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Chapter 296: Comprehending the Master-level Navigator

The black clouds over the horizon rolled in like a dark curtain; this was the second wave of the storm.

Samael stood on the mast of Radiant Wings, slowly waving his hands in a spell. A spiral of golden light appeared in his rotating palms, growing larger and rising higher. A small whirlwind formed, expanding until a massive vortex spun above the city!

Selvia clasped her hands devoutly in front of her chest, watching intently every move and detail of his spellcasting!

Without a doubt, Samael cast so slowly to teach Selvia hand by hand! Of course, this was a must! Even the Dragon King turned enemies into friends and gave benefits to us, so you should offer some benefits too! Nevertheless, showing off before the Dragon King seemed like flaunting one's strength?

Samael laughed lightly, "The way of power is not about strength or weakness, but using the most suitable force at the most appropriate time to achieve the greatest effect. Under normal circumstances, it's nearly impossible to counter an already formed storm, but in the Storm Eye, it's different. Here is the storm's origin. Casting a reverse small whirlwind here can act like a small gear driving a large gear until halting the storm!"

After speaking, he abruptly released his hands. The massive vortex above the city emitted a resounding roar, swirling outward. When the two turbulent storms collided, a thunderous wave erupted over the Nether Sea, illuminating the world with lightning that persisted!

And at that moment, a flash of golden light appeared on Selvia!

— System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has comprehended the Master-level Light Magic "Storm Attack"!

— System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has comprehended Master-level Light Magic.

— System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has obtained information on the God-level Light Magic "Lightning Storm."

Oh yeah! Comprehended! And even got a piece of God-level information! Wow, what a rewarding gift!

Samaster laughed heartily, "Samael, I always underestimated you. I think even Bahaam from that day may not be much stronger than you. I am very gratified to form an alliance with you."

Samael smiled faintly, "In fact, Lord Samaster, as the creator of the Curse Dragon, are not necessarily helpless against such misfortune strikes. Your approach of a mutually beneficial compromise and tolerance showcases an admirable magnanimity and wisdom."

The two gods laughed heartily, feeling like kindred spirits meeting late.

Samaster laughed again, "Today's display was immense. Surely, everyone believes you and I fought to the death, right?"

Samael laughed, "But we become allies without fighting!"

Samaster sneered, "That's something no one would expect."

Samael sneered, "Then let's continue to surprise them!"

They laughed again. Da Fei shook his head lightly. Gods are gods, after all, always calculating. This fight might never have actually taken place, considering the substantial server resources god battles would consume. Even the electricity bill would increase, so the system surely wouldn't engage in such a loss-making affair.

The winds and waves gradually calmed, the lightning subsided, and the enormous storm finally dissipated into nothingness. At this moment, the system prompt chimed!

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You have successfully advanced to Master-level Navigator!

- Master-level Navigator: The speed of the hero's ship increases by an additional 50% at sea, stacking with Sailing Skill. Heroes gain one bonus free attribute point for every level, and both the hero and vice hero gain 500 experience points each day at sea.
- System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Alicia has successfully advanced to Intermediate Navigator.
- System Prompt: Coltner has successfully advanced to Advanced Navigator.
- System Prompt: Congratulations! You have comprehended the Leadership Skill's hidden sub-skill "Crisis Management," and your Leadership Skill has improved to Intermediate!
- Crisis Management: Reduces the probability of disaster affecting the troops' material facilities. The higher the leadership level, the more pronounced the skill effect.
- System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Selvia has successfully comprehended the Leadership Skill sub-skill "Crisis Management," and Selvia's Leadership Skill has improved to Intermediate!
- System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Catherine has successfully comprehended the Leadership Skill sub-skill "Crisis Management," and Catherine's Leadership Skill has improved to Advanced!
- System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Alicia has successfully comprehended the Leadership Skill sub-skill "Crisis Management," and Alicia's Leadership Skill has improved to Intermediate!
- System Prompt: Your Chamber of Commerce member Spielberg has successfully comprehended the skill "Crisis Management"...
- System Prompt: Coltner has successfully comprehended the skill "Crisis Management"...

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Looking at this large stream of system notifications, Da Fei laughed heartily!

I'm a Master-level Navigator now! Finally, advancing by one level gives an attribute point, reaching the standard of a regular secondary profession. It's not easy! Truly not easy! But overcoming such a significant hurdle, these gains are a must! As I said, the greatest wealth of this journey is the comprehension of skills! Knowledge is power! However, it seems like Catherine hasn't comprehended God-level Navigation, even failing to break through God-level despite such a tough test?

Samael said with a smile, "Mortal, no, my friend! Congratulations on achieving substantial progress!"

Da Fei quickly replied with a smile, "Not at all, it's all thanks to the divine envoy's blessing!"

Samael said with a smile, "Not many in this world can become Master-level Navigators. But let me remind you, if you wish to strive for Grandmaster-level Navigator, all your foundational skills must be at least Master-level."

Da Fei exclaimed, "Foundational skills?"

Samael smiled, "To become a Junior Navigator, all adventure and combat skills must be mastered. Those are foundational skills!"

— System Prompt: You have obtained information on Grandmaster-level Navigator.

Da Fei was suddenly stunned. So, my Attack Skill, Defense Skill, Logistics Skill, Leadership Skill, and Defense Skill all need to be maxed out? Damn, that's a gap of over a dozen Skill Points!

But no worries, I'm just level 37, still young. By level 50, I'll have everything! Hahaha!

At this moment, Samaster said, "Lord Samael, now the storm has ceased, and the various Overlords will surely come to spy on the post-battle state. To maintain mystery, it's best to let them know nothing."

Samael laughed heartily, "Indeed, we should be leaving. Well then, Lord Samaster, until next time!"

Samaster laughed, "I shall see you off!"

After speaking, a massive array suddenly appeared in the sea beneath the fleet.

