

## The Mighty 791

### Chapter 791: Gemstones and Crystals

A large island, nearly as big as Coral Island, hung solitary above the vast sea, with none of the surrounding islands Liszt had been anticipating.

Not even the scattered islets were present, at most there were some coral reefs.

Of course, Liszt was not disappointed with this island. The Adventure Fleet had only sailed a few laps around the nearby sea and had not explored farther waters. There may be no islands within a hundred kilometers, but that did not mean there weren't any beyond that distance.

The island was not yet named.

He was inclined to name it "Flamelet Island," symbolizing it as the first small flame in the establishment of Flame Country, but then he thought that it would be a joke if there truly were no suitable archipelago nearby. Hence, he simply refrained from naming it and referred to it as New Island.

Accompanied by Ach aboard the Flame Number, they made a quick inspection of New Island and its surrounding waters and then hurriedly returned to Flame Territory.

...

New Island was here to stay, and neither Elf, Magic Potion, nor Magical Beast could escape.

However, there were many day-to-day affairs in the territory that needed his attention, leaving no time to waste on New Island, especially with the imminence of war. Liszt had much to prepare for.

Once war began, trade within the territory was bound to be impacted.

Plus, dealing with the post-war serf trade and similar matters had to be prepared for now to avoid being caught unprepared later.

And so,

time passed day by day, and before he knew it, it was the end of March.

The Sapphire Duke had officially set a date for the great naval battle. The Knight Order would assemble on April 4th in Bull Hoof City on Iron Hoof Island to rest for a day before commencing their attack on the various fleets of Eagle Kingdom, as well as the major ports where ships were harbored.

The fleets of Flame Territory organized quickly.

The Knight Orders from Iron Hoof City, Black Horse Island, and Fresh Flower, three divisions, began shipboard training—this naval war differed from a land charge, requiring Knights to fight aboard ships, where boarding combat would become the main tactic.

Marcus, who had previously served concurrently in the Thorn Knight Order, was appointed deputy leader of the Fresh Flower Knight Order, assisting Liszt with the training of the Knights.

As for Liszt himself, he had already set out with Ach to Dodo Island, and there was only one reason for this visit—the Light Green Gemstone Dragon had awakened.

Having a mind connection, Liszt knew of its awakening the moment it happened.

Upon reaching Dodo Island, the Light Green Gemstone Dragon that had been asleep for half a year was struggling to pace along the shore of the island. Even with the life-sustaining Magic Potions Liszt provided, it could not stop the drain of its energy. It was incredibly weak, barely able to fly.

With Flame Number anchored on the sandy beach, Liszt motioned for Ach to wait on the ship as he approached the Light Green Gemstone Dragon alone.

The Light Green Gemstone Dragon turned its head to look at Liszt, its dragon eyes bearing a complex human-like expression—despite the Mind Battle wiping the imprint of the First Dragon Knight, some memories are indelible. After all, it was an adult dragon who had lived for more than four centuries, with its own behaviors and personality.

“Roar!”

As Liszt drew near, the Light Green Gemstone Dragon let out a slight call.

This roar held no hostility. After all, they had ridden upon the Dragon Tooth Platform, and their minds merged as one. This was the first proper encounter between dragon and Dragon Knight. Many thoughts surfaced in the minds of both, some vaguely clashing, but in the end, all thoughts flickered out of consciousness.

Liszt took a deep breath and leaped onto the back of the Light Green Gemstone Dragon, then he comfortably seated himself on the Dragon Tooth Platform.

The Light Green Gemstone Dragon did not resist.

In an instant, the Dragon Knight Resonance was complete, and they entered Dragon Knight mode—with a total fusion of minds and limitless synchrony of thought. Liszt clearly felt the complex inner world of the Light Green Gemstone Dragon, and the dragon likewise sensed Liszt’s domineering inner self—in strict terms, it was still Liszt who dominated the shared mental space.

Dragons are no less intelligent than humans, and their mental strength is sufficiently powerful. Nonetheless, they tend to submit as mounts conquered by knights in the battle of minds.

“Light Green Gemstone Dragon, our minds are united as one. I can feel your weakness and understand your needs. No matter what has happened before, we are now one. I will feed you, accompany you, and explore this boundless and vast world together!”

“Roar!”

“You want Bone Burning Wine? You can have it!”

“Roar!”

“You want to eat Magic Potions and Jade, as well as Magical Beast Meat, you can have them!”

“Roar!”

“You desire an undisturbed Dragon Nest, you can have it!”

“Roar!”

“You refuse to unleash the power of bloodline infection because you’re severely injured now, you can have it that way!”

“Roar!”

“Rest assured, big guy, I can provide everything you want. But you also need to satisfy my needs—remember—fight, that’s what you need to do, battle side by side with me; produce, the Light Green Gemstone Mine, you are to infect them; train, we will train together to break the shackles of a Dragon Knight!”

“Roar!”

The Light Green Gemstone Dragon’s roar was full of excitement. A man and a dragon had thus reached an agreement, and Liszt quickly descended from the Dragon Tooth Platform. He then moved a large amount of supplies from the Flame Number, including a great deal of Magical Beast Meat, a small amount of Magic Potions and Auxiliary Medicine, as well as a batch of Bone Burning Wine brewed with Fresh Flower Brew.

Bone Burning Wine was a specialty of the Royal Family of the Eagle Kingdom. Liszt couldn’t get the recipe, but it was just about acceptable to concoct Bone Burning Wine from other spirits.

As for Jade.

He was temporarily unable to provide it because his territory didn't have a Jade Mine, and the small reserves of Jade he had were still needed for the Elves. Coral Island did have a Jade Mine, but the five-year harvesting period had not yet passed, so the Jade Mine did not belong to Liszt for the time being. Moreover, the yield from the Coral Island Jade Mine was too low to meet the needs of the Light Green Gemstone Dragon.

After the Dragon Slaying Battle, Liszt had asked the Sapphire Duke how the Sapphire Dragon produced gemstones.

The answer he received was that whether it be Dragon Blood, Dragon Scales, Dragon Breath, or even Dragon Dung, they could all ferment over time to form Crystal Mines, which then would foster a small amount of gemstones. To get a large-scale Gemstone Mine, however, either Dragon Blood must be used to spill over the land to form it,

or Jade must be used to prompt the Gemstone Dragon to form Jade Dragon Breath, thereby spouting this special Dragon Breath to combine with the earth, creating a Gemstone Mine. Coupled with the continuous emanation of Dragon Magic Power from the dragon's body, Crystals Mines would constantly congeal, with gemstones continuously forming within the Crystal Mines.

Therefore, raising a Gemstone Dragon is not an easy task.

But compared to the Gemstone Mines obtained, these expenses are not much to speak of.

Moreover, the most important thing about dragons is their combat power; a single dragon can shelter a Dragon Rearing Family's everlasting prosperity. Just like a truck driver who has to spend a considerable price to take care of the truck—fueling, maintenance, tolls, insurance, etc.—but a truck can also sustain a family's living necessities.

Compared to raising Elves, the cost of rearing dragons was enormous, but so were the returns.

“Eat up, recover your body quickly, and then I will send you to the new island, where you will live for a while. When I establish my own nation, I will build you a satisfactory Dragon Nest.”

“Roar!”

## Chapter 792: Green Ethan

“

The awakening of the Light Green Gem Dragon relieved Liszt from a burden that had been weighing on his heart. For the time being, he decided to let the Light Green Gem Dragon continue living on Dodo Island until it was strong enough to spread its wings and depart.

However, before leaving,

Liszt discussed a matter of some importance with the Light Green Gem Dragon, “Did you have a name before?”

“Roar!”

The Light Green Gem Dragon let out a nostalgic roar. It indeed had a name in the past, but as the initial Dragon Knight who accompanied it passed away, its name dissipated with him. No one dared to call it by that name thereafter, and with the passage of time, even the dragon itself almost forgot it had a name.

...

Seeing this, Liszt touched the scales of the Light Green Gem Dragon, “I have a Fire Dragon Leo, which you have seen.”

“Roar!” The Light Green Gem Dragon clearly disliked the young dragon that had defeated it, expressing that it would absolutely not coexist peacefully with Fire Dragon Leo.

Of course, this did not mean they would engage in combat upon meeting; they simply could not live together. If one rode on the Fire Dragon, they could not ride on it.

Liszt certainly had no objections to this point—he didn't have two backsides to ride on two dragons at the same time. Besides, the Fire Dragon was a battle-oriented dragon, while the Light Green Gem Dragon belonged more to a production nature.

“I will keep you and Leo separate. Your life will not be much different here than in the Eagle Kingdom... Nonetheless, you still need a name. Let's call you Ethan,” Liszt mused, recalling a green dragon in a game that had turned away from evil and was called, it seemed, Isendre.

Since it was light green and not deep green, he decided to shorten the name to Ethan.

His method of naming always depended on divergent thinking, or one might call it the association method.

