

God level 151

Chapter 151: Blood Sea Wave Goes to Battle

The resurrected Flying gave Da Fei unparalleled confidence. Now, Catherine continued to maneuver the Flying to dodge the giant waves sweeping in. Amidst the jolts, damages, and constant repairs, the durability of the Flying began to recover steadily.

Da Fei laughed heartily to the sky, “Trying to destroy me! My skills are meant to defy the heavens!”

Just as Da Fei was reveling in the 5800 experience points popping up every few seconds, another thunderstorm broke out in the sky, a blood-red rainstorm poured down, shrouding sea and sky in a dark red veil! Visibility was reduced to the extreme!

Catherine exclaimed, “I can’t see the giant waves!”

—System Prompt: You resisted the storm and gained 10800 experience!

Da Fei was suddenly shocked, “Experience exceeded ten thousand! The difficulty doubled! Catherine can’t see! But—my God-level Reconnaissance Technique can see!”

Da Fei lunged behind Catherine, placed his hands firmly on hers on the helm, and said firmly, “My eyes are your eyes, let’s merge!”

Catherine nudged Da Fei away with her rear, hastily shouted, “Captain, get up to the Observatory! Double as the Sailing Captain!”

Sailing Captain? Yes, Sailing Captain! Da Fei hurriedly opened the cockpit door, and the storm mixed with torrential blood rain hit his face, swaying him violently, the entire cockpit awash with blood!

Catherine exclaimed, “Captain, get in position quickly!”

Damn! It's the First Officer ordering the Captain! Da Fei stabilized himself, struggled to rush out, and climbed towards the top of the mast to the Observatory amidst the swirling chaos, and in that instant, Da Fei saw a side wave pressing from the darkness!

Da Fei shouted wildly, "Charge forward!!!"

Boom, splash!!! The Flying soared again, Da Fei tightly gripped the ladder, his entire body becoming a human flag waving in the wind! Being the Captain, I'm too amateur!

Although the Sailing Captain was mentioned several times in the text, let's introduce the Sailing Captain here.

—Sailing Captain: A job for heroes with reconnaissance skills. Once the Sailing Captain takes position at the Observatory, the entire ship shares the vision. The reconnaissance skills of the Sailing Captain and the Captain complement each other. The Observatory possesses the Sniper Special Skill.

—Sniper: With a certain chance, deals 300% long-range damage to the target.

So, only when Da Fei crouches at the Observatory, his eyes truly transform into Catherine's eyes. This position and the Captain's relationship are similar to the First Officer and the Captain, mutually supportive, with higher levels covering the lower ones. As Da Fei possesses God-level Reconnaissance Technique, any Vice Hero with reconnaissance skills can activate this position to allow the entire ship to share Da Fei's God-level vision.

Now, Da Fei clung desperately to the mast, getting into position, like a searchlight, the ship's surroundings suddenly brightened and vision was shared across the ship! Oh yeah!

Ultimately, it's because I lack manpower under my command, it seems like I'll have to recruit a hero with reconnaissance skills for this position in the future.

With Da Fei's beacon in the storm, Catherine maneuvered to dodge the giant waves with greater ease. And under the blood rain's bath, the Flying's durability restored faster and faster, already breaking the 1000 mark!

Da Fei embraced the mast, cursed and laughed heartily to the sky, “Bring it on! C’mon baby!”

The gale roared, the Blood Sea surged, and Da Fei’s wild laughter echoed between the sea and sky.

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At Shendong Normal University, when Da Bing and Da Wei came out of the office on duty during the Spring Festival at the academic affairs department, Da Bing laughed heartily to the sky.

Da Bing, excited, patted Da Wei’s shoulder, repeatedly praising, “You’re amazing! No wonder you’re a top student in the track team known throughout the campus, if it were me handling this, I would’ve been shot down on the spot.”

Da Wei, holding a stack of documents with an excessively long title, “Report on the Application to Establish the Shendong Normal University E-sports Club and the Club’s Activity Aims...” smiled shyly, “After all, I took one of his courses in my first year.”

Da Bing laughed heartily, “The key is you won a bronze medal in the city championships that year and got him promoted! So, we’ve been waiting for this day when he’s on duty! Anyway, if our team ever hits it big in the future, don’t forget to give him some benefits.”

Da Wei coughed lightly, “This... I won’t forget, it’s just, is it necessary to make such a show and let the teachers know? Can’t we students do our activities privately? As long as it doesn’t affect classes, it’s all good, right?”

Da Bing sighed, disappointed, “This is a career! Do you understand student entrepreneurship! He agreed so readily, maybe out of favor thinking we’re just playing, but you can’t treat it as just playing! Without pulling up the big school tiger skin, how do we attract investment? How do we get advertisements? Once we’ve got enough steam, and the school reacts, the first thing we do is give him benefits to help us hold the fort! As long as we hurry up and establish a Chamber of Commerce in the game, make a name in the game, then we won’t need him anyway, we’re only in school for one year.”

Hearing ‘one year in school,’ Da Wei couldn’t help but nod heavily.

Da Bing laughed heartily, "In any case, we've got the tiger skin, next we'll figure out how to rent a server and hire some experts to build a website for us, that's the mark of getting bigger and stronger. Then we'll lead the fashion direction, holding various events, selecting hero rankings, beauty rankings! By then, various teams will pay us to get on the list, hahaha!"

Da Wei nodded, "I think we should find a few postgraduates from the Computer Science Department?"

Da Bing sneered, "Computer Science? Besides playing games, what else can they do?" Then suddenly paused, "Good! From the Computer Science Department, playing games is even better, we'll enroll them as the first batch of members! Even if they're not good at making websites, they must know someone who is, right? Let's go, straight to their dormitory, they must be holed up playing heroes."

Da Wei nodded, "What about the National War? Do you think it will delay us?"