Da Fei's jaw dropped! Damn, why am I surprised? Nothing a God-level Expert does could be surprising! Luckily, I wisely formed an alliance!

With the spatial distortion ripple, the scene changed, and Da Fei's fleet appeared in a familiar sea area near where the storm erupted.

Samael said with a smile, "Friend, I exhausted quite some effort and need to retreat to Bahaam to recuperate for a while. I look forward to our meeting when you reach level 50!"

Da Fei quickly bowed, "Thank you, my lord, for your care along the way!"

Samael said with a smile, "I still say the same, you have the value for me to care for. Well, goodbye!" With a flash of golden light, Samael's figure disappeared.

Da Fei exhaled a long sigh of relief. Now, nothing else to say, move towards Miracle Island. For the team that comprehended disaster-countering skills, Da Fei expressed full confidence in overcoming the remaining misfortune.

Chapter 297: New Hero of Fleeting Blossom

The last day of the Hero World Cup qualifying round in the China Region.

As Fleeting Blossom led a vast number of crossbowmen into the plain terrain of the competition arena, the entire arena was shocked! The whole China Region was shocked too!

Although the mass archer strategy is a mainstream tactic for Human Race players before level 50, no one, not just in the China Region but in the whole world, has pushed it to the terrifying extent that Fleeting Blossom has!

At Fleeting Blossom's level, no tactics or skills were needed anymore, just point and shoot and the arrow rain will crush everything! In a plain battlefield where no one could hide, even professional players avoided confronting Fleeting Blossom, making her qualification undisputed.

At this time, just after her great victory, Fleeting Blossom immediately accepted an online interview with a reporter.

Reporter: "Miss Fleeting Blossom, hello! Very happy to interview you again."

Fleeting Blossom, in a great mood, laughed: "Hello, hello, welcome to the interview, haha!"

Reporter smiled: "Miss Fleeting Blossom, your participation surprised many people. Many people thought you were a Lord Player and might miss the competition. But unexpectedly, not only did you participate, but you also achieved such spectacular results. What are your thoughts right now?"

Fleeting Blossom laughed: "I also thought I might miss the competition since my epic-level vice hero is an official of the Kingdom and players cannot lead her into battle without the Kingdom's order. But this competition is different; its rules gave me a chance to showcase my comprehensive strength, and I'm very pleased about that."

Reporter laughed: "Miss Fleeting Blossom's comprehensive strength is so strong it's almost blinding. Can I ask how many crossbowmen you brought into battle this time? Of course, this is your military secret, you can choose not to answer."

Fleeting Blossom laughed heartily: "I'm not really a pro, just playing casually, so there's no military secret to speak of. Currently, I have a total of 1500 crossbowmen."

Reporter exclaimed: "That's a terrifyingly impressive number! What kind of results do you think you can achieve at the World Cup?"

Fleeting Blossom laughed: "I'll go as far as I can, hopefully making it into the top 1000 to win a \$10,000 prize. I'll spend the rest of the time preparing, recruiting high-level vice heroes with high Command Power in the tavern to strengthen my team, and then buying some treasures that increase Command Power, aiming to push my Command Power above 2000 during the international competition."

Reporter shocked: "You mean you still have 500 reserve crossbowmen?"

Fleeting Blossom laughed: "For a farm owner, that's a small matter! As a non-combat player, both my attack and defense attributes and skills can't compare with professional combat players. All I can do is stack up numbers. Would you believe me if I said neither I nor my vice hero Elanee know archery?"

Reporter laughed: "That's indeed hard to believe. What do you think will be the biggest challenge you'll face in the upcoming matches?"

Fleeting Blossom laughed heartily: "Obviously, I fear that players from other countries might team up against me! Once their total force exceeds mine, wouldn't I be done for? So I strongly urge our players from the China Region to stay united and support each other in the international arena."

Reporter laughed: "I believe that's what all the qualifying players from the China Region must feel..."

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After finishing the phone interview, Fleeting Blossom laughed loudly: "Being scared just hearing about 2000 Command Power? If I told them I'm about to reach 2500, would they even play anymore?"

Little Li sighed with a laugh: "You're fogging the military situation with your opaque statements!"

Little Fang laughed loudly: "This is making the international situation confusing with a mix of truth and deception! Alright, generals are hard to find but soldiers are easy to recruit. Now, let's go meet our future head of security. Neither Elanee nor I can lead troops, but she is an expert!"

Jokingly, the two of them, along with a vice hero, arrived at the Strong Crossbow Town's major shooting range. This place serves as the classroom where the most outstanding instructors of the Lionheart

Empire train soldiers, demonstrating personally, correcting students' actions, or explaining key points, creating a strong learning atmosphere.

Little Li couldn't help but marvel: "The atmosphere in this school shows just how powerful the Human Empire is, truly deserving as the head of the Bright Alliance."

Little Fang shook her head: "No, compared to Elf archery it's a notch lower. Elves can fight conventional wars with many forces and guerrilla wars with few, their tactics are extremely versatile. While humans play with numbers, once the numbers don't keep up, there's a clear disparity, making it hard for humans to produce top masters. National power thus determines human combat ability. Therefore, the core for humans is economic development."

Little Li laughed: "So this is your strategy of gaining an advantage?"

Little Fang irritably responded: "What do you mean 'your', call me husband!"

"Cut it out!"

Just then, a dashing NPC hero military officer with a stylish mustache suddenly ran up to them and performed a knightly salute to Fleeting Blossom: "I am Ouling, I heard that the lady is starting the Kingdom's Epic Canal Project. Though I am not talented, I hope to secure a position under your command!" After saying this, his hero attributes appeared above his head.

— Ouling: Assistant instructor at the Strong Crossbow Town shooting range, has always hoped to make a mark in the Empire.

