

God level 251

Chapter 251: Do You Know About the Dragon Tomb?

Da Fei was feeling annoyed when suddenly a message notification sounded. He looked at it — Dragon Scale, Chairman Ma Yinglong.

Ma Yinglong got straight to the point, "Brother Fei, the British just leaked a video of a giant ship. Have you seen it?"

Sure enough, it's situations like these that would have bigwigs like you the most worried and sensitive, huh? Da Fei inwardly sighed and bitterly smiled, "I've seen it. The guild channel's blowing up."

Ma Yinglong laughed heartily, "Brother Fei, don't use the guild to agitate me. I can't handle any more excitement."

Da Fei chuckled, "How could that be? Chairman Ma is quite good at joking."

Ma Yinglong said seriously, "I'm not joking. The British have completely disrupted our development route with this thing. Especially since the UK and the United States are staunch allies who have always liked to target China, Brother Fei, you are their number one target. Our Dragon Slayers, being part of the Dark Alliance, are even more of a priority target. Our guild's future is rather bleak!"

Whoa! Are you putting the hope of salvation on me? Who isn't worried, like me? Da Fei sighed, "We have a lot of people in the China Region, one spit each and it'll drown them together."

Ma Yinglong laughed, "That's right. We'll handle the manpower, but for high-level plays, we can only count on Brother Fei!"

So straightforward! Count on me? Their high level is because the entire country is funding their team's expenses. Can you guys help me pay off my billion Gold Coin debt first?

Da Fei bitterly smiled, "No guarantees at all. Let's wait until we enter the National War Zone before talking. Maybe by then chairman Ma's guild will have a giant ship too."

Ma Yinglong bitterly laughed, "Not hoping for a giant ship, just hoping for something to sink that giant ship. In any case, Brother Fei, hold steady!"

Damn, if they have something to sink giant ships, then what chances does my big ship have? That kind of stuff mustn't exist!

No sooner had he ended the conversation with Ma Yinglong than Da Fei's message notification sounded again. He already guessed who it was, and sure enough, it was the Goddess! Are you representing Star to inquire if I'm feeling strained? I can honestly tell you, it hurts a lot! Don't believe it? Just feel it.

Bu Feiyan laughed, "Mr. Da Fei, the Brits rolled out a giant ship, and there's a British player claiming it's specially to deal with you. You're too formidable!"

As if it needs saying? Da Fei chuckled, “Not that formidable. I’m just pondering what to do if I encounter this giant ship.”

Bu Feiyan said solemnly, “It’s Mr. Da Fei who forced the Brits to change their original development route. They’re paying the price for it, so even before the war starts, you’ve won a round, at least representing our China Region. In any case, the opponent’s Ark is not fully operational yet and needs to be towed by small boats, so currently, it’s not a threat.”

Da Fei exclaimed, “What would it be like when fully operational?”

Bu Feiyan said seriously, “Don’t you notice anything different about that ship compared to usual ones?”

Da Fei cleared his throat, “There are no sails and masts.”

Bu Feiyan laughed, “Exactly. Once they equip masts and sails, it’ll be like giving wings to a tiger. Even flying might not be impossible. Our tech team analyzed it, and this giant ship must have been obtained through a super mission that requires them to complete tasks to gradually perfect it. Our goal is to try every means possible to interfere with their task progress and turn their giant ship into a burden. Also, the British have many competitors in the European Union Zone, who are natural allies to us. We’ll find ways to strengthen our ties with them...”

The Goddess was eloquently talking, and Da Fei was stunned! So the ship had masts and sails, and could fly? Whoa! Is this entering the Sky Battleship era already? Damn, how’s a regular player like me supposed to keep up with this?

Bu Feiyan concluded, "That's all for our emergency response plan with Ninth Heaven. We'll slowly discuss the details later. I've just given you a broad overview of our plan."

Da Fei felt his heart leap: "Notifying me?" Damn, am I getting a VIP treatment now?

Bu Feiyan laughed, "Of course. As the world's top guild leader and the first to slay a Demigod, you are a pivotal figure in our China Region. Our plans should certainly be known to you!"

Ha ha ha! A pivotal person! Indeed, the VIP treatment! This kind of praise from the Goddess feels tremendously good! I'm not fighting alone, ha ha!

Suddenly, Da Fei remembered something and asked, "Right, since this giant ship is obtained by doing a super mission, can we in the China Region also develop this mission?"

Bu Feiyan laughed and sighed, "Of course not. Super missions above Epic Level are fair but unique. Before the British developed this mission, anyone from any region worldwide had the chance to trigger it. But once the British got there first, the other regions lost their chance."

Da Fei replied, "I see."

Bu Feiyan laughed, "Alright, Mr. Da Fei, take your time, and don't let external factors easily disrupt your development strategy."

Da Fei chuckled, "Thank you, and by the way, just call me Da Fei from now on. 'Mr.' sounds a bit pretentious."

Bu Feiyan laughed, "In that case, I might as well call you Brother Fei, like the others. Brother Fei? Any objections?"

Da Fei was delighted, "No objections, no objections, feels very intimate!"

"Ha ha, then I won't disturb Brother Fei any longer, goodbye."

"Ha ha, goodbye, goodbye!"