Da Bing immediately pulled out his phone to check the latest news, then laughed heartily, "Relax, Dragon Slayer and the Japanese haven't moved, we'll move only when their level 6 soldiers' Mana is exhausted. In short, no one is a fool, everyone's watching their level 6 soldiers' Mana, hahaha!"

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While Da Fei was battling the raging waves in the Abyss Blood Pool, the National War at the Pool of Radiance was equally intense.

But most people were observing, watching how the Elf Kingdom would respond to the overwhelming reinforcement of Spider Demons. This was something players absolutely couldn't handle. Only when the Elf Kingdom showed their trump card would the true decisive moment come. Dragon Slayer, the Japan area, and Star, known as the Star Annihilation Team of a thousand professional players, all chose to remain inactive.

As for the US-Japan-India Hell Coalition, the recent failed siege on the Super Hero left a lingering shadow. Of course, no one wanted to boost enemy morale while undermining their own prestige, so this battle on the edge of the Pool of Radiance was known only to those present and the command behind them.

For the United States, failure was unacceptable, even if the responsibility didn't lie with the Hell Branch, the appearance of the Super Hero did challenge the strategic layout of the U.S. Supernova Team. Consequently, the Supernova Team's New York headquarters swiftly collected all videos related to "Future Soldier Duffy" sent by the Los Angeles Branch, and appointed specialists to analyze and respond.

The U.S. Supernova Team's goal was undoubtedly the new continent, a massive world with 50% ocean, where all continents could be reached by sea. Establishing a powerful naval professional player team was the strategic vision of the Supernova Team. In reality, for the US, a super naval power, establishing a navy was ingrained in the consciousness of every citizen.

The UK, sharing the same vision, named their National War team "Royal Ark," carrying the beautiful dreams of this once-worldwide empire. Speaking of nostalgia, the European Union's Spain, Portugal, and Holland players were no exception, not only excelling in football but also having a glorious era of great navigation. These players spontaneously mobilized to dominate the sea, but given their small numbers and weak power, the possibility of them becoming pirates was quite high, and they were classified as potential dangerous groups for key monitoring by the Supernova Team.

And now, there's no doubt that "Duffy," notorious for robbery and deceiving merchants, was added to the danger list of the Supernova Team.

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At the Pool of Radiance, Lake Island, with a flash of light, new players joined the fray.

By this time, Lake Island was densely packed with ordinary players observing and waiting for the right moment to join the battle. Although Star had strong appeal, the frontline was very passionate, but many rational ordinary players were among them.

As soon as these new players appeared, they drew the crowd's attention.

The leading player clad in blood armor was extremely eye-catching, and the three Vice Heroes with him, each standing with a blood-red aura under their feet, wielding blood-red curved swords, and possessing gigantic statures, were even more striking!

“Blood Sea Wave! God-level Sea Battle Hero Blood Sea Wave!” The entire crowd was in an uproar!

This is exactly the feeling I wanted! They’re aware of me! Though I’ve never appeared in the underworld, there’s still a legend about me in it!

The crowd immediately buzzed, “Tycoon, still offering rewards for the fraud Da Fei?”

“Tycoon, it’s said that your studio has allied with Dragon Slayer, what’s your plan?”

“Tycoon, let’s be friends!”

You pathetic lot! Blood Sea Wave waved to the surrounding crowd, calmly said, “Our Blood Sea Studio is here for the National War, our goal is to showcase our Blood Sea Studio’s strength in this National War, I hope you all become witnesses to our victory, feel free to follow and see for yourself what professionalism really is!”

The crowd was in an uproar, but no one moved. After all, even Star couldn’t move them. But no matter, they would speak with their achievements later.

The tycoons made their way through the crowd to the shore, where Flower Demon Shipworkers pushed out new ships, and once the tycoons boarded, their forces were displayed.

“Pirate Soldiers!” The entire island bank exploded with amazement once again!

Blood Sea Wave turned back to the crowd with a smile, “According to beta testers, Pirate Soldiers have combat power equivalent to level 6 soldiers on the sea. I want to see if my level 6 soldiers are more powerful or theirs, are you interested in watching?”

“Yes!” Some players on the shore, having waited so long they were restless, immediately jumped into the water to board the ship. Not daring to join the fight didn’t mean they couldn’t dare to watch, otherwise they wouldn’t have a chance to befriend Tycoon!

“Let’s go, let’s go!” In an instant, the crowd responded enthusiastically, diving into the water.

Blood Sea Wave laughed heartily! There was no inherent meaning in calling them, but getting people whom even Star couldn’t move to jump into the water had significant meaning! This was the first step in the God-level Hero’s show! The next step was, of course, to gather all eyes on oneself in this grand moment, becoming the person to change the course of the National War!

Chapter 152: God-level Sea Battle Hero Conquers the World

Pirate Warrior: Small-sized human, a unique unit of neutral force, Attack 10, Defense 2, Damage 6-10, Life 35, Attack Speed 14, Move Speed 12, Command Value 2, Special Skill: Sailing Skill, Flying Axe, Agile Evasion, War Plunder.

——Abyss Lord: Large-sized Demon, the Hell Race’s level 6 unit in normal form, Attack 21, Defense 21, Damage 13-26, Life 120, Attack Speed 8, Move Speed 8, Command Value: 8, Special Skill: Advanced Fireball Technique, Intermediate Armor Weakening, Beheading Sword.

This was the attribute gap between the pirate and the Abyss Lord, the qualitative difference between level 4 and level 6 units! Strictly classified, the pirate’s low defense and 2 Command Value made him a level 3 unit. How could a level 3 unit overturn a level 6 unit at sea? This indeed tugged at the heartstrings of all the players present—those egg-pain players genuinely wanted to see how the so-called God-level Hero could turn decay into magic!