Talent and Special Ability: Master of Archery, Archery effect increases by 1% with each level up.

Little Fang squinted her eyes and looked at his seemingly ordinary attributes for a while, then chuckled: "Sorry, you're not the candidate I was looking for."

Ouling urgently replied: "Ma'am, I have the potential to become a Master-level archer, with me in your formation, your archer corps will be invincible!"

Little Fang waved her hand and smiled: "I need to recruit a female hero. My target is a female knight and archer specialist, Welsky, so I'm really sorry!"

Ouling widened his eyes and hurriedly said: "Her? How could she compare to me, she's just a bit higher in rank!"

Little Fang shook her head lightly and said, "What I need is exactly her high rank that comes with commanding more troops. Anyway, as women, having a male around us can be very inconvenient, so please leave, sir." After saying this, she laughed heartily and continued on, leaving behind Ouling standing there dumbfounded and dejected.

Little Li looked back and couldn't help but feel sympathetic: "I think his specialty is quite good. Key point being he has a high level and not low command power, perfect for hiring to enter the competition?"

Little Fang sighed: "Firstly, these kinds of 'common vegetables' male heroes are dime a dozen in taverns, recruiting them is merely to drag along experience, nothing impressive, and moreover, the best archery heroes are from the Elf Clan, no need to explain further. Secondly, in the context of this special mission, heroes who come knocking are not ordinary tavern heroes, once hired, they can't easily be dismissed, or else the consequences can be unpredictable, and as lord players who already level up slowly, hiring heroes must be done cautiously; Thirdly, only female heroes are symbols of status and prestige among players, what I am pursuing now is status and prestige, do you know how much Tycoon offered Da Fei for his three female hero account?" Little Fang held up three fingers: "\$3 million — US Dollars!"

Little Li exclaimed: "That means your account is worth at least \$1 million US Dollars!"

Little Fang laughed heartily: "Exactly! Your calling me 'husband' is completely justified! Not to mention, the female hero I'm eyeing has the same command power as Elanee, both have high command power of 1000, her combat power is incomparable!"

Little Li responded: "I see,"

Little Fang laughed again: "Also, don't underestimate these NPCs, NPCs have virtual personalities too. If you just easily recruit them, they might even look down on you, making them less efficient in tasks later

on, and they might not even be as useful as tavern heroes. In short, this game isn't something every elementary student can play well, it tests both the player's IQ and EQ."

"Turns out that's the case."

As they chatted and laughed along, the two arrived at a room next to the archery range. Little Fang showed her pass, the guard let them through, and they entered an office, where a dark-haired, blue-eyed, stern-faced female knight was looking over a map at a desk.

Little Fang immediately presented a document, respectfully handed it over saying: "Ms. Welsky, this is a recommendation letter from General Gandor..."

Welsky took the letter, glanced over it briefly, and said indifferently: "I see. Alright, for the sake of the Empire's canal project, I will fully commit to defending the work during the excavation period."

Little Fang excitedly approached and shook her hand: "Looking forward to your guidance and cooperation!"

— System Prompt: Lieutenant Colonel Knight Welsky has temporarily joined your team. She will leave after the project is completed.

— Welsky: A top-class archery instructor from Strong Crossbow Town, trained from childhood by an Elf Master of Archery, deeply adored by her subordinates, known in the imperial army as "Rose in the Wind."

Level: 50 Knight.

Hero Special Ability: Shooter Commander. For every 2 levels the hero gains, the attack and defense of the led Human Shooter Corps increase by +1.

Attack 40, Defense 40, Magic Power 5, Knowledge 5, Command Power 1087.

Skills: Master Knight, Master Level Archery, Master-level Defense Skill, Master Leadership Skill, Master-level Logistics, High-level Light Magic.

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Little Fang laughed heartily: "Wife, she's even stronger than I imagined, a Shooter Commander, not just specialized in archery!"

Little Li was surprised: "Human-type archer? Does that mean your secret Longbowman Apache can also be led?"

Little Fang smiled: "Exactly, and also our farm's Special Civilian Soldiers 'Spear Throwers' count as Human Archers, they can be led too! Isn't it a completely different level compared to that arrogant trash Ouling earlier?"

Little Li responded: "But, she's only joining temporarily?"

Little Fang laughed heartily: "As long as she falls in love with us over time, are we worried she won't eventually switch to our side? Anyway, sister made sure good drinks, good food, good fun are served daily! Hahaha."

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Fleeting Blossom's momentary brilliance in the arena immediately displeased the old rival, Bloodrose Studio.

Bloodrose Qiqi said indignantly: "Big sis, we've also completed the Griffin Mountain mission, each person rewarded with two Great Angels, if we gather 40 Great Angels, we can sweep the arena, there's still a chance, let's register to compete too!"

Bloodrose Brier said calmly: "That's our and Star Empire's top secret, other players must not know this within a month. We don't lack that little bonus, nor do we lack that little fame."

Bloodrose Qiqi said irritably: "This is infuriating! This woman is just a nouveau riche who doesn't know any tactics! Why is she so glorious!"

"Calm down!"

Chapter 298: The Revenge of the Phoenix Feather

Since One Sword Eastward joined the team of Invincible Soldier and Invincible Wei, he quickly became like brothers with them. They even formed a group to tackle a few daily quest instances in the city to build reputation. In short, this was his strategy to infiltrate the enemy ranks and gain their trust.

One Sword Eastward keenly noticed that these two were completely out of place with other Chamber of Commerce members. Why was that? Was it a disconnect between upper and lower-tier leaders? If that were the case, these two definitely deserved more attention.

Invincible Soldier, a level 32 Druid, seemed to have a talent for Destruction Magic specialization, with no Vice Hero, being talkative with above-average skills. He could be considered a skilled player, though not quite a master.