After ending the conversation with the Goddess, Da Fei felt a warmth surge in his heart. Being able to talk with the Goddess feels tremendously good!

Suddenly Da Fei was startled! Speaking of which, I'm already thirty, with assets in the game over tens of millions. Ordinary women don't really catch my eye anymore. Is there any possibility for me and the Goddess?

Damn! Mere tens of millions? Even Hemorrhoid Ointment has assets over a hundred million!

Thinking about his personal issues, Da Fei couldn't help but sigh in dismay. What does it mean that money can't buy love? Seems like I've reached that level too? Life, huh.

But wait, if I stand higher and go further, what then?

Yes! Doing other industries might be impossible, but at least in the game, my future still holds endless potential, and having assets over a hundred million isn't a dream! Da Fei felt a surge of excitement.

As he was excitedly lost in thought, another message arrived.

Da Fei looked — Invincible Soldier. Damn! Adding chaos! Do you think you're a chairman and a beauty who can make things happen and have the ability to console or worry about me? I want to scold you 'Get lost,' but it would appear that I'm being snobbish. Oh well, inherently shallow, can't change this habit.

Da Fei impatiently said, "It's nothing, you all do whatever you need to do, just don't have the same poor reputation and stay stuck off the ship by the time I get back."

Invincible Soldier quickly said, "Brother Fei, it's good that you're okay. We've been farming reputation day and night recently and ended up getting a big mission. We'll report it to Brother Fei."

Da Fei was surprised, "A big mission?"

Invincible Soldier quickly said, "Brother Fei, look at the screenshot!"

— Chain Quest “Trial of the Warrior”: Warrior, your contributions in Elorin City are clear to all; your reputation in Elorin City is growing daily. We believe you have the potential to be one of the kingdom’s top ten youths, so we’ve decided to conduct a long-term cultivation trial on you. We hope you overcome one difficulty after another to become the kingdom’s finest youth. May the blessings of the Nature Goddess always be with you...

Da Fei was stunned, “Whoa, a chain quest! You guys managed to get such a task!”

A so-called chain quest means one task follows another, progressing from easy to difficult, with rewards granted for each completed segment. Completing the final task would yield unimaginable rewards.

As mentioned earlier, normal players’ ordinary heroes can level up through personal efforts, becoming God-level Heroes. This chain quest is one of those ways! Of course, the farther one progresses, the more difficult it becomes, but still far better than those with no way out.

Da Bing quickly said, “Yes, reporting to Brother Fei, so we can help Brother Fei in the future.”

Good, very good! I am most pleased! Da Fei said contentedly, “Great, keep it up!”

Da Bing laughed, “Sure, Brother Fei, take your time.”

After ending the conversation with Da Bing, Da Fei felt deeply moved! It’s one thing for the Brits to roll out a giant ship, but even two random people I brought in without second thought can take on a chain

quest. They also have the chance to jump through the Dragon Gate – what does this mean? It shows that the Hero Continent is full of opportunities!

An inexplicable sense of urgency arose in Da Fei's mind. Although Da Fei's initial goal in entering the game was to make money and he was smug after earning two million, thinking he could just play casually and live a worry-free life thereafter. Perhaps it is indeed so.

But people are like this—once pushed to a certain height and acquired status, they are unwilling to be replaced. Yes, for people at this level, money is no longer the primary pursuit. If you're no longer the top expert, will the Goddess care about this “infamous disgrace”? Da Fei felt urgency for his position as the top master.

He must seize the current advantage, stand higher, and go further!

Da Fei looked up at the Ice Ocean under the night sky with knitted brows when suddenly he noticed Bato beside him, also frowning with a face of sorrow. Damn! It's just about catching some whales, no need to be like this. It must still be about the ship's masts.

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat when he said the solution for the masts was very dangerous? But he's in danger, not me! Within the entire fleet, I don't own a single ship, so even if the fleet is wiped out, it's their loss, not mine. Why should I be afraid? If worse comes to worst, I'll just die and respawn at Fire Dragon Island, sail the boat and take off! I'm absolutely safe here!

And based on the game's logic, it's bound to trigger some story mission, right? The mast worth a mission must not be something ordinary from the shipyard, right? Yes, to contend against the British God-level Battleship, I must also step up!

Da Fei promptly asked, "General, I'm very interested in the solution to the masts you mentioned earlier. Do you need any help from me?"

As expected, Bato's eyebrows twitched, "Are you sure you want to help?"

Da Fei nodded, "The general has helped me so much, I should reciprocate."

Bato's spirit lifted, and his beard shivered, "Do you know about the Dragon Tomb?"

Da Fei was stunned, "Dragon Tomb?"

Bato said seriously, "Aging giant dragons, before dying, will use their last strength to fly to treacherous lands unreachable by mortals for eternal rest!"

Chapter 252: The Whale Catching and Icebreaking Journey

Dragon Tomb! Could there really be a Dragon Tomb in the Arctic?

Da Fei was shocked and asked, "General, do you mean that there are shipbuilding materials in the Dragon Tomb to replace the mast?"