Blood Sea Wave, currently level 25. Skills: Master-level Attack Skill, Master-level Pirate, Master-level Navigation Skill, Master Leadership Skill. Sub-skills not fully learned.

The 50% damage boost from Master-level Attack and the additional 50% damage from Master-level Pirate indeed doubled the pirate’s damage from 6-10 to the level of the Abyss Lord, but it was far from enough, given that Hell Race players generally had Attack Skills too. What gave Blood Sea Wave immense confidence was, of course, his God-level specialty, Admiral.

——Admiral: The hero’s troop gained enhanced sea combat strength with each level increase.

This was a very vague specialty description. By how many percentage points did combat strength increase per level? Which attributes did combat strength refer to among attack, defense, damage, and speed? From players' studies during the public test phase, the more vague the skill or specialty description, the greater the exploitable potential space. And being exploitable was a true master's mark.

In normal situations, Blood Sea Wave's specialty was similar to those kinds of troop specialties that increased both attack and defense by 1 point every 2 levels. However, his specialty enhanced all troops' attack and defense by 1 point every 4 or 5 levels. At level 25, he increased his troops' attack and defense by 5 or 6 points, without adding to speed and damage. Because this affected all troop types, it was much stronger than ordinary single troop type specialties. But this alone was equivalent to an extra equipment slot; it didn't qualify as a God-level Hero. In reality, the effects in battles were far from such.

In short, when a troop's morale exploded, all its attack, defense, speed, and damage increased! And when the troop kept winning, this boost kept stacking temporarily to an astonishing degree! This was the legendary phenomenon of getting braver with each battle!

Therefore, morale and winning streaks were the keys to enhancing this specialty. Blood Sea Wave's Master Leadership Skill, combined with various morale-boosting items and visiting the War Temple for a temporary +3 morale before teleportation, increased his morale to 13, with a 26% chance of morale explosion! And with each victorious battle, morale exploded once more!

In short, this group P brawl was the stage for Blood Sea Wave's talents. With five consecutive victories at the start, his troops—specifically, the three pirate Vice Heroes leading the charge—reached terrifying levels, capable of crushing level 6 troops with ease.

Now, Blood Sea Studio's tycoons sailed toward the center of the big battlefield, trailed by a large group of players without the Sailing Skill. As a pirate, Blood Sea Wave sped far ahead, leaving ordinary players behind in his wake.

Such fast sailing speed! No wonder he claimed to be a professional! Such a flabbergasting start instantly caused a commotion on the regional channel!

——Regional Channel: "The first God-level Sea Battle Hero from China Region is in action!"

——Regional Channel: "The God-level tycoon Blood Sea Wave from the China Region is fighting!"

——Regional Channel: “The sea battle expert Blood Sea Wave is about to present a level 6 unit PK show live!”

The sudden channel information made the players on the China Region’s frontlines stir internally as if reinforcements had arrived like Thunderbolt. All players, all Star members, and the command of Star all redirected their attention to the battlefield’s rear. There, a small boat skimming across the waters approached rapidly!

The entire battlefield was in an uproar! Although they didn’t know how powerful Blood Sea Wave was, such speed, such attention-grabbing entrance, and the title of God-level Hero indeed filled everyone with infinite anticipation.

“This is exactly the effect I wanted!” Blood Sea Wave chuckled as he watched the information on the screen.

Closer! At this moment, the entire battlefield was in chaos, with the ships of both sides intertwining.

Under all the attention, Blood Sea Wave’s tiny boat sailed head-on toward the bow of an Indian Impact Ship! The scene exploded into an uproar—that ship had a battering ram! What was this God-level Hero trying to do? Was he speeding too fast to brake or turn? Meanwhile, the Indian player lying on the deck, exposing only half of his head, was equally shocked! Was the opponent seeking death?

At that moment, three Pirate Heroes on the tiny boat suddenly leaped into the air like three flesh bombs, landing on the Indian player’s ship—Boom! A dull thumping sound, a slight tremor, and a gleaming white light shot skyward—the moment the three heroes landed was when the Indian player was beheaded!

——Battle Report: China Region player Blood Sea Wave killed Indian Zone player Jiajiami; Jiajiami’s troops were annihilated!

“Wow!!! Beheading!” The long-awaited regional channel erupted in excitement!

Furious Sea Waves laughed heartily, “This is just the effect I wanted! But the best is yet to come!”

The tiny boat made a slight turn, barely brushing past the bow of the Impact Ship as the three Pirate Heroes disregarded the remaining enemies on board and hopped back onto the tiny boat. The target, the next one!

“Wow!!!” Such proficient ship-handling, such efficient and clean beheading, once again erupted with excitement on the site!

Now, the tiny boat rushed toward an Impact Ship engaged in a grappling battle with a certain female Chinese player, killing people left and right. Saving the beauty amid the crowd, a timeless theme.

Once again, the three flesh bombs ascended into the sky, and in the German player’s terrified gaze, three massive shadows descended from above—Boom! Another white light soared heavenward!

——Battle Report: China Region player Blood Sea Wave killed European Zone German player Waterman; Waterman’s troops were annihilated!

“Wow! Two consecutive victories!” The battlefield channel exploded once more!

In the Chinese female player’s stunned gaze, the three pirates waved as they flicked their sleeves: “No need to thank us!”

“Call us The Red Scarves!”

“Or, the Three Mischievous Pirates!”

“We’re the Rocket Team sailing the seas!”

“We’re history’s most charming villains!”

“A white tomorrow awaits us!”

“Onward, to battle!”

Watching the handsome figures of the three pirates as they leaped back onto the small boat, watching Blood Sea Wave’s solitary boat speed away, the female player named Luoshui Shenzi regained her senses and shouted, “Tycoon, let’s be friends, pleeease...”

——Battle Report: China Region player Blood Sea Wave killed European Zone Italian player Berlusconi; Berlusconi’s troops were annihilated!

