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Chapter 196: The Revival of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce

In the secret meeting room at Elorin City Hall, Da Fei was given an exclusive banquet by Mayor Auseliman. Of course, in this setting, little brothers like Da Bing and Da Wei couldn't enter and had to wait outside.

Auseliman laughed heartily: "Mr. Da Fei, you are the hero recommended by us in Elorin. You have accomplished the task that the Kingdom deemed impossible. You are the pride of the Bright Alliance, the pride of the Elf Kingdom, and certainly the pride of Elorin! To celebrate your triumphant return, let's toast!"

Good to know! Your political achievements must have skyrocketed! How will you thank Brother Xie? Da Fei chuckled and said, "Not at all, not at all, it's all thanks to Mayor's support. Cheers!"

After the pleasantries, Auseliman chuckled and said, "Mr. Da Fei, now let's talk about settling the debt!"

Oh, getting down to business. Settling debts should be simple, just toss a large ship to me. Otherwise, in the year of the monkey and the month of the horse, if it's not cleared, I might as well hang myself, which is certainly the last thing a creditor wants to see.

Da Fei sighed: "Exactly, exactly, the thought of this debt problem makes me restless. I'd love to trade my way out of debt, but unfortunately, there's no big ship. You have to think of a way, Mayor."

Auseliman clapped his hands and laughed: "No need to panic, Mr. Da Fei. I'm here to help you figure it out!"

Da Fei was overjoyed! It turned out that the people who cared about you the most were your creditors!

Auseliman suddenly turned serious: "I would like to appoint you as the president of the Sea Commerce Association, how do you feel about that?"

Da Fei was suddenly shocked: “Sea Commerce Association!”

The Sea Commerce Association, as the name suggests, is a guild for shipping cargo at sea. It’s essentially another specific title for a guild. In the game, guilds are not just player chat rooms; they’re also institutions that have upgrade paths. Player hero skills are divided into four major categories: Legion, Lord, Adventure, and Scholar. Similarly, guild functions are divided into several major systems.

For instance, guilds specialized in sea trade are called Sea Commerce Associations, offering players additional experience and reputation rewards for overseas trade and sea attack and defense bonuses. Guilds focused on land-based transport are called Trade Guilds, offering players logistics skills and attack damage bonuses. Guilds specializing in adventure are called Adventurer Guilds, increasing the player’s monster-killing drop rate and the chance to discover hidden treasures. The most mainstream one is the War Guild, which significantly improves the attributes of players’ troops.

In fact, as long as a guild has enough money and enough people doing tasks, it can advance comprehensively in parallel development.

For example, during the open beta until the last day of closed beta, Star Guild’s attribute was: Comprehensive Level 152 (War 72, Sea Commerce 30, Adventure 30, Trade 20).

The effect of a level 70 War Guild is that all player troop attributes increase by about 7%. Don’t underestimate this 7% – it’s like, when ten thousand people from both sides fight against each other, one side suddenly has 700 more soldiers.

Of course, the role of the guild is not just to give players a little buff; more importantly, many tasks with rich rewards can only be received by joining a guild, especially a large guild with high levels and prestige. Large projects need big trustworthy companies to undertake.

However, the benefits of a guild are so plentiful, but establishing one isn’t that easy. In short, it requires constantly doing tasks to accumulate prestige, etc., which is very bothersome and painful. So far, more than ten days since the game opened, neither the China Region nor anywhere else in the world has seen a guild established.

Such cumbersome, troublesome guild establishments haven't proceeded, yet the mayor wants to give me a ready-made guild presidency? This completely breaks the system's "principles"!

Da Fei said incredulously: "Sir, does my prestige qualify to establish a guild?"

Auseliman shook his head and said sternly: "No need to establish a new one. We have an existing Sea Commerce: Dragon Cavalry Sea Commerce. This is a historical guild, older than my grandfather, once renowned in the Kingdom and always the pride of Elorin. However, a hundred years ago, the Dragon Cavalry Sea Commerce deviated from its course during a storm and accidentally entered the Sea God's Holy Land, 'Seaborne Mirage Tower.' At that time, driven by greed, the fleet captain stole the sacred site's sacrificial artifact, angering the Sea God. In the subsequent years, all the ships involved in the theft sank during maritime disasters, causing catastrophic damage to the guild's safety reputation!"

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat! He understood, indeed there's no such thing as a free lunch!

Auseliman continued: "Soon the guild bankrupted and was passed on. New ships joined the guild, but to no avail; the maritime disasters continued. The Sea God's wrath was not just directed at the guild's ships but at the entire guild! No one dared to take over the guild now, so it remains quietly on the Kingdom's guild registration book. A hundred years have passed, the guild has been downgraded year by year. This is the last year. If it gets downgraded again, this historical, once-glorious Dragon Cavalry Guild will be forcibly revoked, ceasing to exist! Mr. Da Fei, do you understand what I mean?"

