

The World 411

Chapter 411 - 411 Points Exchange, Bountiful Reward

Richard found himself back in Twilight City when he opened his eyes again.

He turned his head to look at his surroundings. The buildings destroyed in the dungeon had now returned to usual.

He resurrected the soldiers and residents who died in battle at the places where they died.

Outside Twilight City, the vast figure of the god's ancient tree swayed slowly, and a few heroes appeared beside it.

Many residents looked at their bodies curiously. When they didn't feel anything strange, they shouted excitedly.

"We're home! Praise the Twilight City!"

"I knew it, my Lord, you will lead us to victory!"

"Long live the Twilight City!!"

The excited crowd immediately made the environment noisy.

Richard's mood sparingly lifted when he heard the shouts.

He slowly raised his head and looked at the bright sky.

The thick clouds in the instance had disappeared. At this moment, the clear sky common in the desert appeared in sight.

In the past, he had always despised the scorching sun.

But at this moment, he felt a unique sense of happiness.

People would only feel precious when they lost something.

It had always been like this.

At this moment, the system notification quietly sounded.

[Ding~ Your final points are 3.75 million. You are ranked 26th. You have obtained an additional reward—4 stars treasure chest *1. You have obtained—468 gold points.]

[Ding~ The system deducted 1/10 of current points (375,000). Revive all troops and repair the territory.]

[Ding~ You have become the player who has survived the longest in endless survival mode. You have received an additional reward-fusion crystal (special)*3.]

[Fusion Crystal]

[Level: Special]

[Specialty: Able to merge two types of troops. After the merge, it will become a territory specialty. It can retain and reinforce the characteristics of the two troops.]

[After a successful fusion, you can spend rare resources to fuse all similar units in your territory.]

[Restriction: 1. Extremely high chance of failure when fusing soldiers from different camps.]

[2. The troops integrated must be of the same level and potential.]

[3. The fusion process is irreversible.]

[Introduction: An extremely precious treasure.]

Richard read it a few more times.

It was still okay at the beginning. Richard had exchanged so many top-tier treasures, but not being first on the ranking board was his sacrifice.

There were gains and losses.

However, to his surprise, the reward for the longest survival time was such a special treasure.

It could allow the two types of troops to merge while maintaining their own characteristics. After the merge, it would become a territory characteristic, and in the future, they could use rare resources to continue producing...

This made him think of countless wild and imaginative ideas.

For example... Could the Axe of the Dead be integrated with flying units to give it greater mobility?

He could feel that there was great potential in this.

After he regained his senses, he looked at the troops and residents still squeezed together in front of him and said slowly, "Gray, Gunter, you take the troops and leave."

"Continue to guard the city wall.

"Karu, inform all the residents to take a two-day break. Tell them to leave now.

“The high-intensity battle during this period had left everyone mentally exhausted.”

The heroes immediately supported their chests and agreed after they heard this.

After a while, the crowd in the city started to disperse.

Richard didn't give any more speeches, either. His mind focused on the harvest.

The dark divine blood, the crown of the King of Darkness, the fusion crystal that he had just obtained, the heart of stone and the heart of the sun he had brought into the sky arena, the dark crystal that could increase the potential of ordinary life forms, the 5-stars psionic gemstone that could strengthen the characteristics of troops...

The various gains made his hands go soft.

He was not in a hurry to check the rest.

First, he opened the points exchange interface.

Normal points—3.375 million, gold points—468.

It still cost more than three million points even after he exchanged so many treasures from the black-robed merchant.

The golden points he obtained were several times more than the points he obtained from the previous instance dungeon.

This made him feel great.

He opened the general points exchange interface.

But he was stunned after a glance.

There were only five treasures in front of him...

[Dragon slayer sword, 5-stars. Points required: 3 million]

[Dark shield, 5-stars. Points required points: 3 million]

[Skybreaker bow, 5-stars. Points required points: 3 million]

[Treasure chest, 4-stars. Points required: 300,000. Redeemable quantity:3]

[Treasure chest 3-stars. Points required: 50,000. Redeemable quantity:3]

“This instance dungeon doesn’t have a mall that we can choose from last time?”

Richard didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

He also wanted to exchange for a few powerful troop lairs to increase the battle power of Twilight City.

But now, he had nothing.

What was worse was that he could not see the specific attributes of the treasure he exchanged this time.

He was simply a hooligan.

It’s not the same as when he exchanged for treasures in the death arena fighting ring. It’s just the same...

Richard’s mouth twitched.

After he came back to his senses, he pondered for a moment and finally chose the dragon slayer sword.

The other two items were a shield and a longbow, which were not useful to the heroes in Twilight City.

If he changed to another sword, he wouldn’t have to worry about it being idle.

After he spent 3000,000 points, the dragon slayer sword appeared in his hands.

Richard held it up in front of his eyes.

The front part of the long sword was a cross hilt with a unique pattern on it that could greatly increase friction. One easily control it with one or two hands.

The slender sword was engraved with a ferocious fire-breathing dragon pattern. It gave off a fierce aura.

Not to mention other things, just the feel and shape alone could tell that it was extraordinary.

He opened the attribute panel.

[Dragon Slayer Sword]

[Level: 5-stars]

[Special Characteristics: 1. Dragon slayer, deals 300% additional damage to dragon-type creatures.]

[2. Giant killer deals 200% damage to blood twice the size of the user.]

[3. Sharpness. When using a long sword to cast a skill, it can increase the skill damage by 50%.]

[4. Unbreakable. Could recover automatically after wear and tear.]

[5. Sharpness: sharpness increased by 300%.]

[Description: An extremely sharp sword that can easily cut off the head of a giant dragon.]

Richard saw the attributes and immediately heaved a sigh of relief. Not bad, this was not a loss.

These five characteristics were worth 3 million points.

It was also time to change Xina's equipment.

The other party still used the 3-stars weapon that he had exchanged for in the previous dungeon-the broken steel longsword.

Although the broken steel longsword had a 20% instant-death effect. For Xina, the chance of triggering it was very small if the enemy was too strong. If the enemy was not strong enough, she could kill them directly.

This characteristic was somewhat useless.

This 5-stars longsword could enormously increase the battle power of that Beyond A-rank.

As for the dark valkyrie, Richard didn't consider her.

The long sword in her hand was specially made to perfectly display her battle power, so he didn't need to find any extra equipment for her to replace.

In a good mood, he placed the dragon slayer sword on the table. Then, he used his remaining points to exchange for a 4-stars treasure chest and a 3-stars treasure chest.

The remaining 20,000 points were used to exchange for 200 units of rare resources.

Not a single unit was left.

Richard took out the four-stars chest from the system space with the two chests in his hands. The reward for the twentieth place.

The three treasure chests lined up and opened one by one.

The 3-stars treasure chest gave him a resource treasure that he was familiar with—Russian olive, 100 acres.

It was not a loss.

The two 4-stars treasure chests gave him a treasure that surprised him.

Thorn fruit forest, 300 acres.

Including the three 4-stars thorn fruit trees he had obtained from the gladiator arena, he now had five pieces.

In total, it was 1500 acres.

“Resources and treasures are the specialties of this dungeon, right?”

Although he was surprised that the 4-stars treasure chests all gave the same type of treasure, he was not disappointed.

Making wine was part of his plan for the future of Twilight City, and the thorn fruit was suitable for making spirits.

It was not a loss.

After he stored a few resources and treasures in the system space, he turned his attention to the golden points.

Five treasures on the golden points exchange panel were unexpected. They were not equipment, but all remarkable items.

[Enhanced Crystal]

[Level: 5-stars, could upgrade one skill to Beyond A-rank (only for heroes), Golden points required: 150 points. Exchangeable amount: 3]

[Spirit Gem]

[Level: 5-stars]

[Could enhance a characteristic of an enhanced troop type. Gold points required: 100 points. Exchangeable amount: 3]

[Dark Crystals]

[Five thousand pieces]

[Level: Special, could increase the potential of life. Golden points required: 100 points. Exchangeable amount: 15,000 pills]

[Treasure chest, 4-stars. Gold points required: 30 points]

[Treasure chest, 3-stars. Gold points required: 10 points]

He had both the spirit gem and the dark crystal, but Richard was not interested in them at all.