——Battle Report: China Region player Blood Sea Wave killed European Zone French player Ponarun; Ponarun’s troops were annihilated!

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Blood Sea Wave dominated the battlefield, slaughtered his enemies, swept everything before him, and laughed long and loudly!

The entire battlefield was in an uproar! The entire China Region was in an uproar! At this moment, the whole world’s gaze was fixed on this rumored God-level Sea Battle Hero from the China Region! His prowess conquered the global audience! On the U.S. Supernova Team’s list of dangerous elements, another S-level dangerous element was added in an instant!!!

Chapter 153: You, Joining the Battle with Them

The activity of Blood Sea Wave invigorated the entire stalemated battlefield, and such a striking performance naturally made him the target that the Multi-National Forces had to eliminate. The Abyss Lord players who still had mana immediately focused their fire on Blood Sea Wave! Dozens of large fireballs whistled from different directions, flying towards the small boat of Blood Sea Wave!

The entire regional channel exclaimed in astonishment!

Blood Sea Wave chuckled, this was the real time to showcase the strength of a God-level Sea Battle Hero. With a wave of Blood Sea Wave's hand, all the pirates on board immediately jumped into the water!

Boom, boom, boom, boom! Amidst the roaring flames and the cries of the entire battlefield, the small boat of Blood Sea Wave turned into a pile of ashes.

At this moment, several hooks shot out from the water, latching onto the side of a nearby assault ship. The three familiar and burly pirate Three Swordsmen emerged like dragons from the sea, dramatically landing with a swift cut and a flash of blood amidst the roaring cheers!

— Battle Report: China Region player Blood Sea Wave has killed Norway player Beebear from the European Union Zone, and Beebear's troops were routed!

The whole crowd erupted!

Without the leadership of a hero, the remaining level 6 soldiers on the ship were no match for the Three Swordsmen. The Three Swordsmen and the pirates who boarded immediately began to slaughter these "wild monsters."

Dozens more fireballs whistled through the air! Amidst another wave of exclamations, Blood Sea Wave's troops jumped into the water again! He wanted to prove that fireballs couldn't kill him!

— Regional Channel [Blood Sea Wave]: No one can stop me anymore!

— World Channel [Blood Sea Wave]: No one can stop me anymore!

The entire battlefield erupted once more! The stalemated battle situation found a breakthrough due to the deployment of the God-level Hero, playing a significant point-to-surface role, and the war balance began to tilt!

At that moment,

— Regional Channel [Old Jiang]: Star Guild’s main force, Star Annihilation Team, attack!

— World Channel [Eternal Star]: Star Guild’s main force, Star Annihilation Team, attack!

For an instant, the entire world channel was flooded with “Star strikes!” and “Our journey is the Star Sea!” instantly igniting the whole world.

Although the attack at this moment seemed to be led by Blood Sea Wave, and Star wasn’t happy about it, their tactical quality as professional players was clear. This was the best time to attack and couldn’t be missed. Moreover, if Blood Sea Wave suddenly shouted “Charge with me” publicly, how would Star uphold its reputation?

Thus, allowing people to work for Star, allowed! Wanting to bask in Star’s glory, also allowed. But wanting to overshadow Star, that’s absolutely unacceptable. Star wouldn’t give him this chance. The overwhelming buzz all over the world channel was not only to add momentum for Star’s attack but also to drown out any random noises from a few individuals.

Indeed, Blood Sea Wave was a beat slower, and by the time he wanted to speak publicly, no one could see it clearly anymore. In the face of Star’s enormous momentum, the attention of players worldwide instantly focused on them, turning his debut performance into just a supporting role. Too frustrating, causing Blood Sea Wave to curse silently.

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The legendary main force of the Star Annihilation Team from Star Guild moved! The Pool of Radiance Island shimmered with white light as crowds surged, and hundreds of massive World Tree leaves descended from the sky, transforming into light boats in large formations.

The players throughout the Lake Island exclaimed. The Star Annihilation Team was an elite team formed by Star to combat the world’s professional player alliance, currently with more than a thousand members. Among these, only a few hundred were professional players, while the rest were civilian elite. After all, Star couldn’t afford a team of over a thousand high-salary professional players. These civilian elites were either students or internet café youths, burning with passion and enthusiasm to sweat their youth on the stage of national war. Most importantly, they aspired to become official members—a result of them being easily coaxed.

A voice shouted: "Hello, everyone! The Star Guild is launching a full-scale attack, will you join us? Will you bear witness to the glory of victory with the China Region? What are you waiting for, come on!"

"Charge!" The ordinary players who had been watching on the island moved.

The large-scale world atmosphere that was built up seemed like a world-wide call to arms for a general offensive. Even players with great resolve couldn't help but get excited, their blood boiling! Moreover, following the main force is the only way for ordinary players to survive. It wouldn't be wrong to set out at this time.

Meanwhile, Da Bing and Da Wei, accompanied by a group of newly recruited computer science geeks, also set out. Following the main force is indeed the strategy for freelancers to survive, but if freelancers are too weak, they won't gain much benefit. Now, the ten-member team of Da Bing and Da Wei had some strength and had a good chance of snatching some kills.

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Facing Star, facing the full-line assault of the China Region players, the Japan players, who had been conserving their strength, also had to move, although following the rhythm of the opponent was an unpleasant thing.

Compared to Star, which supposedly had a thousand-member Star Annihilation Team including several hundred temporary workers, the main force of Japan, the Hell Race, truly consisted of a thousand people. Its scale and quality were only better than Star. However, the disadvantage was that the Hell Race lacked long-range capabilities, which was disadvantageous.

The decisive battle commenced.

The Star main force team encircled from the battlefield's flank. Facing such a concentrated group, the Multi-Nation Hell Coalition wouldn't hold back. Various large fireballs whistled towards them. The entire Underground Sea was again painted red by firelight, and the astonishing visual effects caused widespread amazement worldwide!