Just as with Little Fire Dragon Leo being called Leo because in a game, there was a male Fire Dragon called Leo Reus and a female Fire Dragon called Leo Rea, and since dragons in this world are unisex, the Fire Dragon was simply named Leo.

“Roar!”

The Light Green Gem Dragon, or Ethan, was not completely satisfied with its name.

But it did not strongly resist the name “Ethan” either. During thought synchronization, it could understand Liszt's reasoning, knowing that a name was merely a code, unimportant in other respects.

A weak being with a beautiful name remains weak, while a powerful being remains noble regardless of a derogatory name.

“So, Ethan, take good care of yourself.”

“Roar!”

...

After bidding farewell to the Light Green Gem Dragon Ethan, April 4th swiftly approached, and two-thirds of the Knight Order of the Duchy of Sapphire had already assembled at the port of Bull Hoof City on Iron Hoof Island.

Liszt did not join the knights from the Flame Territory, but instead entrusted command authority to his father, the Marquis of Bull Tail.

He and Ach would act to suppress the battlefield, ensuring that no Dragon Knight from the Eagle Kingdom would partake in this battle and attack ordinary knights. However, the task of suppressing the battlefield could be left to Ach alone. Liszt planned to enter the fray himself to warm up, capturing knights in exchange for ransoms.

“So father, uncle, feel free to engage in the offense. I will monitor the war at sea closely and capture all knights who resist. Once the Eagle Kingdom’s naval fleet is wiped out, advance immediately to the coastal port cities and deliver a devastating blow to the Eagle Kingdom’s maritime forces,” he said.

Li Weiliam and Mesiro responded with smiles, reassured by Liszt’s status as a Dragon Knight to support them, they could already envision this maritime battle being as simple as reaping wheat.

Afterwards.

“

Crown Prince Anthony, who was serving as the overall commander, also came to pay his respects to Li Si Te (Liszt). After some casual conversation, they checked the naval battle plan for the last time.

On April 5th, at the break of dawn, the Sapphire fleet filed out from the Port of Bull Hoof City.

Setting sail toward the Azure Sea, they set out to prove that the Sea of Azure Waves still belonged to the Sapphire People, and not something that those of the Eagle Kingdom could lay their hands on.



Flame Number followed the Sapphire fleet at a leisurely pace, with no sailors aboard, only a few maids responsible for cleaning, as well as several cooks carefully trained by Mrs. Abbie. For the knights, this was a battle fought with utmost readiness, but for Li Si Te (Liszt), it was merely a picnic.

The Dragon Knights on the outskirts of the Eagle Kingdom were too busy with their own affairs to provide any support for the battle at sea, just as with every Pioneer Mandate issued each year, the Eagle Kingdom was always the one passively taking hits.

Finally prepared to make a big move to completely wipe out the Sapphire, they encountered the unexpected appearance of Li Si Te (Liszt).

“Brother.”

The voice of Ach brought Liszt, who had been admiring the blue sky and white clouds, back to reality—not that he had been idly watching the sky, but rather contemplating the fifth move of the “Fire Dragon Knight-Dragon Qi Secret Manual”. Now that Dragon Slash – Chop, Sky Burning – Sweep, Swallow Sun – Stab, and Sea-Boiling – Strangle had all been mastered, it was time to develop the next move.

However, the next move was full of myriad possibilities, and he hadn’t yet figured out where to begin.

He turned his head toward Ach, “What is it?”

Ach handed over a notebook, “After researching the cultivation path for the Light Magic Swordsman for Paris, Ach has summarized the basic training methods of the Dragon Magic Swordsman. However, it’s only an outline; the specific details still need Brother to personally nurture the Fire Paladin and verify the content.”

On the notebook’s cover was written—Outlines of the Dragon Magic Swordsman Cultivation System.

Flipping through it, the graceful Serpent Script laid out the clues of cultivation clearly line by line. It also included many drawings, such as human meridian charts and magic array rune constructions—after years of magic studies, Ach had become an expert in drafting. Without using a ruler, the drawings she made were as clear and distinct as a photograph.

Even after developing the Super Magic – Eye of Mana, she was able to create 3D drawings based on the vision of the Eye of Mana, qualifying her as a printer.

As Li Si Te (Liszt) looked through the Outlines of the Dragon Magic Swordsman Cultivation System, he pondered carefully for a moment before putting the book into his Space Ring, “Once the battle at sea is over, I’ll select a batch of qualified, young apprentice knights, and use this book to train them as Fire Paladins.”

After giving the book to Liszt and receiving a pat on her hair, Ach went back to her research in the cabin.

Now that the Magic Platform technology improvement has been handed over to Chris, the Eye of Mana project has been developed, and after helping to devise the training system for the Fire Paladin, she could finally set aside the tedious magic experiments and devote herself entirely to the elementalization and attribute switching.

Liszt continued to lie on the rocking chair, watching the clouds in the sky, thinking about how the fifth move of the Dragon Qi Manuscript should demonstrate its offensive power.

At the same time, he was constantly refining the first four moves.

He aimed to make the “Fire Dragon Knight-Dragon Qi’s Manual” a truly peerless divine technique, to control Little Fire Dragon Leo, invincible and unstoppable in battle.

Moreover, deep down, he felt he was onto something.

Perhaps only by cultivating to the Completion-term Dragon Knight solely on his own skills could he glimpse the path of cultivation beyond the Dragon Knight. Specifically, his studies of the Flame Dragon Bird and the Lightning Dragon Turtle made him aware that the fusion of soul with High Magic or even Superior Magic might be the cultivation method after the Dragon Knight phase.

The triangle theory of Magic Power, material and spirit seemed to suggest that a triune approach was necessary to reach higher pinnacles.

Legends spoke of an Elf King infinitely vast, incarnated as a forest in which even dragons lived; the Moon Empire purportedly had a magic array leading to the moon, and beyond Devil's Sea lay the ruined civilization of the Child of the Sun; there were tales of souls dwelling in the Exiled Lands, with Curtis Truth creating Phantom Ships in an attempt to traverse them...

The world was far larger than imagined, so how could a Dragon Knight possibly stand at the apex.

### Chapter 793: Three Water Blades

Flame Number was also carrying a big bird—Landwalker bird Loki.

In the battle at sea, Liszt did not intend to ride the Dragon to show off his might; doing so would be too ostentatious, like using a cleaver to kill a chicken.

So he simply brought Loki along, ready to ride it around to capture Sky Knights.

Loki was just an Intermediate Dragon Beast, with average flying speed, but it excelled in its powerful jumping ability, which allowed it to leap from one ship to another. This was especially useful in boarding battles, for capturing those Sky Knights trying to escape, with the only caution being to not get shot to death by arrows.

After all, Loki was just a slightly stronger Dragon Beast; its defensive strength was not great.

From the third day of departure, the Sapphire's fleet began encountering ships from the Eagle Kingdom, and without a doubt, these scattered fleets, even those sailing under the guise of trade, would be captured and taken prisoner. From the fourth day, they started encountering more ships, and on the fifth day, there were even more ship encounters.

...

Liszt did not take action in the first five days, as he did not encounter many Sky Knights, so he couldn't be bothered to compete for merit with the Knight Order of the Sapphire.

Until the sixth day.

The fleet had now reached the coastal waters of the Eagle Kingdom, and the resistance became increasingly fierce.

By this time, quite a few Sky Knights from the Eagle Kingdom were appearing on the ships, and upon seeing them, Liszt cheerfully rode Loki around. Whenever he saw an arrogant Knight, that is, one that was pressing down on the Sapphire Knights, he would steer Loki towards them.

Capture, throw them to the fleet of Flame Territory.

On the sixth, seventh, and eighth days, all near the coast, attacking ships, Liszt captured a total of five Sky Knights, but sadly the strongest was only a Sword Saint Earl—in the ships of the Eagle Kingdom that went out to sea, it was rare to equip powerful Sky Knights, especially Noble Landlords would seldom go to sea.

After all, the sea was still the battleground of the Sapphire people, and the Nobles would not easily put themselves in jeopardy.

However, starting from the ninth day, the Sapphire fleet reached the first explored seaport of the Eagle Kingdom—Shattered Stone City Port.

Shattered Stone City was a newly constructed town, built just over a decade ago, but it was a standard port city, surrounded by numerous shipyards. It was almost certain that it was built as a port city by the Eagle Kingdom after obtaining shipbuilding technology from the Bull Family.

Moreover, the location of Shattered Stone City was deliberately chosen to avoid areas that the Duchy of Sapphire often targeted in their Pioneer Mandates like Sardine Bay, Yellow Mud Coast, Roaring River Mouth, and Dense Corridor.

It was selected at a spot near a river known as Scalding River.

“Enemy attack!”

Beacon fires rose, and horns blasted loudly.

The Knights and Magicians of Shattered Stone City fought courageously, but the Knight Order dispatched by the Sapphire fleet poured in like a flood, bombarding the port city relentlessly.