Only the enhanced crystal made his eyes light up.

To upgrade a skill to Beyond A-rank... It was a priceless treasure!

He was distinct on how powerful a Beyond A-rank was.

Even if used on ordinary C-rank and D-rank heroes, it could make them a top-notch existence.

Richard was excited the most at... He didn't need to use the enhanced crystal on a battle hero.

It could strengthen lifestyle heroes.

It could enhance the heroes of the wine-making, food workshop, tailor, blacksmith, and even alchemy...

For example, if he could upgrade a hero's research and development skill to Beyond A-rank, wouldn't that allow him to develop an area rapidly?

And this time, he could not only exchange for one. But three!

If he could raise the skills of the three life-type heroes to Beyond A-rank... Just thinking about that scene made him excited.

Richard couldn't help but smile.

He used 450 points to exchange for 3 strengthening crystals without hesitation.

Only 18 gold points remained after he obtained the treasure.

When he saw this, he did not hesitate and exchanged ten golden points for a 3-stars treasure chest. He used the remaining 8 points to exchange for 800 units of sulfur.

Then, he opened the 3-stars treasure chest he had just exchanged and obtained a new resource treasure—watermelon land. It was a 3-stars watermelon land that covered 100 acres.

Richard, who didn't have much hope, was overjoyed.

He swore that this was the most satisfying treasure of the day. There was no other.

Even a glorious treasure could not make him feel so good.

To enjoy two iced watermelons in the hot desert during summer was promising.

Chapter 412 - 412 An Inventory of Treasures, Unprecedented Harvest

In a good mood, Richard put the resources and treasures into the system space.

Although he didn't have as many options as last time, he was still quite satisfied.

However, a moment later, he thought of all the resources and treasures he had yet to find a place to store. And his brows furrowed.

It has restored the agricultural area destroyed in the instance dungeon.

However, with this destruction, they could no longer use the initial agricultural development plan.

Richard would have to place his resources and treasures there if he couldn't find a place where the outside world wouldn't disturb him.

The final result would draw with a wicker basket... Twilight City couldn't guarantee that it would be free from attack.

After a few days, I'll find some time to visit Solan City and see if there are any solutions.

Richard nodded and didn't dwell on this matter.

He slapped his forehead as if he'd just remembered something. He took out the glorious equipment from the system storage—the crown of the King of Darkness.

He looked at the treasure in his hand. His face reddened.

In the instance dungeon, the battle had been too intense, so he forgot to wear it...

The crown was lighter than he had imagined.

Upon closer inspection, one could see that the crown was mainly black with red rubies as embellishments.

The style was simple and grand. And the magic that flew on it made it look extraordinary.

Richard nodded in satisfaction. He wore the crown on his head.

In that instant, the black cape behind him fluttered despite the lack of wind. It emitted dim light.

At the same time, the crown also emitted light and echoed with it.

The two dark energies slowly fused.

At this moment, he could hear the sound of broken glass.

Richard could feel that something broke the invisible seal.

He opened the attribute panel with strapping anticipation.

He immediately discovered the two skills previously sealed—[Lord of Darkness] and [King of Darkness]. It has activated the Lord of Darkness.

He immediately looked at the skill attributes.

When in a dark environment, the user can control the darkness within a 300-meter radius around the user. The user can materialize the King of Darkness. (To be activated)

This skill... Richard raised an eyebrow.

It seemed to have a similar effect as controlling the yellow sand.

Although it didn't have any additional damage, it was not weak.

Then, he thought of something and looked at the King of Darkness cape.

This cape had a unique skill—Darkness Descent.

With the user as the center, a radius of 500 meters will plunge into absolute darkness.

It will compress the enemy's vision and perception to a 10-meter radius. The user can control the power of darkness and teleport without limit.

These two skills were compatible.

He couldn't help but feel satisfied when he saw this.

As expected of a set.

He had to find a chance to test these two skills and see if they were as powerful as he thought.

He glanced from the corner of his eye at the skill still sealed—King of Darkness.

He wondered how powerful this skill would be after he unsealed it.

The future promised.

After Richard checked the attributes of the two pieces of equipment a few times, he finally restrained his joy.

After he thought for a moment, he took out all the items he obtained from this instance dungeon and arranged them on the long table.

He even took off the two pieces of King of Darkness equipment he wore.

He looked at the dazzling equipment in front of him. He was highly excited.

For him, this instance dungeon was a huge profit!

He could not suppress the excitement after he took a few deep breaths.

He counted from left to right.

[The first harvest was what he thought was the most vital and precious treasure...]

The seed of the world tree.

The name alone was enough to explain everything, although it had shriveled and had yet to recover its vitality.

The only pity was that this thing was the same as the dimension stone he had obtained in the last instance dungeon. It was too high level. He still didn't know how to use it.

However, this was okay. As the level and strength increased, the plane stones and the seed of the world tree would come in handy.

[The second harvest was the dark valkyrie.]

The boss he conquered with the dark contract had already shown his strength in the battle.

Without the seed of the world tree, the biggest gain this time would undoubtedly be this overbearing and unparalleled existence.

It was so comfortable.

[The third harvest—two of the three pieces of the King of Darkness set.]

The attributes of these two pieces of glorious equipment were not of little value. They were compatible. And each skill was supremely soul-strapping.

Moreover, if he could collect all three of them in the future, he could even turn them into demigod weapons.

It could describe its value as priceless.

[The fourth harvest—the mission reward for the longest survival time—fusion gemstone.]

It could fuse two types of troops, And after the fusion, it could also obtain additional strengthening while it retains its characteristics.

It was a treasure to Twilight City.

He thought about it. If he could merge the Axe of the Dead with the troop type and let this destructive weapon have the ability to fly. Wouldn't that be a wave of soaring?

After the unit types merged, it would become a territory specialty and could produce incessantly.

He could only describe it as perfect.

[The fifth reward—dark crystal and a 5-stars psionic gem.]

The dark crystal could increase the life potential of a troop type. In contrast, the spirit gemstone could increase the characteristics of a troop type and strengthen one's strength.

They were all rare treasures.

It was of great significance to Twilight City.

[The sixth harvest—the heart of lava and the heart of the sun.]

Both were treasures that Richard had obtained without paying any price during the battle of the furnace.

The heart of lava could transform the Fire Elemental Lord Klose into a transcendent, but it would also give him a powerful trump card.

If the relationship between the two sides was closer, they could even engage in in-depth trade with Twilight City and obtain enormous benefits.

As for the heart of the sun, it would allow him to obtain an A-rank fire-type hero.

[The seventh harvest—the title King of Gladiator.]

[The eighth harvest—tons of resources and treasures, 3-stars: Russian olive forest, watermelon field, fish pond, 4-stars: Thorn fruit forest X5]

Agriculture was the foundation of everything to have stability. And without work, there would be no wealth.

In his vision for the future, this had heavy responsibilities.

[The ninth harvest—the enhanced crystal and the dragon slayer sword. Both of which were treasures exchanged with points. The enhanced crystal could strengthen the skills of a troop type Beyond A-rank.

It was too cool, and it had a wide range of uses.

If used well, it would be a pure profit. And it would not even be arduous to take off.

The dragon slayer sword was just suitable for Xina to use.

[The tenth harvest–dark divine blood.] It was a glorious-level treasure that could transform the god's ancient tree and activate the power of the divine sins in the body.

It cost him a total of 8 million points.

11th, 5-star Treasure, sandstorm, exchanged for 500 points.

It can form a sandstorm in an area. And the wind can control it–attribute heroes.

Its effect was similar to that of the land of quicksand.

If he could obtain a few more similar treasures, he could completely seal off the surroundings of Twilight City.

In the future, if the enemy wanted to attack, they would first have to face natural disasters at the outermost perimeter.

Richard was delighted with the results.

Twilight City would take off if they could run this dungeon a few more times.

Now, the most important thing was to consume these spoils of war and convert them into actual battle power for Twilight City.