The Star main force team, of course, demonstrated its professional quality distinct from ordinary players. Amidst the firelight, the shining Healing Light formed a continuous golden curtain! Facing a truly well-equipped main force team, flashy spells like Abyss Fireball fulfilled their true mission, which was to deplete the mana of the opposing team's healing players!

— “Full retreat!” The Japan Zone urgently called out on the battlefield channel.

— “Full retreat!” The Indian Zone immediately responded.

Indeed, following the rhythm of a superior enemy was a foolish move, especially when realizing the opponent's standard was quite high. A wise choice at this time was to retreat to the shore to recover mana, or see if they could find NPCs to replenish their forces. With the firepower cover of the Magic Watchtower on the shore, there was no fear of pursuit. Moreover, with Spider Demon reinforcements, the upper hand was evident; there was no need to fight desperately against the China Region.

Thus, all the Demon Servant Shipworkers on the giant paddle ships immediately turned around and maneuvered the battleships away from the battlefield towards the shore. Yes, the giant paddle ship was pointed at both ends, making reverse movement convenient. This somewhat compensated for its sluggish turning performance.

— Battle Report: The Hell Camp retreated, the morale of the entire army -2! The Bright Alliance won, the morale of the entire army +1!

The entire battlefield was a scene of astonishment! Immediately followed by a wave of national curses. This Japan Zone was really too cowardly!

Such a full-strength empty strike felt like taking off one's pants only to see it's a horseback film! But regardless, repelling the enemy was a temporary victory worth celebrating, so the entire world channel was again filled with various kinds of messages.

And as the activator of this grand offensive, Blood Sea Wave, people hadn't forgotten him. As he received prisoners of war, he waved to the vast players, and meanwhile, an overwhelming wave of invitations and congratulations from Star, Ninth Heaven, came his way.

This battle made Blood Sea Wave famous in one fell swoop, establishing his status as a world-class God-level Hero.

However, Blood Sea Wave was deeply troubled. Having become such a well-known figure, how could he continue being a pirate robbing players? Would he really have to become a righteous pirate like One Piece's Luffy?

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At the Hell Camp, the Multi-National Coalition retreated back to the shore.

As leaders from various countries scurried to see if they could get reinforcements from Siriel, the flaming Siriel was scolding the shivering Deirdre. Startled, the Indian Zone and China Zone urgently stepped forward to observe.

"Speak! Why did the Crossbow Cannon explode? Why did it explode!!!"

Deirdre exclaimed in terror, "Master, I, I don't know, it's, it's something I stole from a human Grand Mage!" (Note: Phantom Crossbow Cannon will self-destruct if lost)

Siriel angrily shouted, "Do you know the mistake you've just committed? Delib ranks as Grand Marshal, several grades above me! She can execute you, a mere Banshee, as an assassin!"

Deirdre was completely petrified!

Aamirhan from India and Lei Huolong, the number one from Chinese Hell, stepped forward in panic and said, "Officer, let's talk about this nicely!" "My lord, allow me to bear her sins!"

Siriel's voice roared with anger, "You group of failures! How dare you come back!?" His roar resounded throughout the camp, and for a moment, the leaders of various countries ducked their heads in terror. This, don't provoke him, or risk having this damned NPC suspend their ranks.

At this moment, Siriel approached the trembling leaders from different countries, his expression stern as he said, "First, let me inform you of a piece of bad news. Your original mission, to guard the Abyss Blood Pool, has failed!"

"Failed?" The crowd exclaimed in shock! There was no system prompt?

Siriel said solemnly, "Letting the holy Abyss Blood Pool be tainted by alien corpses, that's failure! Though the fault is not yours, that doesn't prevent the decision-makers from venting anger on you, and you have failed again!"

So, that Super Hero's invasion failed? For a moment, those who knew the inside story from various countries breathed a sigh of relief. However, the ones truly in trouble who would bear the brunt of the blame wouldn't be the players, right? Of course, it would be you, the official! Your situation is the most subtle!

Thus, seeing the situation clearly, Igarashi from the Japan Zone immediately said, "Sir, we cannot afford to fail again! We lack troops and request reinforcements!"

Nehru from the Indian Zone comprehended immediately, "That's right, sir. We need to replenish the lost troops. As long as we push on a little harder, we can definitely destroy the World Tree!"

For a moment, leaders from various countries requested reinforcement. This was a chance to bet on the NPC. Everyone was a professional player, and wouldn't miss this opportunity.

Siriel looked indifferently as he turned his head towards the anxious Deirdre and said, "You, go to battle with them!"

Deirdre was suddenly shocked, "Ah!"

Lei Huolong was taken aback! The Indian Zone players roared!

Siriel coldly said, "You must achieve a meritorious deed so that I can protect you, otherwise, even if Delib doesn't pursue you, I will behead you and send you to her as atonement!"

Damn it!

Chapter 154: The Final Battle of the Pool of Radiance Begins

“Send a level 5 trial hero to the battlefield!” This order from the enraged commander stunned the players in the Indian Zone! Of course, it also shocked the top brass of Dragon Slayer.

The demon world was just that ruthless! Deirdre had no choice but to obey. She feared death, but not to the point of being deathly pale. After all, she had survived countless battles from being a mere soldier to where she was today. Would she survive this time?

Deirdre quickly said, “I will definitely make amends, though I hope to lead suitable troops and have a crossbow cannon to showcase my talents.”

Siriel waved his hand, “Of course, I know what suitable troops are, and I’ll make sure the workshop adds a cannon mount to your warship!” Then he addressed the group of player leaders, “You don’t have much time, I hope you can pacify the Demon King’s rage with your battle achievements! Come on over!”

They had troops! Except for the frustrated Indian Zone, players from other countries were elated.