Invincible Wei, a level 31 Ranger, seemed to have a level 2 Earth Hunter specialty, with no Vice Hero, remaining silent and with skills... difficult to look at.

Why did Da Fei choose these two as confidants? What was Da Fei's criteria for selecting people? This was puzzling for One Sword Eastward. However, one thing was certain, the reason these two kept grinding instances with him was definitely because of his 10 powerful Dark Night Druids.

With the help of his 10 powerful units, instances they couldn't have possibly cleared were successfully completed. Were these really Da Fei's most trusted cronies? Was this all they had to offer? It didn't matter; he might as well go along for now. After all, he wasn't losing out on experience or reputation.

A clap of thunder roared as the final boar boss in the instance let out a piercing scream and collapsed with a thud!

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You completed the Quartermaster's bounty mission "Clear the Boar Herds Endangering the Farm," earning 50,000 experience, a 500 Gold Coin reward, 3,000 reputation in Elorin City, 76 Boar Bristles, and 2 Boar Tusks...

"Hell yeah!" Invincible Soldier and Invincible Wei burst into exciting cheers, "We did it!"

One Sword Eastward asked in surprise, "What's up?"

Da Bing patted One Sword Eastward's shoulder with satisfaction, "Little Sword, interested in going out to sea for some big trading? We three pool our money and our earnings divided by our contributions!"

You're the Little Sword! One Sword Eastward frowned, suppressing his annoyance, and forced a smile, "And how much can we earn? I'm too lazy to make a run."

Da Bing laughed heartily, "Too lazy to make a run? Come on, I'll take you to the shipyard to look at the goods!"

Sure enough, after nearly ten days of grinding reputation day and night, with Little Sword's powerful help, Da Bing and Da Wei finally completed their run, earning 100,000 reputation in Elorin, and could finally use the medium ship Da Fei left for them. Of course, if they could operate a medium ship, other experts could too, signaling the world entering the age of medium ships, a period that would last for a long, long time.

As One Sword Eastward followed them to the shipyard, looking at the 500 cargo capacity medium ship before him, he couldn't help but feel a thundering shock!

cargo capacity! Equivalent to 50 caravan wagons! Equal to 50 of the small boats he used to sail! And the expense of operating the ship was 100 times lower than a caravan with the same capacity! This was the advantage of maritime transport! This was the state he'd dreamt of reaching!

Da Bing laughed heartily, "I called Brother Fei earlier, and he said do whatever we want! So, want to join us for a sea run?"

Tch! They're just afraid of Blood Sea Studio attacking them and want me as a bodyguard! But isn't it exhilarating to use an enemy's resources to earn money? One Sword Eastward felt a thrill, "Sure! By the way, where's Brother Fei?"

Da Bing shook his head and sighed, "Brother Fei has reached countless levels beyond us, even if he tells us where, we wouldn't know."

Flatterer! One Sword Eastward silently cursed but kept a cheerful smile, "I have 4,600 Gold Coins!"

The usually silent Da Wei finally spoke, "I have 5,100."

Da Bing smiled, "I have 6,200! All in all, this amount is enough for us to make a great start. Go! We've saved quite a few credit points from all the reputation tasks we've done; let's load up everything! Oh, and Da Wei, give your money to me, then go hire a Vice Hero with Master-level Sailing Skill at the dock's tavern to sail the ship."

Da Wei gave an 'oh' in response.

Tch! Afraid the Vice Hero would drag down his leveling, so he asks someone else to take them! One Sword Eastward finally understood why Da Fei would want this Invincible Wei as a crony. Because he was a fool! A confidant not only needed someone smart and clever but also someone docile and unquestioningly obedient—such fools were indispensable. One Sword Eastward gained a rudimentary understanding of Da Fei's approach to personnel, and he had to admit, it was brilliant!

With Da Wei going to the tavern to recruit a hero, Da Bing led Little Sword bouncing along to the Commerce Guild to collect goods, then bounced back to the dock to excitedly watch the porters loading goods onto the ship.

Just as Da Bing was eagerly calculating the profits from a medium and long-range run, a player appeared in front of them wearing an eye-catching fiery red robe, looked indifferently, and asked, "Where's Da Fei?"

Needless to say, trouble was brewing! Da Bing couldn't help but frown, "What's up?"

Little Sword was secretly thrilled, but instead, put on a serious face, exuding arrogance, "Yo? That outfit's impressive oh?? What's the brand?"

Phoenix Feather snorted coldly, turned his gaze towards the cargo ship at the dock, and smiled faintly, "This ship, I'll be taking it! Da Fei won't have anywhere to hide then!"

Da Bing's face changed abruptly!

Indeed, this player was Phoenix Feather, and he was here to stir up trouble!

Lately, Phoenix Feather had been quite gloomy. Being knocked out in the preliminaries early was one reason. Another was that a large number of experts emerged both domestically and internationally in the preliminaries—experts who could no longer be underestimated. This irked Phoenix Feather, who always felt superior. Then he received an invitation from Star Guild—an immense honor for ordinary players, but an insult considering the bargaining term for someone as arrogant as Phoenix Feather!

Who does Star Guild think they are? Do they not recognize me under a new name? Back during the public test, I knew you guys well enough, snatched countless bosses from you, and killed enough of your members to put you in your place! Don't even think I'd go for that lousy toilet-cleaning offer; even a professional-level offer would be beneath me.

Big guilds are just there to be trampled, to highlight my awesomeness!

However, with Da Fei and the UK both having large ships now, along with China's so-called top God-level Sea Battle Hero Blood Sea Wave making a big splash at the Pool of Radiance, a surge of ocean-themed enthusiasm swept across the community. Professional teams and regular players worldwide flocked to the lucrative ocean scene, making ocean development the trend. So Phoenix Feather decided after careful consideration to focus on ocean development too.

