

## God level 371

Chapter 371: Strategy for the Pool of Radiance of Lei Huolong

— "Hello viewers, good evening, it's time for Hero News competition broadcast again. The international qualifiers have all ended, with a total of 6531 players competing and 736 players qualifying. These players will receive a prize of \$10,000 for ranking within the top 1000 in the competition. Here, we congratulate these outstanding players who have emerged from the melee. The next round of the competition will be divided into 8 large groups, using a round-robin system to fight against each other, and finally, the champion of the inaugural Hero World Cup will be born..."

— "And our China Region has performed excellently, with 84 players qualifying, including 45 professional players. Tonight, we are fortunate to have Mr. Long Xiangtian, chairman of Star Guild, Mr. Huang Zhen, chairman of Ninth Heaven, and Mr. Ma Yinglong, chairman of Dragon Slayer Guild, in the studio for an interview. Welcome, everyone!"

Long Xiangtian: "Hello everyone, fellow viewers and players! I'm very happy to see you all!"

Ma Yinglong: "Fellow players, I've missed you so much!"

Huang Zhen disdainfully said: "Last time we invited you, you didn't even show up! Have you become famous now? Wrist too big, huh? Too busy, right? I despise you!"

"Hey hey! This is a live TV broadcast, can you pay attention to your image?"

"That's right, we need unity!"

"Anyway, the next round is just round-robin singles, we don't need unity anymore, just make sure I don't run into you!"

"How many do you even have left? I'm not afraid of you!"

"Ha ha ha ha!"

Host: "Ahem! Seeing how joyful our three chairmen are, I am very confident about the next round of China Region's matches!"

Huang Zhen sighed: "I'm not joyous at all, these two are the ones who are 'joyful 2X youth' alright. The qualifiers were too harsh on me, it's like having pig-like teammates!"

Ma Yinglong laughed: "Who's your teammate, huh? I'm from the Dark Alliance and you're from the Bright Alliance, it's only right I trip you up!"

Host laughed: "It seems all three chairmen are in good spirits, so what is the most memorable thing about this competition for you?"

Ma Yinglong sighed: "Need I say more? Of course, it's the Ancient City Ruins match, the level of that match was extremely high, we need to work harder."

Long Xiangtian sighed: "I believe this match will leave a deep impression on the professional teams across all the servers. Especially the remarkable performance by Da Fei from the China Region, which even led the competition committee to introduce a ban on Divine Artifacts."

Huang Zhen shook his head: "It was expected that Divine Artifacts would be banned, but it was unexpected for players to have them so soon. For me, the impressive performance of players from the American Zone and Korea District in other matches is what left a deep impression. The players in these zones don't rely on numbers to win, but they have already entered an era of Elite Army formation, very agile and fierce. We didn't even know the attributes of the Elite Army, which put a lot of pressure on us, the players from other realms."

Host: "From the competition footage, Da Fei also has quite a number of Elite Troops, doesn't he?"

Ma Yinglong laughed: "Not quite a few, but a lot! Anyway, the Elite Army should be the focus of our next development. However, once the Elite Troops die outside of the competition, it would be a huge loss, so I take this opportunity to advertise to some players who are not confident in their control and fear deaths of their troops, buying Elite Troops! No limit on quantities!"

Long Xiangtian: "Also buying!"

Huang Zhen: "Sell to me, not them!"

"Ha ha ha ha!"

Host laughed: "Okay, then please give your thoughts on the American Team and the South Korea Team..."

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Today, the day of the competition, is destined to be a sleepless night.

At this moment in Bloodrose Studio, a group of ladies listening to the news are grinding their teeth in hatred.

Bloodrose Qiqi angrily said: "Da Fei! Da Fei again! Those dozens of Elite Banshees, in the end, must have come from our Banshee Instructor!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear smiled lightly: "Who would have thought the Banshee Instructor would be so useful."

Bloodrose Qiqi angrily said: "How can you still laugh? I get so mad every time I think about this!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear smiled: "Why don't you ask why the boss seems not to take it seriously every time?"

Bloodrose Qiqi snapped: "The boss wouldn't care if she lost a sports car, how can you compare her to the boss?"

Zhou Qing smiled faintly: "I indeed didn't take it very seriously. Qiqi, do you know how the Banshee Instructor came about?"

Bloodrose Qiqi wondered: "Of course, it was when we first started the server, found a book in a hidden layer in the library of the Monastery, and it took days of summoning to bring her out."

Bloodrose Holy Spear sneered: "That book is the soul contract for summoning the banshee. Though the banshee may switch allegiances at the drop of a hat, her fate is still firmly in our grasp!"

Bloodrose Qiqi was taken aback: "Does that mean the banshee is still ours?"

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed: "Unless she never dies, the moment she dies without the soul contract, Da Fei can't resurrect her. Only we can resurrect and summon her. Get it?"

Bloodrose Qiqi exclaimed joyfully: "Does that mean Da Fei is unwittingly grooming and developing the banshee for us? Why are you only telling me this now?"

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed heartily: "Because we only realized this later. Who would bring up such a topic for no reason? It's just asking for trouble!"

Suddenly, all the beauties in the Bloodrose Studio suddenly realized: "So that's why! With Da Fei's amateur skills, it's impossible for his heroes not to die! Let him be happy for nothing; that's what you call instant karma!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear said with a smile: "This is a secret, okay? No one is allowed to leak it out. If Da Fei finds out, Qiqi, it's definitely because you spilled the beans!"

Bloodrose Qiqi anxiously said: "Why would it be me? What if someone deliberately frames me?"

Everyone laughed heartily: "That's why, Qiqi, you better prepare to treat everyone to keep them quiet!"

Bloodrose Qiqi went crazy: "You bad people, you're bullying me!"

Everyone laughed heartily: "That's because you have the loudest voice and the most arrogant attitude!"

Zhou Qing smiled faintly: "Alright, alright, let me tell you some real good news. Our guild is about to be established, and it might even happen faster than the three major guilds! That means, it's very likely to be the first official guild in China. Let's think of a name?"

The whole studio applauded: "Big Sister is amazing, let's call it Blood-colored Rose!"

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If today's most glorious player in the China Region is Da Fei, then the most conflicted player is undoubtedly Skyshattering Thunder.

Earlier in the afternoon, after the incident with the Divine Artifact transaction, Skyshattering Thunder's friends and family occupied the forum, unanimously condemning Da Fei: "Claiming others are frauds because he can't use the Divine Artifact himself, what a low character..."

In any case, although everyone knows Skyshattering Thunder's intention was just to trap Da Fei, it may be alright to steal from a thief or deceive a deceiver, but it's definitely not okay to admit to deliberate fraud publicly.

Meanwhile, both Da Fei and the Japan Region have publicly released videos of Da Fei killing Baron Nash in the sewer, where the Divine Artifact glittered brilliantly and rendered the boss completely defenseless, stunning the viewers and bleeding the heart of Skyshattering Thunder!

Now, Skyshattering Thunder can finally stand tall and say to others like an idiot: "See? I'm the most trustworthy, when have I ever deceived anyone?"

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And tonight, perhaps the most driven person is Lei Huolong, the newly appointed 'Zone Leader' of the Dragon Slayer Guild. Lei Huolong's workplace has suddenly moved from the club's first floor, which reeked of smelly feet, in a "Internet cafe" to a command room on the third floor with walls full of large screen TVs and over a dozen phone sets on the desk, in a refreshing and beautiful environment, even with waitresses regularly coming to serve tea and water!