“Charge!”

“Attack!”

“Crush the enemy!”

A cacophony of charge slogans merged, shaking the heavens and earth.

Liszt didn't target Shattered Stone City; he only said to Ach, “Ach, splash a bit of water and put out the beacon fire of Shattered Stone City.”

“Okay, brother.”

For an Archmage, this trivial matter was a piece of cake—a Water Tornado suddenly surged towards Shattered Stone City, dousing the beacon fire that hadn't produced much smoke yet.

Not even a wisp of smoke could rise.

“Glory of the Knight, be upon us!” The Knights of the Sapphire shouted in unison, their attacks growing fiercer. Everyone understood that this campaign had not only the protection of the Dragon Knight but also the protection of Archmages—this battle at sea was destined for victory and spoils, with no room for failure.

Liszt glanced at Shattered Stone City but did not join in the attack.

Instead, he focused his energy on the nearby shipyards of the port, no longer caring about his identity, personally leading the Knight Order from Flame Territory, Bull Tail Domain, and Red Crab Island, to plunder those shipyards that were building ships. Particularly, the

craftsmen building the ships, he did not spare a single one, and bound them all as prisoners to the ships.

A shipyard raid, on to the second.

The Knight Order guarding the shipyard wilted at the sight of Li Weiliam riding a Super Magical Beast, let alone expecting a Dragon Knight to personally carry out the robbery.

In just a moment.

Liszt had already plundered all ten shipyards in the vicinity, even those being raided by the Sapphire Knight Order; he rushed in, forcefully taking the craftsmen—those who knew how to build ships, Liszt took them all without leaving any for the Sapphire Duke.

To dominate the high seas, one cannot be without shipbuilders.

By the time the shipyards had all fallen, Shattered Stone City had not yet been conquered; this port city, half city and half castle, boasted an exceptionally strong defense.

“A bunch of trash!” Liszt, seeing this, disdained the common Knight Orders for wasting time, but had no intention of personally assaulting the city—after all, he still wanted some face.

What a pity.

He had no followers of significant strength.

Emily had not grown up yet, Paris had just made a breakthrough, Fox and Garcia were just common Sky Knights, and the vampires like Mary couldn't possibly siege.

“Ah, Ach, it's up to you to do it, just bring a few high-pressure water blades to Boulder City,” he sighed.

“Mm.” The innocence and purity of the Little Sea Monster had long been corrupted by Liszt, and except for him, she had little regard for other humans.

She raised her hand, connecting to the Magic Web.

Soon, a giant blade of water coalesced above the sea, and with a gentle swing, this Super Magic known as the “Chainsaw-style Super High Pressure Water Knife” blasted towards Shattered Stone City.

Boom!

One slash cut through a thick wall of Shattered Stone City, two meters of solid wall that crumbled like tofu before the force of Super Magic.

After one slash, Ach began to coalesce a second blade.

Three slashes in a row, Shattered Stone City collapsed with a thunderous roar, and the battlefield suddenly went quiet. The knights and magicians in the castle were stunned, the besieging Knight Order was also stunned, all unsure of what to feel. They had been fighting with fervor and exhilaration.

And then.

It suddenly ended.

However, aboard the nearby Flame Number, Ach simply asked calmly, “Brother, is this alright now?”

“It’s fine now.” Liszt looked at the destroyed Shattered Stone City, and couldn’t help but be internally shocked—common magicians were already weak, unable to even participate in warfare. But from the Archmage, one could still see the vestiges of the era when magicians ruled the world during the Moon Empire.

It must be said.

If the Magic Web had not weakened, knights, even with Dragon Knights, would not be able to contend with Archmages. Taking a city just required two or three Super Magic

attacks, it was like cutting through rotten wood. In the era when the Magic Web had not weakened, if magicians really could cast spells at will, there wouldn't be much left for knights to do.

But this era had ultimately abandoned the magicians, the Magic Web had shrunk, and common magicians were almost rendered useless.

What's more important is that for many years there had been no news of Archmages advancing in rank, and even if Ach had barely advanced relying on the Mermaid's Tear and the Nixie's talents, it still couldn't change the declining state of magicians. Of course, the transition of magicians to scholars, overseen by Liszt, was a good way forward.

"I am a knight, so... magicians might as well transition sooner and focus on being scholars; leave the task of ruling the world to the knights," he said.

Liszt stood with his hands clasped behind his back, watching the knights clean up the battlefield, revealing a slight smile.

The only Archmage was still Ach.

How wonderful!

#### Chapter 794: The Sea Battle Concludes

Shattered Stone City didn't delay much time.

With the Dragon Knight and the Archmage personally leading the looting, the speed was incredibly fast. Anthony dispatched a portion of the Knight Order to continue inland along the Scalding River, attempting to raid all the surrounding towns—every town around Shattered Stone City was essential to shipbuilding.

Liszt didn't participate in the remaining purges. He had his family's fleet loaded with shipbuilding craftsmen and a small number of knight captives, then swiftly set sail for the next port.



According to intelligence, the Eagle Kingdom had built three large port cities on the coast: Shattered Stone City, Zhenhai City, and Xiongfei City. The main shipyards were distributed around these three cities, but there were also many small port cities for mooring ships.

The first day, Shattered Stone City was cleansed.

The second day, they continued southward, cleansing the surrounding port cities.

...

The third day, Zhenhai City was cleansed.

The fourth day, they continued southward, cleansing the surrounding port cities.

The fifth day, it was Xiongfei City's turn to be cleansed.

Over the course of five days, the Sapphire fleet, under Liszt's protection, swept from the Scalding River all the way to the Savage Plains. Further south, although still within the Eagle Kingdom's sphere of influence, there was a vast expanse of uninhabited land, with no ports along the coast.

"So, father, how were our spoils from this maritime battle?" Liszt, mounted on the landwalker bird Loki, landed on the flagship of the Tulip Family.

Marquis of Bull Tail poured two glasses of Crescent Moon Wine, handed them to Liszt and Mesiro, and said, "We've basically captured all the shipbuilding craftsmen, more than ten thousand shipbuilders, mostly strong youths—we didn't find any elderly craftsmen... The Bull Family didn't show themselves, all the shipyards rose up in Alonso's name instead."

The shipbuilding industry of the Eagle Kingdom began with the Bull Family; this was incontrovertible, as only the Bull Family could have introduced shipbuilding techniques to the Eagle Kingdom.

Liszt had previously thought any elderly craftsmen would likely be from the Bull Family.

Yet here, most of the craftsmen were young adults who spoke the Wind Language and couldn't understand a word of Serpent Script, so there was no proof they had any ties to the Bull Family.

It seemed the Bull Family had vanished without a trace.

“Liszt, why are you so determined to search for the remnants of the Bull Family?” Mesiro, after taking a sip of the wine, asked. This ordinary Sky Knight had become increasingly bold of late.

In past Pioneer Mandate wars, his position was quite awkward; during combat, he had to rely on several Sword Saints from his family, lacking the clout to speak assertively. But now, all he had to do was sit on the ship and enjoy his wine—his followers would fight fiercely without any instruction.

This wasn't the prestige brought by Princess Angela, but that of his nephew, Liszt.

Liszt swirled the fine wine in his glass, “It's not so much about being determined. I just want to see if the grandson of Marquis of the Bull is indeed as talented as they say.”

Andre Sapphire, the grandson of Marquis of the Bull, became an Iron Knight and crafted Mithril Armor at the age of twelve. Advancing to Sky Knight would be as easy as drinking water for him, and if he joined the Dragon Knight candidacy program, he would certainly stand out. By now, he should be seventeen.

“No matter how talented, he could never surpass you,” Mesiro laughed loudly.

Marquis of Bull Tail joined in the laughter.

Liszt was but eighteen when he became a Dragon Knight, only nineteen now, and already working on establishing his own kingdom. Even if that Andre was exceptionally gifted, how could he compare with Liszt—and besides, the Bull Family had rebelled against their own Noble Landlord, a stain not easily wiped clean.

It's likely the Royal Family of the Eagle Kingdom wouldn't want such a person meddling with dragons.

Liszt also smiled.

With the help of the Smoke Mission, the talent he demonstrated was truly invincible.

“Father, Uncle, these shipbuilders are very important, I hope to take their families with us too, so in the coming period, I will need you to take extra care... You can tell these shipbuilders and their families that, once they get to my territory, they will be allotted houses and land, and after I establish my kingdom, they will all be made freemen.”

“You treat these serfs so well, I believe they will be very happy to follow you overseas.”

“Ensure that the ships transporting the serfs take good care of these shipbuilders and their families, it would be best if no one dies. Treat them as if they were captured knights, not serfs.” Liszt’s mood wasn’t very high, as he abducted the shipbuilders under the pretext of destroying the naval power of the Eagle Kingdom.

But essentially, it was still kidnapping serfs, doing the same dirty business as those mercenary corps.