At sea, his long-range Thunderbolt advantage could be fully utilized. With a fast ship, he could strike his opponent from a distance, preventing retaliation, and easily rob them of their cargo and possibly even their ship. Indeed, Phoenix Feather decided to pursue a pirate robbery route.

Looking across China's seaports, with its vast array of long-distance specialties, Elorin was clearly the best base. It was also Da Fei's base and the first God-level Sea Battle Hero's base of operations; easier to deal with. Once he had stepped over these two, if Blood Sea Wave was smart, he'd let it slide, let him be the lapdog. Just taking down Da Fei first would naturally ensure Blood Sea Wave fell in line.

At this moment, facing Phoenix Feather's aggressive stance, Little Sword responded with a ten times more arrogant tone, mocking, "Hey, hey, did your aunt dye this ridiculous outfit for you? Otherwise, why is it so red?" Da Fei had a clever underling, a dumb underling, and was now only missing an arrogant, combative underling—so let me be arrogant to maximum capacity and draw all the hatred!

Self-important Phoenix Feather obviously scoffed at arguing with these cronies, merely smirked silently, "See you at sea then!" and left arrogantly.

Little Sword held up a middle finger, "Idiot!"

Da Bing realized something wasn't right, feeling uneasy, "This idiot seems like an expert, huh? Any fool daring to mess with Brother Fei must have some skills, should we not set sail?"

Little Sword silently chuckled, I'm only here to stir up trouble, what happens next is none of my business. So he said nonchalantly, "Soldier, do what you think best."

Da Bing felt conflicted. Not sailing would make him seem cowardly, and more importantly, it would cause this newcomer to look down on him. Brother Fei's style was always bold. If he learned about this, it would definitely leave an impression, potentially affecting his position as Vice President. In conclusion, losing face was unacceptable!

Da Bing gritted his teeth, "Right! Just an idiot, we should carry on with our plans!"

Chapter 299: The Naval Battle Outside Elorin City

Facing the seeming threat from a Master-level Phoenix Feather, Da Bing definitely wouldn't engage without preparation. Nor did he plan to report it to Da Fei. If every little thing needed to alert the big boss, what was his use? Moreover, reporting to Da Fei wouldn't solve anything; he still needed to figure it out himself.

So, Da Bing intended to resolve this matter on his own. The 500-cabin medium cargo ship was a standard clunker with no gun cabins, no sailor quarters, and absolutely zero self-defense capabilities. Its base speed was an extremely slow 4, making it impossible to escape pursuit by any ship. So on one hand, he would, of course, recruit Little Sword with the strength of his 10 Dark Night Druids, equivalent to level 6 troops, serving as powerful bodyguards. On the other, he would mobilize the guild's transport boats to form an "escort fleet."

Then Invincible Soldier shouted in the guild channel, "The guild's second medium ship is on the move, targeting the famine-stricken city of Suwalun, fully loaded with 500 cabins of rice. All guild ships returning to Elorin need to go buy rice too. I'm saying it again, this is a Chamber of Commerce mission, everyone must accept!"

Anyway, the Chamber of Commerce members were those undercover agents from Blood Sea Studio who brought their own provisions. So even if they got wiped out, it wouldn't be a big loss for the Chamber of Commerce. If they dared not comply, Brother Fei would have a reason to clear the field and add the new Little Sword comrade.

And, of course, the Chamber of Commerce members responded as usual without asking for reasons, shouting, "Famine relief sounds great, let's go together."

As for One Sword Eastward, he wouldn't be satisfied just stirring up grudges and watching the fun. Being a proud youth, he always had a determined heart. Not only had he met this Phoenix Feather, but he also wanted to stomp him out. That's right. In the preliminaries, while One Sword Eastward's Master-level Reconnaissance Skill entered ambush mode, he had seen the Phoenix Feather flying overhead. If he hadn't been unsure of killing him in one round, Phoenix Feather would have already been beneath his blade. What's so great about him?

Since the target of this Phoenix Feather was stealing ships, would his range advantage matter much? He'd still have to board for combat, right? On board, One Sword Eastward had no reason to fear him. Ultimately, One Sword Eastward positioned his special forces all set in the cargo hold, ready for the showdown.

In the end, after a day of preparation, the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce's dozens of ships departed the port fully loaded.

Watching the mighty fleet set sail, Phoenix Feather, who had been observing at the wharf, burned with zeal. One versus dozens from Da Fei's Chamber of Commerce; Phoenix Feather decided to seize this chance to make a name for himself.

An intense and unequal naval battle was about to break out.

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Near the coast of Elorin.

Da Bing organized a large fleet that was slowly and steadily making its way at sea. Even with Da Wei hiring a big-bearded hero with Sailing Skill at the tavern, the cargo ship's speed didn't improve much. That's the limitation of cargo ships, where capacity and speed are forever a trade-off.

This was Da Bing's maiden voyage, crucial for his standing in Brother Fei's eyes. He was incredibly tense, frequently pulling out a telescope to scan the surroundings.

A fleet of multiple ships appeared in Da Bing's telescope view. It was the NPC Coast Guard, which calmed his heart. With them around, Phoenix Feather wouldn't dare to PK, no matter how bold he might be.

Suddenly, Da Bing noticed a small fishing speedboat tailing behind the guard squad—it was Phoenix Feather!

So, his intention was to strike in the brief vacuum period when the Coast Guard would change direction or course!

Da Bing's heart tightened, and he promptly shouted in the guild channel: "This is an accident-prone zone, all Chamber of Commerce members stay highly alert!"

The escort fleet members responded as usual. Having such obedient members was either a boon or because they were spies; unfortunately, they were indeed spies, making Da Bing, as the senior brother,

extremely disgruntled. However, Da Bing wasn't worried about a rebellion from those spies. He was eager for a reason to have Brother Fei kick them all out.