Now, whenever Lei Huolong shouts an order into the phone set, he will immediately have subordinate studios running errands for him. This is the high-paying life of a senior professional player! Just work a few years and earn enough to retire for a lifetime!

Of course, Lei Huolong knew that his appointment wasn't because he defeated the Japanese today, but rather due to his sustained reports finally earning the boss's recognition.

This matter started from the last national war, which ended in a stalemate with both sides damaged after the Pool of Radiance triggered the Ancient Storm.

If it had ended there, Lei Huolong would have just continued leveling up, and the Pool of Radiance would have nothing to do with him. But understandably, that wasn't the case. Lei Huolong acutely discovered that due to the pollution and the effects of the Ancient Wind, the World Tree at the Pool of Radiance had entered a dormant state and the barriers were gone!

This was a great opportunity to strike! On one hand, it could deal a heavy blow to the enemy camp in the game, expanding the Hell Race's influence, and on the other hand, it could strike at the Star Guild in reality, so why not? But the problem is, neither the NPC Demon King in the game nor the real life boss Ma Yinglong had any interest in continuing to linger at the Pool of Radiance. Practical experience showed that the Pool of Radiance was not conducive to the large mobile army of the Hell Race. The opponents didn't need much force, a ship like Da Fei's was enough to render the Hell Army's "Navy" useless. Both the NPC Demon King and the boss Ma Yinglong understood this.

Lei Huolong did not give up, he kept trying. Firstly, after Da Fei stirred up a series of Blood Sea Storms in the Abyss Blood Pool, the common troop production of all Hell Race cities reduced, but the production of elites noticeably increased, Lei Huolong seized this opportunity to obtain some Elite Army units, gaining the boss's attention.

In fact, today Ma Yinglong spoke before the live broadcast, stating that developing Elite Army units was not aimless, his long-term support was for the Hell Race!

Meanwhile, in the game Lei Huolong continued doing quests, regaining the trust of the Demon King, who began to reinvest troops in the Pool of Radiance, but obviously not enough! If he couldn't persuade the Demon King to decide on a decisive battle, it could potentially miss the opportunity!

And now, the boss finally settled it, granting him almost a hundred high-end players from two studios. With these hundred people united in the Pool of Radiance, seizing the title of Hell Lord would be just around the corner!

Of course, Lei Huolong's strategy was certainly not about building ships and fighting naval battles, but about establishing Lava Rock Factories to push the pollution to the limit!

Now, Lei Huolong, full of vigor, issued his first order as the new officer over the phone set: "Everyone, assemble at Radiant City!"

#### Chapter 372: Little Li Moves House

Da Fei slept like the dead until the next morning when the ringing of his little sister's phone abruptly woke him up!

"Bro? Are you here yet? We've packed everything! Call a cab."

Da Fei tumbled out of bed and hastily said, "I'm here! I'm here! Wait for me, don't call anyone else or trouble any classmates!"

"Got it!"

Within a minute, Da Fei had washed his face, brushed his teeth, peed, and then rushed to the grocery wholesale across the street shouting, "President Wang, I want to rent your pickup truck to move stuff to University Road, I'll pay 200 bucks!"

President Wang, clearly annoyed, said, "I've got urgent business and need to go haul goods right away!"

Da Fei urgently replied, "I have urgent business too and need to hit the road! 300 bucks! If you don't rent it to me, I won't buy instant noodles from you anymore!"

President Wang snorted, "400! If you rent it, I'll have to call another truck, what a hassle!"

Damn! I've lived here for so many years, what a failure! You people look down on my instant noodles, huh? Da Fei immediately threw out some money clashing loudly and boastfully said, "Fine, here's 500 then! Cut the crap, let's hit the road!"

President Wang exclaimed, "Wow! Got 500 bucks and now acting all high and mighty in front of me, huh! Fine, Little Liu will take you, make it quick and get back soon!"

Whatever! It's only by showing off in front of acquaintances that you feel the achievement when you make it big! Da Fei then took out another 200 for the driver, Little Liu, "Can you help carry some stuff when we get there?"

The driver happily took the money, "No problem!"

President Wang looked at him incredulously, "You haggle over a box of noodles usually, what got into you today?"

That's exactly what I wanted! I'm not the same guy who scrimped on instant noodles anymore! Da Fei scoffed, "Hit the lottery and made some thousands, can you believe that?"

President Wang scoffed back, "Bullshit! Haven't seen you buying any this month!"

"Country bumpkin, I bought the tickets online, ever heard of technology?"

"Buzz off."

Now, Da Fei was on the pickup, speeding towards University Road. As he watched the scenery of the streets, he hadn't been out for nearly a month and noticed many streets were undergoing redevelopment. A month in the game felt like a year. But times had changed, he wasn't the same guy from a month ago, he had made it! Hahaha! Thinking of seeing Little Fang, whom he hadn't seen for a long time, made Da Fei even more excited! Bro, finally got the means to be a cradle robber, planning to buy a house and a car within a year and then marry you, Ha ha ha!

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At the female dormitory entrance of Shendong Normal University, school was starting in a day or two, but many students had already returned to register. The dormitory rule was no men or dogs allowed inside. So even though Da Fei had been called to help move, Little Fang and Little Li had no choice but to lug down various packed clothes, books, and devices themselves. Soon, a pile formed at the entrance, and both girls were panting and exhausted. Might as well consider it a workout.

"When is your brother getting here?" Little Fang asked impatiently, "I can't wait to go online!"

Little Li replied grumpily, "I'll hurry him with a call!"

As they waited, a luxury car slowly pulled up at the entrance of the dormitory. A young man in a suit, looking mature and handsome, stepped out, drawing glances from many passing female students.

The man first looked up at the dorm building, then saw the mountain of luggage at the entrance, and the two beautiful girls looking at him in surprise. His eyes lit up, and he approached with a radiant, warm smile asking, "Excuse me, is this the finance department's female dormitory? Is Tang Yan, the student union Chapter secretary of the finance department, here?"

For a moment, Little Fang and Little Li were stunned! Who was this guy!? What era is he from, a rich handsome guy looking for a rich beautiful girl and even showing off by driving personally to the dorm's entrance to ask for directions? Are you trying to give her exposure or embarrass her?

Soon, Little Fang snapped back to reality and exchanged a glance with Little Li, "Student union secretary Tang Yan? The beauty of our department, right? She does live here, but we don't know if she's returned yet. Why don't you call her?"

The man chuckled bitterly, "That's the thing, I don't have her number!" Then his tone perked up, "So, you're her classmates? Our company is hosting an important student event and we would like her to attend. Can you help me get in touch with her? Here's my business card—"

"Sorry! We're busy! Can't you see?" Even though Little Fang felt incredibly impatient inside, somehow, the man's smile seemed to have a mesmerizing magic, making it impossible for her to bluntly refuse.

Instead, she found herself unconsciously taking the business card, looking down at it, and then freezing in shock!

Little Li also glanced at the business card and blurted out in surprise, "Lin Tianhao, Deputy General Manager of Shenning Electrical Group!"

