the sea weren't so difficult, I'd even be willing to build you an Underwater Mage Tower," Liszt boasted grandly, since it wasn't something he had to actually deliver on.

"Hehe, Ach is very satisfied just to have a larger magic laboratory."

A Little Sea Monster so understanding and cost-saving like Ach, how could Liszt not cherish her? He gestured for Ach to bring her head closer and gently tousled her deep blue hair. At that moment, Ach resembled a little kitten, squinting her large eyes, enjoying the caress from Liszt.

The scene atop the sea was so heartwarming that even Rose only made soft noises, unwilling to disturb them.

In quiet concentration...

Liszt summoned the Smoke Mission, but it remained unchanged, indicating it was not yet complete.

The mission required him to properly place all Cordyceps and plan out the Giant Algae Forest; he hadn't had the chance to place the Cordyceps of the Giant Algae Bug found today in the nearby seawater.

So after a brief moment of warm interaction...

He and Ach, riding on Rose, swam towards the nearby seawater. He had a complete plan and knew exactly where to place the Cordyceps.

Meanwhile.

At Tulip Castle's estate, far away, Levis, who had just finished his Dou Qi Cultivation lesson, was already shocked, "What, Marcus, what did you say? Liszt has contracted a Greater Elf!"

Chapter 547 New Glory of the Family

"How could that be possible, finding an elf in the sea, and not just any elf but a Greater Elf leading a group of Little Minor Elves, it's impossible!" Levis shook his head, still finding it hard to believe.

The messenger Marcus had already left, but the impact of his message had yet to settle.

Loria, whose pregnancy was beginning to show, was busy with the account books.

She had taken on the role of managing the couple's affairs: "Of course there can be elves in the sea. My father once found two Alisma Elf Bugs in a river. If there can be elves in a river, there must surely be elves in the sea too, it's just that I have no idea how Liszt managed to dive into the sea and find them."

"But that's a Greater Elf, my dear, isn't that astonishing to you?"

"What is there for me to be astonished about? The Golden Wheat Sheaf Family has two Greater Elves, the Golden Grain Family also has one, and among my father's followers, several Earls each have their own Greater Elf. Liszt is already the youngest Sky Knight in the country, isn't it fitting for him to own a Greater Elf?"

Loria's expression suggested it was simply to be expected.

Levis opened his mouth, almost choking: "Almost all Greater Elves are cultivated from home-raised Little Minor Elves, but Liszt's Giant Algae Greater Elf is wild, such luck is truly enviable."

"He is the Son of Glory."

"Of course, I know he is favored by the Knight's Glory, it's just that, deep down, I feel a bit unsettled."

Loria looked up at him: "Levis, I know you've been the prodigy of Coral Island since childhood, while Liszt's talents weren't apparent when he was young, which has thrown you off balance. But you need to accept the reality, he is a Sky Knight, even my father praised his bright future in the letter, and now our own business is provided by Liszt, you should learn to be grateful."

"Loria, don't get it wrong, it was we who provided him the channel!"

"If Liszt were just an ordinary Noble's second son, as a channel supplier, of course we should earn more profit," Loria said, her tone even but in command of the conversation, "but he is not an ordinary second son, he is a Sky Knight, a future Nobles, my father even thinks he might surpass my own father's achievements."

"That... seems unlikely, my father is a strong contender for the title of Marquis."

"I cannot say for sure about the future, but my father's judgment is not poor, Liszt's talents shine so brightly that even the serfs in the countryside of Coral Island are illuminated by them, we cannot ignore it. Regardless of whether he had contracted with a Greater Elf, I was planning to suggest to you to renegotiate business shares with Liszt, we can no longer take the lion's share, we need at least an equal split."

Levis said nothing.

He was reluctant to give up his share of the business profits.

Loria spoke indifferently: "Levis, the Tulip Family will ultimately be yours to inherit, but for now, what you need to do is train hard and break through as a Sky Knight. Only by doing this can we gain the upper hand in our contest with Lady Marie, and prevent resources from flowing towards Lidun."