Bato laughed heartily and said, "A dragon's bones, of course!" Then he added solemnly, "Do not think that the dragons in the Dragon Tomb are on the same level as those young dragons in the Elf Kingdom. Those young dragons are like tadpoles in a pond, very few reach adulthood, and even fewer live to die of old age! You cannot imagine how massive a real giant dragon is—they are relics of the ancient mythological era. After the dragons waged war with the Titans in the mythological era, giant dragons have rarely appeared in our world, but there are still a few. For example, a hundred years ago, an old giant dragon swept over our Fire Dragon Island. When it flew over, it seemed to obscure the entire island with its massive size!"

Seeing the shock and fear on his face, Da Fei couldn't help but nod along. However, Major, I know dwarves have long lifespans. Could it be you were already a major a hundred years ago? You haven't been promoted in a century?

Bato became more and more excited as he spoke, "At that time, the sea around Fire Dragon Island was frozen. Our warriors chased the dragon north on sleds. We knew it was heading to the Dragon Tomb, hoping to find the tomb's location through it. Legend has it the Dragon Tomb contains the lifetime treasures of many giant dragons—"

What? Locate the Dragon Tomb? Da Fei quickly asked, "So the General doesn't know the location of the Dragon Tomb?"

Bato's beard twitched, "Of course not! That is a place mortals cannot reach! We only know from ancient myths that old dragons have this habit, much like elephants—anyway, as our warriors chased north and could no longer withstand the polar cold, forcing them to give up, an unexpected event occurred. The old dragon finally couldn't fly and fell from the sky, crashing through the ice and into the sea!"

Da Fei suddenly realized, "So, we can salvage the giant dragon's skeleton?"

Bato excitedly said, "Exactly! This way, our salvage fleet won't return empty-handed! Do you know what the large beam at the bottom of a big ship is called? It's called the 'dragon bone'! It's incredibly sturdy and wouldn't be broken even by an octopus. Dragons are flying creatures, so their bones are hollow and lightweight, ideal for shipbuilding. Most importantly, the older the dragon, the more magical its bones are. Engraving magic runes or arrays on the dragon bone is like having a magic tower attached to the ship. Dragon bones are invaluable strategic treasures! Opportunities like these are incredibly rare!"

Holy moly! This dwarf general is truly the kingpin of the area! He knows about the shipwreck divine artifacts, Viking Undead, giant dragon skeletons! It's genuinely a high-up connection to have made with him!

Da Fei excitedly asked, "What dangers might we encounter?"

Bato replied seriously, "A giant dragon is a treasure trove, and when it falls into the sea, it will surely attract Sea Monsters to feast on its flesh. It's easy to imagine how powerful those monsters would become after devouring dragon flesh. So, I have two plans. One is to pray the Sea Monsters depart after eating, leaving only some ordinary monsters attracted by the dragon's magic, which we can handle. The other plan, if the big Sea Monster is still there, is to hope you can use your illusions to lure it away so we can salvage quickly. For Miss Anwen, who has mastered God-level Magic, this shouldn't be a technical issue."

Da Fei raised a brow, lure away Sea Monsters? Back at the Abyss Blood Pool, Grandma Anwen performed a moving illusion army, didn't she? Maybe it could work! It's worth a shot regardless!

Da Fei hurriedly said, "Alright, I'll definitely help with that!"

Bato laughed heartily, "Whether this succeeds or not, Lieutenant, you've made a friend in me!"

Whoa, what have I done to deserve this? It's just because you saw my wife and decided to be friends, isn't it?

—System Prompt: You have accepted the mission “Salvage Ice Ocean Dragon Bone!”

—Task Hint: Salvaging in the Ice Ocean is exceptionally difficult. Sea Monsters and frozen seawater are challenges you must face.

A mission indeed! I've already accepted two salvage missions! This dwarf is truly obsessed with salvaging! Well, in the maritime field, dwarves may fall short, but they are tenacious and robust. Their divers can reach depths humans and elves cannot. With their natural obsession with treasure, salvaging is truly their specialty!

Alright, since I'm with a professional team, I must seize this opportunity. Even if I fail to salvage the shipwreck divine artifact, I have to get this dragon bone!

Da Fei asked again, “When do we set out?”

Bato laughed heartily, “Of course, after we've caught the whales! Whale meat can be used to attract Sea Monsters!”

Da Fei was impressed! Despite appearing like a carefree, beer-bellied dwarf, his intelligence was actually all there! This NPC's intellect was on par with Anwen's! If Anwen taught players how to use arcane magic, then he was undoubtedly teaching players how to salvage!

Now, Bato hastily gathered the flat cargo ships of the salvage crew for a meeting, and Da Fei, of course, gathered the deputy officers, including his wife, for the meeting as well. Wait, Coltner is here too? Whoa, I've been ignoring him the whole time! Well, I guess I just naturally filter out males. This could be a bit troublesome—if the fleet is entirely wiped out, and he goes down with it, it could cause quite the mess for me!

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The dawn broke with a red sky. The sea was full of floating ice, stretching into a vast expanse as the fleet almost entered the Arctic.

When Da Fei stepped out of the cockpit, a blast of cold wind hit him, making his face feel like it was being cut by knives! -1! Damn! It really was knife-like and did cause damage!

It's imaginable that without the incredibly sturdy dwarf sailors, how could ordinary crew members, like those hired at Harbor House for 70 Gold Coins, survive here? And this wasn't even the Arctic Circle yet! What kind of harshness would we face upon reaching the Arctic Circle to salvage the dragon bone? The greatest challenge of the Arctic wasn't just the Sea Monsters!