Now the NPC Coast Guard patrol began to turn, and Phoenix Feather's little speedboat immediately accelerated towards the fleet. It was about to go down!

Da Bing hurriedly shouted within the team, "Everyone, watch out, Phoenix Feather is here to PK and seize the ship. If he dares make a move, we'll gang up on him!"

The members echoed, "Got it!"

Lightning flashed in the sky, and a bolt of lightning slammed down, blasting the outermost small ship into splintering flames.

—System Prompt: Phoenix Feather has launched a PK against your team. You may now justifiably counter-attack!

—System Prompt: Phoenix Feather killed Chamber of Commerce member Green Pepper and Century Egg! The ship of Green Pepper and Century Egg was damaged, and 55 units of cargo are adrift. Please salvage it within half an hour to minimize loss.

The thunderclap awakened the previously dormant Chamber of Commerce channel, which exploded with chatter: "A lightning strike flipped it! This guy is too fierce!"

—Chamber of Commerce Channel [Green Pepper and Century Egg]: Are you kidding? From so far away, my archers can't reach him, yet he can rain lightning on me! And it knocked out both me and the ship instantly!

Invincible Soldier roared, "Brothers, let's go! We have the numbers!"

The Chamber of Commerce channel echoed: "Charge!"

Seeing the other side dare attempt a solo challenge, they must have the guts for it. Watching the Chamber of Commerce ships from all directions encircle the enemy, observing the opponent's speedboat maneuveringly turning with unflagging speed, an ominous sense of dread welled up in Da Bing.

—Regional Channel [Phoenix Feather]: I warned you! You can fight, but you won't win. You can run, but you can't escape! Don't believe it? Just try!

Boom! Another thunderstrike! Another small merchant ship reduced to ashes in flames!

The Chamber of Commerce was once again in shock! Everyone realized Phoenix Feather was relying on long-ranged magic with powerful impact, using his speedboat's agility and quick speed to take on the masses alone! This was the classic scenario where the side with more people became the villain charging up only to get battered by the protagonist!

Though they knew Phoenix Feather was a skilled player, they didn't expect him to be this powerful! What to do now? Let these cannon fodder block to protect the cargo ship's escape, but the cargo ship was the slowest; how could it outrun the lightly-laden fishing speedboat of the opponent? Wait for the opponent's mana to deplete?

At once, Da Bing displayed the bewilderment and helplessness typical of all villains.

One Sword Eastward said gravely, "Da Bing, since the opponent's goal is to seize the ship, he has to board for battle anyway. We haven't lost yet!"

At this point, there was no alternative. Da Bing could only nod blankly, "Alright! We'll go all out with him later!"

Lightning crackled across the sea sky, and Phoenix Feather's fishing speedboat swiftly searched the ocean. Thunderbolt after thunderbolt landed, each forking lightning claiming the life of a small merchant ship. Broken wooden wrecks floated across the whole sea; a sizeable fleet was quickly blasted into disarray, leaving only a solitary medium cargo ship drifting alone.

Finally, the showdown was imminent. Come on, I'm ready for you to board! Da Bing's numbed expression turned resolute!

Boom! Another thunderbolt struck down, and the medium ship rocked violently!

Da Bing was jolted with shock! Why aim at the ship? Wasn't he here to seize it?

—Regional Channel [Phoenix Feather]: "Sorry to disappoint you, but I'm not interested in your ship after all, so I'd rather blast it down! Wahahaha!"

Da Bing was shocked!

At this moment, Phoenix Feather stood proudly at the fishing boat's bow, laughing heartily. Did they really believe me when I said I'd seize the ship? They even set up a heavy ambush on board?! Watching clueless idiots at play was indeed delightful.

Seeing his reputation explode as his moniker turned blood-red, Phoenix Feather was even more thrilled! Why is my new name Phoenix Feather? Because I don't need to shine as brightly as a whole phoenix—overkill. I just need to be as vibrant as one feather! My name should be scarlet with infamy! From today, I officially emerge from the shadows, wahahaha!

Just as Phoenix Feather was reveling in his havoc-wreaking moment on the small fishing boat, three water splashes suddenly sounded beside his boat, followed by three agile figures leaping out of the spray rapidly.

Phoenix Feather was startled, quickly steadied himself to see what happened. Three dripping figures were lunging at him at inconceivable speed! Astonishment narrowed his eyes.

—"We are the Rocket Team traversing the sea!"

—"We are the most charismatic villains ever!"

—"A brighter tomorrow awaits us!"

Phoenix Feather's only choice was a magical blink!

Magic flashed, and his figure vanished!

Magical light flickered, and his figure reappeared!

But then Phoenix Feather found three axes buried in his back! Before he knew it, everything went dark!

—System Prompt: You were killed by Blood Sea Wave's vice heroes! Being in a red-name state, your death incurs severe penalties. Your B-grade strategic treasure "Mana Ring" dropped. Your B-grade strategic treasure "Mana Necklace" dropped...

—System Prompt: You lost the necessary components for the combined Divine Artifact "Mana Source"; the artifact disassembled...

Phoenix Feather was stunned! Even after resurrecting at the resurrection point, he couldn't comprehend how Blood Sea Wave ended up there! Could he have become Da Fei's Chamber of Commerce bodyguard? Impossible! Of course, those details were insignificant. What mattered was the severe loss from his red-name demise; other items aside, losing the Mana Source Divine Artifact meant no more unlimited thunder strikes. Forget it!

This was a massive loss! Those components weren't easy to collect! Since the server launch, he had put in monumental efforts!

Oh! The more Phoenix Feather thought about it, the angrier he became, spitting out a mouthful of blood! Blood Sea Wave, I'll never forgive you!

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Meanwhile, Blood Sea Wave had boarded the wrecked cargo ship, laughing uproariously, "I thought it was someone brave enough to seize my sea turf, but turns out it's just an artifact-wielding clown! Hahaha!"