For a noble Dragon Knight to be doing such things, he always felt a burning shame, so in the upcoming cleansing battles, he had no plans to show his face. Unless Nobles or Landlords participated in the battle, he would intervene to avoid excessive casualties and capture them—unfortunately, whether the news had leaked or not, he saw very few Sky Knights along the way.

Over the course of several days, he had only captured eleven Sky Knights, two of whom were Sword Saints, and among them, only four held the rank of Earl, the rest were Viscounts—They had hoped to achieve great deeds upon the high seas, while the local great landlords probably did not wish to risk danger.

After the failure of the Dragon-slaying battle, the great Nobles of the Eagle Kingdom realized that the seas were not a place for them to gallop across.

Only those small Nobles who had strength and ambition but lacked status were willing to take the risk of sailing in hopes of gaining illustrious military achievements.

...

The war continued, and Liszt remained comfortably aboard the Flame Number every day.

The arrangement for the shipbuilders' families was left to Li Weiliam and Mesiro. Among the few Sky Knights, seven had written letters ready to be given to their families at the end of the war to pay for their ransoms—ordinary Sky Knights needed one Little Minor Elf, and it had to be grains or Magic Potions; Sword Saints required two Little Minor Elves, also in grains or Magic Potions.

There were also four Sky Knights who, unable to pay or unwilling to pay the ransom, simply requested to follow Liszt directly, to mix with this Dragon Knight.

The behavior of these four Sky Knights was within expectations.

“You may follow me, but you need to prove your worth. Go and fight alongside my Knight Order, take the surrounding castles, and I will tally your military achievements,” Liszt said to these four Sky Knights, needing their sincerity.

Derec Iron Armor, Joyce Dandelion, Spark, and Fernal Ink.

Therefore, they personally participated in the sieges, confronting the Knight Order of the Eagle Kingdom as a gesture of defection, meaning from now on, they could no longer find footing in the Eagle Kingdom and had to follow Liszt to the bitter end.

He accepted their surrender, gave them time to gather their belongings, take their families, and board the large ships of the fleet.

Liszt continued to protect the Sapphire fleet, repeatedly cruising the coastal waters, sweeping the remaining ships of the Eagle Kingdom.

After one and a half months of conquest.

There were no signs of any Dragon Knights from the Eagle Kingdom participating in the war, leaving the Sapphire fleet free to completely sever the Eagle Kingdom's first foray into the seas.

Wuuu wuuu wuuu wuu!

The horn sounded, announcing the end of the battle at sea. The elated Sapphire Knights, having captured a large number of knight prisoners and craftsman serfs, began boarding the ships to leave the coast. Those ships of the Eagle Kingdom that could sail did so immediately; those that could not were scuttled at sea.

The crushing war thus came to an end.

## Chapter 795: The Capricious Dragon

On the return voyage.

Liszt was full of confidence. The battle at sea had ended successfully, the naval forces of the Eagle Kingdom were almost entirely destroyed, and the Sea of Azure Waves had once again become an inland sea of the Duchy of Sapphire, free for him to traverse without any hindrance.

Maritime trade would also be a lot safer.

Now, with the trade of glass, white paper, and sea salt from the Flame Territory gradually picking up, the lack of Eagle Kingdom ships at sea made it very convenient for him to conduct smuggling trade with Marquis Nuta—serfs were always the most anticipated trade goods for Liszt, and you could never have too many people.

Moreover, in this naval battle, nearly all of the Eagle Kingdom's shipbuilding craftsmen had been captured by him.

Tens of thousands of shipbuilders were sure to boost the shipbuilding industry of the Flame Territory, providing more ships for the territory in the near future. Along with the captured sailors and captains, he would be able to form a huge naval fleet in a short time, preparing to relocate his territory and explore new islands.

...

“Population is always the biggest constraint. In the future, more battles like the naval wars and Pioneer Mandates must be initiated. While the Eagle Kingdom is weak, I must bite off a few chunks of their fat. Otherwise, even if I occupy islands larger than the Duchy of Sapphire, I still won’t be able to develop.”

However, if thought about carefully, establishing a kingdom was just a way for Liszt to fulfill his own sense of self-worth and it wasn’t necessary for him to build his country to perfection.

As long as he could sustain the dragons.

After being excited for a moment, he summoned the Smoke Mission.

“Mission: With Ach’s constant care, the growing prosperity of the Mangrove Forest, and the generations of ducklings and flame birds, Mangrove Minor Elf Nami maintains a good mood every day. Let’s keep it that way. Reward: A Mangrove Greater Elf.”

The mission was still the same one from before and had not been completed.

Liszt was not too anxious about this, as it was about the evolution of a Greater Elf, and there was no rush. However, what concerned him was another matter.

“In the past, festivals and wars would produce missions with unknown rewards. Why hasn’t an unknown reward appeared this time?”

“Is it because Nami’s evolution mission hasn’t been completed, delaying the mission for an unknown reward, or is it because I have become a Dragon Knight and can lead wars, so I do not need to wait for the war to end?”

There was no way to know.

He could only wait for the next war to start and see if missions with unknown rewards would continue to appear.

...

He had thought that nothing would happen on the way back. Yet, Ach surprised him with a huge revelation. She controlled Water Tornadoes daily to propel the Flame Number, becoming extremely proficient in Water Magic, regularly practicing Super Magic to familiarize herself with its properties.

At last.

During the voyage today, inspiration struck her mind.

It brought her a huge epiphany, “Brother, Ach understands now. Ach knows how to change Water-Attribute Magic Power into Ice-Attribute Magic Power. It’s the movement of Magic Particles that brings the different attributes to light... And if Ach wants to switch the nature of Elemental Incarnation’s magic power, she needs to fundamentally change the movement of the particles.”

“Hmm, isn’t this the same as what I’ve told you before about the relationship between particle movement and the properties of magic?” Liszt remembered talking to her about the topic of particle movement.

And he had even directed Ach to start specific research to confirm the existence of Magic Particles.

Ach nodded and said, “Brother did mention it, but previously Ach thought that particle movement was just that—simple movement. This time, I considered the movement within the particles themselves. Hmm, to make a more vivid analogy, I used to think of particle movement like the revolution of planets, and now I see it as the rotation of planets.”

Revolution, rotation.

Upon hearing this, Liszt instantly realized, “So that’s how it is. Then, have you completed the switch to an ice-attribute elemental incarnation?”

“It’s almost done. Brother, please observe with your Eye of Magic.”

Ach stood at the bow, raising her left hand without any visible movement, but through the vision of the Eye of Magic, the pale blue water-attribute magic began to fade, turning paler and whiter until it was the color of snow. The switch in the nature of the magic power was evidently complete.

Soon, the property switch of the ice attribute was completed along her left arm.

The nature of the magic power underwent a transition at the elbow position, and the rest of her body still maintained water-attribute magic: “Brother, Ach’s elemental incarnation is still a bit strenuous, but I can already cast Ice System Magic!”

The magic power circulated.

The Magic Web unfolded.

The next moment, a water tornado rose, and as it reached the bow, the water tornado suddenly made a cracking noise, rapidly freezing over.

Crack!

The frozen icicle fell onto the bow, breaking into several pieces.

“Wonderful!” Liszt exclaimed loudly. “You’re indeed my good Ach. In terms of talent for magic, you’re stronger than any magician. I can imagine just how powerful you’ll be once you complete the nature change for all magical attributes.”

Ach revealed a slightly mischievous smile, “Hehe, can Ach defeat brother?”

“Hmm, don’t get cocky, little girl. I am a Fire Dragon Knight. My power will grow stronger and stronger in the future... However, I look forward to the day when both you and I break the constraints of Dragon Knights and Archmages and climb to a more powerful realm. The world is vast; we need to see more of it.”

“If brother wishes to see the world, Ach will go with you.”



“Of course, I’ll take you with me.”

...

The naval fleet was still sailing on the sea, but Liszt had already taken the Flame Number ahead to return to his territory—since Ach became an Archmage, sailing for him was just like traveling everywhere on high-speed rail.

Even during the great sea battle, he had Ach return to their territory multiple times to bring supplies to Dodo Island to take care of the Light Green Gemstone Dragon. This Light Green Gemstone Dragon, which had been asleep for half a year, had recuperated over a month and was now able to fly for short periods, recovering quite well.

However, another piece of news was not so cheerful.

The exploration ships led by Yevich Water Peanut, after scouting around the new island for several days, still did not discover a second island. It was almost certain to be a solitary island. It was not part of an archipelago, just a solitary island, so the developmental value of this once-hopeful island significantly diminished.

“Regardless, we’ll continue to search for archipelagos! I will dispatch several more Court Fast Sailing Ships to assist you in exploring the ocean, in hopes of finding suitable archipelagos soon,” he said.

Having said this, if the sailing distance exceeded five thousand kilometers, Liszt was prepared to abandon exploring further south and turn back to explore the waters northwest of the Duchy of Sapphire. That area was also an endless expanse of sea, and perhaps it hid archipelagos, albeit in a less convenient location.