Da Fei exclaimed in astonishment: "Sir, you mean I should take over this guild?"

Auseliman nodded: "That's right! You completed the impossible task, you're a super hero of great potential and a young promising navigator, you successfully overcame two god-level storms. You're the only candidate who can withstand the Sea God's Curse. The task to revive the Dragon Cavalry Guild can only be entrusted to you! And I can assure you, the Dragon Cavalry Guild is absolutely worth saving. Its long history has developed many practical guild traits, just like hero specialties that are rare and to be sought after!"

— System Prompt: Elorin City Mayor Auseliman tasks you with the epic mission "Revival of the Dragon Cavalry Guild," will you accept?

— Task Hint: The Dragon Knight Commerce is under the Sea God's Curse. So far, no single guild ship has been spared from maritime disasters. You need to endure the Sea God's Curse within a year to preserve the guild.

Ah, damn! Da Fei spat out a glob of snot! The mayor, indeed being the mayor, is impressive and high-class. The first thing off the bat is an epic mission! Saving just one guild warrants an epic level? Just what monstrous atrocities did this guild commit that it angered a god so much? Was it just stealing a treasure? A divine artifact-level treasure? Or did they even molest the beautiful priestesses?

Epic missions require caution! Da Fei sighed: "Mr. Mayor, if I fail?"

Auseliman shook his head with a smile: "I believe if Mr. Da Fei were someone who halts out of fear of failure, then Mr. Da Fei's kingdom mission would have never succeeded. I have faith in you!"

Da Fei sighed: "Then about the big ship?"

Auseliman sighed: "With Mr. Da Fei's current reputation, it's impossible to purchase large ships. Even I, as the mayor, cannot abuse my power. However, with your current reputation, you can use medium-sized ships. I can personally sponsor you a medium-sized ship, and you can collect it directly from the Captain."

Damn it! A medium-sized ship can't weather a damn storm!

Fine, no point in obsessing over it. So what if the ship sinks and the cargo goes overboard, no big deal. There's no reason not to accept an epic mission delivered to the door!

Chapter 197: Initial Establishment of the Chamber of Commerce

System Prompt: You accepted the Epic Quest "Revival of the Dragon Cavalry Sea Commerce"!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You have become the president of the Dragon Cavalry Sea Commerce! You can now view the current status of the guild through the guild management panel.

Dragon Cavalry Sea Commerce: A sea commerce guild cursed by the Sea God.

Overall Level: Level 1 (Level 1 Sea Commerce, Level 0 Adventure Guild, Level 0 War Guild, Level 0 Trade Guild.)

Level 1 Sea Commerce: Gain an extra 1% experience reputation from trading.

Guild Reputation: -1.04 million.

Current Guild Feature: Buying and selling discounts.

Guild President: Da Fei (Task appointment, cannot be transferred)

Guild Residence: Elorin Sea Commerce Office 003.

Guild Assets: 0

Guild Ships: 0

Guild Officers: 0 people.

Guild Members: 0 people.

Current number of guild members allowed: 100 people.

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Warning: The guild is in a large negative reputation state. If any security incidents or breach incidents occur, the guild will be forcibly dissolved.

A brief introduction to the guild attributes shows no difference from a typical newly established guild, except for this -1.04 million negative reputation that stabs Da Fei's in-app purchase dog eyes! -1.04 million reputation! Damn it! How can I even level up with this!

Guild leveling is different from player leveling, players need Experience, while guilds need Reputation. Every trade completed by the guild, every task finished, adds Reputation. Once enough Reputation is gained, the guild levels up, enhancing its attributes, developing new guild skills, increasing the maximum recruitable members, and receiving higher-end tasks.

In other words, the current state not only requires surviving the Sea God's curse but also demands clearing this -1.04 million negative reputation within a year of game time, equivalent to just over a month in real time!

No wonder this is an Epic Quest! It's a pain! Such a painful guild, is it really worth saving? After leveling up, does it really have substance? It is said that a demoted guild can upgrade again without spending resources and time redeveloping skills, implying that the advantage of a guild lies herein. But the precondition is, to level up, first clear the negative reputation!

Whatever, if I fail, I'll just wash it clean and pretend I never took this task. Speaking of which, seems like I've become the world's first guild president, haven't I? Why isn't there a world broadcast? Doesn't the task count?

At this time, Auseliman laughed, "Worthy of Mr. Da Fei. I'm relieved to hand such a daunting task to you. Please head to the shipyard now to receive your ships. Meanwhile, I'll notify the Sea Commerce Association to clear the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce's office for you."

Da Fei nodded, "Alright, I'll go now." Suddenly remembering he had two little bros, Brother Wei realized that if he didn't let them bask in some glory, there might be a loyalty issue!

Da Fei hurriedly laughed, "Mayor, could you sponsor two more medium ships? After all, it's a new opening for an old chamber of commerce; we need four or five people and seven or eight guns! One lonely ship setting sail looks unmotivated."