The man smiled faintly, "Exactly! Our company is the largest electrical sales company in China. We have a big promotional event soon and we would like students from your school to participate and work, there's an appearance fee too, 5,000 yuan per hour. You can contact me directly with this card, and I can arrange it for you."

Little Fang recovered from her shock and asked in amazement, "Is your company the Chinese distributor for the Heroic Creation Era game client?"

Lin Tianhao was pleasantly surprised, "Yes! Do you two also play Heroic Creation Era?"—He immediately glanced toward the luggage which included two large boxes, excitedly asking, "Is this your equipment?"

Little Li hurriedly waved her hands, "No, no! Those are our books!"

Lin Tianhao's smile grew even brighter, "Sorry, actually our promotional event involves hiring good-looking female university students for performances, and those who know a bit about gaming would be even better. If performed well, our company is also looking to hire female university students as full-time employees in our sales department, with annual salaries over 300,000."

Little Fang laughed, "Ah, we really need to focus on our studies and prepare for postgraduate exams. We're not really interested in gaming. Anyway, Mr. Lin, since you're looking for someone, we should probably contact the dorm supervisor for you!"

Lin Tianhao smiled, "Sure, but if you lose interest in your exams, you could try out for our company."

Little Fang laughed and said, "Mr. Lin is really committed to his career, always working on expanding his business."

Lin Tianhao laughed, "Time and efficiency must be used wisely in every little detail. By the way, I still don't know the names of the two of you, would you mind telling me?"

"Uh!" Little Fang was suddenly astonished!

And at that moment——beep beep beep beep beep! A series of frantic car horns suddenly exploded right beside them!

Pedestrians covered their ears and complained, "Who's that? What's going on?"

Little Li was shocked, "My brother is here!"

That's right, Da Fei was fuming as he got out of the car!

Just moments ago, Da Fei was bragging with the driver Little Liu, making Little Liu repeatedly lament, "I should have studied harder back then, maybe I could've tried dating a college girl."

Da Fei was even more proud and laughed loudly, "One is my actual sister, and the other is that kind of 'sister', hahaha! We're here, just up ahead!"

As they got closer, Little Liu was taken aback, "Yo? This car's license plate is really flashy, who's that? Your brother-in-law?"

Seeing Little Fang chatting joyfully with a flashy guy, and Little Li watching him with admiration, Da Fei felt ten thousand alpacas stampeding through his heart! What the heck, 'brother-in-law'?! What, asking for names? What's this nonsense!

Da Fei frantically slammed the steering wheel's horn to interrupt their conversation, then bolted out of the car! Aiming to challenge this suave guy flirting with his sister!

Just as Da Fei approached with a menacing look, the dormitory supervisor burst out yelling, "Who is honking the horn? It's forbidden to honk in school!"

Da Fei snapped back to reality, pointing at the flashy guy, "Report, auntie, it was him! He parked his car in the way, blocking the road, as if afraid we couldn't see he has a car!"

Who is this guy? How could someone be so shameless in this world? Lin Tianhao was dumbfounded and said helplessly, "Me? No way! How could it be?!"

The dormitory supervisor squinted disdainfully at Da Fei, of course, she could discern right from wrong! Then she gave Lin Tianhao a cold stare, such things she had seen plenty!

She coldly said, "This is a school, not a place for you social youths to cause trouble. Leave immediately!"

Da Fei quickly bowed his head and apologized, "Sorry, sorry, I'll move my things and leave right away!"

Lin Tianhao gave a helpless smile, "Sorry, I'll drive away now!"

Little Li hastily said, "I'm sorry, Mr. Lin, that's my brother, he's just hot-tempered..."

"Your brother?" Lin Tianhao's brows twitched, surprised. He glanced at Da Fei, quickly realizing the situation, and hastened to apologize to Da Fei, "Sorry, sorry, I'll drive away now!"

Da Fei was taken aback! Damn! What's with this attitude? Is this how you treat your big uncle?! Wouldn't that make anyone overly polite? Damn it! The moment I saw you, I knew you were no good, trying to flirt with my Little Fang, I'll end you! Flirting with my sister? Get lost!

Under the dormitory supervisor's watchful eye, Lin Tianhao drove away quickly, and Da Fei, with Little Liu's help, hurriedly moved things into the pickup's cargo bed. Then Little Li and Little Fang also hurriedly piled into the back of the pickup and fled.

Sitting in the front passenger seat, Da Fei wore a gloomy expression, having a lot of questions but felt it was inconvenient to ask in front of Little Liu, the outsider, so he held back. Little Li also seemed to wear an unhappy face, apparently wanting to scold Da Fei, but in front of an outsider, she too held back.

Only Little Fang burst into laughter, pulling out her tablet and jokingly said, "Big brother, why did you come to pick us up so late?"

Damn! So it's my fault for being late! Da Fei lamentingly said, "Due to last night's night shift!"

Night shift my ass! You guys better not inquire about my job! Da Fei quickly changed the subject, "Who was that guy?"

Little Fang snickered, scrolling through her tablet screen, "Let me check, Lin Tianhao, the vice president of Shennen Electrical Group – Oh wow! He looks just like his photo, and he really exists! A third-generation rich guy! Big brother, aren't you hoping Little Li marries a rich guy? He seemed to have a pretty good impression of Little Li too!"

Little Li quickly protested, "What are you talking about?!"

Damn! He also seemed to have a good impression of you! Da Fei grew agitated, "Nonsense about vice president! Under one president there are many vice presidents, he should be a real president if he's capable! Do you know what a vice president does? Nothing but exploiting his dad's connections, enjoying a carefree life!"

Little Fang laughed, "That's even better, no worries about food or clothing and no need to work!"

Little Li angrily retorted, "Stop talking nonsense!"

Little Fang smiled, "Okay, okay, I'll stop. His real target is our department's beauty Tang Yan."

Driver Little Liu also chimed in, "The second young master of Shennen Group, Lin Tianhao? A playboy! Heard he opened a cafe in Green Lake Park to keep a bunch of beauties! Heard his family has connections in the United Nations too!"

Da Fei scoffed, "Cleaning in the United Nations! In the end, these playboys just keep a harem for fun, rotten from head to toe with syphilis, transmittable diseases. You two are forbidden from speaking to him!"

Little Fang laughed heartily, "Alright, we'll listen to big brother!"

At that proclamation, Da Fei felt a wave of satisfaction! Anyway, once they moved in together, it would be time for her to see big brother's million-worth prowess!

### Chapter 373: Little Fang's Minor Account Plan

University Road Wenhua District, high-rise buildings galore, each square meter of housing priced at about 30,000, too rich for common folks, too pricey for wage earners, yet stubbornly the prices don't drop, which leads to a huge number of owners who became landlords after speculating. But even as landlords, the lowest monthly rent for an apartment is no less than 8000.

When Da Fei's delivery pickup approached this district, he was dumbstruck!

The driver, Little Liu, couldn't help but gasp, "Brother Ding, you really struck it rich, huh? Even if I drive for two lifetimes, I can't afford to live here! Even renting is too much!"

Da Fei came to himself and cleared his throat, "Well, well, as long as it's close to the school, money is no issue, hahaha!"

Little Fang laughed along, "What do you mean Brother Ding struck it rich?"

Little Liu exclaimed, "You guys won a lottery, didn't you know?"

Little Li said in surprise, "Won a lottery?"