By then, Liszt might not only have to contend with the Eagle Kingdom but also the Steel Ridge Kingdom.

“But who cares, I already have two dragons, and with an Archmage, even if it’s the Steel Ridge Kingdom, I’ll still take what I want without hesitation!”

Many dragons, much audacity!

## Chapter 796: Follower's Team

After the war came the tallying of profits and the assimilation of wartime gains. Tens of thousands of shipbuilders and their families, along with over a thousand knights and their families, were arranged to wait in Iron Hoof City.

Only after careful screening were these shipbuilders and knights relocated to Black Horse Island.

Liszt wasn't overly troubled by these tasks; he only needed to show up and receive the allegiance of the filtered knights.

The construction in the Flame Territory was thriving, and the search for overseas islands was conducted with utmost diligence.

May swiftly passed by a ten-day, and among the captured knights, two more swore their loyalty to Liszt, one of whom was Jian Sheng Bo Jue (Sword Saint Earl).

“Durt, do you truly intend to give up your earldom and titles in the Eagle Kingdom, and follow me?” Liszt asked the Sword Saint Earl—Durt Red Apricot—with surprise. Someone who had become an earl in the Eagle Kingdom could not possibly be without a foundation.

...

This willingness to abandon an earldom's lands required a courage not to be underestimated.

Since making his decision, Durt had been very calm, “Your Highness, indeed I have an earldom, and my family is very prosperous. However, my land is by the sea, originally awaiting success from Prince Alonso's plans to earn distinction at sea. But now the Eagle Kingdom's sea plans have failed, and my progress has been blocked.”

Liszt could not deny this.

Durt continued, “But Your Highness plans to establish a new country, where opportunities to earn distinction are everywhere. Moreover, with the strength of Your Highness and Her Excellency Archmage Acherloides, dominating the Sea of Azure Waves is just within reach... My defeat and capture may well be the guidance of a knight’s glory!”

Even in defeat and capture, he spoke of a knight’s glory.

Liszt wanted to laugh internally but didn’t actually do so; “Since you have made your decision, you may now pledge your loyalty to me... However, the ransom must still be paid, but I will reserve your earl title. You can form your own Knight Order and fight alongside me, claiming a place in the new country.”

“Thank you, Your Highness. Durt Red Apricot is willing to ride at your command!”

...

Originally, Liszt did not intend to retain the titles of noble landlords who surrendered to him. However, upon further thought, a new country once established would have countless deserted islands awaiting development.

Instead of exhausting himself over this, it was better to hand these troubles off to these devoted followers. By preserving their titles, he could encourage them to zealously plunder from the mainland for the development of the islands. In this way, he could focus solely on developing a few large islands.

The nobles who surrendered to him, for their own interests, would obviously have no more entanglements with the Eagle Kingdom.

Just like the nobles of the Duchy of Sapphire, they were still willing to stay and develop in Sapphire despite not being wealthy because poverty could be remedied by plundering. Especially the thrill of being able to plunder others without being plundered was addictively irresistible.

After several Pioneer Mandates and tasting the sweetness of success, Liszt now had one thing on his mind: plunder!

If the Eagle Kingdom dared to engage in a dragon-slaying battle, he was determined to plunder the Eagle Kingdom to the fullest, cleaving off several significant chunks of fat.

Thus, he publicized the news of Durt Red Apricot's surrender, causing three out of the remaining five hesitant Sky Knights to decide to surrender after some deliberation. Only two Sky Knights remained unwilling to surrender, preferring to pay a ransom and return to the Eagle Kingdom.

“

By now, their families should have delivered the ransom.

Liszt's mood was greatly uplifted after recruiting nine Sky Knight followers, and he generously granted titles in his territory—rewarding the elder followers with lands.

Yevich, the captain of the Adventure Fleet, was promoted from commoner to Viscount, effectively restoring him to his former official status, though his fief was yet to be decided. Liszt also promised that once he found a suitable archipelago for nation-building, Yevich would be directly promoted to Earl.

Garcia, the leader of the Iron Hoof City Knights, was promoted from commoner to Viscount, effectively restoring him to his former official status, but his fief was yet to be decided; Fox, the leader of the Black Horse Island Knights, was also promoted from commoner to Viscount, restored to his former official status, with his fief yet to be decided. These two former followers of Alonso Immortal Arrival had completely integrated into the Flame Territory.

Marcus, the advisor of Giant Algae City and leader of the Giant Algae Knights, was promoted from Honored Knight to Baron, but his fief was yet to be decided; Goltai, the advisor of Iron Hoof City, was promoted from Honored Knight to Baron, but his fief was yet to be decided; Charles, the chief of Black Horse Island's security, was promoted from Honored Knight to Baron, but his fief was yet to be decided.

In addition, Griffin Haystack and seven other former Honored Knights were all promoted to Baron, with their fiefs yet to be decided.

Furthermore, Paris, the captain of Black Horse Island's patrol, Administrative Officer Blair of Iron Hoof City, Administrative Officer Isaiah of Giant Algae City, Diplomat Zambrotta

of Black Horse Island, Marine Affairs Officer Kostor of Black Horse Island, and Iron Knight Alvin Eagle Sword, along with several other principal officials of the territory and mainstays of the Knight Order, were all directly promoted to Baron by Liszt.

A large number of mid-level officials and Earth Knights were also granted the title of Honored Knight, completing their transformation from commoners to nobles.

Although the promotions and ennoblements of many did not meet the requirements for military achievements, Liszt didn't care at all; these were all empty promises anyway. It was only when a suitable archipelago for nation-building was found that these promises would be fulfilled. If it wasn't found, they would hang onto a courtesy title for life.

Should they actually find it, like the surrendered Sky Knights, they could pick any deserted island at will.

Regardless of what the future might hold.

For now, the entire Flame Territory was abuzz, with knights and officials who had been promoted and ennobled feeling greatly inspired, praising Liszt's greatness. Officials were full of enthusiasm, knights pledged their loyalty, and the previously unsettled foundations of the rapidly expanding Flame Territory quickly solidified.

Everyone could feel the benefits of following the Dragon Knight—without even founding a nation yet, simply by going out on a raid, glory was spread.

In the future, when the nation is founded, how much more glory will there be to bestow!

Especially, the nine newly pledged Sky Knights, who had brushed off their resentment from captivity, began to eagerly anticipate Liszt's nation-building endeavors.

As a result,

Liszt Flame, the Marquis of Flames, now had two Earl followers, Anvil City Earl Nickel Bellows (Iron Knight) and Durt Red Apricot; eleven Viscount followers, along with more than thirty Barons and hundreds of Honored Knights. He swiftly constructed a simple hierarchy of Marquis followers, which would also serve as the foundational team for future nation-building.

Along with the team of followers from the Marquis of Bull Tail, the basic framework for nation-building was essentially completed.

In high spirits, Liszt gathered most of his followers at his Thorn Castle and feasted for several days. In such a lavish noble atmosphere, Ach gradually completed her ice elemental incarnation, and thanks to her care, the joyous Nami finally began to languish.

Languishing indicated that she was evolving.

“Mission completed, reward: one Mangrove Greater Elf.”

“

Chapter 797: Major Harvest for Elves

“Mission: May is the season of vigorous plant growth, and the crops on Black Horse Island are continually growing. As the Landlord, you have not fulfilled your duty of inspecting the territory for quite some time. Why not take a tour of the territory’s crops to check their growth? Reward: A large batch of Elf Bugs.”

As soon as Nami’s evolution mission had ended, a new mission brought Liszt a large number of Elves.

After several years of cultivation and fertilization, the crops on Black Horse Island far surpassed those of other islands in their lush growth, which in turn started increasing the birth rate of Elf Bugs.

This time, Liszt and Ach together activated the Eye of Magic and the Eye of Magic Power, meticulously surveying every part of the island’s land and ocean.

They found three Little Wheat Bugs, one Barley Bug, one Thorn Bug, one Pea Bug, one Rubber Bug, one Peanut Bug, one Mangrove Beetle, one Corn Bug, one Millet Bug, one Fragrant Coconut Bug, as well as two Giant Algae Bugs and two unknown Algae Elf Bugs.

He named them the Black Algae Beetle and Brown Algae Beetle and let Ach contract them all, as he himself no longer wanted to sign contracts with Elf Bugs, finding it bothersome.

...

A total of sixteen Elf Bugs represented the rewards for Black Horse Island's persistent three-plus years of scientific farming under Liszt's leadership—building lavatories, accumulating manure, constructing ditches, irrigating, cultivating quality breeds, meticulous farming, weeding, pruning, and ensuring adequate sunlight.

The Magic Guild has a special research team studying the relationship between scientific farming and the breeding of Elf Bugs, and they've reached preliminary conclusions with the help of big data.

The breeding of Elf Bugs is a probabilistic event, meaning it's related to genetic mutations.