The mayor shook his head, smiling, "I am an honest official. I truly have no extra funds for private sponsorships. But Mr. Da Fei makes a good point. I'll step forward and ask the shipyard to grant credit for one ship to Mr. Da Fei. A medium ship shouldn't be a problem. Regardless of the task's success, you must repay the shipyard's debt immediately."

Honesty, my foot! Da Fei nodded repeatedly, "Thank you, Mayor!"

I get it; the mayor's special skill is "credit"! Otherwise, how else could I receive rewards before completing tasks, or build the Banshee Camp before paying? God-level specialty! A mayor who can't grant credit isn't a good mayor! Wahahaha!

The mayor laughed, "But I must remind you, even with a ship, members require enough reputation to operate it; this can't be vague."

Da Fei nodded, "Understood, understood!"

In the game, not only must you have sufficient reputation to buy a ship, but also to operate it, equivalent to a license. Otherwise, it would be too easy for main accounts to buy ships and trade them to secondary accounts. Although the two little bros don't have enough reputation to operate the ships, my goal is to show them the capabilities of their big bro, so they'll work wholeheartedly for it!

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During Da Fei's meeting with the mayor, Da Bing and Da Wei also kept busy outside the door.

Da Bing immediately sent a message and screenshot to his computer science buddies who disbanded last night, "Da Liu, see this? We've hit the jackpot, the number one in National service, the legendary Brother Fei. Let's join the fun together."

Da Liu chuckled, "Who was the big mouth saying they would make something of themselves and form a university war team? If you had said earlier you wanted to be reliant on others, we would've joined Star directly. No need to be beaten like a dog, right? Honestly, I don't think like this Da Fei. He killed dozens of Star members and still hasn't shed the traitor label. I'd advise you to steer clear unless you expect trouble?"

Da Bing retorted angrily, "If you guys hadn't insisted on disbanding, would we have needed to rely on others?"

Da Liu coldly replied, "Not everyone is fit to lead. We didn't feel fit, so we followed you, but you're not much better. Who are you blaming?"

Da Bing swore, "Fine, enough talk. Lend a brother some money so we can buy ships and repay you once we're rich."

"For what? Even the National War has been cleaned up!"

"You have money in the bank!"

"Nope, don't even think about touching the wife's savings."

"Dang! I'm trying to share good stuff with you guys, asking for a little Game Coin, and you say no. Are we even alumni?"

"No good stuff, jump into a pit if you want, we won't accompany you!"

Da Bing was fuming, "Fine! You guys are something! Damn!"

Next to them, Da Wei watched their conversation silently, finally feeling compelled to say, "Can this Da Fei really back us up?"

Da Bing lit a cigarette, blew a smoke ring, staying silent. The dorm atmosphere grew heavy, and the two sat there, lost in thought, exhaling clouds of smoke.

For these ambitious college students, always dreaming of making it big post-graduation, marrying a rich beauty, and standing at life's peak, the reality is, when everyone thinks this way, it leads to conflicts and divisions, even failing to band together for small ventures in games!

As they pondered, a flash of white light at the door signaled Da Fei's exit.

Da Bing forced himself back into high spirits, approaching with a smile, "Brother Fei, you're out!"

Da Fei sighed, "You two are really waiting here? Guys, seize every moment to get things done, don't waste time like this from now on!"

The two quickly agreed, "Yes, Brother Fei is right."

Satisfied, Da Fei waved, "Come on, let's go to the shipyard to see the ship."

Da Bing was delighted, "A ship?"

Da Fei gloated, "That's right, one is mine, and the other one is for you guys, but you can't operate it yet. So, you must work hard to gain reputation, understood?"

Da Bing was excited, "Understood! We'll keep grinding for reputation, won't let Brother Fei down!"

—System Prompt: The president of the Dragon Cavalry Sea Commerce, Da Fei, invites you to join the Dragon Cavalry Sea Commerce. Do you accept?

Stunned by the sudden system prompt, Da Wei was puzzled, and Da Bing found it hard to believe!

"What's up?" Da Fei turned nonchalantly, observing their reactions.

Da Bing was ecstatic, "Brother Fei! Brother Fei, I'm kneeling for you again! You're incredible! Guild president! I can't believe my eyes! I don't think the world even has any guilds yet, but Brother Fei is the world's first guild president!"

Da Fei chuckled coolly, "It's a quest-generated guild, much more substantial than ordinary guilds. In short, at this level, I couldn't care less about competing for first place."

Da Bing was so excited he was almost rolling on the ground, "Brother Fei is mighty! Brother Fei is magnanimous!"

Even the usually silent Brother Wei chimed in, "Brother Fei is too strong!"

Recruiting little bros achieves exactly this effect, surely more fulfilling than playing alone! Da Fei couldn't resist bursting into a hearty laughter.

Under the curious gazes of passersby, Da Fei swaggered toward the shipyard with his entourage of beauties.