"Without sufficient resources, how am I supposed to break through quickly?"

"It is precisely because we lack resources that we must compete with Lady Marie for them, to curb Lidun... Liszt is your own younger brother, someone you can rely on, but we cannot let Lidun become another Liszt."

Having said her piece, Loria lowered her head again and continued with the accounts.

Levis looked at his wife and suddenly felt a bit cold, but he quickly shook off the feeling and said, "You needn't worry about Lidun, Liszt may be the Son of Glory, but he is not. His talent is indeed good; he became an Earth Knight at thirteen, but I was also an Earth Knight at thirteen, it's not much pressure."

"Hmm, I'll handle the gifts and business affairs, you focus on your training."

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Next to Coral City, in a small castle.

Lady Penelope was busily choosing potted plants, occasionally discussing with Li Vera behind her: "What do you think of this azalea? Does it look like it's about to nurture an Elf Bug?"

"I can't tell."

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"Of course you can't see it, you don't have the glory of a knight to favor you, can't even find a suitable mate, so naturally you won't find an Elf Bug."

"Grandmother, how can you say that about me!"

"Miss, hurry up and marry off to a noble knight, then I will treat you with courtesy."

"Weren't you always worried about arranging Liszt's marriage before, why have you suddenly turned your attention to me?" Li Vera said with a look of annoyance.

"In the past, Liszt was a young man with potential who needed his grandmother to worry for him. But now he is a rising star of the nobility in the Grand Duchy, naturally nobles are knocking at his door seeking to be united in marriage. Those noble ladies will compete to become his wife, no longer needing the effort to search."

Li Vera said, "But I see that Liszt has no intention of looking for a wife."

"He's not in a hurry because he's still young; he is focused on his career and cultivation. As a noble with exceptional talent and diligent efforts like him, there will always be suitors. I believe on your father's side, there are already many nobles communicating with him, discussing their children's matters."

"That is true... Now Liszt has contracted with a Greater Elf, one capable of growing Magic Potions, oh heavens, I can imagine how many noble ladies view him as a knight in shining armor... Perhaps the Grand Duke even regrets not having a third daughter."

"You shouldn't make light of the Grand Duke."

"Isn't it just you and me here?"

"You should know that the Grand Duke may send someone at any time to evaluate Liszt. Such a promising young man should choose to be loyal to the Grand Duke rather than follow your father. Possessing a Greater Elf and being the youngest Sky Knight, he has enough to start a new family, bringing branches and leaves to the Tulip Family."

Lady Penelope said this, pointing to a pot of sunflowers and speaking to the servant, "Move this pot to the place with the best sunlight; it will be my gift to Liszt, perhaps an Elf Bug is being nurtured within it."

Li Vera rolled her eyes, "I see no sign of it nurturing any Elf Bugs."

"You can't, but Liszt can... Perhaps I should let him choose one himself, never mind, he can take away my potted plants whenever he wishes in the future."

"You're too partial."

"If you could bring growth to the family, I would be partial to you too." Lady Penelope said and suddenly became contemplative, "If your grandfather were still alive, he would be very gratified. A son who brings glory to the family with the Tulip name, and a grandson about to start a new family, what a glory!"

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Liszt was unaware of others discussing him behind his back.

Of course, even if he didn't know, he could guess the impact he had on others. A Greater Elf, just like that, casually contracted.

Anyone would be envious, amazed, and bewildered.

However, with his Dragon Dou Qi continuously improving and the supply of Giant Algae Magic Potion flowing endlessly, both he and the Little Fire Dragon's strength were skyrocketing, he didn't care how others saw him.

"I will stand at the top, overlook all the other mountains."

It was probably this feeling.

He rode the Rainbow Whale Rose, traveling repeatedly over the sea, directing his underlings, organizing serfs to harvest Giant Algae, and burying the mature parts of the Magic Medicine Kelp in the sea area after harvest—for experimental planting.

He was busy until April 13th.