It doesn't matter whether the plants grow well or poorly, but maintaining their vigor and health greatly protects the breeding of Elf Bugs. Perhaps a malnourished plant might miscarry an Elf Bug just after a mutation, but the healthy crops of Black Horse Island rarely suffer such a fate.

Therefore, scientific farming can indeed significantly increase the number of Elf Bugs—it's a powerful method.

At present, without having deciphered the secrets of Elf Bugs, this is the only method to promote their growth.

Source: , updated on NovGo.c0

“Mission accomplished, reward: a large batch of Elf Bugs.”

This batch of sixteen Elf Bugs, mostly in the breeding stage, was followed by another influx of Elves to Black Horse Island. Knights who had surrendered to Liszt brought their families to migrate here; two Sky Knights who did not wish to surrender paid a ransom and left Black Horse Island.

The ransom amounted to three Minor Elves, one Oat Minor Elf, one Peanut Minor Elf, and one Sword Minor Elf.

As for the eleven followers' Elves, they paid a total of twelve Minor Elves, of which Earl Durt Red Apricot contributed two—altogether there were two Millet Minor Elves, three Barley Minor Elves, one Orange Minor Elf, one Mango Minor Elf, one Magic Potion type Licorice Minor Elf, one Glutinous Rice Minor Elf, and one Apple Minor Elf.

They also unexpectedly acquired one Dragon Hollyhock Minor Elf and one Thorn Minor Elf.

Originally, two Sky Knights were to trade grain type Minor Elves, but Liszt's investigation revealed that they had contracted Dragon Hollyhock and Thorn Minor Elves. Without a doubt, he promptly obtained these two Minor Elves as ransom.

These Sky Knights were pitifully poor, not owning even a single Greater Elf.

Their remaining Minor Elves were put to work on Black Horse Island to help Liszt with farming, but Liszt would compensate them for their contributions according to the Elves' effort—in any case, during the transition period, it was arranged as such. With the dream of founding a kingdom to uphold, nobody would raise significant objections.

...

“Now the number of elves in my territory has suddenly surged, it's war that makes it easiest to acquire wealth. My trade businesses, in comparison to war gains, still fall short by a large margin. The key difference is that trade profits trickle in steadily over time, whereas the benefits of war come all at once.”

After tallying up his spoils from the Great Sea Battle, Liszt felt content and looked at the new Smoke Mission.

“Mission: After the war, the Sky Knights have nothing to do. Instead of sitting idle and consuming resources in the territory, why not find them something to do? The arrival of a large number of shipbuilders has spurred the development of shipbuilding on Black Horse Island. Please produce a standard three-masted sailing ship. Reward: The anomaly on Mind Island.”



Building three-masted sailing ships, giving the knights something to do—this is not difficult.

Liszt had already planned to do this. He had ordered ten Court Fast Sailing Ships from the Sapphire Family and was ready to organize another six Court Fast Sailing Ships, forming two Adventure Fleets to join the search for islands in the southern seas. He wasn't very satisfied with the progress of Yevich's Adventure Fleet.

He equipped the Adventure Fleets with the Calming Wind Pearl and the Water Calming Pearl, allowing them to roam the nearby seas at will, but the results of their explorations were quite limited.

Indeed, it wasn't fair to blame Yevich for his lack of effort. Given the limited speed of the fleet and the vast expanse of the sea, discovering islands was indeed very difficult.

“By adding two more Adventure Fleets to make a total of three fleets with nine Court Fast Sailing Ships, we should be able to greatly expand the extent of our sea explorations... If we can discover islands, we should do so quickly and start developing them as soon as possible. If we can't find anything, we must quickly move to a new region and explore the waters of the Steel Ridge Kingdom.”

Having finished his thoughts,

his gaze settled on the phrase “the anomaly on Mind Island.”

“It seems there still is an issue with Mind Island. The Light Green Gemstone Mine appears to be ready for extraction. It's time to start mining and uncover the real secrets inside Mind Island.” Liszt was a man of action and immediately decided to take action to investigate, prompted by the Smoke Mission.

The investigation team would be limited to just him and Ach.

The Flame Number whooshed across the sea's surface, arriving at Mind Island within a few hours. The island, stripped of all its Crystal Firmiana and washed over by Ach with seawater, was barren, with nothing on it. There were also no new saplings where the Mind Fruit Trees once grew.

“Ach, check for any anomalies on Mind Island.” After landing on the island, Liszt began his investigation immediately, but he wasn’t really expecting to find anything unusual—the Smoke Mission wasn’t completed yet, and it was likely that the anomaly on Mind Island had not occurred, so this was just a precaution.

Or perhaps they could detect an anomaly early, directly altering the mission and starting a new one.

Unfortunately, after a thorough inspection, no anomalies were found on Mind Island. However, a faint green layer of crystal had formed beneath the soil. Liszt excavated a section of the Crystal Mine and found a couple of fist-sized Light Green Gems sparsely distributed.

“So these are the Light Green Gems produced by the Light Green Gem Dragon Ethan, huh? It doesn’t seem to be very abundant; even if the entire island has become a Light Green Gemstone Mine, the gem reserves won’t be much... A pity for the essence blood leaked by the Light Green Gem Dragon at that time, but it’s hard to say, perhaps it’s because that Mind Fruit Tree absorbed too much.”

But soon, he discovered that the Magic Power within the Crystal Mine was still slowly flowing, as if it were nurturing new Light Green Gems.

“Does this mean that this Light Green Gemstone Mine hasn’t fully developed yet?”

“Never mind, let’s wait. No rush!”

Chapter 798: The Young Lady of Our Family is Growing Up (Second Update)

Returning from Mind Island with no success,

Liszt couldn’t wait to urge the construction of the shipyard on Black Horse Island. He was a man full of contradictions, sometimes leisurely dragging his feet, yet at other times, impatient for results.

However, the development of the shipbuilding industry couldn't be accelerated by mere urgency. Even with the guidance of the shipbuilders from the Sapphire Family, and the original shipwrights from the territory conducting research and trials, mastering the technology of the three-masted sailing ship was still not well within reach. As time passed, they kept accumulating knowledge and continually experimenting.

While silently waiting for the shipyard to build the three-masted sailing ships, Liszt immersed himself in refining the "Fire Dragon Knight-Dragon Dou Qi's Manual."

One day, when he was inspecting the smithy in the territory, he saw the blacksmiths rhythmically hammering the iron with both large and small hammers, shaping the red-hot iron. Suddenly, he was struck with a myriad of inspirations. Soon after, he created the fifth move based on the rhythm of the hammering—Earthshake.

From then on, the Dragon Dou Qi Manual consisted of five moves.

...

Dragon Slash – Chop, Sky Burning – Sweep, Swallow Sun – Stab, Sea-Boiling – Strangle, and Earthshake – Pound. When performed in conjunction with Little Fire Dragon Leo, the Fire Dragon Knight's strength surged tremendously.

Although he still didn't know the next stage of a Dragon Knight's training, at this current stage, his strength could continue to skyrocket. Judging by his experience riding both dragons, his combat power was roughly half that of a Completion Level Light Green Sapphire Dragon Knight. Once he became a Completion Level Fire Dragon Knight, his strength would surpass that of a Completion Level Light Green Sapphire Dragon Knight.

"To put it simply, a Completion Level Dragon Knight is equivalent to an Elite Earth Knight adept in combat skills. Since the 'magic potion' route is unclear, I can only enhance my strength by continuously refining my combat skills... After reaching mastery in soul, I fear I will only be able to bolster my strength by constantly honing the Dragon Dou Qi Manual,"

Liszt reflected.

But he soon came to terms with it, "Other Dragon Knights may waste their time at the Dragon Knight stage, but I may have a clue about the next stage of training. With the help

of the Smoke Mission and the effects of the Eye of Magic, finding the path to break through the limits of a Dragon Knight won't be difficult.”

With the Smoke Mission, an ability that seemed to be a touch of the Power of Destiny, Liszt had such effortless confidence.

Source: , updated on n0vG0.co

...

June arrived in the blink of an eye.

The Light Green Gemstone Dragon had recovered, ready to soar through the skies and display its majesty. Of course, its foundations were still weak, and it would take several years of nurturing to return to its peak condition.

Regardless,

Liszt left Little Fire Dragon Leo to sleep on Black Horse Island and headed for Dodo Island. He mounted Light Green Gem Dragon Ethan and began migrating southward—he planned to pull the Light Green Gemstone Dragon to an unexplored new island, which was the large island south of the First Chain Island.

Not only was that island lush with vegetation, it also housed many Magical Beasts, which would suffice to allow Ethan to roam—plus with Liszt's frequent support of Magic Potions and other resources, it was barely possible to sustain a dragon on a single island.

This was only a temporary solution.

Once he found an archipelago suitable for establishing a kingdom, Liszt would build a Dragon Nest for both Ethan and Leo, supporting these two dragons. Perhaps not just these two; it was also time for an old friend, the Formless Dragon, to arrive.