Da Bing walked proudly, filled with complex emotions! This step was the right one! To see further, stand on a giant's shoulders; to run faster, still stand on a giant's shoulders, exerting no effort yourself! When I master sailing, I'll show Da Liu and the rest! Hah, what are they to me? This vice president position is as good as mine, they're not even fit to carry my shoes. But for our old alumni's sake, if they obediently plead with me, I'll still let them in to help out with tasks, hahaha!

Elorin Shipyard.

The shipyard manager personally greeted, "Welcome Mr. Da Fei, we've been waiting for you. We have several ready-made medium-sized sailing ships. Which would you like, Mr. Da Fei? Let me introduce them. With Mr. Da Fei's current reputation, you can use our best Galen Medium Armored Cargo Ship. The advantages of medium ships are that they have decent speeds in calm coastal waters, can fulfill mid-range transportation needs, and the added 4-gun capacity can effectively threaten small pirate ships in coastal regions..."

Ship Name: Galen Medium Armored Cargo Ship

Price: 25,000 Gold Coin, 130,000 Elorin City Reputation or Respect Reputation.

Ship Special Skill: None

Ship Model: Medium-sized Twin-Masted Double-Decked Cargo Sailing Ship.

Ship Cargo Capacity: 300 units

Ship Gun Cabin: 4 gun positions. (2 on port, 2 on starboard)

Minimum Sailor Capacity: 8 people

Ship Durability 30000/30000

Ship Speed: 8

Ship Armor Defense: Port 50, Starboard 50, Bow 30, Stern 30.

Ship Room Configuration: Cockpit 1, Captain's Room 1, Deputy Officer Rest Room 4, accounting room 1, Kitchen 1, Medical Room 1, Sailor Dormitory 1 (30 people crew)

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—Ah poo! Staring at the mere 30,000 Durability of this medium-sized ship, Da Fei spewed old blood! Damn it, my Flying set sail to the Demon World with only 2,000 Durability! It turns out my Flying is in such poor shape! So, a fully resurrected Flying should be way stronger than a medium-sized ship, right?

The manager asked, “Sir, what do you think? This is our best medium ship.”

Da Fei waved his hand, “This one!” 25,000 Gold Coin! Damn, although money isn’t an issue, without the mayor’s help, I wouldn’t afford it!

The manager bowed, "Thank you for your purchase, Sir. You can also choose another medium ship!"

Considering these two little bros' reputation was problematic, Da Fei said, "Choose the easiest one to obtain, with large cargo capacity."

The manager nodded, "We have plenty of those, Medium Clark Cargo Ship, it sacrifices speed, making it bulky, but with ample cargo, the downside is the lack of armament, so it requires heavy escort."

Ship Name: Medium Clark Cargo Ship

Price: 18,000 Gold Coin, 100,000 Elorin City Reputation.

Ship Special Skill: None

Ship Model: Medium-sized Twin-Masted Double-Decked Cargo Sailing Ship.

Ship Cargo Capacity: 500 units

Ship Gun Cabin: None

Minimum Sailor Capacity: 8 people

Ship Durability 30000/30000

Ship Speed: 4

Ship Armor Defense: Port 35, Starboard 35, Bow 25, Stern 25.

Ship Room Configuration: Cockpit 1, Captain's Room 1, Deputy Officer Rest Room 4, accounting room 1, Kitchen 1, Medical Room 1, Sailor Dormitory 1 (30 people crew)

A standard cargo train, nothing more to say, this one it is.

The manager bowed, "Thank you for your purchase, sir. We'll need a day to wax and launch the two ships, please wait for one day."

Da Fei nodded and turned to them, "See that, 100,000 City Reputation, you need to work hard!"

The duo excitedly pledged, "Thanks, Brother Fei! We will work hard!"

Chapter 198: Took an Extra Glance at You in the Crowd

Watching the two hurriedly rush to the Chamber of Commerce to take on errands, Da Fei sighed to himself. "100,000 reputation, how long will it take these errand runners to achieve that, until the year of the monkey? Medium ships aren't that easy to operate either."

In the game, there's essentially no fundamental difference between medium ships and small ships, other than being a larger version of a small ship. However, the difference between large ships and medium ships is significant; it's a matter of oceanic versus coastal, with completely different construction, materials, and design philosophies. If the minimum requirement for medium ships is 100,000 reputation, then large ships would require at least 1,000,000! So for merchant players just entering the game, large ships are an unreachable goal, while medium ships become their lifelong ambition.

In any case, these two could not be of much help for a long while. After all, recruiting them was a bit too casual. However, they do have their obvious strengths, like flattering.

Only I can venture out first and see what this Sea God's Curse is all about. But navigating a medium ship leaves me a little uneasy too. After all, my Storm Navigation only works with a large ship.

With just one day left, I'll go see Old Ma, my mentor. As his fortunate apprentice, having accomplished such an impressive feat, he should be proud and offer me some advice, right? But how do I explain the Phantom Crossbow Cannon? Damn it, just say it got wrecked.