Indeed! Phoenix Feather should have realized he wasn't the sole opponent targeting Da Fei's Trading Company, as Blood Sea Wave had long resented with a grudge and the desire for revenge. Now, with Da Fei's medium ship under surveillance by his studio's undercover agents, its route was right under his nose.

Now, Blood Sea Wave had joyfully boarded this medium ship, fulfilling the pirate's rite of passage, settling a score with a fool, and recovering two strategic artifacts—how could he not rejoice?

But at this point, his laughter abruptly ceased as he felt a dozen blood arrows stuck in his back!

—System Prompt: You were killed by an Enemy Camp player "One Sword Eastward"! You dropped the B-grade strategic treasure "Mana Ring," and "Mana Necklace"...

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Blood Sea Wave was frozen in disbelief! Resurrecting at the resurrection point, he couldn't grasp how he was caught in a trap! Traveling such a distance painstakingly, only to end up dead at the hands of a nobody!

Oh, The more Blood Sea Wave thought about it, the more frustrated he became, spewing out a mouthful of blood! One Sword Eastward, I shall hunt you till the end!

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Now, looking at the ship in wreckage, the sea strewn with cargo debris, Da Bing and his team finally exhaled a long sigh of relief: "In the end, as long as we're okay, that's all that matters."

One Sword Eastward couldn't help but be stunned! Why am I relieved too? What's it to me?

Da Bing patted One Sword Eastward on the shoulder excitedly: "Brother, you're awesome! You killed the Blood Sea Studio boss! This is your ticket to legitimacy! From now on, you can securely follow Brother Fei, and I can finally report to him, wahahaha!"

One Sword Eastward chuckled and nodded: "Indeed, indeed!" No matter what, managing to kill the first Sea Battle God-level Hero in the China Region was truly a cause for rejoicing.

Chapter 300: Arrival at Miracle Island

After leaving Ghost Dragon Cliff, Da Fei's fleet headed straight for Miracle Island. Having mastered the hidden skill Disaster Prevention, Da Fei's fleet's ability to avert disasters rose to another level, making the entire fleet virtually impregnable, with not a single serious incident occurring.

Now, after eight days of safe sailing, Miracle Island finally loomed in the distance on the map.

Returning to this familiar place, Da Fei couldn't help but get extremely excited. It was here that he laid the foundations of his awesomeness with a key battle on the island; this is where his career began!

Closer now, the silhouette of Miracle Island was in sight, with a structure resembling a lighthouse on the island emitting a silver-black glare that dazzled the eyes—could it be the Anemone King? Hahaha, after such a long time, the Anemone King had grown this big, huh? I wonder how many types of troops are still stocked inside? Truly something to look forward to.

Right at this moment, a cluster of red dots appeared on the edge of the radar mini-map; these must be the sea monsters besieging Miracle Island.

Da Fei's heart clenched—no need for words, charge! With the confidence from Absolute Misfortune and the Six-headed Sea Demon Statue, if we can win we'll fight; if not, at least we'll make it near Miracle Island, where there's the most likely exit from the Nether Sea!

Similar to the sights along the journey, all the sea monsters that saw Da Fei's fleet, which seemed to carry an aura of daunting misfortune, fled cleanly at first glance.

This is the power of Absolute Misfortune! Excellent, this really saved me a lot of effort.

Getting closer and closer, Da Fei finally saw the full view of the Anemone King! At this moment, the Anemone King shone with silver light, truly worthy of being a lighthouse several stories tall. Its tentacles already covered the entire island and extended into the sea, with the island densely covered with the bones of countless undead sea monsters. Above the sky, a faint golden column of light sprinkled down, shrouding the Anemone King, no, more precisely, the entire small island.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched—what is this?

Anlicia was suddenly startled: "Two moons! Did you see that? There are two moons in the sky here!"

Da Fei looked up and saw that this was indeed the case! A large silver disc, the moon of the Nether Sea. And another one, hazily faint, only the size of a bowl—the pattern was undoubtedly the moon from Earth. How could another world's moon be seen in the Nether Sea?

Selvia said solemnly, "Although I don't know the cause, the spatial chaos here is extreme. I reckon it's similar to Lord Samael's Fatalon and Dragon King's Ghost Dragon Cliff—they are all entities connected to another world!"

"That's right! This place indeed leads to two worlds. I didn't expect my friend to be able to return to this place from the vast Nether Sea!" Renior, who had been asleep for days, awoke once more and joined the conversation: "Our expedition team had an accident here, and then I was killed by that person. But being an immortal hero, that person feared that my resurrection would expose his plans, so he released a formidable magic power to seal and distort the space where Miracle Island was, making it impossible for me to resurrect. This is also what made Miracle Island exist simultaneously in two worlds, like two sides of a mirror."

Da Fei suddenly realized! I knew it, how could the islands in the Netherworld look exactly the same as those in the surface world? Da Fei exclaimed in surprise: "But, I didn't see the moon from the human world last time I was here? What's this all about?"

Renior sighed: "I'm not clear on that either, but all in all, this is a forcefully twisted space by that person. It's inevitable for there to be many instabilities. Perhaps the mutant Anemone King you planted has been continuously absorbing energy from various space rifts, leading to further spatial tears. In any case, if things continue to develop in this trend, this place will undoubtedly become an entrance from the surface world to the Nether Sea."

Da Fei pondered: "It seems this is still a strategic transit hub. Should I perhaps develop it a bit?"

Renior laughed: "When you have the Sealing Order for a lord, you can occupy this place as your own territory. Since it's the two sides of the mirror, taking land in the surface world means you'll also gain partial possession of the Nether Sea. It's a buy-one-get-one-free bargain!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Great! I'll seal this deal!"