The dark divine blood wanted to transform the god's ancient tree, merge the crystals, and synthesize troops.

The dark crystals that could increase one's life potential would be selected for suitable troops or residents and trained into hero units.

The strength of Twilight City would increase as they digested the spoils of war.

As he thought about it, he put all the dazzling treasures on the table into the system space.

The King of Darkness 'crown and the cape remained.

He put on his cape and crown again.

In an instant, an indescribable temperament emerged.

A charming aura filled his face, coupled with his handsomeness.

The two of King of Darkness equipment both had a skill—King's Wind.

It was an arduous overlap. But an additional upgrade.

The change in temperament was the most moving.

Richard's maid went upstairs to call Xina down after he got dressed.

'Weng! Weng!'

They could hear the sound of the stairs. Xina changed into loose clothes and planned to rest in the Lord's mansion.

When she saw Richard, her eyes lit up like the stars in the sky.

Her breathing accelerated uncontrollably. And her heart beat wildly.

Her face was flushed red, like a cooked shrimp.

"L-Lord Richard..."

Her voice trembled unnaturally.

Richard didn't mind the details. He handed the dragon slayer sword to the lady.

"Dragon slayer sword, 5-stars treasure. It is your reward for your contribution to Twilight City.

"I'm highly delighted with your effort."

When Xina heard, her face turned even redder.

The fearless warrior didn't even dare to look Richard in the eye. She took it, thanked him with a trembling voice, and then ran upstairs.

Richard didn't know whether to laugh or cry as he watched the women leave.

Was there a need to...

He touched the cape on his back. This thing was simply a divine tool for picking up girls.

He didn't think much about it and left the Lord's mansion, heading straight for the land of quicksand.

It had to hand the dark divine blood over to the god's ancient tree.

This boss would bring about an unprecedented transformation.

He could not wait to see the scene where this invincible existence would activate the god's power in its body.

Chapter 413 - 413 Connect to the Dark Plane, Army Fusion [1/2]

The first thing Richard saw when he arrived at the quicksand was the god's ancient tree body which emanated endless dark energy.

No one could ignore this supremely terrifying existence.

It stood there like a mountain that would never fall.

This boss, who had devoured an uncountable amount of dark energy now emitted a faint light that darkened the bright sky.

Richard could sense the other party's soul-stirring aura from a great distance.

Extreme evil life.

When he got closer, he could see a savage horde of venomous wasps that flew around the bare tree trunk. They could hear the buzzing sound of their wings that flapped.

This boss would be invincible if he waited for the god's ancient tree to breed another 5,000 treants.

Richard only realized the god's ancient tree had grown by five or six meters after he was a hundred meters away from it. Its trunk had also grown thicker.

If this continued, it could even grow into a giant tree that was a hundred meters tall in the future.

"Lord..."

Because the twisted human-faced tree sensed the familiar aura, it slowly appeared on the gray tree trunk.

Richard didn't waste any time after he landed on the sand. He took out the dark divine blood from the wooden box.

The god's ancient tree became excited before it could speak.

"Lord, my soul is trembling..."

"The treasure in your hands will be of great benefit to me."

Richard chuckled.

"This was a mythical item exchanged for 8 million points. How could it not be good?"

“It can transform your soul and activate the power of the divine sin in your body—dark divine blood.

“I paid an enormous price to obtain it.”

As Richard spoke, he handed over the dark divine blood.

“Thank you for your gift, great lord!”

The tone of the god’s ancient tree revealed a rare excitement.

The voice fell.

‘Hualala!’

A root slowly rose from the sandy ground. It wrapped around the box that contained the dark divine blood like a snail’s tail and then retracted back into the land.

After a while, the boss’s aura began to rise.

But just as Richard thought the god’s ancient tree would transform in one go, it began to calm down.

He raised his eyebrows and looked at it in confusion.

“Treebeard, what happened?”

The god’s ancient tree said hesitantly.

“Lord... My instincts tell me it’s not the time to consume this drop of dark divine blood yet.”

“Not time yet?”

It stunned Richard for a moment before he opened up the man’s attributes panel.

The status bar on it made him frown.

[Status: Transformation in progress (Degree of transformation: 80%)]

He carefully thought about what the black-robed merchant said when he recommended him the dark divine blood.

The god’s ancient tree could devour the dark energy to transform, but this transformation was not perfect.

After it had absorbed enough dark energy, it could use the dark divine blood energy to activate the abomination’s power in its body at the final step...

Richard finally understood.

In other words, the transformation progress of the god's ancient tree had to reach the maximum value to use the dark divine blood to achieve the desired effect.

When he thought of this, his expression turned ugly.

Back then, he was most worried that the god's ancient tree would not have completed its transformation when he left the instance dungeon.

He had bought the dark divine blood for this, and now he could only use it when maxed out...

Sure enough, Murphy's Law was true. Whatever you are most worried about will happen.

Richard rubbed his forehead. Where was he going to find the special dark energy for the god's ancient tree to consume after he left the pocket dimension?

After a moment of thought, he narrowed his eyes.

He turned to look at the god's ancient tree and asked with some anticipation.

"Can you still sense the seed left in the dark plane?"

The ancient tree of divine sin immediately responded.

master, I can sense it, but the connection isn't as strong as it was in that plane ...

Richard let out a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, there was still hope.

However, a new problem arose. How was Richard going to open that plane?

While he hesitated, he seemed to have thought of something, and his eyes lit up.

He glanced around and looked at the sand around him. The power of yellow sand surged out of his body.

They could hear a rustle.

Not far away, the quicksand began to move. After a few breaths, more than a dozen sandworms 20 meters long broke out of the ground and appeared in the air.

After more than a month of growth, the young sandworm's skin had aged.

The giant mouth of a flower petal that bloomed possessed a soul-strapping destructive power.

In this battle, these “little fellows” still larvae had secretly killed quite several void monsters.

But what caught Richard’s attention the most was the golden glow of the void sandworm, a top-tier creature with countless mysterious patterns on its body.

Ordinary sandworms fed on meat and sand, but the void sandworm didn’t need any food. It could directly devour the power of the void to grow.

In the previous dungeon, the president of the Scarlet Council, the boss who rubbed the plane with its bare hands, had praised him. He was only a newborn at level 14.

Its power was self-evident.

However, what caught his attention the most was the characteristic of void life—the ability to travel freely in the void outside the primary plane.

It was a small matter to connect the two planes with this characteristic.

The president of the Scarlet Council had told him a lot about the void sandworm.

The only thing that made him hesitate was that although the void sandworm was already more than 20 meters long, it was still a larva.

He wondered if he could control the power to pierce through the void.

Richard thought for a moment, then summoned the giant void sandworm.

The “little fellow” immediately made a wuwu sound when it sensed his aura and even wanted to rub its head against him.

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They were supremely intimate.

Richard had bound their souls to them before the eggs hatched.

The sandworms could sense Richard was just like their father after hatching.

Richard didn't care. He just needed them to follow his orders.

He slowly reached out his right hand and pressed it on the void sandworm's closed mouth.

It released his spiritual energy at the same time.

It connected to the other party's soul.

The void sandworm's consciousness was still very young and could not communicate normally.

It took Richard a long time to find a way to communicate with the man.

He could transmit his thoughts to the other party's soul through his spiritual energy.

As it was an interaction of spiritual energy, the other party could understand it directly.

Even so, it still took him a long time to understand it.

In the end, the void sandworm replied happily, like a child who had found a toy.

Richard didn't waste any more time. He had the god's ancient tree share its link with the seed to the void sandworm.

The void sandworm was still a little afraid of the god's ancient tree that often disciplined it.

He allowed the other party's spiritual power to seep into its mind.

After some communication, the void sandworm's body suddenly glowed with a golden light.

It was like a light with a switch.

The surrounding space rippled like water in the golden light.

It was as if an ordinary person could shatter space with a wave.

After the fluctuation reached a certain limit.

'Crack!'

A crisp explosion sounded.

The space that rippled was like glass that fell from the sky and shattered, splashed everywhere.