Darn it! They took it seriously! But, I have to say that's the best explanation! Da Fei quickly waved his hands, "Keep it down! Keep it down! Just a little bit of money, hahaha!" Yeah, in Wenhua District, a mere 2.5 million net worth really is just small change, nowhere near enough to buy an apartment.

Little Fang laughed, "Not bad, big brother finally has his lucky day!"

Da Fei chuckled, "Walking at night often enough, you're bound to bump into ghosts. Buy enough lottery tickets and you'll win once or twice."

Little Li just nodded and didn't ask further.

After being checked and questioned by the community security, the truck drove under a residential building.

Da Fei couldn't help but praise, "Not bad, the security is very responsible!"

Little Fang laughed, "It's precisely because the security here is responsible, and the district is fully surveilled by cameras, giving a sense of safety, that I chose this place."

Then at the base of the building, an impatient fat lady had been waiting: "Why have you only just arrived? Hurry up, give me this month's rent and the furniture deposit first, sign the papers, I have to go play cards!"

Crap! I'm caught up and don't have that much cash on me! Just when Da Fei felt awkward, Little Fang calmly pulled out a thick stack of bills from her bag, "Here's 50,000, count it."

The lady immediately pulled out a mini bill counter and started rapidly counting the money.

Crap! Really renting two apartments, really bailed me out with the cash! Can't believe she turned out to be a rich beauty? In an instant, Da Fei felt immense pressure, the difficulty in pursuing her just increased a notch! But, with Little Li's friendship as an advantage, it's much easier for me. No matter what, I must seize this opportunity!

After collecting the money and signing the papers, the impatient lady tossed out two sets of keys: "16th floor, units 16-1 and 16-2. Water, electricity, gas, internet all connected, appliances and furniture all included. Okay then, move yourself in, I'll be back next month to collect the rent."

Little Fang smiled and said, "Okay, thank you."

Da Fei coughed and said, "I mean, auntie, you are the landlord, at least you should personally take us up to check it out since we've paid the furniture deposit!"

The lady impatiently patted her clothes, "Do I look like a landlord who owns two apartments? The real landlord is a big boss; I'm just here to collect the money. If you have any issues, talk to property management, that's it, goodbye!"

It's better without the fuss, might as well move in quickly. Elevator makes it less tiring. In less than half an hour, Little Fang and Little Li's luggage was all moved into new apartment 16-1, and the driver, Little Liu, also called out and left.

Then Da Fei along with Little Fang and Little Li started checking the new apartment's setup. It really did have a full set of furniture and appliances, the decor and layout were also quite decent, really worth those thousands in deposit. Then on checking the balcony, they could see the bustling traffic of Shendong City and the harbor bridge entirely in view!

At that moment, Da Fei felt a strong impulse to buy the apartment! Just buy these two buildings! Then bring my parents from my hometown to live here too! No no, what if Little Fang and my mom don't get along as in-laws? Okay, I'll buy units 11-3 and 11-4 too! Let's live separately, one unit for 3 million, isn't that just over ten million? I can easily sell a few Divine Artifacts and afford it!

While daydreaming, Little Fang smiled and asked, "Big brother, what have you been busy with recently?"

Da Fei was startled, crap, why bring that up!

Da Fei cleared his throat, "I've been working two part-time jobs, sales during the day and night shifts at night. Oh, I'm running out of time, gotta go work soon. Tonight I'm on duty, might not be able to come back, I'll go tell the security to keep an eye out."

The reason for not coming back, of course, is that there's no computer! Brother's time is money, can't afford to just watch TV overnight in the new apartment, right? In any case, I need to go and secretly buy a computer to place in the new apartment.

Little Fang said in surprise, "Big brother is really working hard, no wonder you have dark circles."

Little Li also showed concern, "Brother, take care, don't tire yourself out!"

Da Fei quickly responded, "No problem! You guys also take care, don't study too hard!"

Little Fang smiled, "By the way, if big brother has time, we'd like to treat you to a meal!"

Treating me to a meal! This time, Da Fei was truly moved! He eagerly said, "Yes, yes, definitely if I have time, I'll be there! Well then, I'm off now!"

"We'll see you out, big brother!"

Da Fei hastened to wave them off, "No, no, you guys go ahead with what you need to do, no need for formalities with me!"

"Alright, take care, big brother!"

Watching Da Fei's dejected yet spirited figure disappearing into the elevator, Little Fang couldn't help but sigh, "Big brother seems really tired, but also very spirited. You know, by the look in his eyes, it didn't seem fake, maybe he really did win the lottery?"

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Little Li replied with an "Oh": "He even quietly sent home 80,000 yuan during the New Year and said he was selling water dispensers at some company, but when I searched online, there was no such water dispenser at all."

Little Fang expressed her surprise: "Why is he so secretive?"

Little Li snorted: "Isn't it because he's afraid people will ask to borrow money from him? I know my brother too well. Oh, and it seems like he still owes someone money, I'm not sure if he's repaid it yet."

Little Fang gave an "Oh": "So you're saying your big brother actually still doesn't have a formal job and has been working as a temp worker all this time? That's not good at all, not only is it exhausting and pays little, but if he gets a work injury, it would be terrible. What if he gets involved in some shady business—that would be even worse. How about this—"

Little Li cut her off urgently: "Stop, stop, stop! Thinking of recruiting again? That won't do! My brother gets crazy when he plays games; it took so much for him to quit gaming. Moreover, I told him we moved out to prepare for our postgraduate studies; I can't let him know I'm playing games!"

Little Fang sighed: "Just for that reason, can you bear to watch your brother work himself to death? Your brother is the type who would certainly try anything if it made money. Mixing with me would be much better than working two jobs, wouldn't it?" Then she laughed heartily: "As for postgraduate studies, isn't that simple? We specialize in electronic commerce promotion!"

Little Li replied irritably: "Is there even such a specialty? My brother has also attended university; he's not foolish."

Little Fang laughed heartily: "Didn't we just meet Lin Tianhao today? If he says it exists, it exists. Just say it's a compulsory internship course required by their company when they hire people. We'll just get in touch with Lin Tianhao to get some learning materials, preferably those that look very professional and high-end in machinery maintenance and repair. That guy's lecherous, just mention it and he's sure to agree!"

Little Li protested in alarm: "Hey, hey! Don't mess around. I told you he's a playboy; you're throwing yourself into the tiger's den! And we've already offended too many people in the game; if we blow our cover, won't we be exposed?"

Little Fang said impatiently: "The man's an executive vice president, he's not going to call a female student to a hotel as soon as he meets her, right? And he's the executive vice president of Shennong Group, absolutely high society. Having a fallen-from-the-sky connection like this and not networking would be stupid. One word or idea from him would beat your brother's years of crawling at the bottom. If you're really worried, we can call your brother over when the time comes."

Little Li was dumbfounded!

Little Fang continued: "And our next step is to immediately train alternate accounts! No one knows us, so you can relax."

Little Li asked in astonishment: "Alternate accounts?"

Little Fang nodded earnestly: "That's right! We'll follow Skyshattering Thunder's dual-account mode! Our main accounts are a Lord and a transporter, and we're also tied down by the long and tedious Epic Quests, which limits our development. So we'll have our main accounts on auto-pilot and open up a second battlefield with our alternate accounts. We have to make sure no one links our alternate accounts to our main account, Fleeting Blossom. If your brother wants to come and play, it would be perfect to give us a breather from dual-logging! Speaking of which, for dual-logging, we'll need to set up a large screen wall to monitor in real-time... Anyway, we didn't pay such expensive rent to move out just for peace and quiet, we're here to make a big score!"