Bato pointed to the reddish horizon and said, "From now on, it's polar day here, meaning half a year of daylight, then half a year of darkness. It's still summer, so it's polar day and the ice is beginning to thaw, creating the best opportunity for our operation. If we can't seize this opportunity, then it's waiting until next year."

Da Fei nodded repeatedly, “I see, but by next year, I assure you, my strength will be greater, and I will surely succeed.”

Bato chuckled, “The situation in the Northern Ocean is unpredictable, so it’s best to resolve what can be resolved this year.”

Damn, trying to trick me into an annoying task again! Da Fei immediately shut his mouth! Though I’m committed to overcoming challenges, creating problems to tackle them is different when it comes to riskless salvage tasks for me. My principles remain intact.

Bato pointed to a large lake encased in ice in the distance, “There’s an underwater volcano there, so the sea there stays warm and unfrozen year-round. The warm water attracts tons of fish and shrimp, drawing in vast numbers of whales. We’ve named that place Whale Lake!”

Holy crap! So, that’s the surprising location he mentioned last night? Doesn’t it turn into a fishery? It turns out the Arctic, this godforsaken place, has such depth! It’s been a century as a major for him, and it’s truly been a worthwhile trip for me!

Da Fei hurriedly asked, “But there’s still ice around the lake. How do we get there?”

Bato patted the side of the ship and laughed heartily, “Our Flame Lord is the surface overlord of the Ice Ocean. How can little floating ice stop us?”

Da Fei suddenly realized, “So, the General’s Flame Lord has a special ice-breaking ram!”

Bato said proudly, “Exactly! But it only works with ice at this time of year!” Then, with a wave of his hand, the fleet’s horns blared one after another.

Then, the fleet formed a long snake-like line and closely followed behind the giant ship.

Bato shouted, “Prepare for the charge!”

Drums pounded on the giant ship, shouts rang out, oars clashed in unison, and the giant ship suddenly accelerated, slicing like a sharp knife towards the ice ahead!

“Hold steady!”

—Boom! The ship shook violently, and with a thunderous roar, the ice was cleaved open, creating a crack over a hundred meters long!

Da Fei’s eyes narrowed in shock. This was the force of the giant oar ship! If a regular warship got rammed like that, it would be instantly obliterated! But alas, its opponents were Sea Monsters! It’s truly an absurd situation.

Bato said gravely, “Breaking ice puts extremely high demands on the stamina and strength of the oarsmen. If the oarsmen run out of stamina, we’ll be trapped in the ice, and the ice’s crushing force can easily destroy any ship. So, coming here requires both a tremendously strong ship and absolutely formidable sailors!”

Da Fei nodded repeatedly in astonishment!

This was the Arctic. Even though I'm well-practiced, I couldn't rely on my own strength to reach here at this stage. But wait, the highest-level sailors I've hired at Harbor House are those Level 4 skilled gunners, but those 40 HP sailors are on a totally different level compared to the General's warriors! The General's Dwarf Warriors are at least elite tier!

In other words, even if a player had an icebreaker, without a fully staffed elite sailor crew, reaching this place is still impossible! And with a fully staffed elite crew, the Command Power needed would be astronomical!

High-level! Only now did Da Fei realize the dwarf general was showcasing high-level tactics! The height of NPC forces was truly a lofty existence for players. Moreover, this was just the ability of an island-bound major. Imagine what a major force like the Elf Kingdom could be like. How could my bothersome Chamber of Commerce revival quest stand up against the Kingdom forces to reclaim the Divine Artifact and rescue the Mermaid Priestess?

Indeed, Makar was right. The closer you get to the gods, the more insignificant you feel. Speaking of which, to what height has Makar reached? It's unimaginable! Epic Quests are indeed a hassle! I can't get cocky just because I completed small-scale epic quests like the Pool of Radiance at the Blood Sea Kindergarten, limited to Level 30.

In the face of the Flame Lord's tremendous force, the ice looked like a sheet of white paper being ripped continuously; the fleet steadily advanced until, at last, a vast, steaming lake came into view.

The water churned, and geysers burst forth; Bato chuckled, "Those are killer whales! But they're not worth much!"

Da Fei was shocked and nodded, “Oh, oh!”

Bato pointed to the side and sighed with a smile, “That’s a sperm whale! The natural enemy of octopus sea monsters! We thought about using them to deal with octopi, but unfortunately, we lack the strength! Sperm whale’s ambergris is very valuable!”

Da Fei continued nodding. This place was completely a whale pasture! Catching whales here was like farming, not needing the speed of whaling ships chasing them!

Bato pointed towards the glittering silver water surface in the distance, “As for the truly valuable quarry, that’s what Mr. Spielberg is looking for, the narwhal! I’ve heard every mature whale horn can sell for over tens of thousands of gold coins!”

Da Fei was astounded, nodding repeatedly! How much money could be made on this trip!

Bato laughed heartily, “Do you see that horn shining with gold over there? That’s the Narwhal King! Its horn’s value is beyond measure!”

A BOSS-level whale! Da Fei’s heart surged, “Then, General?”

Bato laughed heartily, “Of course, we’re going to deal with it! With my Flame Lord escorting us and your Divine Skill sneak attacks, this cunning, fierce creature stands no chance against us! That’s why I brought you here!”