To save on teleportation costs, Da Fei first went to the inn to settle in the three lovely ladies.

But the newcomer Anlicia wouldn't have it. She tugged at Da Fei's sleeve, pouted, and whined, "No, no! It's no fun. I want to go to the human city with the Captain!"

Damn it! Is this what's called a rebellious character? What a troublesome hero with such a personality! You're pouting at the wrong place—pout at my mouth!

With a laugh and a tear, Da Fei had no choice but to take her along. At level 20, she wasn't heavy; I could handle it.

But thinking about her skillset, which was equally laughable, Da Fei felt troubled again. To say her expertise was like my grandmother's, her skills resembled my grandmother's too. The difference was, one was all grandmaster level, and the other was junior high and high school level—clearly here to mess with me. There's no other way—I'll have to make her an Arcane Master first to fill the gap left by Grandma's departure. As for her position, it could only be the Sailing Captain, with my God-level skills backing her up.

With a flash of white light from the teleportation array, Da Fei returned to the bustling Saint Anthony Port, the largest human port.

As soon as Da Fei, a yellow-name figure, appeared, he became the center of attention, with the surrounding crowd erupting in shouts: "Da Fei! It's Da Fei!"

"No kidding, he got a female Vice Hero after snatching a Female Hero from the Bloodrose Guild!"

"The Bloodrose Guild has been hunting him down, and he dares to come here?"

"Damn, he also killed several main members of Star, and Star hasn't even settled accounts with him yet."

"I heard his ship is gone? Is it true?"

Suddenly, the crowd swarmed around, encircling Da Fei tightly. As the largest human port, the number of people here was obviously more than in Elorin.

Da Fei felt overwhelmed, thinking that onlookers also had power. But as the top player in the China Region, I certainly won't be a monkey for you all to watch! Want to watch, huh? Then I'll put on a show for you!

Da Fei began waving to the crowd, like a leader. The crowd responded with hisses. Sure, they're not convinced by me! No matter, if you want to watch like this, I'll wave until you all get sick of it.

Suddenly, Da Fei noticed a red dot suddenly appeared on the mini-map! A single red among a sea of green—the red dot stood out among the green dots representing onlookers on the radar!

Da Fei couldn't help but look in the direction of the red dot, and sure enough, he saw a red-named figure partially covering their head, looking at him from behind the crowd! Da Fei was startled—a PK red name? No! The red dot on the radar indicated a hostile force or hostile monster! How could a hostile force enter the city?

In his shock, the red dot disappeared from the radar! The red-named figure vanished from Da Fei's sight.

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched, wondering if his eyes were playing tricks on him. He vaguely saw that the half head just now displayed a name...Shenye? At this moment, the crowd swayed again, and the figure disappeared without a trace, leaving him unable to determine if it was a man or a woman or whether it was a player or NPC.

Da Fei was suddenly shocked! What was the situation?

Isn't it obvious? It must be that my God-level Reconnaissance Technique discovered a lurking hostile player! Da Fei had seen such situations before, like the suddenly exposed and disappeared Spider Hero in the Pool of Radiance. This indicated that the opponent's disguise skill was very high—even a God-level Reconnaissance Technique couldn't completely detect it. His (or her) name was "Shenye"? Or was it just the first half of the name blocked by other players?

Da Fei hurriedly activated the player friend function to search for “Shenye,” but the system prompted no such person. It seemed it was only half a name. Clearly, the name was unimportant. What mattered was how such a hostile identity entered such a large human Main City.

Wait! It’s not like I’ve never encountered this before. Isn’t Makar one of them? And Makar’s butler, too, right? That time when I temporarily upgraded to God-level after obtaining the Blood Eagle Flute, I pierced through the butler’s vampire identity. Damn it! Could this Shenye also be a vampire? A vampire that could completely disguise as a human is not an ordinary vampire—it’d be a high-end vampire. Right, was that person male or female just now? If female, she might be a Banshee? A Banshee could disguise completely too?

If there was a complete disguise, could it mix dual-race professions? A vampire taking part-time jobs as a Knight Priest on the human side? Possible, very possible! Didn’t I take a side job as a Ranger?

Anyway, this player must be quite formidable!

Da Fei couldn’t help but sigh in admiration. The vastness of the China Region and the sheer number of Chinese players truly hid many dragons and crouching tigers. It seemed it was premature for me to declare myself the top in China. Since the opposing player is a formidable adversary, they’re naturally my enemy—I must stay vigilant.

It’s not just about being vigilant; if the opponent really was a high-end vampire, they’d be a formidable enemy! Undead and the Hell Race are different; the Hell Race is strong on land but weak at sea. The Undead are strong on land and equally formidable at sea. They have the overpowering vampire troops and the most irritating ghost troops!

All of a sudden, a sense of crisis arose in Da Fei’s mind. In short, I still have to keep working hard!