Only then did he completely plan out this sea area, and on the sandy beach shore, he decided to build the ninth town after Port Town, New Harbor Town, Thorn Town, Horse Ranching Town, Green Tea Town, Grain Town, Red River Town, and Mushroom Town—the Giant Algae Town, which will devote its efforts to managing the Giant Algae industry and its associated fishing industry.

It was at this time that calling upon the Smoke Mission finally led to a change.

Chapter 548 The Glory of Pike

"Complete the task, reward: a pearl-producing shell."

"Task: The Mage Tower is about to be completed, and the Magic Academy is also about to start enrolling students. Chris Truth is ready, but the Magician Assistant needed has still not arrived, and it is Lord Landlord's duty to resolve this. Reward: Drifting Fruit."

Rewards distributed, new tasks issued.

Liszt looked at the changing smoke, pondering, "A pearl-producing shell, is it similar to the Pearl Oysters bred by the Sapphire Family? I wonder how powerful such sea monsters are, and the quality of the pearls they produce... It's indeed time to find a Magician Assistant, but what exactly is this Drifting Fruit?"

He guessed it was some kind of edible fruit that drifted along the ocean currents.

But whether it was edible or not was still unknown.

He should go about the task now. In fact, he had previously sent someone to convey a message to Elkeson True in hopes of hiring him as a teacher for the Magic Academy. However, Elkeson had already discovered the charm of being a second-hand dealer and had no desire to engage in research or teaching, preferring a carefree life.

Although he settled in Coral City, he frequently visited the outer islands, experiencing different local customs and doing business with various people.

Of course, Liszt was always his top-quality customer. To make money, he had to come to Fresh Flower Town—the magic casting schemes were becoming increasingly difficult to continue with, there weren't so many spells, and now he mainly dealt in selling Magic Books. He had even recently written to Liszt, asking to visit the Steel Ridge Kingdom.

He had made contact with a magic assembly there and could purchase more Magic Books.

Elkeson True was unwilling to come, and Grandini True was rather obstinate. Before, there was also Merlese True, who had passed away.

Besides that, there were the cooperating magicians of the Tulip Family, but Liszt certainly couldn't recruit them.

"Still, it's best to contact Granney. Despite his stubborn and conceited nature, this guy has a formidable talent for crafting Magic Equipment. With Chris, a Grand Magician, as bait, he shouldn't refuse. Then recruit two more magicians from other territories, and that should be enough to support the Magic Academy."

He immediately dispatched Retainer Knights to contact Granney and wrote to Levis to ask for his help in recruiting two magicians from the outer islands.

Having taken care of these matters,

time quietly moved to April 14th, the Greater Elf Birth Celebration was about to begin.

Apart from a few supervising officers who remained on Black Horse Island, other officials and knights had already gathered in Fresh Flower Town. The castle's servants, under Butler Carter's leadership, were busily and orderly arranging the banquet. The castle had hosted numerous banquets over the past years and had accumulated a great deal of experience.

So, everything was proceeding in an organized fashion.

Although the townspeople didn't get a day off, everyone received double wages today, sharing the joy with Lord Landlord.

In the apple orchard in front of the castle, Douson and the Earth Matron were coiled up together, lazily basking in the sun. Eight Blizzard Beasts were locked in four cages, not allowed to come out—their destructive power was too strong, and without Liszt's constraint, they would be a disaster if released.

In front of Liszt, they were the well-trained Blizzard Beast Squad.

Once Liszt left, they became unafraid of anything, troublemakers, and the servants simply couldn't stop them. There was even one time they blocked the main road of Fresh Flower Town with Rock Spikes, taking serfs days to clear and restore traffic—nowadays, they've sequentially learned a new spell—Rock Grenade.

As for the other two spells Douson knew, Rock Wall and Firmstone Armor, they hadn't learned yet, and it was uncertain whether they could still learn them.

Their aptitude seemed to be much inferior to Douson's.

If Douson was an Intermediate Magical Beast of average level, they were Intermediate Magical Beasts of inferior level, probably because half of their lineage came from the Earth Matron—a Low-Level Magical Beast Fierce Earth Dog.