Da Fei exclaimed in sheer joy, "Great! Let's go for it!"

Chapter 253: Capturing the Narwhal King

For the whale hunting industry, the most difficult whales to catch are of two types. One is the blue whale, renowned as the largest ocean creature. In the game, a surfaced blue whale is completely like an island, such as the giant whale ridden by the Mermaid Saint that day. The immense size and power of the blue whale are enough to crush all vessels.

The other type is the narwhal, perhaps the smallest of whales, comparable in size to an adult shark but is the fastest, most ferocious, and most agile whale. Its valuable horn makes every whale hunter yearn in their dreams, but large whale hunting ships can't catch up to it, and medium-sized ships can't defeat it; moreover, it only appears in the harsh North Pole. Successfully capturing a narwhal requires perseverance and even more so, luck.

Now, facing various types of whales in this whale farm, especially the long-desired narwhal, Spielberg was thrilled! He trembled!

When facing a pod of whales like narwhals, initiating a battle could result in two outcomes: first, the whales might scatter explosively. Therefore, don't think about netting them all at once; catching one would be considered very good, and without doubt, the target would, of course, be the Golden Horned Monoceros King. The second scenario: the pod attacks together! This is considerably dangerous!

Among all whales, blue whales and narwhals are the most deadly to ships. It goes without saying for the blue whale, and the narwhal's horn is equivalent to a submarine with a battering ram installed. And if trying to capture the Whale King, there is a high possibility of being attacked by the group, thus fleet escort is necessary.

Of course, whale hunting also has the most important and difficult premise: being able to approach it. If the whale flees before you can approach, then forget about it. Especially the Narwhal King, its vigilance is absolutely beyond ordinary narwhals.

Now, Da Fei, Catherine, and Anlicia boarded Spielberg's whaling ship, ready to display their Divine Skills. Although Da Fei can handle dual roles, at such critical moments, teamwork is best. If even Divine Skills can't get close, then no one in the world can capture the Whale King.

It was Catherine and Anlicia's first time on Spielberg's ship.

Upon boarding, Anlicia wrinkled her nose: "What a strong smell of blood!"

Da Fei couldn't help but be startled. Is there? Apart from feeling a bit oppressive, I think it's alright?

Spielberg was also astonished: "This, I haven't caught any whales for a long time now, could it be the smell of that octopus?"

Catherine also sniffed and then chuckled knowingly: "It's not a smell of blood, but a murderous aura!"

"Murderous aura?" The three people present were suddenly stunned.

Da Fei instantly was taken aback! What the hell! There's no such thing as a murderous aura in the game's indicators!

Spielberg said surprised: "Miss means to say, has my ship, from hunting whales so often, accumulated a murderous aura?"

Catherine nodded gravely: "What's the difference between a knife that has killed a lot and a new knife? Many people can subconsciously discern the difference, but just can't explain why. Actually, this is the murderous aura. It isn't something that can be perceived through ordinary senses like sight, taste, etc., but through intuition! It's something discerned by the sixth sense!"

Everyone was astonished: "Sixth sense!"

Da Fei's jaw dropped! Is this the rhythm of advancing to a Golden Saint? Oh wait, the game indeed has something like intuition, such as the 'Treasure Intuition' sub-skill under the Luck Skill, which supposedly increases the success chance of treasure hunting by just a little bit.

Catherine laughed: "Yes, just like no one can clearly say what murderous aura or sixth sense is, but those battle-hardened warriors, experienced thieves always unconsciously make the right judgments!"

Anicia laughed heartily: "That's to say, my sixth sense must be very sharp then! I've always thought so since I was young."

Damn, I thought it was her sharp nose! Da Fei hastily chuckled: "That's right, we all have high hopes for you."

Catherine then asked: "By the way, Mr. Spielberg, hasn't it been a long time since you've caught any whales?"

Spielberg was astounded: "Miss, how do you know?"

Anlicia chuckled: "You just said it yourself!"

Spielberg sighed deeply: "Indeed, I was once the most famous whale hunter in the Lionheart Empire's Newpast City. Every time I went to sea, I would return fully loaded. But a few years ago, I began to have bad luck; I couldn't catch a single whale. I suspected there was something wrong with my technique. I visited many colleagues, consulted many priests, and I certainly prayed at the Luck Goddess Altar and at every Sea God Temple in every city, but it was all useless! So I had no choice but to leave my hometown and come to the Elf Kingdom, hoping for a change of luck, but it still didn't work! Over these years, my savings have almost run out, and it's nearly impossible to maintain my whaling ship."

So, this is the background information of this whale hunter! Talking about accompanying him all this way, this is the first time he's bared his heart! Am I supposed to trigger some quest now?

No no, maybe I just haven't spoken to him much. After all, I'm not interested in men. However, for him to be so down and out and still split the octopus selling money with me, this man is upright! Such righteous people can only be found among NPCs in the game; if it was a player, they'd probably screw things up!

Catherine laughed heartily: "I think it's none of those! The problem must be with your ship!"

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Spielberg was suddenly startled, "My ship?"

Catherine chuckled, "I remembered the legend of the Pirate King's ship. His ship needed to be washed with shark blood every morning, noon, and night to maintain its combat strength. Do you know why?"