An eight-meter-wide, irregular spatial rift appeared before Richard.

At the same time, an evil and dark aura surged out of the spatial rift...

The dark dimension!

Richard's eyes widened in surprise at the familiar presence.

He succeeded!

The void sandworm was awesome!

At this moment, 'Roar!'

A low growl came from the other side of the crack.

A spine-chilling sound came from the void hunter. Sharp spikes covered its back, and its limbs were like daggers.

He sensed a strange aura.

The void hunter was like a shark that smelled blood. And it rushed toward the spatial crack.

However, a strange change occurred when they passed through the spatial rift.

'Bang!' The monster seemed to have hit a layer of transparent glass, and its body violently bounced back.

“Failed!”

Richard’s eyes narrowed.

Before he could figure out the specific reason...

Suddenly, a black mass of void lickens appeared behind the void hunters.

These monsters had bent backs and two-meter-long tongues with ferocious barbs.

A glance at the twisted and hideous exterior was enough to palpitate one’s heart.

These level 6 and 7 monsters did not encounter obstacles like the void hunters, and they swarmed out directly.

The god’s ancient tree saw this.

‘Hu!’

The vast branches waved violently.

The terrifying power could split mountains and split rocks. The void lickers that came out of the spatial rift were smashed into pieces before they could react.

Fresh blood and severed limbs splattered all over the ground.

The void sandworm trembled in fear at this sudden scene. The energy it emitted suddenly dimmed, and the spatial rift shattered.

The space that rippled just now returned to usual.

Richard immediately turned to the void sandworm.

It released this little fellow's mental energy. And it seemed a little upset and apologetic.

After a few moments of calm, Richard tried to ask the man if he could keep the spatial rift open.

The void sandworm thought for a moment. After recovery, it could open it for a while, but it couldn't keep it open.

Richard calmed it down and opened up a spatial rift again.

The same scene appeared before his eyes.

This time, the void sandworm was prepared and wasn't frightened.

It wasn't until four hours later that the void sandworm finally closed the spatial rift due to exhaustion.

Richard knew what to do.

This little guy's strength had not yet reached adulthood, and he could only open a space gap about seven meters in diameter with all his might.

Moreover, it could only allow level 8 void foragers to pass through due to lack of energy.

The space barrier blocked these void monsters above this level.

Richard was satisfied with the information he'd gotten.

Although the time was a little short, at least the transformation of the god's ancient tree could continue to progress.

As the void sandworm grew, one day, it could open a spatial crack 24/7.

Moreover, he could filter out high-level monsters, which relieved him.

His biggest worry was that a high-level boss would appear after he opened up a space rift. Now, it cut off this hidden danger.

As for the god of the dark plane... I'm sorry, the central plane does not allow gods to appear.

If the other party used the method of Darkness Descent, then sorry, he had the enormous killing weapon of the god's ancient statue.

What made him even more excited was... After the god's ancient tree transformed, it could still kill void monsters to level up.

In the future, he could set up a training point in the land of quicksand for the newly recruited troops to level up.

Not bad. Richard didn't lose out this time.

He patted the void sandworm with satisfaction more than 20 meters long.

Having the god's ancient tree and the void sandworm hunt the monsters of the dark plane on their own, Richard didn't stay any longer.

There was still a long way to go for the god's ancient tree to reach 100% of its transformation. It was not something that could solve in two or three days.

After Richard returned to Twilight City, he took out two treasures from the system space—the fusion crystal and the psionic gemstone.

When he arrived in front of the troop lairs, he pondered.

Three fusion crystals could fuse two into one unit and retain the characteristics of the two units.

It was undoubtedly a soul-strapping treasure.

But what made him hesitate was whether he should fuse them first or use the psionic gemstone to improve the characteristics of the troop type first before proceeding with the fusion.

He had to improve the characteristics before fusing them. Could he get additional improvements when he fused them again?

Richard hesitated momentarily, then looked at the gemstone's system panel.

[Psionic Gemstone]

[Level: 5-stars]

[Special Property: 1. Can enhance a troop class to the extreme. Can choose the enhancement direction after use.]

[Restrictions]

[1. Reinforcement is to strengthen an aspect of the soldier type's characteristics. One can not reinforce if the soldier does not have characteristics.]

[2. After use, it will reinforce all newly recruited troops.]

[3. It can only reinforce a single attribute. It cannot reverse the entire reinforcement process.]

[4. You can only enhance the troops produced from the troop-type lair. You can not reinforce summoned creatures and mechanical puppets.]

[He still had 14 pills on hand. So he could try one out.]

Richard's eyes fell on his favorite troop class. The Axe of the Dead.

He took out a psionic gem and walked to the front of the tomahawk cabin, silently chanting to use it.

[Ding~ Please use it when you research the technology of this troop type.]

Richard didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

'You should've said so earlier. It's a waste of expression.'

With this in mind, he looked at the fusion crystal.

Now, he would test the waters with the fusion gem ...

However, what kind of troop type should he combine?

He looked at his troop-type lair panel.

There were a total of 9 with a troop-type lair.

1. Scorpion Warrior, 2. Axe of the Dead, 3. Bandaged Mummy, 4. Guardian Mummy, 5. Yellow Sand Mage, 6. Sand Condensation Archer, 7. Giant Axe Death Knights, 8. Dark Gargoyle, 9. Cursed Pharaoh.

Skeleton Blood Dragon and Skeleton Demon, these two Crown 1-star troops, were recruited from the corpses of the giant dragon and the demon by the two mummified heroes. They could not be fused.

Richard pondered as he looked at the soldiers before him.

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The bandaged mummies of the nine units were a gift from the start, while Richard carefully selected the rest.

They all had great potential and outstanding merits.

Short-range cavalry, air force, spellcasters, archers, they had everything.

However, this did not mean Richard was satisfied with the current configuration of Twilight City.

After the battle test, he found that not all troops were as effective as he had thought.

There was still a lot of room for improvement and reinforcement.

They were like Giant Axe Death Knights.

This cavalryman with a giant battle axe was sturdy.

However, the contribution of this troop type was low even though it had led troops in so many battles.

What did cavalrymen need? Charge!

It smashed all the enemies in front of it.

The battle style of Twilight City had always been to use their superior firepower to suppress the enemy. And then annihilate them when they had the absolute advantage.

Such tactics were carried out thoroughly with the help of the undead soldiers of Axe of the Dead and the sand condensation archers, in addition to the cooperation of the air force.

This put the Giant Axe Death Knight in an awkward position.

If it charged at the very beginning, it would undoubtedly cause great damage to himself.

However, it would make no difference if they attacked later.

Also, after getting used to the mobility of the flying units, the Giant Axe Death Knight's inability to maneuver over long distances undoubtedly lowered Richard's opinion of them.

The other units that didn't have a high sense of existence had a similar problem.

Richard thought for a moment, then sighed.

"It's a long way to go.

"I'll have to adjust my thoughts in the future. What I need to change the most is the configuration of the troop. I have to make the structure of the entire troop more in line with the battle style of Twilight City.

"Secondly, we need to improve our tactics and use all the troops. We can't just develop the air force.

“If we rely too much on a single unit, the consequences will be fatal if an accident happens.”

In the dungeon, the sky arena’s no-fly restriction had put Twilight City in an awkward position.

After a long while, Richard finally focused on his favorite troop type. The Axe of the Dead.

Since the birth of this powerful troop, they had firmly occupied the top position of Twilight City with their explosive battle power.

One cannot push Axe of the Dead down even with the appearance of the skeleton blood dragon.

However, as the enemies that Twilight City faced became increasingly more robust, it exposed the weakness of this troop type.

Its low mobility and short attack range were all flaws that one could not ignore.

His first choice for the fusion of troops was the Axe of the Dead.

But what kind of troop could be matched with the Axe of the Dead?

Richard’s eyes shifted to the Dark Gargoyle lair.

Similarly, after Richard obtained the Dark Gargoyle lair from the single-player dungeon, this unit initially became the main force, but unknowingly became a mount.

This also explained many problems.

They were strong in a close battle, but Richard wouldn't launch the first attack against a powerful enemy.