Watching the impassioned and confident Little Fang, Little Li also couldn't help but nod and bite her lip: "Alright, I'll ask my brother—no, no, you do it!"

Little Fang laughed: "Okay, I'll do it! You handle Mr. Lin's side!"

Little Li hurriedly said: "Me! I can't!"

Little Fang's expression darkened: "Just think of it as formally apologizing for your brother's behavior earlier, isn't that fine? And then casually inquire about getting a job at their company. Even though he's the executive vice president, I know that to formally get hired at their company, there's still a lot of procedures to go through. It's not just his word that counts! No matter what, this is our initial connection with a big company, it's all benefits and no harm. Perhaps in the future when we're tired of gaming, we'll actually join their company as executives. That could be a backup plan, right?"

Little Li nodded: "I understand, I'll try!"

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At this moment, Da Fei was blissfully dazed as he lay in the taxi, his mind filled with wild fantasies. Just then, his phone rang—it was Little Fang!

No way, was she already inviting his brother for a meal? The problem was, the problem was, he really needed to log back in and check things out!

"Big brother, do you need to add some electronics to your room?"

Geez, was his little sister's rich and beautiful classmate planning to keep him? Da Fei quickly replied: "No need, what you have in your room, I have it too."

Little Fang said with a laugh: "No, have you heard of Heroic Creation Era? That's what the Lin Tianhao we were talking to earlier sells. His company is recruiting people for promotions everywhere. Anyway, do you want me to send you a console to play with when you have free time?"

For a moment, Da Fei was stunned on the spot! He was still thinking about how to sneak a console over, and now he could play openly and aboveboard? Damn, why did Little Fang know about this game? And why did she bring up Lin Tianhao?

There was nothing much to say—first secure the console!

Da Fei chuckled: "What is it? If it's not too expensive, I might play it when I have the time."

Little Fang said cheerfully: "It's not expensive, not expensive at all. I'll order one for you right away."

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At this moment, Lin Tianhao was in a pavilion at Green Lake Park, basking in the sun. He was playing the game on a high-end custom satellite terminal while gazing absentmindedly at Bloodrose Studio on the lake shore.

In all honesty, as Da Fei said, Lin Tianhao, the executive vice president, was just a figurehead who indulged in eating, drinking, and pleasure, and did not actually have real sales authority. Although he had brokered a deal with Bloodrose Studio and took the opportunity to meet Zhou Qing, Zhou Qing didn't take him seriously either. Well, it was a failure.

Then, his attention turned to Tang Yan, another campus beauty from Shendong Normal University. Unfortunately, she seemed to have heard about his philandering reputation and changed her phone number, which left him speechless. He understood that with his status, he was neither high nor low—a position he found enviable when compared to Lin Tianyou, his elder brother.

But today wasn't without its gains; he unexpectedly met two "commoner girls." Although he had encountered many beauties, these two left an unfading mark on his memory. How to describe them? They were neither as haughty as Zhou Qing and Tang Yan, nor as fangirlish as most beauties, nor were they pretentiously demure. Their conversation felt very natural and comfortable to him. What were their names again?

As he reminisced, his phone rang—a number he didn't recognize? Lin Tianhao never answers calls from unknown numbers. However, considering he had given out a business card today, could it be her?

Lin Tianhao picked up the phone expectantly: "Hello? Hi there?"

A nervous, shy female voice came through: "Is this Mr. Lin? I want to formally apologize for my brother's behavior earlier!"

It really was her, and Lin Tianhao couldn't help but laugh with joy!

### Chapter 375: The Mysterious Tycoon Who Suddenly Appeared

Da Fei returned to his old rental place at 11 a.m. It had been six days in the game since he arranged the city construction and went to sleep at 8 p.m. last night. He wondered how the construction was progressing? In any case, he quickly finished his lunch and logged in immediately.

As soon as Da Fei logged in, he noticed his message inbox was flashing wildly, with messages from Invincible Soldier and Ma Yinglong.

Invincible Soldier: "Brother Fei, we've got a big deal going on. A huge tycoon just popped up on the forum, directly showing a bank balance of 10 million wanting to buy your divine artifact, Brother Fei!"

Ma Yinglong: "Brother Fei, well, there's someone on the forum trying to buy your divine artifact. What's your opinion?"

Da Fei was shocked all over! 10 million! Someone actually offered 10 million for the divine artifact! Ha ha! Wow, ha ha ha, I was just stimulated by that Wenhua District this morning, thinking of making a big move, and now a tycoon is already knocking at the door! The problem is, this divine artifact is a piece of junk, isn't it? 10 million feels like it's burning my hand! Damn it, some people win the lottery and get an unexpected windfall without fearing burning their hands, why should I worry when it's a willing buyer and a willing seller?

Da Fei hurriedly logged on to the forum and at first glance saw the post with a bold, bright red title and tens of thousands of replies: "This tycoon is willing to pay 10 million RMB to sincerely buy Da Fei's divine artifact; there's proof, join to witness!" Meanwhile, the forum was buzzing with discussions about the divine artifact and people watching the tycoon, as well as some wet blankets claiming the artifact wasn't worth 10 million, advising the tycoon to be cautious.

Damn it! Jealousy can't stand to see me get rich; trying to block my fortune!

Da Fei clicked in excitedly and indeed saw an online bank deposit screenshot: 16,400,000!

16.4 million! In that instant, Da Fei's breath stopped! In the world of tycoons, 16 million isn't much, without a billion, you're embarrassed to greet someone. So, it ruled out the possibility of showing off deliberately. Thus, the other party might genuinely want to buy it?

If it's clearly 10 million, why show 16 million? Is this a hint of room for bargaining? Could he go up to 16 million?

Then, right below the post was his forum private message, chat ID, and various contact details.

Da Fei was thrilled! Sell or not? Of course! In-game items depreciate over time, sell! More than ten million, negotiable! Four houses, happiness for the whole family! I made a million in less than half a

month playing games; in over a month, I achieved tens of millions. As long as these ten million are in hand, my life is worth it!

Wait, Ma Yinglong also left me a message? Asking me what I think? I also want to ask what you think! This isn't about being emotional; it's business, ha ha ha!

Da Fei replied: "Boss Ma, honestly speaking, 10 million is an astronomical number I'd never earn in my lifetime. I'm very tempted! No, I'm very excited! I really want to sell."

After a while, Ma Yinglong replied: "Ah, unfortunately, our company's server expansion period spread too thin, and we lack liquid capital. Anyway, 10 million is a loss; 10 million equates to about 2 million US dollars. On the international stage, any certified god-level hero is valued at 3 million US dollars, though the valuation is a bit inflated. Still, I am confident that Brother Fei's divine artifact can create a powerful god-level hero. So it shouldn't be less than 3 million US dollars. If I were to suggest, Brother Fei should haggle, double it, go for 20 million!"

million! Even though Da Fei was no longer the same guy who got dizzy at the sight of 2 million a month ago, this direct doubling was beyond Da Fei's psychological endurance? Are you deliberately trying to mess up my deal? Da Fei exclaimed: "Wouldn't that scare people away?"