At that moment, the patrolling city guards appeared and loudly dispersed the crowd blocking the road around Da Fei. Only then was Da Fei able to make his way to Makar’s Duke’s office.

At the time, the entrance to the Duke’s office was bustling, with mission officers standing near the guards while players competed to hand in their tasks. Needless to say, as a world-renowned Great Navigator, the Great Duke of the Lionheart Empire, the most powerful Grand Mage of humankind, and

the Governor General of the New World, Makar wielded immense power. Players all wanted to gain a foothold under Makar, particularly among the large guilds.

Having just been stimulated by the mysterious player, Da Fei felt uneasy and lost his composure. He ignored the curious glances from the surrounding players and pushed through the crowd to the guards: "I want to see the Duke!"

Seeing Da Fei, the guard immediately straightened up with respect: "Oh, it's you, sir. Please, come right in!"

Oh, yeah! The NPC guard said before that I don't visit without a reason. If he's letting me in, it must be something important—indeed, I completed the task, and the Duke has something to say. Hahaha! Onward!

Watching Da Fei, the yellow-named figure, swagger into the Duke Mansion, the players outside caused a stir: "Da Fei can meet the Duke!"

"Damn! So elite!"

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The ever-graceful vampire butler led the way again, and this time Da Fei dared not look at him as he glanced around. Apparently, this vampire butler has an anti-reconnaissance skill.

On the contrary, Anlicia frowned, pinched her nose with one hand, and waved away an imaginary stench with the other.

Da Fei asked softly, "What's up?"

Anlicia shook her head, "It's hard to say."

Could it be that she can smell an undead's stench of rot? Even high-end undead vampires have a stench of rot? Of course, it's not the time to stir up trouble and create more complications. Da Fei said lightly, "Then don't say it."

Yet Anlicia leaned close to Da Fei's ear and whispered, "I'm telling you, there's a strange rose scent on him, and it's not natural!"

Damn it! I told you not to say it, but you insist. Everyone knows high-end vampires sleep in luxurious coffins filled with roses. Da Fei anxiously said, "I don't understand—can you say it three more times?"

Anlicia snorted, "If you don't understand, so be it."

Da Fei let out a long sigh of relief, hoping her bad attitude wouldn't be a problem in battle.

Another flash of the teleportation array, and he was back in the magic-lit grand library.

A kind laughter echoed through the library, "Welcome back victorious. You truly are my most outstanding student!"

Oh yeah! Receiving me personally, I feel so honored, hahaha!

Chapter 199: The First Commission of the Chamber of Commerce

Another round of the same pleasantries I've heard all day finally ended, and we got down to business.

Makar stroked his beard and chuckled, "Your performance this time was excellent. Being merely a Lieutenant isn't enough to showcase your abilities anymore. I'm officially promoting you to Alliance Lieutenant. You can go to the Navy Headquarters to pick up your rank."

Oh yeah, promotion and skipping ranks, that's a must! A Lieutenant's Command Power is 300, comparable to a battalion-level officer. But my ship is too small to hold many troops, and I'm not here for a title.

Da Fei hurriedly saluted, "Thank you, teacher, for the promotion. I will definitely live up to your expectations, contributing to the Empire and the Alliance. I have another matter I'd like to seek your advice on."

Makar chuckled, "Feel free to speak."

Da Fei then explained the situation, "Report teacher, I have now become the president of the Elf Kingdom Elorin Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce, but this Dragon Cavalry Chamber has quite a big trouble..."

Makar listened quietly to Da Fei's account, nodded, and said, "Indeed, it's quite troublesome, because this trouble is far from as simple as you imagine."

As expected of the Great Duke, he knows a lot of insider information! Da Fei quickly said, "Please enlighten me, teacher!"

Makar said solemnly, "Because the Dragon Cavalry Chamber stole the Sea Suppressing Divine Artifact Trident from the Sea God. To calm the Sea God's fury, the only way is to return the artifact. But obviously, compared to the value and utility of the Sea Suppressing Divine Artifact, the survival of a chamber of commerce isn't worth mentioning, so the Elf Kingdom won't return the artifact."

Indeed, we did something heinously wrong, and it wasn't just theft; it was a robbery! Da Fei was shocked, "You're saying, as long as we don't return the artifact, no matter how hard I try, I can't shake off the curse?"

Makar nodded, "Perhaps, the will of gods is hard to fathom."

Da Fei sighed, "Does that mean I have to return the artifact the Elf Kingdom stole back to the Sea God?"

Makar laughed heartily, “If you truly have that ability, a small Dragon Cavalry Chamber would become insignificant.”

Da Fei was taken aback! Right, if I could indeed compete with a kingdom, I wouldn’t even care about a chamber of commerce, would I? Is this a dead end?

Makar laughed again, “However, maybe you can treat this chamber task as an opportunity to hone yourself. An excellent navigator grows continuously in perilous sea conditions.”