Spielberg raised an eyebrow, "The lady just mentioned that my ship has a killing aura. Are you implying that the Pirate King used blood to give his ship a killing aura?"

Catherine replied solemnly, "Exactly! But there's more to it than that. For the Pirate King, the more killing aura a ship has, the more powerful it becomes. But for you, the more killing aura your ship has, the more it scares away the whales! Ocean creatures have sensory organs beyond human understanding. Their intuition might surpass that of humans. This is why you haven't caught any whales in years! On the other hand, sir, your ship is nearly on par with the Pirate King's ship in this regard. It's good for the ship, but probably bad for a Whale Hunter!"

Everyone realized the truth! Da Fei was especially shaken. He knew Catherine was knowledgeable about ships when they departed Pirate Island, but he didn't expect her understanding to be this deep! So, this is what it means to be an Epic Hero? Damn, he used to wonder why they couldn't make decisions like Deirdre in her BOSS state. It turns out different fields require different expertise!

And what about Selvia? Among all the wives, she was the one least capable of making decisions. Was it because she was too young to know much? Damn! Impossible! She was a promising candidate for the Monastery Saintess, surely knowledgeable, but probably just like an ivory tower student with no understanding of worldly knowledge!

Right, wasn't Selvia holding onto the Divine Artifact Wand that day without returning it? That was unlike her character; she must know the Artifact's intrinsic value! Damn, I need to unlock this untapped potential!

As Da Fei marveled, Spielberg had a moment of realization too, "So that's it! What should I do? I feel incapable of handling an advanced whale hunting ship!"

Catherine laughed, "Skills grow with practice; just because you can't do something now doesn't mean you won't be able to in the future!"

Spielberg instantly fell silent, lost in thought.

At that moment, the Order Flag Bearer shouted, "Captain, the General has signaled, we're ready to act!"

Spielberg snapped out of it immediately, "Right, action is the priority!" Then he frowned, "But my ship has a problem—"

Catherine chuckled, "Don't worry, with so many whales gathered around, there's no reason we won't catch any!"

"Ah, crap!" Spielberg accidentally snorted! Fine, Catherine finally spoke like an amateur.

Alicia, however, asked, "By the way, sir, do you still have the ink I asked you to prepare?"

Spielberg pointed urgently at three barrels on the deck, "Octopus ink? Yes, yes, yes, I managed to gather only three barrels!"

Alicia nodded, "Good, that might come in handy."

Da Fei asked, "What for?"

Alicia chuckled, "Who knows."

Damn, she's got such an annoying personality!

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The operation began. Within a mist, the enormous Whale Hunter ship hid from view. By now, Da Fei's Mysterious Stealth Navigation had far surpassed Grandma Anwen's version, which required Meditation Divine Skill and the Forest Goddess's assistance. The double God-level and Grandmaster combination made the skill nearly perfect!

Amidst the still waters, the concealed Whale Hunter snuck up on the playful narwhal pod. There, they saw it—the Whale King! Upon closer inspection, it wasn't just a single horn, it had both a golden horn and a silver horn, a dual-horned whale! Twice the size of its peers, worthy of its royal status!

Closer, closer! They entered the range of the harpoon cannon on the ship's bow! At this moment, having activated the skills to take over the harpoon cannon, Da Fei was trembling with excitement.

"Not enough!" Spielberg waved his hand, signaling the ship to continue forward. Facing the Whale King, one cannon wasn't enough to capture it.

The whale pod suddenly squealed in alarm! Damn, had they been detected? Should they act now?

Spielberg was even more nervous, his raised hand not able to drop down.

Continue forward!

"Roar!" Suddenly, the Whale King let out a loud roar. Startled, the entire pod formed a outward-facing Long Spear Formation circle amidst the tumultuous waves!

Discovered?! Instantly, everyone's hearts leapt into their throats! Da Fei almost fired the cannon in excitement!

"Keep going!" At this moment, Spielberg's eyelids twitched wildly, and cold sweat poured down his face! Da Fei clutched his palms full of sweat, realizing this was a test of Spielberg's skill and composure. Whale hunting isn't just about shooting the harpoon cannon, it needs to hit the right part, penetrate the ribs, catch the right spot, otherwise it'll just pierce into thick flesh, and the whale will break free, wasting the effort.

"Sidestep!" Finally, Spielberg made his decision!

By now, the pod sensed an unknown threat and began to dive! Damn! They're about to flee! Now shoot! Da Fei couldn't resist firing!

"Stay steady!" Spielberg bit his lips until they bled!

Indeed, while the other narwhals began fleeing, the Whale King, conscious of its royal dignity, didn't flee immediately, choosing to wait until all the others had escaped! Based on years of whaling experience, Spielberg keenly noticed this!

Now, the Whale King was the only one left on the surface! It began its dive!

At that moment, the whaling ship finally fully turned its side, four harpoon cannons aligned at the Whale King!

— "Fire!" After holding his breath for so long, Spielberg finally shouted!

Da Fei, whose nervous system had long been numb, instinctively pulled the cannon trigger!

—Boom, boom, boom, boom! In that instant, four lightning-fast harpoon cables shot out through the air, bang, bang, bang, bang! Four blood blooms erupted, with waves of blood surging skyward and a miserable wail echoing across the sea!