In a more distant meadow, hardly any horses were being raised anymore; the horses that were originally bred by the castle had all been transferred to Black Horse Ranch.

Only the horses for the merchants and riding were still grazing on the meadow.

One-Eyed Barton, the blind and lame coachman, was still diligently caring for these horses, occasionally boasting to the five horsemen behind him, "I've been to Black Horse Ranch, where I helped deliver many of the majestic Black Blood Treasured Horses; even Goltai asked me to teach at the Knight Academy!"

Then he would sing praises of Liszt: "Lord Landlord is kind and magnificent; he has given Old Barton a wonderful life... His greatness shines like the Sun, illuminating every corner

of the land, even the Greater Elk in the sea submit to him, ah, what a great Lord Landlord!"

With a lyrical tone, One-Eyed Barton was pleased with his own words.

And the Lord Landlord, great as the Sun he spoke of,

was at that moment in the Sea View Villa.

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After several days of rushing the work, the Sea View Villa had undergone a great transformation. What was originally a two-story building had expanded into a row of three-story buildings, towering above the seawater.

All was constructed during low tide.

Rubber Bug's rubber water could solidify in just a few minutes, it was simply a divine artifact in the construction industry.

Rock was in inexhaustible supply, as the Blizzard Beast Squad produced large quantities of rock each day, and now some of the wealthier commoners in Fresh Flower Town had begun to purchase rock to build their houses.

Stone houses replaced wooden ones, offering fire resistance, sound insulation, and considerable sturdiness.

However, rubber water was not for sale to the public; they could only use ordinary grass ash and mud to cement the stones. For a considerable length of time, the rubber production from the Rubber Trees would not be able to meet the needs of the territory's infrastructure development—even if Liszt had the Rubber Bug triplets use the Tri-Phase Force to restore the Rubber Trees every month.

"Lord, the construction of the seaside castle is complete, you can allow the elves to move in now," Isaiah came over and reported.

Liszt nodded.

He took out a whistle from his pocket—this whistle was his latest invention. Of course, he only had the idea, and he left everything else to the carpenters of the woodworking workshop to figure out. After constant exploration, they eventually designed a whistle that could produce a very loud sound.

This was a cylindrical whistle, not the kind that looked like a snail.

He put it in his mouth and blew.

Instantly, the piercing sound cut through the sea surface, and a few dozen seconds later, a huge fish with rainbow colors swam in through the artificial channel all the way to the beach.

It was the Rainbow Whale Rose, and she had already learned to understand the whistle.

Liszt mounted her and, under the watchful gaze of numerous officials and serfs, dove into the sea. Many who saw Liszt ride the Rainbow Whale for the first time issued a chorus of amazed exclamations. But their amazement didn't last long as Liszt already emerged from the sea on the Rainbow Whale's back.

He rode directly to the seaside Castle with the officials hurrying into the seaside Castle.

Then, they saw Liszt with one large and three small elves lying on his body, and holding an Elf Bug in his hand, dismounted from the back of the Rainbow Whale. He walked up the steps from the sea, placing the elves into different small rooms—one by one. Elves are quite marvelous, they actually spend most of their time sleeping.

Even if they have personalities, these will be gradually smoothed out under the contract, and ultimately they cannot resist their master's commands.

Liszt ordered them to stay in their respective rooms and used Jade to build beds, which was enough to settle them down. Each room had one side installed with glass for viewing,

ensuring that the elves' condition was always normal. The officials stood in front of the glass, pointing and gesturing at the elves.

"That's the Giant Algae Greater Elf Pike!"

"Indeed, it's exceptionally beautiful!"

"I've seen the Greater Elf Xiangxiang at Tulip Castle, Pike is just as beautiful as it."

"Its teeth... have a bit of character."

"So many elves, all nurtured by the Giant Algae, amazing!"

"Praise be to the Lord, praise the Giant Algae!"