Ma Yinglong chuckled: "If he's truly a tycoon, after posting 16 million, would he care about an extra 4 million? If we scare him away, don't worry, we're here. Once our company steadies, it won't go lower than his current offer. Personally, I hope Brother Fei could give us some time indeed."

Sigh, I'm most afraid of doing business with acquaintances; too much face to spare.

Da Fei sighed: "Boss Ma, we're friends. I'll be upfront. A divine artifact has both advantages and disadvantages. If the hardware conditions aren't met, it's really unusable. I'll only dare to try it in a tournament server. In short, if I were to sell to Boss Ma and if Boss Ma mishandled it, I couldn't bear the responsibility of screwing a friend over."

Ma Yinglong laughed: "You couldn't bear the responsibility of screwing me, but you can screw that tycoon, huh?"

Da Fei laughed: "Boss Ma, you directly doubled the price; you're harsher than me."

Ma Yinglong laughed and sighed: "Alright, Brother Fei, take your time screwing. Even if the deal falls through, we're still here for you!"

Da Fei sighed: "Thank you, Boss Ma, for your support. Brother, I'm sorry in advance."

"No worries, no worries. If we indeed buy it, funds would be even tighter, and it'd increase our troubles, ha ha."

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Da Fei took a deep breath, time to sell! But this deal was enormous; to prevent issues after a potential scam, Da Fei had to be thoroughly prepared. For instance, trading agreements, contact details, everything needed care and caution. Of course, for Da Fei with numerous aliases, this wasn't a problem.

Da Fei opened his documents, found a long-dormant chat ID, logged in, and added the fellow as a friend. The other party immediately bounced back an auto-reply: "Due to excessive harassing messages to this tycoon, real Brother Fei, please post a game screenshot to prove your identity!"

Damn! They seemed sure I'd sell? Think I haven't seen money before? Although I haven't seen money, desperately selling like this lowers my standing as the world's number one amateur player!

Da Fei captured a screenshot of his avatar and name, pasted a message saying the deal's for 20 million, or no deal at all!

Humph, let's see if you have the guts to run! One line between showing off and going broke! Then Da Fei anxiously waited for a response.

Meanwhile, Radiant City had once again become a construction site piled with materials. The bell tower's construction and the treasury were taking shape. Hundreds of flower demons were slowly moving building materials under the careful guidance of several consultants, and a dozen tree spirits were transporting soil and digging holes at the square center.

Da Fei opened the city attributes to check on the projects.

— Level 2 Military Teleportation Array: Completed! It can teleport 500 command value units of troops or 50 units of materials daily. Each command value of troops teleported costs 10 city gold coins.

— Netherworld Treasury: Progress 15%, completion time unknown.

— Death Bell Tower: Progress 13%, completion time unknown.

— Sewer: Six sections completed, continuing expansion.

No way? Six days in-game, yet the two buildings were at less than 15%! Fully completed would take a real-life week! My future schedule's tight!

Da Fei hurried to the construction site, inquiring the consultants about speeding things up.

The consultants quickly replied: "Lord City Lord is here! Lord City Lord, please be patient. These three structures are exceptional, especially the sewer, which requires digging, hence the slow progress. Plus, the bell tower and treasury used rich mines, further increasing construction difficulty. But our Nasir Space woodcutting tree spirit construction team is gradually returning, and progress will speed up soon."

The economic consultant added: "If Lord City Lord is truly in a rush, we could continue requesting construction teams from the Kingdom. The sewer construction is a massive project and does require more manpower. However, this means more funds are needed."

Damn it! Why didn't you mention before I slept! I was so looking forward to seeing the labyrinth-like sewers beneath the Ancient City Ruins! That would indirectly expand the underground city's area! Da Fei waved a big hand: "Quickly, the money's not an issue; the timeline is. Continue applying for construction teams!"

The economic consultant said: "Lord City Lord, you're out of funds now. Should we continue applying for a 5 million debt?"

Debt management is capital operation! I still have 30 million gold coins at the exchange not accounted for! Right, calling it debt sounds harsh, call it financing!

Da Fei waved his hand again: "If we're financing, do it high-end! Can we finance 10 million?"

The economic consultant nodded: "Considering Lord's reputation and current territory costs, 10 million is no problem at all!"

Wow, ha ha ha, the so-called costs refer to my newly built three buildings, right? As expected, the higher the assets' caliber, the easier it is to finance. Da Fei spiritedly replied: "Then hurry!"

"I'll go to the Kingdom to handle it immediately!" said the economic consultant, promptly heading to the teleportation array.

Just then, the chat ID showed activity. Da Fei eagerly checked and saw the tycoon replied!

"Brother Fei, where are you? Can we meet in Room 8, 2nd floor of the Farolan Moonlight Tavern in the Elf Kingdom?"

Da Fei's heart pounded wildly! 20 million! 20 million! They're gonna buy? Or negotiate? Down to 16 million? No, no, no, 4 million! It's not like winning the lottery and donating a lump to charity. This isn't trivial! Why be courteous with the tycoon? Fine, I'm taking your Hemorrhoid Ointment advice, stand firm!

Da Fei replied: "Divine artifact unbeatable, less than 20 million, no deal!"

Da Fei's heart raced even more erratically! Would the tycoon reply? Would he buy?

The tycoon immediately replied: "Of course, about the transaction, and at the same time, I take this chance to meet Brother Fei, please give me the honor in your busy schedule!"

Agreed! Damn! Tycoon's indeed a tycoon! What's the difference between 10 million and 20 million? Even Ma Yinglong can't compare to a tycoon! It's not that Ma Yinglong can't shell out 20 million or 10 million, but being a top-tier professional club, buying gear is putting the cart before the horse; even for divine artifacts, quick transactions aren't guaranteed.

What's left to say, let's go!

Da Fei directly teleported to the World Tree Square, swaggered amidst the onlookers, and waltzed into Room 8 on the second floor of the Moonlight Tavern.

There, Da Fei saw this tycoon, a level 12 human player, "★Qingcheng No. Romance●" ...

Da Fei was instantly dumbfounded! Damn, such a name with weird characters? How does one pronounce or remember it?

The player immediately stood up, smiling: "Brother Fei, you're finally here. I know you're busy; let's trade directly, 20 million!"

Damn! No beating around the bush? Talking about 20 million like it's 2,000 yuan, so casually! Da Fei raised an eyebrow: "Transaction?"

The tycoon laughed: "Of course, but we'll wait for two distinguished guests, the Gold Hunting Net's intermediary traders. Let's log into Gold Hunting Net first; I'm impatient!"

Damn it! Fine, you're not wasting words; what am I to say? Log into the site to sell the divine artifact, ha ha ha!

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Meanwhile, in Mitsubishi Headquarters' president's office, Igarashi stared intently at the large screen on the wall, exhaling deeply, singing praises: "Not bad! This person truly deserves to be a China expert; no one would suspect!"

Tsukamoto laughed: "We, Japan, are filled with talent; it's incredibly easy!"

Igarashi laughed heartily: "Overall, as long as he wants to sell, money won't be an issue. The next step is how to quickly transport the divine artifact to Japan; everyone, work hard!"

"Yes, sir! We'll give it our all!"