Siriel led a large group of players to the lava lake behind the workshop. Being a flame demon by birth, he felt an inexplicable kinship with the lava. He strolled across the lava as if he were walking through a leisurely garden. He began casting spells at the center of the lake, and without a doubt, it had to be to summon troops like flame demons, who usually had the ability to throw flames. This made them capable of competing with the level 2 and 3 troops of the Elf Kingdom. Players from various countries watched with bated breath.

Meanwhile, the leadership of Dragon Slayer wasn’t idle.

Hesitant and observing all along, Dragon Slayer finally had a target—keep and capture this Banshee Hero! For players with ordinary talents, there were only two ways to stand out: one, strive to complete extremely difficult tasks and gain new abilities; two, hire a top-notch vice hero. The first route was

clearly unrealistic, making the second route relatively reliable. For Dragon Slayer, which was weak in the Hell Race, a top-notch vice hero was as valuable as the hero legacy sold by Da Fei.

And what of Deirdre's initial attributes and professional skills? More than just top-class! Her allure was such that the entire Indian Zone was captivated, naturally deserving the title of a nation-toppling beauty, and Dragon Slayer couldn't sit by while a national hero was whisked away by foreigners.

Thus, two tasks were vital: one, stab Asan in the back who was contending with them; two, take down Star. But neither of these tasks would be easy, especially backstabbing, which would result in being marked as a killer who couldn't take a step without being penalized.

So, Ma Yinglong personally reached out to the soaring in fame Blood Sea Wave.

Yet, they waited and waited, seconds ticked by, and there was still no reply from the other side. Ma Yinglong was so impatient he felt his veins bulging! Getting cocky, huh? Fame has gone to your head? The other day, who was the first to form an alliance and give a boost when you established the Blood Sea Studio? I'm from the Dark Alliance; I'm not afraid of getting a penalty for killing you and can gain experience and merit, believe it or not, I'll ruin you!

As he was gritting his teeth, Blood Sea Wave finally replied, "Oh, it's Chairman Ma. Sorry, my messages blew up, and I missed it."

Ma Yinglong laughed heartily, "This is what it means to be a public figure, but I'm not here to congratulate you. I'm here to discuss business. What's your next move?"

Blood Sea Wave chuckled, "Of course, to keep beheading and become first on the National War Merit List! I'm just in it for the name, so rest assured, Chairman Ma, I'm only targeting foreigners. Once I succeed, I'll retire, and I won't interfere in the matters between your large guilds."

Looks like Star had been in touch with him, right? Ma Yinglong chuckled, "Man, only in hard times can you find true friends. Everyone will chip in when things are going well. But life has its ups and downs, and it's better to make genuine friends. Honestly, I'm down on my luck, and I want to ask an old friend for help!"

Bullshit down on your luck! If I wasn't a God-level Hero, would you guys even bother with Brother Bird? Blood Sea Wave was getting fired up, yet didn't expect Ma Yinglong to suddenly claim he was down on his luck, making him curious, "How did Chairman Ma fall on hard times?"

Ma Yinglong laughed, "Think about it, this watermelon national war puts us out on this limb, and accidentally you get called a traitor, then those opportunists stab you from behind to finish you off, that's being down on your luck. But doing nothing, and letting domestic peers take all the limelight, losing popularity, that's still being down on your luck."

Blood Sea Wave chuckled, "Chairman Ma's undead roots still exist, what is there to worry about? Just say if you need any help."

Ma Yinglong chuckled, "I want you to help me attack the Indian Zone! Don't worry. Our people will be right in the middle of the Indian Zone to take hits for you! With your super strong performance today, you can definitely wreak havoc! It wouldn't be impossible for you to single-handedly wipe out the entire Indian Zone. At that time, we'll publicize you as 'one against a nation,' make headlines on various websites and forums, and guarantee your fame will skyrocket. This is an audience of tens of thousands! Even the U.S. President doesn't get to be this excited. And later on, if your studio has competitors like Star or Ninth Heaven that you don't get along with and find it inconvenient to deal with, Dragon Slayer can step in and help you out, guaranteed to make you big and strong."

Blood Sea Wave laughed heartily, "In the entire China Region, only Chairman Ma dares to say something like this."

Ma Yinglong laughed heartily, "To tell you the truth, a guild like Star Guild just stifles everything under it. You want to be peers and not feel oppressed when you're in the same camp with them? It's difficult. It's better to cooperate with us in the enemy camp. It comes more straightforwardly and pleasantly!"

Blood Sea Wave laughed, "Chairman Ma is indeed straightforward. Alright, I'll definitely help with this!"

Ma Yinglong laughed, "This friend is truly worth making! I'll let Lei Huolong connect with you for specific tactics and share a map view."

"Haha! Truly, Chairman Ma..."

As they spoke, the spell-casting in the Magic Race camp's lava lake finally bore fruit. Thousands of serpent-like creatures emerged in the lake.

"Fire Elements!" An uproar ensued among the onlooking players from various countries!

—Fire Element: Neutral level 4 troop, Attack 10, Defense 5, Life 43, Damage 11-20, Attack Speed 8, Move Speed 6, Command Value 3, Special Skill: Ranged Archer, Fire Immunity, Elemental Life, Flame Shield

Fire Elements were often the summons of Master-level Arcane Magic, known for their high life and high damage, hailed as the strongest level 4 ranged troop, even surpassing many level 5 troops. Their comprehensive attributes crushed the Elf Clan's pride of the low-health level 3 troop Jungle Hunter, with the only downside being a slower attack rate.

In reality, the four major elemental life forms—wind, fire, water, and earth—were all level 4 troops that players found particularly challenging. Fire Elements boasted formidable range, protected by a fire shield, resilient to melee combat. Water Elements wielded advanced Ice Pillar Magic and, if not so rare, would certainly be contenders with the Druid for the title of God-level Monster. Earth Elements were incredibly durable, high-attack, high-life, all-defense anti-magic melee nemeses, while Wind Elements were the game's fastest flying army.