"Pike is the embodiment of Knight Glory, only the Lord Landlord can be graced by it!"

In the midst of praise, Liszt had already taken a shower in the next room and changed into a sharp Flack·Abaie suit. Just then, Retainer Knights hurried over to report to him, "Lord, the carriages from Tulip Castle have entered the main road of Thorn Ridge and are about to reach the Castle."

"Direct them straight to the seaside Castle; I will wait for them here."

"Yes, Lord!"

Twenty minutes later, the procession of carriages slowly drove through Oyster Village along the main road, with Lady Penelope, the Earl and his wife, the Levis couple, Li Vera, Lidun, and others alighting one by one.

"Grandmother, father, Lady Marie, Levis, Loria, Li Vera, Lidun... welcome to the birth celebration of the Greater Elf Pike."

"Oh, Liszt, my lucky lad, your grandmother can hardly wait to see the Greater Elf Pike!"

Liszt smiled, assisted Lady Penelope, and said to everyone, "Then please follow me. Pike, Fizz, Tam, and Eddie are all here."

Chapter 549 A Conversation with the Earl

Waves washed ashore as thick, transparent glass blocked the seawater, with elves soaking in it, snoring soundly. The visiting crowd stood behind the glass, chattering and admiring, offering their comments.

It was somewhat similar to the underwater glass passageways of an oceanarium.

"Look how beautiful that Greater Elf is, Pike, Pike, it's so plump, though it lacks wings," Lady Penelope said with a smiling face.

Li Vera followed, "Elves are the most beautiful creatures, they are like giant gemstones, even more beautiful than the gemstones themselves."

"They don't have wings but fins instead, is this the difference between sea elves and land elves?" Levis craned his neck, trying to get closer to the glass for a better look.

At that moment, Pike seemed to sense the commotion outside the glass from the soundproof room.

Groggily rubbing his eyes, he got up, turned around, and saw a big crowd peeping at him. He was immediately enraged and opened his mouth to curse, "Gurgle... Anje..."

With that opening of the mouth.

Rows of sharp teeth were revealed without reservation.

Lady Marie let out a scream on the spot, "Its... its teeth, how can they be so sharp?"

Liszt hushed Pike's unfriendly behavior inwardly, while smilingly explaining, "Rows of sharp teeth indeed don't look very nice, but they are wild Minor Elves, and probably having sharp teeth helps protect themselves better. After all, countless dangers hide in the ocean, where even we humans cannot maintain footing, let alone the elves."

"Never mind what its teeth look like, it's a Greater Elf, its value is what's most important," Lady Penelope cast a disdainful glance at Lady Marie, then pulling Liszt aside, said with a warm smile, "Grandmother has already seen these elves, and you have brought so much glory to our family."

Liszt modestly said, "I was merely fortunate with the knight's glory, I was just swimming in the sea when I came across them."

That was a joke.

Yet it made many people behind him grit their teeth in secret.

Only Loria laughed, "Because you are the Son of Glory, these elves appeared before you on their own to accept your contract."

"I think so too."

There was no need for a long visit with just a few elves.

A quarter of an hour later, everyone left the seashore castle under Liszt's leadership.

They then watched Liszt command the Rainbow Whale Rose with a whistle to frolic by the seaside for a while, showering praises like beautiful, magical, blessed with glory, and the like.

Before they knew it, it was already eleven o'clock, the sun was high in the sky, and the temperature began to heat up.

The group returned to their carriages, heading back to the castle.

The Greater Elf birth celebration had not invited too many guests, mainly just Liszt's own followers, and members of the Tulip Family—other nobles were followers of the Earl, and Liszt did not want to court them, now that he was a Sky Knight, soon to serve the Grand Duke over the Earl.

That was the implication, as Li Weiliang's title limited Liszt's prospects for advancement.

Even if he did not take the initiative to leave, the Earl would persuade him to do so.

In the second-floor drawing room, there was just the family and Goltai, the Honored Knight who lightened the atmosphere. The first floor was where the territory officers and knights chatted lively.