This was because it would often cause additional losses.

He had always liked to use the least effort to exchange for the greatest results.

The dark gargoyles' strengths are their agility and strong defense. Especially their immunity to magic, which makes this troop class even more valuable.

"Its weakness is its short arms, so it can only fight in close combat."

The strength of the undead soldiers of the Axe of the Dead lies in its terrifying destructive power. Its area-of-effect skill, Tomahawk Smash, makes it a well-deserved violent troop.

"Its weakness is its short range, slow movement, and average survival ability."

"If I can combine these two types of troops ..."

Richard took a closer look at the properties of the crystal with that in mind.

Fusion crystal—can fuse two types of troops. After fusion, it will be solidified into a territory characteristic, which can retain the features of the two troops and be strengthened.

After a successful fusion, you can spend rare resources to fuse all the similar soldier-type lairs in your territory.

[Restriction: 1. Extremely high chance of failure when fusing soldiers from different camps]

[2. The troops integrated must be of the same level and potential.]

[3. The fusion process is irreversible.]

Richard decided without hesitation.

Out of all the military units, these two were the most suitable.

With a thought.

The system's notification quietly rang.

[Ding~ You have chosen a dead stone statue and a dark stone gargoyle. Do you want to use the fusion crystal to merge the two?]

"I'm sure."

The moment he made his choice...

The fusion crystal in his hand suddenly shattered and turned into a bright light that merged into the two troop lairs in front of him.

The two adjacent troop-type lairs emitted a blinding white light in the next second.

The already dark sky seemed to have two suns that rose.

A brilliant light erupted.

The two lairs were like candles where a flame pressed them and began to melt under the power of the fusion crystal.

Richard observed the situation closely. The two melted lairs slowly flowed and intertwined with each other. They turned into a squirming jelly.

A few minutes later, the troop-type lair had wholly merged into one. The molten energy slowly condensed into a new troop-type lair.

It was a house made of stone, about six meters tall.

Sharp battle tomahawks filled the walls outside the stone house, just like the wooden cabin with tomahawks.

If one looked carefully, one could vaguely see a ferocious gargoyle's shadow carved on the wall filled with tomahawks.

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It combined the two lairs in this unique way.

A system notification rang, followed by the last ray of light that dimmed.

[Ding~ The Axe of the Dead and the Dark Gargoyle have completed their fusion. It gave birth to a new troop type–the stone statue of the dead. You can now recruit new soldiers from the lair.]

Richard's eyes lit up with excitement.

He quickly opened the attributes panel of the troop-type lair in front of him.

[Stone Statue of the Dead Lair]

[Level: Glorious 3-stars]

[Available Troops: Stone Statue of the Dead (Glorious 3-stars)]

[Available Recrutable Quantity: 20]

[Weekly Production: 10]

[Recruitment Requirements: 100 units of gemstones, 100 units of crystals]

[Introduction: A nest formed by the fusion of two types of troops. It's very rare.]

Richard's anticipation grew as he looked at the base's stats.

The stone statue of the dead. One could tell from the name that it combined two types of troops.

He didn't know if this new soldier type's attributes would be as he wished. And if he could make up for his shortcomings with its strong points.

Richard chose to recruit with a mighty look of anticipation.

At this moment.

A rock-like pale gray light rose from the Stone Statue of the Dead lair in front of him.

The light quickly condensed in the stone house.

A vague figure appeared in the air.

After a few breaths, the shadow condensed into a body and walked out of the stone house. Then, he took a tomahawk from the wall.

When he held the battle tomahawk in its hand, countless chains condensed out of thin air and tightly wrapped around its arm.

The fusion gave birth to the stone statue of the dead.

Richard's eyes brightened at the sight of the new unit.

Its body was strong, and it was more than three meters tall. Its aura was indescribably fierce.

A pair of brown wings was on its back. Like it was carved out of rock.

On the surface of the stone statue of the dead, pieces of stone armor that looked like dragon scales appeared.

It was a piece of armor that had grown out of the body. It was no longer a piece of worn armor. It was entirely black and supremely soul-crushing.

Its arms were thick and soul-devouring. It held the battle tomahawk firmly with chains wrapped around it. Once it threw the battle tomahawk, it would cause hyperbolic damage.

The eyes were empty, and the soul fire burned in the head.

The stone statue of the dead was indeed worthy of its name. It was a stone statue driven by the soul of the dead.

From the looks of it, this new troop type had entirely inherited the physical characteristics of the Axe of the Dead and the Dark Gargoyle lair.

He opened the attribute panel.

[Stone Statue of the Dead]

Level 9

[Potential: Glorious 3-stars]

[Skill: Dead Stone Body (B-rank) — Its special body structure makes the dead stone statue immune to magic damage and instant-death skills. At the same time, the piercing and armor-piercing damage it receives is reduced by 50%. It can receive evil-type buffs.]

[Mad Battle Tomahawk Slaughter (B-rank) — Within 80 meters, the user can throw the battle tomahawk to attack the enemy. It causes tons of magic damage. At the same time, the user can pull the battle tomahawk with the chain on the arm to attack continuously. The user has exquisite control over the battle tomahawk.]

[Explosive Battle Tomahawk Shatterer (B-rank) — After it throws the battle tomahawk, it will explode into pieces. It causes tons of magic damage to enemies within a 30-meter diameter. The Battle Tomahawk Shatterer will cause a second explosion after it hit the enemy. Its strong penetrating power causes physical damage. The shatterer has an instant-death effect.

[Dead Colossus (B-rank) — Able to transform into a Dead Colossus. Body size increases by 200%. Defense increases by 600%. It recovers 20% of life every minute. Additional special effect—life steal. Each attack can convert 30% of the damage dealt to the user's

[Life Duration: 30 minutes, Cooldown Time: 120 minutes]

[Steel Destroyer (B-rank) — Strength increased by 70%. Battle tomahawk sharpness increased by 70%. Durability increased by 70%. Penetration increased by 70%.]

[Rapid Flight (B-rank) — Agility and speed increase by 70% during flight.]

[Race Talent: After something breaks the battle tomahawk, it can condense again with energy. As long as an enemy does not destroy the soul, the user will not die.]

[Fetter-Battle Tomahawk: After it throws the battle tomahawk, the damage dealt is increased by 60%. There is a 30% chance to trigger the instant-death skill—Soul Slash, which directly kills the enemy. The higher the enemy’s level, the lower the trigger chance.]

[Introduction: A half-undead, half-constructed life form specially synthesized. It has a soul-devouring attack power.]

“Awesome!”

Joy shrouded Richard’s eyes.

The attributes of the stone statue of the dead entirely inherited the characteristics of the two types of troops, and it even gave them a vast boost.

Six B-rank skills, one race talent, and one [fetter]. None of them were weak.

Richard valued the fetter the most—the Axe of the Dead’s original skill was limited to a range with—a chance to cause instant death damage.

At this point, it had evolved to the point where a throw of the battle tomahawk could cause instant death damage. There was no distance limit.

At the same time, the Tomahawk Smash skill also received a considerable boost.

Initially, the Battle Tomahawk Shatter only dealt tons of damage. Now it had a 30% chance of triggering an instant death effect. It simply overpowered...

Richard could not hide the smile on his face.

Although it was two in one, the battle power of the stone statue was mightier than the Axe of the Dead and the Dark Gargoyle lair combined.

The fusion crystal... It was simply a divine artifact!

What satisfied him most was that this new soldier type had already solidified into a territory specialty.

In the future, if he obtained the Axe of the Dead and the Dark Gargoyle troop lair, he could directly consume rare resources to fuse them without the need for a fusion crystal.

This wave of blood was f*cking worth it.

He looked at the two remaining fusion gemstones in his hand.

Richard's mouth was wide open.

He had to take a few deep breaths to suppress the excitement in his heart.

“No, there’s no good troop type worth synthesizing anymore.”

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“I’ll go buy a few more powerful troops first. I can’t waste the fusion crystals.”

He composed himself and looked at the troop lairs in front of him. He waved his hand and summoned all the stone statues of the dead.