“The Formless Dragon visits once a year, and I've been thinking about it for quite a while. I'm not sure if it's been trapped by the Smoke Mission and is on its way... This time when

it arrives, I'll not only have some top-quality Smoked Grass and roasted beef ready for it but also a Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruit."

The value of a Space Gem far exceeded that of any other gemstone.

What was crucial was that he had three dragons by then, enough to establish a kingdom that spanned the sea. And once he annexed the Duchy of Sapphire, perfect!

As he was indulging in a vision of a wonderful future, Lucy hurried down from upstairs, "Your Highness, the Adventure Fleet has sent a message!"

"What's the message?"

"Captain Yevich sent a message; they have discovered new islands. They've explored three of them, all closely situated and large in size. The biggest is as large as Coral Island and the smallest is as big as Black Horse Island, with many coral reefs around,"

"Really!"

Liszt could no longer sit still, steadying his excited emotions, he went upstairs with Lucy.

Rose was tinkering with the Magic Platform, the compass making ticking sounds of magic reaction, while she took notes with one hand. With some time spent training, the twins, who had a decent magical gift, had become qualified operators and telegraphists, handling the Magic Platform rhythmically like a nightclub DJ.

"Your Highness!"

Upon seeing Liszt's arrival, Rose immediately put down her quill and bowed respectfully to Liszt.

"No need for formalities, focus on operating the Magic Platform. What is Yevich saying?" Lucille fetched a chair and Liszt sat down.

“Captain Yevich’s fleet has already set forth again. They are following the terrain of the islands and searching other sea areas in an effort to determine the number and size of the new islands as soon as possible.”

“Good, put me in contact with Yevich.”

The Magic Platform had entered its 3.0 era, with further improved functionality and significantly better communication quality.

Although it still wasn’t as convenient as natural conversation, it could now convey much more information like a chat. After half an hour of continuous communication, Liszt basically understood the location of the new archipelago: it was merely 400 kilometers away from the island where the Light Green Gem Dragon currently resided.

The location was to the southwest.

“The First Chain Island is 500 kilometers from the new island, and the new island is 400 kilometers from the New Archipelago. It’s quite exhilarating; this seems to be a true archipelago! The First Chain Island is just a remote corner of the continental shelf, but the New Archipelago is the true highlands of the shelf.”

He immediately ordered that Yevich’s fleet put all their effort into the search for the New Archipelago and that the other two Adventure Fleets set sail immediately toward the New Archipelago, to explore these potentially hope-filled New Islands together.

The Magic Platform communication ended.

Leaning back in his chair, Liszt leisurely savored a cup of green tea Mrs. Morson had brought him.

Lucy and Rose, the curious twins, asked, “Your Highness, if we have found the New Archipelago, does that mean we can establish our own country?”

“Of course.”

“Does Your Highness want to be a king?”

“That depends on the situation. Perhaps I will just advance to a Grand Duke, and then our country would be called the Grand Duchy of Flame; if I have more dragons, I might directly become a king, and then our country would be called the Flame Kingdom,” Liszt said with a smile, fond of the clever and adorable twins.

The two young girls were not only cute and talented but also had a very endearing personality.

In Liszt’s heart, he gradually felt like he was watching his own daughters grow up—he himself was over thirty in soul, and with the twins being not even ten, there was indeed a father-daughter age gap, as well as a brimming expectation to see them succeed.

The other day.

The twins had almost learned Common Magic and were about to become Magicians.

Chapter 799: Great Whirlpool at Sea

“Your Highness, can you take me and my sister with you when you and Teacher Ach go to explore the New Archipelago?” Ruth asked with her big, adorable eyes.

Lucy immediately scolded, “Ruth, do not make such impudent requests to His Highness!”

Although Ruth was somewhat bold, she didn’t dare to defy her sister and could only bow apologetically to Liszt, “I’m sorry, Your Highness, Ruth has been too reckless. I ask for your forgiveness.”

Liszt waved his hand dismissively, “Don’t be nervous, Lucy, Ruth, if your Teacher Ach doesn’t object, I don’t see any reason not to take you along.” Having two cute little lasses for company during the voyage could indeed be a delightful and interesting affair, especially since they could operate the Magic Platform.

Therefore, Ach, who was researching on Dragon Turtle Island the project “How Dragon Turtles Mutate into Lightning Dragon Turtles,” quickly agreed to the sisters’ request.

With Liszt's encouragement, he had already taken Lucy and Ruth on as his Magic Apprentices—a move to which their previous teacher, Chris Truth, had no objections. In fact, she envied the twins for being able to receive instruction from an Archmage at any time.

...

Of course.

In truth, Chris was overthinking it. Ach was only nominally the twins' teacher and had no real intention of teaching privately. She preferred conducting her own magic research, or assigning tasks to Magicians, rather than interacting with others, let alone teaching.

Having an Archmage teach Magic Apprentices was indeed overkill when just about any common Magician from the Magic Guild could handle the teaching.

“Thank you, Teacher, thank you, Your Highness,” the twins cheered excitedly.

Liszt nodded, “Pack your bags, we could leave at any moment.” His and Ach's voyage was always ready to go without any delay.

At this moment.

Source: , updated on NovGo.co

From a Jade Box hanging from the roof, came a somewhat weak cry from Nami, “Chirp.”

It flew out of the box and landed on Ach's palm, looking pitifully at her. It hadn't been out for work lately but stayed in the laboratory waiting for Ach's return, seeking care from its master. Its expression was listless, still struggling with the forces inhibiting its evolution.

Ach held Nami in her palm and smiled, “Don't worry, Nami, Ach will take you with us. We are off to explore the new world in the archipelago my brother has discovered.”

“Chirp,” Nami nuzzled Ach's fingers with its head and fell asleep contentedly.



One day later.

Liszt got his affairs in order, and Ach handed over her busy magic experiments one by one. Only then did they set off for the New Archipelago.

Boom!

The sound of rushing water!

“To the sea, we set sail!” the twins shouted joyfully from the bow of the ship.

Before coming to Black Horse Island, they were serf children from the countryside of the Eagle Kingdom and had never seen the sea in their lives.

After settling on Black Horse Island, taking a sailboat had become a common occurrence. They had long overcome their fear of the sea, except for swimming in it.

The Flame Number, loaded with supplies such as fruits, vegetables, and Magic Potions, cut through the waves along a structured sailing route, reaching speeds of up to five hundred kilometers per hour.

The New Archipelago is approximately four thousand kilometers away from Black Horse Island—if we calculate using Earth’s measurements, that’s roughly the distance from Bohai in the northernmost part of China to the South China Sea in the far south.

The average sailing speed of the Court fast sailing ships is about 10 knots, which is approximately 18 kilometers per hour; with a tailwind, they can sail up to four hundred kilometers in a day. It was relying on these Court fast sailing ships that the Sapphire Family was able to dominate the Sea of Azure Waves; however, there are many instances of sailing against the wind or without any wind on the sea, so at most two hundred kilometers can be covered in a day.

To go from Black Horse Island to the New Archipelago, even using a Court fast sailing ship, it would take twenty days to reach the destination, and if you were to use one of

those merchant ships with a sailing speed of 3 knots, it probably would take two months, provided the sailing goes smoothly.

However.

For Flame Number, there is no distinction between sailing against the wind, with the wind, or with no wind at all. Ach controlled the Water Tornado to propel itself, essentially “speeding” on the sea. Eight hours later, they had already arrived at the location recorded on the nautical chart, and then Liszt summoned Little Fire Dragon Leo, flying between the blue sky and white clouds, to search for the land.

The search went smoothly, and it only took fifteen minutes to find the island—this was also due to the ever-increasing accuracy of nautical charts.

Ach had been studying “Astrology” for a long time and, combined with telescope technology, developed a set of devices capable of measuring the angles between the sun or other celestial bodies and the sea level or ground level. He also wrote a book, “Methods of Measuring Celestial Positions with Light in Navigation,” to direct the application of the device.

Upon seeing this device, Liszt immediately claimed the naming right: “Let’s call it a sextant!” In fact, the device was a sextant from another world.

With a sextant, they could measure the ship’s bearings more accurately while sailing.

Essentially, it eliminated the possibility of getting lost at sea. The ships from the Flame Territory used the sextant during both day and night, and only on cloudy days would they rely on the nautical compass—a device similar to the compass, fixed in pointing towards a specific direction, not the north-south direction, but rather west by fifteen degrees to the north.

There was no theoretical explanation for why it pointed in that direction.

“Ach, head in the direction of 195 degrees, the island is right ahead!” After finding the island, Liszt immediately contacted Ach—As for the “195 degrees,” that was Liszt’s own invention. He divided the nautical compass coordinates into 360 degrees, clearly indicating every direction.

195 degrees is slightly south-west.

This invention stemmed from his experience playing the game “PlayerUnknown’s Battlegrounds” on Earth, which conveniently displayed directions in 360 degrees for notifying teammates of enemy locations.