Now, these thousands of Fire Elements slithered out of the lava, joining player ranks lacking in command power. Players across various countries burst into cheers! However, the Japan Zone, wanting to conserve strength, had few Abyss Lords fall, leading to fewer Fire Elements being received. Similarly, in the China Region, players were left feeling deflated, as they hadn't participated and thus acquired fewer troops.

Now, Siriel, having completed the spell, returned to shore. The flames dimmed, revealing a layer of charred black and red on him, indicating his strength had significantly waned. He spoke wearily, "Warriors, this is your last chance. You are only allowed victory, not failure!"

The players from various countries were invigorated, "No failure! Absolutely no failure."

Clatter! Another workshop gate opened, launching a brand-new giant oar warship into the water. The battleship was clearly much taller than normal battleships, with added shields resembling those on coal barges along its sides, making it more effective against arrow rain.

Needless to say, this rough-and-ready item was undoubtedly prepared for the female hero. Lei Huolong immediately sent someone on board, approaching this ship, and the Indian Zone players were first to act, colliding at sea to fight for position.

As expected, Sirel said to Deirdre, "This is the modified battleship for you, with cannon mounts in four directions. Although your skill can control only one cannon, you can switch mounts at any time, shooting in all directions, saving the time spent rotating the crossbow cannon for aiming. Delib could do it; I hope you can too."

Deirdre quickly said, "Thank you, Mentor!"

Sirel waved, "Get ready for the expedition!"

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Elf Kingdom Staff Department. A group of NPC officers with keen eyes and tense expressions fixed their gaze on the large map.

Eternal Star, this idle big shot, was very displeased. The previous total attack had been in vain, and the Elf Kingdom still had no plans to deploy NPC troops. What about all these spider demons? What if the spider demons finished their tasks and turned on the players?

In the midst of this dilemma, an officer excitedly said, "Great Elder, we have detected magic information sent back by Professor Anwen!"

The Great Elder laughed heartily, "Our hero is still alive; he is still alive!"

Thunderous applause resounded in the hall!

Professor Anwen? So this super hero was an NPC named Anwen! Eternal Star was finally relieved! If a player were this strong, he'd surely lose his appetite. So he seized the opportunity to suggest, "Great Elder, should we deploy the main force?"

The Great Elder laughed heartily, "Everyone, what do you think?"

All the officers raised their hands, "Attack!"

Pool of Radiance, the final battle began!

Chapter 155: Harvest of Storm Baptism

Abyss Blood Pool.

In the throes of a life-and-death struggle with the storm, guided by Da Fei, the Flying battled fiercely. Though Catherine skillfully navigated the ship, dodging one devastating wave after another with agility, and the resurrected Flying continuously restored its durability, any margin for error was nil in the face of these monstrous waves. The situation remained dire.

Another colossal wave hurled the Flying skyward, and Da Fei clung tightly to the mast once more.

Boom! The Flying crashed heavily into the trough of a wave!

— System Prompt: You battled against the storm, gaining 10,800 experience points!

— System Prompt: The Flying's port side deck suffered a severe fracture, durability -241! Please repair immediately!

— System Prompt: 3 members of your Jungle Hunter Unit have died!

— System Prompt: 18 members of your Flower Demon Army have died!

Da Fei was suddenly startled, beginning to lose soldiers! With such violent jolts, it was not surprising for soldiers inside to die without any safety measures! My HP is not full right now!

Da Fei hurried to check the army's status, only to find that Selvia and the Forest Goddess, as well as the Druids, were out of mana! Previously, there had been no deaths because they were holding on, but now, it's clearly unsustainable! The recent impacts have left the units with incomplete health! (Note: Druids have advanced Life Revival, but the opportunity to use this skill was overshadowed by the flash of lightning.)

Another giant wave approached!

— System Prompt: 1 member of your Druid Army has died!

— System Prompt: 9 members of your Jungle Hunter Unit have died!

— System Prompt: 82 members of your Flower Demon Army have died!

Indeed, the shockingly rising casualty numbers shattered Da Fei's heart. The more soldiers died, the more severely injured the rest became; total annihilation was not out of the question after a few more bumps! When would this storm end? With such violent shaking, how could Selvia safely recover her mana? If this continued and the night passed, even God could not resurrect them!

The wind howled, waves churned, the ship trembled violently, but Da Fei gritted his teeth in defiance of the heavens!

Without healing, in less than five minutes, 600 Flower Demons had died! 50 Jungle Hunters! Even the Forest Goddess could not save 5 from dying! More than half of the troops were lost! Total annihilation loomed!

Tears welled in Da Fei's eyes, and his heart bled! As a warrior, dying on the battlefield was honorable, and if the ship sunk, he would die without complaints. But the ship grew increasingly steadfast while soldiers died from bumps and bruises; what was this? Alright, this was the cost of battling the heavens; they died gloriously! As long as my gunners were alive, I could still complete the mission!

The Flying's vision suddenly narrowed.

— System Prompt: Your stamina dropped below the warning line, please replenish stamina, or the Crow's Nest function cannot operate properly!

Da Fei immediately swallowed a bottle of fruit wine! Heaven was not easily defied! Just then,

— System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia used the Great Resurrection Technique, resurrecting 118 members of the Flower Demon Army! Resurrected Flower Demon Army are in a weakened state.

Da Fei's spirit lifted with sudden joy! Good! Resurrection is good! Truly worthy of being my sweetheart, keep it up! Immediately putting the fully healed soldiers in the dorms and letting the weakened Flower Demons take over!

Suddenly, Da Fei paused in confusion! Something wasn't right! He had witnessed her Resurrection Technique before while fighting insects, but how come only a few were resurrected now?