Da Fei suddenly realized! Oh yeah! This task is definitely designed to level up my navigator skills, right? Even if the chamber of commerce fails, as long as I advance to Master-level Navigator, it’s worth it!

Da Fei hurriedly saluted, “Teacher is absolutely right, but my boat is small and my skills are low. I might not last long. Please teach me some tricks, teacher!”

Makar gave a wry smile, “I mentioned last time, my fame as a navigator is overstated. Raising you to intermediate is my limit.”

I don’t believe it! You’re just being modest! As a Master-level Special Soldier Training Master, it’s impossible that your skills aren’t superior. You must be at least a Master-level Navigator, and you, the Death Lord, aren’t willing to pass on your skills to me! It’s not easy to see you, but I must dig some skills out of you!

Da Fei urgently said, “So you can teach a Junior Navigator without any issues, right?”

Makar coughed dryly, “It depends on the situation.”

Da Fei pulled Alicia beside him, “No need to see, teacher, I have a navigator prospect here, please train her, so I have an assistant to help in difficult times.”

Makar responded with an “Oh,” then shook his head and said, “A navigator isn’t trained in a classroom; practical combat testing is needed. Even if I issue her a diploma, it’s useless without experience.”

A diploma is enough!

Da Fei urgently said, “No problem, teacher; practical combat is my specialty. After all, I am the man who ventured into the Abyss Blood Pool!”

Makar’s eyebrows jumped, and he nodded, “Good! In that case, I’ll issue a challenging task to your chamber. It’s quite difficult and may cause you to shipwreck. Are you willing to accept it?”

Well, typical system NPC behavior, no free lunch, benefits always come with tasks. Alright, I’m not excited about this troublesome chamber, and it’s better to dive in than worry about failure.

Da Fei quickly said, “Please assign the task, teacher!”

Makar nodded, “You should purchase Healing Medicine in Elorin and transport it to the Alliance Garrison Camp on North Sea Fire Dragon Island. The North Sea is far from subtropical regions, so even a god would find it hard to create storms. Thus, despite your small ship, you can go. But you will face threats from sea monsters, severe cold, and floating ice, which will test your capabilities.”

—System Prompt: Your chamber of commerce has received the task entrustment ‘Deliver Medicine to Fire Dragon Island Garrison.’ The entrustment difficulty is S-level. Do you accept?

—Novice Tip: Chamber of commerce task entrustments are divided by difficulty into SSS, SS, S, A, B, C, D-levels. D and C level tasks bear no risk, with C-level tasks generally taking longer. B-level tasks require players’ chambers to have a certain level of armed self-defense, while A-level tasks require advanced navigation skills. S-level is the highest difficulty a player can accept solo, with SS-level and above appearing under epic storyline triggers, needing a nation’s large troop power to complete, SSS-level potentially involving gods. The higher the task difficulty, the greater the chamber’s reputation gain.

Looking at a whole list of newbie tips, Da Fei felt a headache, “Teacher, isn’t this difficulty a bit much just for a Junior Navigator’s test?”

Makar stroked his beard and said calmly, “It’s not only a test for her; more importantly, it’s a test for you. As my student, your current abilities are not enough for me to make full use of.”

Da Fei said in surprise, “Oh, that’s the reason?” If I didn’t know this guy was a Death Lord with probably ulterior motives, I’d probably be so thrilled I’d be rolling on the floor! Being utilized by the Duke, how envious and resentful would those players who can’t even get past the Duke’s Door feel? Hm, I must stay clear-headed!

Da Fei cleared his throat and said, “Teacher, your task is S-level, but with my chamber being cursed by gods, wouldn’t it become an SSS-level task involving deities? Shouldn’t you sponsor your student some high-tech arms and equipment?”

Makar’s beard twitched, “Back in the day, our Saint Anthony in the New World was chased by a God-level Sea Monster from the Red Coral Sea all the way to the Green Agate Sea, pursued for three days and nights, and then from the Green Agate Sea back to the Red Coral Sea, another three days and nights, blood flowing like rivers. Did anyone sponsor us? Did anyone still care if it was an SSS-level adventure or an S-level adventure? If you’re scared, you can refuse the test; I have nothing else to teach you.”

Well, that’s just not fair! Da Fei hurriedly said, “I’ll accept! I’m accepting this task!”

–System Prompt: You have accepted the task commission ‘Deliver Medicine to Fire Dragon Island Garrison’ and received a commission certificate.

–System Prompt: Your vice-hero Alicia has begun the navigator test task.

Chapter 200: Revenge of Bloodrose Studio

The vampire butler reappeared just after the mission was released, “Sir, an important guest has arrived.”

The duke nodded and instructed Da Fei, “The mission is tough, please make thorough cold-weather preparations before setting out. Escort the guest!”

Da Fei couldn’t help but be stunned. An important guest? Player or NPC? Hey, what kind of chaotic guest is more important than me? I still have a Phantom Crossbow Cannon and Special Soldier Training to

exchange thoughts with you! Oh right, and we have Gru's hero legacy on the human side to discuss with you!