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Now, Da Fei, controlling his excited temperament, with hands trembling, found the other's order on the Gold Hunting Net, then two specially titled accounts "Gold Hunting Net VIP Trader 001" "Gold Hunting Net Web Arbiter 002" entered the room!

Damn, only when a network transaction exceeds a million, would top traders appear for a big deal!

With these two gold-name traders appearing and quickly following Da Fei into the tavern, all the observers in Farolan burst into shocked exclamations and excitement!

Everyone knew, the first divine artifact currency transaction in China, no, in the World Zone, was born!

#### Chapter 376: The Tycoon from Mars

When Da Fei finished all the transaction procedures, the phone's text message notification sounded! Da Fei hurriedly opened his phone—it was a bank message!

Da Fei excitedly and shakily opened the text: A transfer has been deposited into your Construction Bank account ending in XXX on March 2nd at 11:15 am in the amount of RMB 20,000,000.00, with a current balance of RMB 22,410,000.00....

Da Fei blinked his eyes hard, counting the zeros over and over again! Correct, it's 20 million! It's 20 million! Brother has struck it rich, worth it in my lifetime! Haha! Wahahaha!

Tears blurred Da Fei's eyes, and he laughed heartily, shouting with joy! House, car, wife, everything, everything, I have it all now! I knew it, I made the wise and correct decision to play the game, my ten years of hard-earned reputation have finally paid off! Wahahaha!

At this time, two traders chuckled, "Gentlemen, please confirm receipt of the payment!"

Confirmed! Confirmed!

"Thank you, gentlemen, for using our Gold Hunting Net VIP service. We wish you a pleasant gaming experience and warmly welcome you to visit us again. Thank you! Goodbye!"

"Goodbye! Goodbye!"

One could already imagine the sensational news these two gold medal traders would make when leaving the tavern. Meanwhile, as the traders walked away, this Martian tycoon reached out to Da Fei and said, "Brother Fei, thank you so much. I really love this Divine Artifact. Can Brother Fei give me some guidance on how to use it?"

Oh yeah! My life was completely changed by this tycoon in front of me! I should truly thank you! Especially someone who buys without bargaining, and let's not forget these big deals come with after-sales service, so I'll pass on twenty percent of my skills to you. In terms of character, I'm stronger than that Skyshattering Thunder by hundreds of streets!

Da Fei shook hands and smiled, "Divine Artifacts aren't regular equipment; they have high demands on their users. Are you ready?"

The tycoon said eagerly, "I know, using a Divine Artifact must have high requirements. I figured it out when Brother Fei used that Divine Artifact Gun in the video, so please give me some pointers. No matter how high the demands, I'll strive to meet them."

Da Fei nodded with a serious expression, "First, your Luck Skill must reach Master-level! Then with this Divine Artifact providing a +1 Luck Skill limit, it will be bumped to God-level. In other words, you have to reach God-level Luck Skill to handle the Divine Artifact properly, or else a month's Misfortune will make you the ugliest corpse. Remember, do not use it unless you've reached Master-level!" Bro, I won't tell you there's no next time after you use it this time!

The tycoon's face changed, "Luck Skill to Master-level? Please, Brother Fei, advise on how to push Luck Skill to Master-level!"

Uh, pushing to Master Luck huh? This is a secret I don't typically share! However, the secrets in the game are worth the price Tycoon paid, so I have no reason to hold back, it's just that—

Da Fei frowned and said, "My success was very accidental; I encountered a Mermaid at sea and was temporarily boosted to Master-level Luck Skill, and then through a series of battles, I formally advanced to Master-level. In short, my success is hard to replicate. I can only give you a hint: find NPCs that can boost Luck Skill levels, or perhaps treasures that can boost Luck as well? Overall, pushing to Master-level is an international dilemma with no fixed strategy, totally relying on chance."

The tycoon acknowledged, "Thanks to Brother Fei's guidance, then what will happen when Luck Skill reaches Master-level and this Gold Coin is used?"

Da Fei said seriously, "At first, it will be Invincible Luck; every minor chance skill will have a 100% trigger rate, meaning you better bring all sorts of troops with excellent special skills and great combat ability, like the Undead's level 6 Death Knights or the even more overwhelming neutral monster Death Barbaric Bull in the Beastman Swamp, Petrified Giant Lizard, and so on. Got it?"

The tycoon nodded quickly, "I got it, I got it!"

Da Fei continued, "Good, Army types shouldn't be a problem for Tycoon. Then, once Invincible Luck passes, it becomes Absolute Misfortune, and then you will turn into a supremely badass, 100% one-hit kill Knight of Misfortune!"

The tycoon exclaimed, "100% one-hit kill!"

"Exactly! One-month duration of 100% one-hit kill! God-slayer if God stands in the way, Ghost-slayer if a ghost does! Encounter Divine Artifacts, explode Divine Artifacts, it's worthy of your 20 million!"

The tycoon exclaimed again, "So desu ne!" (Japanese: I see!)

Da Fei laughed heartily, "In any case, you must have patience, never rush it, and never use it unless you're adequately strong! Got it?"

The tycoon excitedly said, "Got it, got it! Brother Fei, let's add each other as friends. I hope to ask for your advice when I have questions!"

Uh-oh! Is he going to come to me for disputes if there are problems? But compared to 20 million, small disputes are trivial, and even if you ask Brother to help you transition to a Knight of Misfortune, Brother wouldn't hesitate! Provided that Brother can help!

Da Fei chuckled, "No problem, no problem!"

"By the way, Brother Fei, I really admire you. I heard your guild is the number one guild in the world. Can I join?"

Such a small thing is not worth worrying about, of course not a problem! And my guild having a tycoon like you, that's a heavyweight member, isn't it? Think of all the people who would want to join just to be friends with you!

Da Fei roared with laughter, "No problem! Daijoubu domo arigato! Wahahaha!" (Note: Japanese, no worries, no problem!)

—Guild Information: A warm welcome to "...★Qingcheng No. Romance●..." joining the guild!

In no time, Da Bing and Xiao Jian couldn't help but exclaim, "Welcome, welcome, what the heck with this name? How do we call all these Martian characters?"

Da Fei laughed loudly, "Tycoon from Mars!"

The two laughed, "It's 'You Who Came from the Stars'! Ladies love it! Tycoon, let's be friends!"

Tycoon laughed heartily, "Daijoubu domo arigato! I'll give every guild member a welcoming gift of 10,000 RMB! Please, drop your bank account details, and I will send it right away!"

The three guild members exclaimed in shock!

Even Invincible Wei, the perpetual lurker, was drawn out, "Do I also get 10,000?"

Tycoon laughed heartily, "Even members not online get one!"

The three exclaimed, "Tycoon! We love you!"

What the heck! Truly deserving to be called a tycoon, perhaps he thinks my guild is short on members and easy to settle with? Haha, wahahaha! My guild is amazing, top-notch and classy! This is a double success in career and life, wahahaha!

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Meanwhile, in the background, Igarashi was watching and dancing excitedly, "Brilliant! Truly brilliant! Extracting the secret data of the Divine Artifact, successfully infiltrating the enemy, and spreading wealth to gain their goodwill and trust. Such talent is rare!"

Tsukamoto chuckled, "Ono-kun has been lurking on major Chinese portal site forums for years and is indeed familiar with the thinking and speech patterns of Chinese netizens. Not only did he successfully infiltrate a gaming guild, but he also became a moderator on one Chinese major forum."