The formula for Master Level Resurrection Technique = $100 + 30 \times \text{Magic Power}$. Selvia had 10 Magic Power, plus the priest's robe providing +5 Magic Power, totaling 550 health points resurrected; with the Flower Demons having 2 base health points, it should resurrect 275 of them! Considering her nun class boosts by 25% and the Sea Hymn enhances by 30% from Light Magic, it should not just resurrect this little amount!

Why was this happening? Could it be that the Demon Realm suppressed Light Energy? Or was the ship rocking too violently for Selvia to perform well? Da Fei sighed deeply and shook his head, being able to resurrect was already good enough; what more could he do? Just hold the fort then.

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The storm raged on, sailors cried out; the Flying grew, and Da Fei's battle experience kept increasing. A few minutes later, aside from the weakened soldiers in dorms, the rest of the units predictably faced total annihilation! Knowing this now, why bother replacing soldiers in dorms in the first place? Da Fei let out a long sigh to the sky!

— System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia used the Master Level Great Resurrection Technique, resurrecting 118 members of the Flower Demon Army! Resurrected Flower Demon Army are in a weakened state.

— System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia gained information on Master-level Meditation Skill.

— System Prompt: The Flying absorbed essence from the Blood Sea Storm, durability +37.

Da Fei was suddenly astonished! Another Resurrection Technique? How much time had passed? Gained information on Master-level Meditation Skill? Executing one Master-level Resurrection Technique required 100 mana; did she regenerate 100 mana in those few minutes?

Why so fast? This rapid recovery was indeed likely due to Master-level Meditation Skill!?

Seeing the Blood Sea Storm Essence in the system prompts, Da Fei suddenly recalled the description of Blood Revival when the Flying was resurrected; this storm was indeed Divine Power Storm!

Da Fei realized! There must be a problem with this storm! Selvia's standard could not be reached because of its suppression, and rapid mana recovery must also be due to it! The reason? In the Demon Realm, mana was abundant, and the Demon Realm's wind was certainly brimming with mana!

That meant, just as Selvia experienced Grandmaster-level realizations and Da Fei gained God-level Reconnaissance Skill, she first achieved Grandmaster-level effects, discovered the sense of Grandmaster-level, then realized it! It was similar to how Catherine just realized Master-level Navigation Skill!

Understanding it all, Da Fei burst out laughing! So that's it! Good storm, indeed a good storm! As long as Selvia advanced Master-level Meditation Skill and learned the old woman's Divine Skill of Magic Coordination, even if the entire ship's soldiers perished, even if I failed this mission, it would all be worth it!

Still, the storm raged, yet in Da Fei's heart, it became the most beautiful rock music, the most explosive dance, the most vibrant lights! Come on! Let the storm hit harder, let my dear continue providing updates! Here was the stage for my rebellion against the heavens! Ha! Wahaha!

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The bloody rain ceased, the fierce wind abated, the dense clouds dispersed. Amid the cycle of continual death and resurrection, the blood sea storm finally ended. A deep red blood moon illuminated the sky, casting a faint bloody mist over the blood sea.

The divine sound of the long-awaited system prompts rolled out excitedly for Da Fei!

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You endured the test of the God-level Storm and realized Advanced Navigator!

— Advanced Navigator: The hero ship's speed increases by an additional 30% at sea, stacking with Sailing Skills. Every 3 levels, the hero earns an additional free attribute point for a secondary profession. The hero, as well as the hero's Vice Hero, gains 300 experience points daily at sea.

— System Prompt: You gained 3 free attribute points from the Advanced Navigator profession bonus. (Note: Da Fei at level 30 should have gained 10 points, with 7 points already allocated at intermediate, now compensated with 3 points.)

— System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Selvia realized Master-level Meditation Skill!

— System Prompt: Your First Officer Catherine obtained information on God-level Navigation Skill.

— System Prompt: Your First Officer Catherine obtained information on Master-level Pirate.

— System Prompt: Your Flying upgraded to level 1! Obtained special skill "Ship of Misfortune"!

Comprehended! Selvia truly realized Master-level Meditation Skill! Gifting me an Advanced Navigator! Gifting Catherine two pieces of basic information! Ha! Wahaha! Thank you, heavens!

Of course, now Selvia was busy, needing to resurrect the troops, not busy celebrating with her. I'd first check what's up with the level 1 Ship of Misfortune Flying!

Ship Name: Flying (Mission reward, player-bound, non-tradable)

Ship Level: Level 1.

Captain: Da Fei

Ship Special Skill: Divine's Blessing (Sailor Luck +2), Ship of Misfortune (Both friend and foe luck -3)

Ship Type: Large four-masted three-deck fast sailing ship.

Ship Cargo Capacity: 500 units

Ship Gun Cabin: 32 gun positions. (Port side 16, starboard side 16)

Ship Use Duration: 10 years

Minimum Sailor Capacity: 30 people

Ship Durability: 2316/2316

Ship Speed: 10

Ship Armor Defense: Port side 120, starboard 120, bow 95, stern 96.

Ship Room Configuration: Cockpit 1 room, Captain's Room 1 room, Deputy Officer Rest Room 6 rooms, Staff Room 1 room, accounting room 1 room, Treatment Room 2 rooms, kitchen 1 room, Special Room 1 room, Entertainment Room 1 room, sailor dormitory 2 rooms (standard capacity 200 people)

Ship Auxiliary Equipment: White Shark Ship's Figurehead, Space Teleportation Array, Wind Energy Magic Sail, 4 Landing Crafts.

Sea God Insurance Level: 0 (ship is not under the Sea God's protection; once an accident occurs, it will sink forever)

Current Status of Ship: Main mast damaged, bottom of ship damaged.

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Seeing the "Curse of Misfortune -3 effect" in the current status suddenly became a "special skill" that could affect enemies, Da Fei was shocked again!