Only when players obtain a Sealing Order will the system formally recognize them as having a territory, and the territory management function will officially be activated. The fact that Da Fei cannot view the status of the Anemone King Camp when he's too far away is a typical sign that the territory development function has not been activated.

The Sealing Order is extremely difficult to obtain; it can be acquired through kingdom titles, battlefield merit, or by killing wild overlord-type powerful bosses. However, when players reach level 50 and can enter the New World, they can get a small pioneer Sealing Order bound to their account for free from the kingdom, and this Sealing Order is likely to be the only chance most players will get.

Da Fei began to check the attributes of the Anemone King; now that he was close enough, the attributes could finally be viewed.

—Demonized Poisonous Anemone Nest: Level 13 recruitment troop building. Attack 90, Defense 270, Damage 56-205, Durability 47000, Attack Speed 3, Move Speed 0, Special Skills: Multi-Attack (18 tentacles), Poison Paralysis Attack, Bounce Attack, Self-Healing. Current recruitment capacity for Poisonous Anemone: 16/13.

—Note: Due to the lack of resources, the nest cannot be further upgraded, and additional troops cannot be recruited. The nest is currently in a dormant state.

—Poisonous Demonized Anemone: Attack 5, Defense 0, HP 11, Attack Speed 1, Move Speed 0, Damage 1-2, Command Value: 0, Special Skills: Multiple Attacks, Paralysis Poison Attack, Preemptive Attack, Transplantation.

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Da Fei couldn't help but be deeply moved! After days apart, the Anemone Nest had reached level 13! It now had 18 tentacles blanketing the entire island! He remembered when it first appeared, there were only five tentacles. And its Blood Defense had improved so much compared to before that it truly deserved the name "building."

It seemed that to firmly hold this island amidst the siege of Sea Monsters in the Nether Sea, the key was to upgrade this Nest.

In the game, buildings could be upgraded; the higher the level of the upgrade, the higher the building's defense, durability, and production. If a player had special Lord Skills, they could also add new special skills to the building. Does that mean I need to continue investing in Concentrated Mercury, Refined Crystal Sulfur, and Mithril for the building to keep upgrading?

But these are resources from the New World, which don't exist in the old one, right? Do I have to wait until I'm level 50 to go there to get them? Isn't that too far away? Would ordinary resources work? What about other resources?

Right, with so many Sea Monster bones on the island, it indicates that the current Anemone King can still hold out; maybe there's no problem? In any case, I am currently helpless, the only thing I can do is to summon all the Anemones from the barracks. And after so much time, the fact that there are only 16 units available in the barracks shows that there are indeed no resources left to recruit more soldiers.

Right, how many units are there in the Banshee Barracks on the Flying now? With the Banshee Camp's production of one unit per day, after these few months, there should be a stockpile of hundreds by now, right? I must check it out when I return.

Da Fei summoned all the Anemones from the barracks and surrounded the Anemone King with them for defense. Suddenly, Da Fei discovered the Anemones' new special skill, Transplantation!

—Transplantation: Plant-type troop cannot move but can be transported through transplantation. Transplantation can only be used once every half year.

I see! It has to be this way! Not being able to move plant troops was frustrating enough; there needs to be an opportunity for players to reposition them! Good, very good! Later, when I start construction on Miracle Island or Fatalon, I'll use these underwater Anemones for defense.

Now there's nothing else to do; it's time to say goodbye. Da Fei took out the Vortex Crystal, took a deep breath, and finally, it's time to leave.

"Wait!" Renior spoke again: "Friend, if you want to fully safeguard this island, I suggest you continue to strengthen the defensive forces here. I believe it's not that the Sea Monsters can't take down the island, it's that they don't want to destroy it completely to conquer it. In short, some Nether Sea Tyrant has also taken a liking to the Anemone King's ability to rip through space, so they want to take over the island in a mild way to gain entry to the surface world!"

Da Fei was astonished: "Is that so?" A sense of urgency immediately welled up in Da Fei's heart: "Then how can I further strengthen it?"

Renior replied earnestly: "Leave the Necromancer Dragon stationed here. As a living being, you are not suited to leading a powerful troop like the Necromancer Dragon; it lowers morale too much!"

Da Fei was surprised: "Is that so, okay! Got it, then I'll leave it behind—just that, the Necromancer Dragon only reduces morale by 5 points, and I have a constant 7 points of morale, so it shouldn't matter, right?"

Renior laughed heartily: "You underestimate the level 8 troops too much. I thought the same at the beginning, but now I realize I was wrong. To be precise, the Necromancer Dragon decreases basic morale, which is the morale added by your Leadership Skill. In other words, it can completely nullify your Master Leadership Skill, thus indirectly causing the combination skills from Leadership Skill and Attack Skill to not take effect. You don't feel it much because you haven't learned these two skills much, but I have felt it, indeed it's powerful!"

Da Fei suddenly realized! That's how it is! It seems this is the same principle as the difference between luck added by the Luck Skill and luck added by artifacts!

The combination skills from Leadership Skill and Attack Skill are the most numerous, among which the most famous skill is "Holy Judgment," which provides a 5% increase in attack for every point of Morale

higher than the opponent, up to a maximum of 50%! If this skill became useless, the Bright Alliance's army would fall apart!

Truly, level 8 troops are terrifying!

Alright, nothing more to say now, leave the Necromancer Dragon behind, and the fleet returns home!

As the Vortex Crystal burst into radiant ultramarine light, intense swirls emerged around the fleet, and as if in response to the magic power of the Vortex Crystal, space above Miracle Island began to flash with thunder, stirring the winds and clouds! Indeed, a sign of spatial instability!

Then the scene changed, with a splash of water, fresh sea breeze hit the face, blue sky, ocean, white clouds, and seagulls came into view! And the Miracle Island with several coconut trees!

Brother, I'm back! Wahaha!

For a moment, the entire fleet erupted into cheers!