Lady Penelope sipped the excellent green tea Liszt had offered to entertain them.

The old lady seemed not to favor the green tea, barely taking a sip before putting it down.

She asked Liszt very seriously, "My young man, you now have your own Greater Elf. It's common for nobles to change their family name and establish a new household when they possess their own Greater Elf. Like Loria's grandfather's generation, the Golden Wheat Family split into the Golden Wheat Sheaf and Golden Wheat Grain families. Do you have any thoughts?"

Levis interjected directly, "You could change your surname to Giant Algae, the Giant Algae Family, sounds quite wonderful. My dear brother, in a blink of an eye, you could even start a new family."

"Giant Algae Family, Liszt Giant Algae, I also think it's not bad," Li Vera chimed in.

Even Lidun added, "If those Giant Algae are really tens of meters tall, starting the Giant Algae Family would indeed give off a commanding presence, brother."

Liszt just smiled.

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Then, in a subdued response, he said, "Grandmother, the day before yesterday, when Father was touring Black Horse Island, I discussed this matter with him." He glanced at the earl.

The earl also nodded at the right time, "Liszt has his own thoughts."

"I have no intention of changing my surname, nor do I have any immediate plans to start a new family. After all, I am still very young, and I want to establish a solid foundation first. Father said that the Grand Duke might have already sent someone to assess me. Perhaps in a couple of years, I will pledge my loyalty to the Grand Duke, and that will be the time to talk about surnames and family issues."

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He had indeed discussed this matter carefully with the earl.

Three days earlier, the earl had arrived by boat on Black Horse Island, and Liszt had accompanied him on a thorough tour, visiting various towns and even diving underwater to admire the Giant Algae Forest.

The father and son also had many heart-to-heart conversations.

After all, the earl knew he was no match for Liszt and had mentally started to treat him as an equal, especially after seeing the thriving development of the Black Horse Island Domain, the magic-driven Black Horse Kiln Factory and the glass workshop, the towering grey-white Mage Tower, and the exceptionally handsome Black Blood Treasured Horses...

All of this helped him gain a deeper understanding of his second son.

"I know there are secrets hidden within you; is there something you would like to tell me?" Standing on the pier of Giant Algae Town and watching the sampans ferrying giant algae in the distance, the earl asked with a hint of emotion.

The situation on Black Horse Island.

Any discerning person could see that many aspects were conspicuously unusual. Liszt did not attempt to hide much, and so, he wasn't surprised by the earl's question, "Indeed, I have some secrets, or perhaps luck, about me. Father, do you believe in the notion of the Son of Glory?"

"I do not. Knightly glory can favor a person, but effort is the key to earning glory."

As a seasoned Sword Saint, Li Weiliang had a keener insight and a better understanding of the essence of things than most humans who devoutly believed in knightly glory.

Liszt spoke the words he had prepared in advance, "When I first came to Fresh Flower Town, I accidentally ate a poisonous fruit in Thorn Ridge and almost died."

"That was my negligence; I overlooked you too much before."

"All that is in the past now. In fact, my misfortune turned into a blessing. Not only did I survive, but it also triggered changes in my body. My talents were fully revealed, and most importantly, my eyes can now sense magic power. So, as you have seen, I discovered many elves."

"Oh, is that so?" the earl said in surprise. He had considered various secrets Liszt might have, but never anticipated such a secret.

Liszt nodded.

He couldn't disclose the secret of the Smoke Mission; it was too far-reaching, especially being related to the Smoke Dragon. Nor could he reveal the secret of the Gemstone Space, which was likewise linked to the Formless Dragon. And Little Fire Dragon Leo was out of the question as well. Perhaps the earl would keep his secret and might even be willing to support his dragon riding.

But there was no guarantee that the earl could truly keep a secret.

If Lady Marie found out, and if it accidentally leaked...

There would surely be people who, for their own gain, would silently sell the secret of the fire dragon. By then, Liszt would be in big trouble—even though he was not afraid of someone showing up at his door, since he could always ride the Rainbow Whale Rose and roam the world at any time. But Black Horse Island would not be safe, and his years of effort would be wasted.