Direct hits! Da Fei and the entire crew erupted in cheers!

"Reel it in! Shake the whale!!" Spielberg did not let the momentary victory cloud his judgment, realizing the battle had just begun!

At this moment, the Dwarf Fleet waiting behind sounded their horns, propelling with their oars at maximum speed to offer protection, while the Whale King roared defiantly, charging at the now-visible whaling ship! The ship's crew rushed to reel in with the haulers as quickly as possible!

With a splash, the Whale King gave a sudden jolt, arresting its momentum—the tail gun's sailors had suddenly yanked the rope like a tug-of-war!

Indeed, this was shake the whale, a key whaling technique. Once the target is harpooned, they immediately start reeling in, denying the target any room to maneuver, and pull the rope to alter its course and slow its speed. A whale without speed poses minimal threat to the hull, and the chances of it dislodging are also minimized. Once a whaling net is added, it's a successful catch.

Would the Whale King submit?

—Boom! Amidst a tremendous splash and tremor, something snapped on the deck! A part from the tail cannon, connected by rope, flew away!

The crew erupted in chaos! Da Fei felt crushed! Damn it, whaling guns are no fun, they can only fire once! This cannon needs modifying!

With the Whale King's furious roar, the fleeing pod members immediately turned back to assist! Crap! This would make the ship's hull a pincushion! And the Dwarf Fleet obviously couldn't match the whales' speed!

"Release the fog! Release the fog!" Da Fei shouted desperately at Alicia! In combat, Mysterious Stealth Navigation couldn't be continued, and Biansikila's principle, similar to Mysterious Stealth Navigation, couldn't be used in combat either, so fog was the only option!

"Wrong!" Alicia kicked the prepped barrel of octopus ink overboard — splash! A small black patch appeared under the ship!

Da Fei raised an eyebrow, mimicking an octopus's life-saving Divine Skill? No way! What use is such a small barrel!

At that moment, Alicia waved her Magic Wand, a flash of Demon Light — boom! The sea surface exploded in dark light, instantly blackening the surrounding seawater!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia performed an unknown magic!

The entire crew erupted! Da Fei's jaw dropped in shock!

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Looking at the pitch-black sea around the ship, the entire crew was shocked!

But it wasn't over yet, as Alicia continued waving her magic wand, the dark sea began to swirl with black mist, and a mass of black clouds churned beneath the whaling ship's hull.

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia used God-level Magic to summon mist!

She cast two spells in a row! Black water below, black mist above, completely blinding the narwhals!

It was easy to understand black mist. Before, the mist summoned by the old grandma in the Sea of Blood was blood mist, meaning the mist would be the same color as the water surface. But was this black water transformed from octopus ink? Was this a God-level Magic skill? And Alicia's mist obviously had intentional range control, meaning the sailors on the ship weren't too affected in their visibility, a feat only achievable by God-level Magic?

Genius! Alicia was truly a genius! Genius needs no explanation! Wahahaha! Da Fei finally came back to himself from the shock and let out a long laugh.

The sudden mist barrier threw the narwhal herd into chaos, boosting the sailors' morale. It also bought precious time for the dwarf fleet to arrive!

The Whale King, enduring excruciating pain, made its last struggle, churning up towering black waves to crash against the armored hull of the whaling ship. However, with the sailors working together in unity,

its life and stamina quickly drained away. After all, the narwhal's size meant it wasn't a powerhouse of endurance; once caught, its defeat was certain.

Alicia shouted, "I'm out of mana! Quickly!"

Spielberg made a quick decision, "Lift the net!"

With a clatter, the mechanical arm, prepared long in the middle of the deck, threw down the fishing net, covering the Whale King in its dying struggle!

"Reel it in!"

With a creaking sound, the sailors behind the lift furiously cranked the wheel, hoisting the nearly ten-meter-long Whale King out of the water!

At that moment, the black mist dissipated, the black water disappeared, and the previously chaotic narwhal herd finally regained their sight, only to face the head-on collision of the dwarf's rowing fast ships!

Bang bang bang! Blood splattered as five or six narwhals met a tragic end under the sharp ramming horns! Seeing the dire situation, the other narwhals immediately dived and fled.

System Prompt: Battle ended! You gained +87,500 experience!

System Prompt: You successfully captured the Narwhal King! Gained +1.3 million experience! Obtained an S-class treasure, Large Narwhal Ram.

Large Narwhal Ram: S-class treasure, large ship auxiliary equipment, siege weapon. Attack 200, Basic Damage 2000, with each +1 in ship speed, additional +200 damage. Additional damage +300 when equipped on a giant ship. Special skills: Hull Piercing, Shockwave, Icebreaker. Equipment Position: Fore hull bottom.

Hull Piercing: Ships hit by the ramming horn have a high chance to spring a leak, accelerating sinking.

Shockwave: When the target ship's defense surpasses 150, there's a negative effect of shockwave damage to itself during impact. (Note: Shockwave is a hidden attribute innate to building units, causing rebound damage to the attacker when the building's defense far exceeds the attacker's attack.)

Icebreaker: The ramming horn's impact on floating ice is doubled (Attack +400); floating ice with defense below 350 will not cause shockwave effects on the icebreaker.

The battle ended, and the entire fleet cheered!