It consumed 2,000 units of gemstones and crystals each.

After the fusion, he could no longer recruit with ordinary resources. He could only recruit with two rare resources—gemstones and crystals.

In other words, it would produce ten stone statues of the dead every week. And each lair would require 2,000 units of rare resources in the future.

Richard’s excitement subsided a little at the thought.

In the future, when there are more high-level troops, the recruitment costs alone will be astronomical.

However, when he looked at the several stone statue of the dead neatly arranged and had fierce auras...

The corners of his mouth curled up again.

Any price would be worth it with such a troop!

The yellow sand light on his body surged out.

It directly enveloped the new troop type in front of him.

It gave them the iconic skill of the Twilight City-Sand Transformation.

As a result, the stone statue of the dead had two powerful life-saving skills—the Dead Colossus and Sand Transformation.

Its survival ability was close to a freakish level.

Richard finally understood why all high-level soldiers were so durable. Each skill was more potent than the last.

He seemed to have thought of something and opened the unit-type panel.

It had been seven days since the last time he upgraded the troop-type lair.

He could use the Black Gold System to continue upgrading.

However, he only had around 16 million in ordinary resources left.

He could only upgrade three based on the 5 million required for each level up.

On the other hand, he still had close to 200,000 rare resources.

After some thought, he spent 5 million ordinary resources to buy 10,000 troop lairs and upgraded one of the Axe of the Dead's troops to Glorious 3-stars.

In the new fusion panel, he fused the remaining dark gargoyle troop-type.

[Ding~ Do you want to use 5,000 crystals to fuse two soldier-type lairs?]

[Each fusion required 5,000 crystals... Compared to the attributes, this price was not considered high.]

Confirmation.

Then, he chose.

The fusion of the two units was successful.

Richard didn't hesitate to recruit another 20 stone statues of the dead.

This way, there were four small teams in this new troop type.

It was flexible and had a strong attack power. At the same time, it also had an overpowering defensive ability.

It was as if he could use the perfect troop type to describe the stone statue of the dead.

The only regret was the previously recruited units could not be integrated.

Richard didn't hesitate.

He recruited all the production he had accumulated over the past two weeks.

All of a sudden, The resources on the attribute panel dropped drastically all of a sudden.

On the other hand, the strength of the Twilight City troops had soared.

Rare troop type—30, 45, 21, 7, 21, 50, 25, 5

Mummy Guardian 360→390,

Axe of the Dead 380→425

Bandaged Mummy 84→105

Scorpion Warrior 78→85

Giant Axe Death Knight 198→219

Sand Condensation Archer 400→450

Yellow Sand Mage 225-> 250

Cursed Pharaoh 45→50

Glorious units–Dark Gargoyle→240, Axe of the Dead→70

Stone Statue of the Dead→40

Heavy Sword Warrior→ 20.

Crown troop type–Skeleton Blood Dragon→30

He had recruited 204 rare units. Each unit was 12,000 units of resources, and it consumed 2,448,000 resources.

In addition, it will cost five million to upgrade the Axe of the Dead troop-type lair from elite to rare.

Out of the 16 million resources, he had only a little more than 8 million left.

Rare resources: gemstones, 9000 crystals, 4000 crystals.

[Remaining: 41,000 gemstones, 46,000 crystals, 50,000 mercury, 50,000 sulfur]

It was the current total number of resources.

Richard's head began to throb.

He had enough rare resources for now, but he lacked ordinary resources.

Eight million seemed like a lot. But it was only enough to upgrade a troop-type lair...

Richard shook his head. He didn't think much about it. After he bestowed Sand Transformation to his subordinates, he sent the troop to report to Gray.

He had already given up on capturing resource points in the wild.

The barren desert did not allow him to develop like this.

The benefits of hunting gradually decreased due to the increase in Twilight City's thirst for resources.

He would have been stuck with resources for a long time if he had not developed the underground world.

He would have to start from the underground world and establish the trading system of Twilight City if he wanted to earn more resources.

It was far more challenging to earn resources from trade than hunting.

The treasures he obtained now could develop the industries in Twilight City.

There were plenty of resources and treasures. A dark crystal could increase potential, and an enhanced crystal could directly upgrade a hero's skill to extraordinary.

All of these increased the difficulty of earning resources through underground trade, which was far better than hunting.

These were all top-notch treasures that could increase one's foundation.

They were top-tier treasures.

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At the blacksmith shop.

'Hu!'

The apprentice pulled the bellows, and tons of air blew into the furnace. It caused the green fire to burn even brighter.

A young man with only one arm stared at the ore in the furnace with a frown.

When the ore was red hot, he immediately took it out with a pair of pincers and placed it on the forging table beside him.

There was a slightly hollow hole in the center, just enough to hold the ore.

The young man picked up the iron hammer on the side with one arm and lifted it.

The moment the iron hammer flew over his head, he used gravity to smash it down.

'Clang!'

Sparks flew in all directions.

Although he only had one arm, his movements weren't clumsy. He was so skilled that it shocked them.

Hammer after hammer, the fist-sized ore incessantly shrank. When the temperature dropped, he placed it into the furnace to burn again.

He briskly repeated the process like a mechanical puppet that did not know exhaustion.

He didn't know how many times he had passed it, but the ore had already shrunk to its original size, but he still didn't stop.

"Sam, the lord said that the whole city will be on holiday for two days. You haven't had any rest, so go back and accompany Shanna."

The young man stared at the furnace fire and turned his head slightly when he heard the voice.

Sam immediately revealed a respectful gaze when he saw the person distinctly.

"Good evening, Lady Adele."

After he bowed, he shook his head and rejected the other party's proposal.

"I'm just one step away from success..."

As he spoke, he saw the ore had turned red again and immediately took it out.

His eyes flashed with relief while he looked at the extremely hot ore.

He directly threw the ore into the stone barrel filled with black liquid beside the furnace.

'Rip!'

An ear-piercing sound rang out. And the black liquid began to bubble as if it boiled.

Its color had even changed from black to a magma-like red.

Excitement filled Sam's eyes when he saw this. He took a few deep breaths to calm himself down. Then turned his head and gestured to the scorpion warrior beside him to let him come closer.

After that, he picked up a unique tool and carefully poured the liquid from the stone bucket onto the scorpion's tail.

The scorpion quickly swallowed the moment the fiery-red rock body fell.

It formed a layer of hard black armor.

When the hard armor covered the entire scorpion tail, an extraordinary power emitted from it, and the surrounding magic power flowed faster.

Red spider web-like marks appeared.

Just from its appearance, one could feel that the scorpion tail had become supremely extraordinary.

Sam turned to look at Adele. His voice choked with emotion when he saw this.

“Lady Adele, I didn’t let the lord down...”

He held an unimaginable respect for the fantastic existence that had given him everything.

Was the research a success?

Adele also showed a surprised smile.

“Lord Richard will be so happy!

“Let’s go. We’ll see Lord Richard. He seems to have a more important task for you.”

After Sam calmed down, he looked at his unkempt appearance with embarrassment.

“Lady Adele, should I go and change my clothes first...”

Dirt soaked in his body since he was forging beside the furnace.

“Go on.”

“Yes.”

A moment later, Sam had changed into a clean set of clothes. He followed behind Adele respectfully and headed to the Lord’s mansion. He didn’t dare to say a word along the way.

In Richard’s eyes, Adele was a cute little girl with a little bit of a research maniac’s aura. However, in the blacksmith shop, she was a queen-like figure who could decide the fate of an apprentice with a single word.

The apprentices respected her well with her forging skills and Richard’s unconditional trust.

Few people in the entire Twilight City could be presumptuous in front of her.

Sam became nervous as soon as he entered the Lord's mansion.

To him and all the residents of Twilight City, a sacred aura shrouded this mansion.

It was because of the great existence they respected the most and have lived here.

Typically, only some people had the right to enter the Lord's mansion.

One could brag to others at this point, even if he could enter to deliver food and rice.

The mummy guard looked at him with empty eyes when Sam stepped through the door.

The soul fire seemed to freeze everything.