Therefore.

Choosing another secret to divert the earl's attention was the best method—he could not rely on the earl to forever ignore the manifold incongruities of Black Horse Island. Just like with the Magic Medicine Kelp, he could choose to hide news of the Greater Elf, but the continuous production of magic potions could not elude the notice of those who were paying attention, and the truth would eventually be exposed.

Better to steer the conversation proactively than to wait and react later.

Since the earl was planning to visit Black Horse Island for a tour, Liszt conveniently guided the discussion—in essence, he had intended to bring up the Dou Qi Secret Technique "The Eye of Magic," but in the end, he couldn't bear to do so and simply fabricated a tale about his eyes undergoing a mutation.

In the end.

The earl chose to accept this explanation, "This is a mutation others can only dream of having. Perhaps, I shouldn't dismiss the notion of the Son of Glory. The transformation you've undergone is itself a profound sign of the knightly glory... Liszt, you will create a family that surpasses the Tulip Family!"

"Father, I would prefer to help you ascend to the rank of marquis first, and afterward, I will work hard to strive for my own elevation to marquis," Liszt said with a smile.

This was not without an implication of "deal"—the earl would stop delving into his secrets, and he would help the earl compete for the title of marquis.

The more important reason, of course, was that Liszt didn't care for the surname "Giant Algae."

He was a man with a dragon in his blood, destined to ascend to the skies on dragonback. If he were to change his surname, it would be to one associated with dragons. Names like Smoke/Fate, Formless/Other Dimension, and Flame/Magma were powerful and commanding surnames. How could he possibly be content with a name derived from a Greater Elf?

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Chapter 550 Thorn Castle and Giant Algae City

The Earl stayed on Black Horse Island for half a day. Before leaving, he exchanged much information about the sea elves with Liszt.

Liszt did not choose to withhold information. For people nowadays, developing the sea was very difficult. Without mounts like the Rainbow Whale or a Sea Serpent sister like Ach, diving could only be done near the shore. However, it was almost impossible to discover Elf Bugs by diving near the shore.

Without the Eye of Magic, searching for Cordyceps with the naked eye was like finding a needle in the ocean.

In fact, according to the Earl's introduction, many Nobles were aware that there were elves in the sea, but few were willing to develop it—the technology, manpower, and resources required to farm in the sea, how much would that cost?

Moreover, most of the sea is populated by algae, which, apart from serving as feed for livestock, doesn't seem to have much value.

If there had not been Magic Medicine Kelp discovered in the Giant Algae Forest, just ordinary Giant Algae, it would not be worth the effort for Liszt to develop it so intensively.

The cost of cultivating Giant Algae was better spent putting more effort into farming on land.

But it was different with Magic Medicine Kelp. Spending a bit more to cultivate magic medicine in the sea still had huge benefits, especially since Magic Medicine Kelp had a large yield. Therefore, all things considered, apart from Liszt, it was hard to find a second person who could develop Elf Bugs in the sea.

He certainly was not afraid to exchange the technology.

All in all,

the Earl's tour around Black Horse Island probably wasn't very pleasant. Fast forward to the Greater Elf Birth Celebration three days later, his impression of Giant Algae Greater Elf Pike was similarly not so good. It wasn't that Pike's tooth ruined his entire face or that Pike lacked value.

It was the thought that he couldn't develop the sea elves and the near impossibility of finding a Giant Algae Elf like Pike that left him brooding with frustration.

Before setting foot on Black Horse Island, he had come with high spirits.

Indeed, Lady Marie was behind pushing him, and he himself truly hoped for a new source of Elf Bugs. Sadly, only his son reaped the benefits.

"Why can't I encounter a Magical Beast or Sea Monster mount!" he lamented, recalling how astounded he was when Liszt first told him of the magical spell of Rainbow Whale Rose—the Rainbow Breathing Membrane.

It allowed one to breathe underwater.