The butler bowed and said, "Mr. Da Fei, please!"

It seemed there was no choice, the big shots were incredibly busy. It was already nice that they took the time to give me a Chamber of Commerce task. Plus, it's unlikely the same NPC would issue more than one task at the same time. It's time to escort the guest. Yet the thought of someone being called an "important guest" in the Duke's residence for some inexplicable reason made Da Fei a bit displeased. Hopefully, it's not a player. Well, that's jealousy.

Leaving the Duke Mansion, Da Fei reappeared on the bustling street. The queued players exclaimed again, "Da Fei's out!"

"Clear the path ahead! Make way!" A crowd squeezed in from the back.

"Hey, hey, we're in for a show." The queued players whispered among themselves and stepped aside.

No need to guess, it had to be the Bloodrose Studio looking for trouble. Da Fei sighed silently.

One must say, Da Fei's God-level Reconnaissance Technique, Master-level Crossbow Cannon, and Master-level Special Soldier Training were all centered around the banshee, leading to today's achievements. For the Bloodrose Studio, which contributed the Mother of Banshee, Deirdre, Da Fei felt somewhat, well, grateful and guilty. Of course, mainly because the other party were girls, and taking things from girls felt quite whatnot.

In any case, let's see what they have to say. I now represent the image of the China Region, with a Chamber of Commerce and underlings. I emphasize persuading people with virtue. When I'm well-off, I'll return a few banshees to them. If they don't like new banshees, they can do some trade runs for my chamber too, if they're not afraid of shipwrecks, hmm.

Dozens of players squeezed in front, Da Fei was stunned, all men? Da Fei immediately understood, so that's how it was!

The strength of the Beauty Guild often doesn't lie in the battle power of the beauties, but in their fan club, or to put it bluntly, how strong their husband group is! For example, in the Japan, the famous Beauty Team "Sakura Group," endorsed by celebrities, has an international reputation higher than that of the Mitsubishi Team. In the pre-open beta advertising campaign, the Sakura Group was immensely in the spotlight, and their fan club's combat power was incredibly fervent.

"Da Fei, right?" The player in silver armor and red cape, leading the crowd and named "Rose Knight," spoke coldly.

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched! Rose Knight? Does that mean he's going to conquer all the women of Bloodrose? What a bold name!

Under Da Fei's Reconnaissance Skill, the opponent's equipment was fully visible, a B-grade strategic treasure Lionheart Set! Although it didn't have the various anti-magic special skills of the Dwarf Set Asan gave to Deirdre, its attack and defense bonuses were explosive! Surely this was bought from the city's treasure shop, right? What a real tycoon!

Damn! Indeed, everyone knows the high standards of the beauties in Bloodrose Studio. Average nerds don't even qualify to kneel and lick, those who can become husbands aren't ordinary rich and handsome dudes! And in today's setting where someone is obviously looking for trouble, the beauty players of Bloodrose definitely couldn't appear.

Women, well, you can't help it, as soon as you're in a controversial situation, people start calling you all sorts of dirty names, ultimately affecting your image. Look, how considerate I am of the girl players! I'm truly the real friend of women! Alright, those beauties all watch from behind, I'll let you witness my masculine grace and expert demeanor!

Da Fei said casually, "I'm quite busy, if you want to PK, hurry up, but let me remind you, yellow names have human rights too, dare to make a move?"

Rose Knight responded coldly, "Just because you're a pile of shit doesn't mean others are afraid to step on you, doesn't mean you're invincible. You're just a pile of dog shit, dare you to go to the arena!"

The crowd immediately jeered, "Look at you, such a big piece of shit, pretending to be a red name to scare people, but actually just a trash that doesn't dare to go to the arena!"

Damn it! An anger welled up in Da Fei!

Although their provocation was low-level, it was very effective! Especially for Da Fei, who was full of confidence in the early stages of his career, this was simply intolerable.

Da Fei raised his pinky and said coldly, "Such foul language, you must have low standards, when I slaughtered the Japanese and Americans, you must have been hiding in some cesspool. Alright, I'll beat you to pieces in the arena!"

The crowd cheered, "Let's go, arena, arena!"

Meanwhile, inside Bloodrose Studio, cheers erupted as well!

Qiqi exclaimed, "Look, look, Big Sister's Prince Charming Lin Tianhao is standing up for her!"

Big Sister Zhou Qing huffed, "What Prince Charming, what nonsense!"

Everyone laughed, "Yeah, yeah, what nonsense, who rides whom hasn't been figured out!"

Big Sister Zhou Qing fumed, "Shut up, all of you!"

Everyone's heads shrank and silence reigned, but they continued to secretly communicate and make small moves. Soon, the street view of Saint Paul Port appeared on the big screen on the wall. Rose Knight's group and the infuriating Da Fei were striding towards the arena. The crowds on both sides of the street made way, while the city channel was in an uproar.