Sam's heart trembled. He did not dare to while he lowered his head. He followed closely behind Adele.

He crossed the front yard and entered the hall.

Andrea immediately bowed.

"Good evening, Lord Richard."

Sam heaved a sigh of relief when he heard the familiar voice and immediately stepped forward.

“Good evening, my Lord...”

Richard, who had just heard the system prompt, saw the two and smiled.

“No need to be so polite, sit.”

When the two sat down, they looked at Sam with appreciation.

“It’s been hard on you guys these past few days, Sam. I’ve seen your hard work. You’ve done well.”

Sam quickly stood up. He saluted again with excitement and with one arm on his chest.

“My Lord, this is all your gift! I’ll give you everything I have, even my soul!”

Richard chuckled and gestured for him to sit down.

“Continue to work hard in the future. I have high hopes for you.”

“I will not let you down!”

Richard nodded and didn't continue the topic. The scorpion warrior's elite technology was worth celebrating, but after obtaining so many high-level treasures, he was already immune to such ordinary progress.

He looked at the girl beside him and entered the day's main topic.

"Adele, you can postpone the forging of the dragon-hunting crossbow."

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"Now, I'll give you an important task."

As Richard spoke, he placed the 14 energy crystals on the table.

"These are the most valuable treasures I obtained in the dark plane. Their function is to reinforce the characteristics of troops..."

After Richard explained the function and restrictions in detail, he concluded.

"This mission is of great importance. It can enhance Twilight City's foundation, so I need you to devote yourself to it."

Adele's eyes immediately lit up when she heard this.

To the young lady, nothing was more interesting than research and forging. It was her passion.

“My Lord, I won’t let you down!”

Her tone was clean and crisp without any hesitation.

It was the pride and confidence of a special blacksmith.

It was also the confidence of A-rank heroes.

It is the troop type I want you to research how to reinforce the stone statue of the dead.

Richard said while he gestured at one of the stone statues of the dead he’d left behind.

“This is the new troop type of Twilight City. It has soul-strapping battle power and potential.

Adele’s eyes were like a child who had just found her favorite toy. She looked at the stone statue of the dead while she held the spirit crystal.

“My Lord, I’ll get the results as soon as possible,”

“There’s no need to be in such a hurry. It’s not too late to rest for a few days.”

“Mmm.”

Adele mumbled a few words. But she did not listen.

Richard didn't know whether to laugh or cry. He waved his hand, and Andrea left with the five spirit gems.

Richard kept the rest.

He still had to figure out how much the spiritual gems could improve the troop types before he made any arrangements.

After the young lady left, Richard looked at Sam. He only had one arm.

He admired the blacksmith who he had given the power of a B-rank hero.

Not to mention that the other party had already provided the results of his research and proved himself.

He could still become a blacksmith after he lost an arm and even protected a blind girl.

It was enough to make people look up to him.

He admired those who worked hard and refused to yield to fate.

After he pondered for a moment, he took out the enhancing crystal under Sam's nervous gaze.

It could reinforce a hero's skill to reach Beyond A-rank.

Of course, it was worth using Adele, but this girl was already an A-rank hero. Her potential was limitless, and if she continued to level up, there was a high chance that her skill would reach Beyond A-rank.

It was not cost-effective to use it on the other party.

Sam was undoubtedly a suitable candidate.

Perhaps, some people had more potential than him, but he admired him.

As the sole ruler of this land, he could easily change the fate of any resident if he wanted to.

Even if the other party had a broken arm, so what?

Richard opened the other party's attribute panel while he pondered.

[Sam]

[Heroic Unit]

[Level: 7]

[Potential: B]

[Profession: Blacksmith (advanced)]

[Skills: Natural intelligence (Increases research success rate by 20% when conducting research. And increases attributes by 20% when improving and optimizing equipment.)]

[Tenacious (With a firm will, will not be shaken by any failures during forging.)]

[Striving to Improve (Able to devote oneself to forging for ten years as if it was a day)]

[Hero's special characteristic: Smithing with one arm can increase the attributes of smithed equipment by 20%.]

[Race Specialty: Able to quickly learn various forging techniques and integrate them.

[Fetter-Childhood Sweethearts: When in the same city as your lover (Shanna), forging speed increases by 35%. The forged equipment has a 10% chance of an additional special effect—love is mightier than gold. It can instantly recover 30% of health.]

[Description: A blacksmith with a broken arm. His eyes are full of determination. No one knows what he can achieve in the future.]

Although Sam's overall attributes were not as good as that of the Pearl of Twilight City, Adele, Twilight City would still consider him excellent.

Richard didn't hesitate after he decided. He picked up an enhanced crystal.

He stared at the other party.

"Sam, I will now grant you new power.

"Remember, more power, more responsibilities. Twilight City needs you to contribute."

Sam rose to his feet and looked at Richard nervously and excitedly.

He wanted to say something. But Richard didn't give him a chance.

[Ding~ Do you want to enhance Sam's skill-innate intelligence?]

"Yes."

The moment he chose.

The reinforced crystal in his hand turned into a stream of pure energy and flowed into Sam's body.

In an instant, Sam's entire body trembled. He felt as if thousands of great rivers ran through his body.

Amid the surging majestic energy...

It reinforced the power in the depths of his bloodline rapidly.

Richard looked at Sam carefully. Other than a bit of pain, there was nothing unusual about his face.

The entire strengthening process lasted for about 20 minutes.

Because it was a lifestyle hero, an overwhelming aura made people breathless. It only fluctuated slightly for a moment before they returned to usual.

When Sam's new clothes were wet again, Richard heard a notification.

[Ding~ Reinforcement completed. Natural Intelligence (B-rank) — has been upgraded to Unparalleled Intelligence (Beyond A-rank).

[Increases research success rate and speed by 50% when conducting research. It can increase attributes by 30% and reduce material consumption by 30% when improving and optimizing existing equipment.]

The smile on Richard's face immediately brightened after he examined the Beyond A-rank skill's attributes a few times.

As expected of a Beyond A-rank skill, it was heaven-defying.

The success of his research only increased her attributes by 60% as an A-rank hero and a special blacksmith even after a series of attribute buffs

Good Lord, Sam's skill was now at 50%!

A skill of this level was indeed unreasonable.

Moreover—it could reduce research time by 50%. Richard realized that his initial idea of cultivating a hero who specialized in Science and Technology was perfect.

Sam finally came back to his senses. He felt the extraordinary power in his body and looked at Richard with a passionate gaze.

He directly knelt on the ground and saluted most humbly.

“Lord Richard, thank you for your gift. Sam swears on his soul that he will be eternally loyal to you. From this moment on, your wish will be the direction in which I will move forward... We praise you!”

Richard waited for the man to calm down before he helped him get up.

“I’m giving you strength. So you can protect your lover and Twilight City.

“Sam, remember that you’re a member of Twilight City. Everything you do is for yourself and your lover.”

After he finished speaking, he quickly assigned tasks.

“Return and study the scorpion warrior’s high-level attacks.

“I need to see results within half a month!”

Sam said firmly.

“As you wish!”

Richard nodded and didn’t say anything more. He gave the man a few more words of advice before he allowed him to leave.

Adele researched how to reinforce the stone statue of the dead, while Sam researched advanced technology. They advanced at the same time.

The first condition for upgrading Twilight City from a small city to a mid-city was to have advanced technology. It had stuck him on this requirement for more than two months.

Furthermore, if he continued to upgrade like this, he would need more advanced technology.

If they wanted to develop, technology was an indispensable part.

However, he felt much better now that he had two top-tier researchers.

Although their current progress might be slower than the other players.

However, to catch from up from behind was not a problem with the presence of Adele and Sam,

Moreover, one could see the reinforcement of the troops by technology. One could describe the battle power of the bandaged mummies and scorpion warriors as skyrocketing every time the blacksmith reinforces them.

It was because the enemies they had dealt with during this period were too strong that it slightly reduced the presence of these two troops.

And even if he didn't need to upgrade the territory, he would invest several resources.

A technological powerhouse, this was not nonsense talk.