It completely made the sea as trivial to tread as land.

Envy blazed fiercely in the Earl's heart, but alas, the object of his envy was his own younger son, whom he could not directly vie with. Even if it weren't his offspring, it seemed he couldn't best Liszt now—between Loki, who flew in the sky, Ros, who swam in the water, and a host of Blizzard Beasts, one man was like an army.

Therefore, he could only wait patiently, leaning back in his chair, continuing to listen to Liszt's seemingly casual but actually bragging chat.

At that moment, the family was just discussing Liszt's new castle.

Only to hear Liszt say, "I plan to build a five-story castle because the terrain of Black Horse Island is flat without steep cliffs to serve as barriers, so I have to build it taller. Although the castle will feel somewhat empty with just me living in it, you are also welcome to vacation at my castle."

"Have you thought of a name for the castle?" Loria asked.

"Not yet."

"Let's call it Giant Algae Castle, just like Tulip Castle, both named after Greater Elves," Li Vera proposed.

Liszt smiled and disagreed, "Actually, I favor calling it Thorn Castle." He snapped his fingers, and immediately a "woo-ah" cry sounded throughout the Castle. In the next moment, Thorn Minor Elf Jela had flown over and landed on Liszt's shoulder, yawning.

He continued, "Pike is an elf of the sea. It doesn't like to reside in Castles, whereas Jela is my very first Minor Elf, and naming the Castle after it is more meaningful."

"Woo-ah!" Jela didn't understand what Liszt was saying, but that didn't stop it from echoing his words.

Out of all the Elves,

Jela was Liszt's favorite, despite its terrible temper.

This was his first Minor Elf, and he personally witnessed its indomitable spirit, its struggle to transform from an overlooked Thorn Bug during the Fat Pupa Stage into a Minor Elf who plants Magic Medicine. He still remembered the shock that struck his soul when he saw Jela's hand reaching out from under the gray, deteriorated skin of a Thorn Bug.

He had grown accustomed to Jela rudely flipping through his food at every banquet, eating a bit and throwing some away.

Jela wasn't the most precious among the Elves, but in his heart, it was the most special.

Lady Penelope glanced at Jela and pretended to sigh, "Oh, my poor Pike, it didn't even get a family surname, let alone a Castle named after it." She was somewhat unhappy that Liszt didn't change his surname and start a new family line to gain glory.

"Let's just call it Thorn Castle," Liszt didn't want to discuss it further. "However, after the port town develops into a city, I can name it Giant Algae City."

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The liveliness of the luncheon goes without saying, with a series of toasts and compliments under the knightly glory and dish after dish brought to the table——eating to one's heart's content and bringing the event to a joyous close.

After dining,

everyone also enjoyed a newly arranged stage play "Varcey Knight's Loyalty Song," with Avril Mask impressing everyone as the female lead.

Applause surged wave after wave.

Especially Lady Penelope, who really liked this new form of stage play: "It's so captivating, much more moving than those monotonous and dull comedies. This is an art form akin to piano music. I would like to stay here and watch their performances every day."

Liszt responded, "This is a play arranged by the Black Horse Island Drama Troupe. They are still training newcomers. Once the performance matures, I will have them perform on Coral Island, and you can enjoy their wonderful performances at home, along with a richer repertoire."

"That would be marvelous. I can't wait to see their performance on Coral Island," Lady Penelope said. She had her servant grab a handful of copper coins and scatter them onto the stage——this was the main income for slapstick plays, relying on the audience's tips.

But Liszt no longer planned to charge in this manner.

He chose to rent out houses to transform into theaters, build large stages indoors, and sell tickets to the public, taking a more high-end approach.

After "Varcey Knight's Loyalty Song," the Greater Elf birth celebration officially ended. Liszt personally saw the Carriage team off from the Castle. He knew that the name Pike would spread quickly to the entire Coral Island with the departure of the Carriages and even further to distant islands.

And his own name would once again enter noble society's conversation within the Grand Duchy, reminding those Nobles that there were indeed geniuses in this world.