But Da Fei was left staring wide-eyed in shock at the newly acquired treasure! Da Fei rubbed his eyes, carefully examining the treasure obtained, and there was no mistake, 200 attack, 2000 basic damage! Bro wasn't seeing things—this was a weapon meant for large ships!

Holy smokes! Da Fei leaped up in excitement! Badass! Truly badass! It was indeed befitting that the narwhal dropped such a treasure, perfectly matching its stature and taste!

What would happen if this ramming horn were installed on the Flying?

The Flying's maximum base speed was 10; with Grandmaster-level navigation, Master-level pirate, and expert-level navigator boosting speed by 185%, it would be 28.5, 28.5 meters per second! Modern ships were barely any better!

Ramming horn +1 speed +200 damage, which meant 5700 damage, plus the horn's 2000 basic damage was 7700! Apart from godlike entities, no biological bosses could deal such earth-shattering damage!

And then, there was the terrifying 200 attack of the ramming horn! Terrifying, right? No, not really—an average cast-iron wall defense could easily exceed 300. However, for surface ships, 200 attack was truly terrifying! My Flying only had 80 defense! A 120-point attack-defense difference, with a 5% damage increase for each point, meant 600%, a sevenfold increase! A sevenfold increase of 7700 was 54,000 blood! My Flying currently had just a fraction of that in health!

As for the Octopus, a medium-sized ship with 30 defense and 30,000 health, there was no need for calculations—it would be sunk with one hit, brushed and capsized!

Hahaha! Wahahaha! This trip was incredibly profitable! Just now, I was worried about dealing with the British, but now I've got a plan—sneak up with a divine skill and explode them from behind! I'll see how long they can swagger!

At this moment, Spielberg excitedly gave Da Fei a bear hug and laughed, "Captain, thank you so much! It's unimaginable; without your help, I could never have achieved my dream! No, this far exceeded my expectations! It's capturing an incredible prey at an incredible place and in an incredible way! No one in the world has been able to capture the Narwhal King, not even have the chance to see it! Captain, I'm rich! Once I sell the goods, I'll share a third to show my gratitude to you, and another third to express my gratitude to the General!"

Sharing the money! That's my favorite—this old fellow really knows the way! Da Fei's joy piled upon joy, and he laughed, "No, no, for someone at my God-level realm, there's nothing I can't do, only things I can't think of!"

Spielberg, teary-eyed with excitement, spoke with admiration, "Captain, you're truly amazing, young and promising! I've decided—I want to follow you!"

Da Fei was startled, "Follow me?"

Spielberg resolutely said, "That's right, I want to join the Captain's Chamber of Commerce, please accept me!"

Another NPC wanting to join my Chamber of Commerce? Bringing a big ship over to me? Da Fei's eyelid twitched, suppressing the ecstatic joy in his heart, and asked, "But, you do know, my Chamber of Commerce is cursed by the Sea God, and once you join, you'll face endless crises!"

Spielberg said solemnly, "I've thought it through. My current ability is no longer enough to manage my whaling ship. I need training, and only by following the Captain can I improve my skills! For a whale hunter already engaged in a high-risk industry, it's dangerous enough as it is—I can't be bothered by more danger!"

System Prompt: Whale Hunter Spielberg requests to join your Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce, do you accept?

After being told so plainly, do I even have a choice? Of course, I'll gladly accept! Da Fei once again laughed skyward! Today had three great events! This long trip has brought me ships when I need ships, goods when I need goods, Divine Artifacts when I need Divine Artifacts, and talents when I need talents! If I'm not the world's number one, who is?

Now Spielberg, full of vigor, directed sailors to hoist the whales into the slaughter chamber, while the dwarves excitedly fished the common whales killed onto the boat.

Spielberg was right—given the narwhal's keen senses, capturing them was already difficult, even getting close. All thanks to the divine skills, of which the greatest contributor was none other than Alicia. Without her new invention, the whale meat could easily slip away!

Da Fei happily inquired, "Alicia, that black water magic of yours, what is it?"

Alicia waited for Da Fei to ask, then proudly chuckled, "An improved version of the Illusion Army!"

Da Fei was taken aback, "Illusion Army?"

Alicia said with pride, "Of course, the ordinary Illusion Army just replicates items and humanoids, that's nothing impressive—replicating liquids is the real deal!"

Da Fei exclaimed, "So, you're replicating octopus ink?"

"Ice Fruit!" Alicia laughed heartily, "Since discovering the effect of octopus ink that night, I've been paying attention. This stuff works really well against sea monsters, but I lacked the skills for further research. After my advancement yesterday, I could finally try it. So I pondered over it all last night, and finally turned theory into practice!"

Da Fei finally understood! She had been researching new magic last night! Whoever said this kid wasn't diligent was wrong—she just lacked a target of interest!

Exceeding God-level, advancing to a new career was within her sight!

At this time, Bato also rowed over in a small boat, laughing, "Mr. Spielberg, shall we continue?"

Spielberg quickly paid his respects, "Thank you, General, this trip has left me fully satisfied, and I dare not trouble the General further. To show my gratitude, I'll give a third of the proceeds from selling the whale horn to the General!"

Bato laughed heartily, patting Spielberg on the shoulder, "You're truly a delightful friend—alright, now we'll head to the North Pole to salvage the Dragon Bone!"