When Twilight City's troops became increasingly higher in the future, they could not advance.

At this time, high-level technology would undoubtedly become another option to enhance the battle power of the troops.

And even if he didn't need to upgrade the territory, he would invest tons of resources.

Chapter 420 - 420 Qingqiu Boss Begging Me For My Life

The first crystal's effect gave first-hand experience to Richard of the treasure's might.

He played with the two remaining pills in his hand and couldn't help but hesitate.

How to distribute them was a problem.

The blacksmith shop had enough space for the two to conduct research.

The remaining departments he had high hopes for included the tailor shop that produced yellow sand robes, the distillery and food workshop, and the alchemy workshop mainly made by gray-colored dwarves.

Now that the decision was in his hands. He could make the department he wanted to develop catch up.

'We can't produce on a large scale because the raw materials from the fire dragon rabbit in the tailor shop are limited. We can postpone it.

'The food workshop can't find a clear development path. And the benefits are inadequate profits. I can also delay it.

'The position of the alchemy workshop in Twilight City is to manufacture defensive weapons. It can't be like the fortress race, which focuses on alchemy technology as the core of its development. The focus of Twilight City is not on this.

Richard's eyes fell on the distillery after much thought.

The wine had always been an extremely profitable industry since ancient times.

And it was necessary.

As long as he could develop a few types of top-grade wine, he could earn a vast amount of resources.

Due to the existence of the Black Gold System, his desire for resources was mightier than any other player.

However, it was still the same old problem. Twilight City still needs more talent.

Previously, he had thought that if he upgraded the brewer to a B-rank hero, the other party would bring him the good news.

However, two months passed, and the distillery had developed a few types of wine during this time. However, one could describe the taste as ordinary, and there was nothing to be proud of.

Now, he had the reinforcing crystal, but he could not find a suitable target to use it on.

He felt it was a waste to use it on the original person.

“What talent...”

Richard had a headache.

The battle hero of Twilight City is the best in the world. They are incomparable. He could even defeat 100 players by himself.

In comparison, lifestyle heroes were very scarce.

Although there was also an exceptional blacksmith like Adele, it was more than a rank lower compared to the military's talent pool.

Richard heard a notification ring in his ear just as he relaxed.

Without further ado, he opened the chat forum and glanced.

It constantly sent private messages.

Richard checked.

[Steamed Bun Lover: Boss Qingqiu, save my dog's life!!]

Richard's mouth twitched. 'Why does this guy sound like [Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon]...?'

[Qingqiu: Those orcs attacked your territory?]

The bun lover heaved a sigh of relief when he saw the instant reply.

He hurriedly replied.

[Steamed Bun Lover: Not yet, but they're exploring the territory more and more intensely ...I've thought it's better to deal with it early. It'll be too late by the time the other side attacks.]

[Qingqiu: Contact me when you've prepared the Teleportation Scroll.]

Richard said without hesitation.

Since he had made a promise, he would fulfill it.

This was his bottom line.

Moreover, the bun lover offered him the seed of the world tree in exchange for his help.

He would agree to this deal without any hesitation if it were to happen ten more times.

The bun lover immediately perked up.

[Steamed Bun Lover: No problem. I'll be able to get the Teleportation Scroll by September 3rd at the latest!]

Richard answered.

[Qingqiu: It'd only be a few days.]

Then, he seemed to have thought of something and asked.

[Qingqiu: Do you have any wine-making talents in your territory?]

He then added.

[Qingqiu: I don't need a hero. I just need someone with a talent for brewing wine to develop a brewing industry. I lack talent.]

[Steamed Bun Lover: Boss Qingqiu, you have good eyes! The wine has always been a bestseller, so there's no need to worry about sales in this business.]

[Steamed Bun Lover: But it's a pity my subordinates are all harpies. And they know nothing about winemaking. Big Boss...]

It didn't disappoint Richard.

But just as he was about to reply, the other party sent another message.

[Seamed Bun Lover: Boss Qingqiu, Can your territory accommodate half-orcs? Although I don't have any talent in this area, the beast clan rules over a special tribe that is extremely good at making wine.]

"Oh?"

[Qingqiu: A special tribe?]

It stirred Richard's enthusiasm.

[Qingqiu: Can you confirm this information?]

The bun lover immediately responded.

[Steamed Bun Lover: When I sent people to scout for information, they encountered the tribe's transport vehicles.]

[Steamed Bun Lover: I even stole half a barrel of wine... That is the best I've ever had. No wine on Planet Blue can compare to it.]

[Steamed Bun Lover: What's more impressive is it can increase attributes to zero after drinking it.]

[Steamed Bun Lover: Boss Qingqiu, as long as your territory can accommodate half-orcs and take back that tribe, you will not be disappointed.]

It piqued Richard's interest.

[Qingqiu: Which tribe is the half-orc? How many were there? How's his strength?]

[Steamed Bun Lover: The other party is from the white-tailed cat clan. There are about 200 of them. They are weak and have relied on the protection of the beasts.]

[Steamed Bun Lover: The orcs in the "Shining Era" belonged to the Horde camp. They looked similar to the orcs in a world of warcraft. Their lips exposed two fangs, and their bodies were strong and fierce.]

It was full of strategic intentions.

[Steamed Bun Lover: Apart from that, there were also many half-orc races in the Horde camp, such as lion men, tiger men, rhinoceros men, Hippo men, and cat men...]

[Steamed Bun Lover: As the most powerful existence in the tribe camp, the orcs had always occupied the dominant position, and the half-orcs were in a dominant position.]

It set Richard's heart on fire.

[Qingqiu: Try to gather as much information about the white-tailed cat tribe in the next few days. In addition, help me find as many winemakers as possible. If I'm satisfied with the right person, I'll thank you.]

[Steamed Bun Lover: Boss Qingqiu, don't worry. I will make the necessary arrangements. Wait for my good news. I will contact you as soon as I get the Teleportation Scroll!]

Richard seemed to have thought of something after their conversation. He opened another message.

[Qingqiu: Are you still alive?]

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon] replied a few minutes later.

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon: Big Brother, you're so mean. It took you so long to send me a message...]

Richard didn't want to waste time on the fellow's complaints.

[Qingqiu: Did you get the scroll that can increase a hero's potential in the dungeon?]

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon] reminded him before they entered the dungeon that as long as he could kill the boss in the middle of the two players' territories, he could obtain a scroll to increase the hero's potential.]

He was quite excited and was ready to make a move.

However, after he entered the dungeon, he found that the boss was a level 19 boss with a potential of A-rank.

It caused his plan to fail.

He would have the strength to fight after he subdued the dark valkyrie.

However, he was not able to move on time. The system has activated the endless survival mode.

It made him feel regretful.

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon] immediately scratched and proudly said.]

[Big Brother, do you know why I didn't message you after that? Hehe, that's because my sister took me to kill two level 19 bosses! That's right. It's a level-19 void hunter hero with A-rank potential!]

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon: After the boss got killed, we also perished with the remaining void hunters.]

[As for the Hero Advancement Scroll, my sister and I got one each... I'll be honest with you now: I already have an A-rank hero! Hahahaha!]

[An A-rank hero, what a soul-strapping existence!]

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon] could not help but smile when he thought of this A-rank hero's exaggerated attributes.

It felt good.

Richard didn't know whether to laugh or cry...

'An A-rank hero? Just this?

'If this guy knew that he had kidnapped a level 15 hidden boss, who knew what his expression would be?'

[Qingqiu: Congratulations.]

After Richard gave a perfunctory reply with a lack of interest, he repeated the matter he asked of [Steamed Bun Lover] about the wine-brewing talent.

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon] quickly responded.

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon: I don't have talents. But my sister seems to know where to find the recipe. It's also a very high-level top quality wine. I'll help you ask later.]

Within a few minutes, [Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon] appeared again.

[Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon: Big Brother, my sister said that the recipe is glorious and the task involved is very cumbersome. She can't do it now but can give you the related task items. You can do it yourself.

Richard was in a good mood.

Both [Steamed Bun Lover] and [Where's Your F*cking Italian Cannon] are lucky stars.