However, before Flame Number could get closer to the island.

Lucy and Ruth started to shout loudly, “Your Highness, Teacher, the Magic Platform reports that Discovery has encountered an unidentified Great Whirlpool and is being swallowed by it, calling for our help!”

Ach immediately asked, “Coordinates, direction!”

As soon as the twins reported Discovery’s location, Flame Number immediately turned and rushed towards the sea area where Discovery was located. They maintained communication via the Magic Platform all the way, with Discovery still struggling incessantly, while Explorer and Opportunity were too far away to render assistance, they could only wait for Flame Number.

Unfortunately, when Ach continuously corrected the direction and finally arrived near that Great Whirlpool, the signal for Discovery had already disappeared from the Magic Platform.

“Your Highness, Teacher...” Lucy said sadly, “The Magic Platform signal for Discovery can’t be found.”

Liszt walked to the bow of Flame Number, his mood somewhat gloomy, but still he consoled himself, “Maritime adventures unavoidably face misfortunes. They are pioneers of nation-building, and the new nation will not forget their contributions.” His gaze lifted, looking toward the Great Whirlpool that seemed capable of swallowing both heaven and Earth.

With Ach controlling the Water Tornado, Flame Number slowly approached the Great Whirlpool.

This was a huge whirlpool without visible boundaries, so immense that not even the Water Calming Pearl could affect its operation. The surface of the whirlpool sloped towards a distant center point, dark and deep, making it nearly impossible to see how deep it went to the seabed.

## Chapter 800: Magic Power Lines

“Brother, the magic power of this whirlpool is very special,” Ach said while employing the Eye of Magic Power to carefully observe the Great Whirlpool.

Liszt also used the Eye of Magic to observe, and indeed, as Ach had said, this huge, mysterious, and almost stationary Great Whirlpool possessed a special magic structure.

Ordinary seawater doesn’t reveal much in terms of magic traces when viewed with the Eye of Magic, but the Great Whirlpool was filled with bluish-white light of the Water Attribute. Additionally, the closer one got to the center of the whirlpool, the brighter the Magic Radiance became; the blue light gradually being obscured by white light. What was most peculiar was that the light seemed to have layers of discontinuity.

It was a special optical phenomenon, as if a large number of broken crystals had been placed at the center of the whirlpool, disrupting the path of the light and leaving it utterly incoherent.

“What is the reason for this?”

“I don’t know.”

...

“Then let me ride a dragon to employ the Dragon Eye Trajectory and have a peek!” Liszt said immediately.

“Be careful, brother. The magic power of this Great Whirlpool is extraordinary. Ach can feel it. It is even difficult to control the seawater at the edge, let alone the center,” Ach warned.

“Don’t worry, I will observe from the sky and will not go near the sea surface.”

He called out for Leo.

Being frequently disturbed from his rest by Liszt, Leo was somewhat displeased: “Oh ho!” It had recently been frustrated due to the absence of the Dodo Island Volcano, limiting its strength growth, so naturally, it was in a bad mood.

“Cooperate well, and I’ll reward you with a Magic Potion upon return!”

Source: , updated on NovGO.c0

Mounting the Dragon Tooth Platform, Liszt quickly flew above the Great Whirlpool. As he employed the Dragon Eye Trajectory, the world took on a different kind of clear visual effect.

Every flow of seawater was filled with a dynamic beauty.

The lines of magic power were skillfully delineated back and forth, painting an extraordinary Great Whirlpool that resembled an intricately carved sculpture. Within the chaotic array of magical colors, a mysterious order faintly emerged. As he climbed higher, the Great Whirlpool shrank continuously, revealing its complete appearance to him.

It was an irregular-shaped oval whirlpool with its edges somewhat reminiscent of the Milky Way Galaxy, with spiraling extensions. The magic radiance of the extensions was somewhat brighter, but the brightest was at the vortex center, almost like a huge silver-white mini-sun.

However,

within the mini-sun, there were clear fractures—those were the breaks in the magic power.

“Very strange, what exactly is this structure? It seems like the fractures are arranged in a huge Magic Array?” Having communicated with Ach for years, Liszt was not unfamiliar with Magic Arrays. The more he observed, the more he was convinced that this was a huge

Magic Array, with the extensions and the center complementing each other, each fracture a component of the Magic Array.

Without realizing it, he took out a notebook and quill pen from his Space Ring and began to sketch the scene he saw, detail by detail.

A moment later,

the sketch was complete, capturing the major lines of the Magic Array in proportion.

Only then did he put away his pen and paper and descend toward the whirlpool's center to observe the central point up close. If he dispelled the Dragon Eye Trajectory and looked with the naked eye, it was a profound, pitch-black passageway, with the sea around the whirlpool sloping parabolically towards the center.

By the time he reached the center, the parabola was nearly a straight line.

Nonetheless, the water continued to spiral downwards forming a circular deep well with a diameter of about one kilometer, so deep the bottom couldn't be seen.

Once again employing the Dragon Eye Trajectory, the Whirlpool Deep Well was immediately covered in dense Magic Power, with the fractures distributed at the well's location, stacking, intersecting, and paralleling each other, appearing both complex and orderly. Liszt took out his paper and pen once more and depicted this structure.

The two drawings of magic power lines essentially captured the magical composition of the Great Whirlpool.

Taking a deep breath, Liszt controlled Leo to leave the center of the whirlpool. Without having clarified the situation, he dared not venture carelessly into the Whirlpool Deep Well.

Indeed, there was an urge to dive in and unravel the mystery, but the overpowering instinct to survive always governed Liszt, making him exercise caution in every respect.

Thud!

Jumping down from the bow of the Flame Number, Liszt handed two drawings to Ach, “Take a look at the magic structure of the Great Whirlpool. I feel like it’s a massive magic array... I don’t know if it’s a naturally formed magic array or one set up by some ancient archmage.”

Ach took the drawings and quickly became engrossed in them.

As time ticked by, she still didn’t lift her head, not even to find a seat. She took out a notebook, continuously copied the drawings, and modified the lines. From time to time, she would set down her pen, step out to observe the Great Whirlpool using her Eye of Magic Power, then return to continue with her revisions.

After a long while,

Ach said again, “Brother, Ach wants to look at the Great Whirlpool from the sky.”

“No problem.” Liszt called out Leo, promised ten Magic Potions as a reward, and successfully rode Leo into the sky with Ach above the Great Whirlpool.

“Brother, you conjure the Dragon Eye Trajectory and help Ach examine the details.”

“You say it, I’ll explain it for you.”

“What does the edge of the well at 65 degrees to the left look like, those two intersecting fracture lines?”

“Twisting and turning, with a notch in the middle, at the point where the light suddenly breaks. If you focus on this point and look up about a finger’s length, do you see it? There’s actually another notch hidden under the light.”

“Hmm, Ach understands now. What about the trajectory of the two parallel fracture lines on the well wall at the 72-degree direction, a finger’s length inward?”

One query, one explanation.

A full half hour was consumed, and the sun was setting in the west, with evening approaching.

It wasn't until then that Ach, still not completely satisfied, asked Liszt to take her back to the Flame Number, now far away from the Great Whirlpool. After eating some fruit, while Liszt was feasting happily with Lucy and Ruth, the twins, she continued to delve into the study of the massive magic array, whose origin was still unknown.

It had been confirmed to be a magic array, only the information encoded within the magic array had yet to be deciphered.

When it was night, Ach had Liszt take her up into the sky again to observe the magic structure of the Great Whirlpool in the darkness. Her Eye of Magic Power was indeed Super Magic, but its effectiveness was only about on par with Liszt's Eye of Magic and not very strong, certainly no match for the Dragon Eye Trajectory.

However, Liszt described in great detail what he saw, allowing Ach to refine her depiction of the magic array bit by bit.

By the middle of the night, as Liszt was teasing Nami, who wasn't very spirited, Ach finally lifted her head and said, "Brother, Ach has deciphered the Great Whirlpool. It's a naturally formed magic array—it's a Magic Teleportation Array!"

"A Magic Teleportation Array?"

Liszt couldn't help exclaiming.

The news was simply too explosive for him to remain indifferent, "Are you saying that this Great Whirlpool is the Magic Teleportation Array I've been searching for, or rather, that the Teleportation Array prevalent during the era of the Moon Empire truly exists?"

Ach nodded earnestly, "Mhmm!"

...



Meanwhile,

At an unknown location, several campfires were lit. Injured knights returned from the forest with a few game animals, handing them to the crippled individuals cooking porridge by the campfire.

Near another campfire, two magicians adorned in Magic Cloaks were fiddling with a compass-like device that had already cracked open.

The leading knight threw down his prey, walked over to the magicians, and spoke, “Lord Granney, is the Magic Platform fixed yet? We must make contact with His Highness as soon as possible!”

Granney responded loudly, “Not yet, I need a Crystal, if not an actual Crystal then a substitute!”