Igarashi nodded approvingly, "Yoshi! Truly worthy of being a Japanese elite! Was the Divine Artifact information shared by Da Fei accurate?"

Tsukamoto nodded, "Our analysis and inference have been fully validated, and he has no reason to deceive a customer who made a payment of 20 million."

Igarashi, invigorated, "Very well, we will select a few key team member accounts to tackle Master-level Luck! Also, the units with powerful special skills mentioned by Da Fei, we must make every effort to source them!"

Tsukamoto said with a difficult expression, "Lead combat players usually don't train Luck Skill, fearing they lack enough Skill Points; we must acquire Skill Books across the region."

Igarashi waved his hand, "Since we've secured the Divine Artifact, acquiring Skill Books shouldn't be an issue, right?"

Tsukamoto hurriedly replied, "Yes, I'll go straight to working on it!"

Igarashi gritted his teeth, "I hope that when the Divine Artifact returns, we will be fully prepared. Then, it will be the time when we launch a full-scale assault on the NPCs in the Bright Alliance, just as Da Fei said, God-slayer if God stands, Ghost-slayer if a ghost does!"

"Yes!"

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Right now, the tycoon said to Da Fei, "Brother Fei, I can't wait to level up and face new challenges, so I won't hold Brother Fei's time anymore, Brother Fei take your time now!"

Da Fei laughed happily, "No problem, unless—go ahead then!"

Shoot! Almost said, "If you have any problems, call me!" I'm someone who's going to sea at any given moment, after-sales service can't reach that extent.

Now, Da Fei returned to Radiant City, eagerly supervising the construction site while excitedly contemplating how to spend the 20 million. Should I just buy that house outright now? No no, wouldn't that be foolish? The 30,000 per square meter price is being speculated and stubbornly supported by that bastard developer kingpin! Now I got money, can buy a car too, fully capable of purchasing a villa in the suburbs where the air is fresh and the environment is quiet! Though, if it's a villa, seems like 20 million isn't enough, huh?

Wahaha! I've got 20 million in a month; I could easily make it 50 million or 60 million in a year, can't I?

In the midst of fantasizing, a message inquiry from Ma Yinglong and the Star Goddess came in. No need to say, my Divine Artifact deal has roused the large guild's attention. Trading Divine Artifacts is similar to auctioning antiques, hard to have a specific industry standard, typically referenced from the last similar deal, in short, Da Fei's Divine Artifact has been referenced.

And now, after finishing these deals, Da Fei became a famous overnight millionaire in the China Region. The forum was full of envy, jealousy, and hatred, various curses on heaven's injustice and evil getting rich spread out, its hatred degree outmatched the anonymous jackpot lottery winner!

Da Fei couldn't help but feel apprehensive in his heart, guessing that now I must act as modestly as the anonymous jackpot winner, in any case, must not let anyone know I'm Da Fei. Being exposed could be disastrous, who knows how many internet café punks would ambush me with knives in the bushes ready to strike.

Just as Da Fei was browsing the forum, several advisors suddenly rushed over in a panicked hurry: "Lord City Lord, something major has happened, there's a spatial fluctuation in the Nasir Ancient Tree Space, and our logging team can't return!" (To be continued. If you like this work, you're welcome to vote for it, throw votes, and your support is my greatest motivation. Mobile users, please read on [m.qidian.com](http://m.qidian.com).)

### Chapter 377: The Grand Transport of Rare Timber

Da Fei couldn't help but be taken aback, "The logging team can't come back? What happened?"

The military advisor spoke gravely, "It's likely that the spatial fluctuations caused by our recent entries and exits of the Nasir Space have alerted the Demons, so they have interfered with the space. Since Nasir Space has lost the maintenance of the Nasir Ancient Tree, it has become very fragile. If it's forcefully disrupted, it could completely collapse, and our logging team will be in danger!"

—System Prompt: You have triggered a territory event "The Trapped Logging Team"!

—Newbie Tip: Territory events are random occurrences around a lord's territory. Successfully dealing with them will grant additional rewards to the lord.

Da Fei's brows twitched, so this was a territory event! All players knew from the beta test that after building a city, the system wouldn't let the player lords build in comfort or boredom. It would always spawn random events around the city to challenge them.

Territory events usually wouldn't be good news. The types of events where one gets a windfall for doing nothing definitely didn't exist,

and only by overcoming challenges would one receive material rewards. So for those lord players who had built their cities in extremely poor and dangerous places, random events might be their only chance to develop. Moreover, the more adverse the environment of the city, the higher the rewards from the events.

Speaking of which, my territory is surrounded by powerful enemies, inconvenient in transportation, poor in resources, and the population isn't growing. It seems to meet several characteristics of an adverse environment, right? So the rewards from this event shouldn't be low, right? In any case, I need to solve this problem quickly.

Da Fei asked, "How can we rescue them and get out of this predicament?"

The military advisor solemnly said, "The current Nasir Space is extremely fragile, practically on the verge of collapse. We can't transport a troop over, but it's no problem to send Lord City Lord alone. Please, Lord, go over there and lead them out of the predicament. Our advisor Tai Da is still over there; he should know the path to escape!"

Damn it! Last time when things went wrong, at least I could transfer an army down. Now I can only transport myself? Fine, let's hurry up then!

Da Fei said busily, "Let's set off then, I'm ready!"

The advisors quickly said, "Please, Lord City Lord, come to the Teleportation Array, and we'll use its power to transport you over!"

Now, with Da Fei positioned at the Teleportation Array, a group of advisors cast spells around it, and amidst the flashing lights, the scene changed, arriving at the Nasir Ancient Tree Space with its dark red sky and Withered Grassland. Here I am again!

As soon as Da Fei appeared, there were cheers from not far away, "It's the City Lord, the Lord has come!"

Da Fei looked into the distance and saw that the place once home to the Wisdom Ancient Tree had now become a mountain of logs, with groups of Elf workers and Tree Spirits waving at him from afar. Damn, they really turned the ancient tree into logs!

An advisor hurried over from the crowd to Da Fei, "Lord City Lord, you've arrived at just the right time; there's a big decision that needs to be made by you!"

This advisor was of course Tai Da. Da Fei quickly said, "Go ahead, as long as it can help us escape, anything is negotiable."

Tai Da shook his head and said, "Lord, if we were just looking to escape, we could retreat now through the World Tree's spatial passage in one piece. But then, we would barely be able to bring any of the rare wood we've been painstakingly harvesting and selecting these past two months."

Da Fei's brows twitched, "Rare wood?"

Tai Da immediately said, "Yes, they are 400 units of Ancient Iron Wood, 100 units of Ancient Cold Crystal Wood, 100 units of Ancient Storm Wood, 100 units of Ancient Radiant Wood, 100 units of Ancient Fire Wood, 100 units of Ancient Rock Wood, and 100 units of Ancient Dark Star Wood. In total, 1000 units, plus thousands of units of ordinary wood. Even if we abandon all the ordinary wood, we still wouldn't be able to bring all 1000 units of rare wood in one go..."

Da Fei listened, dumbstruck, "I've only heard of Ancient Iron Wood, but there are so many other kinds of wood?" This seems like an even rarer resource than rich mines like Ancient Iron Wood. I always thought that such rare resource-rich mines were only found in the New World, seems I was hugely mistaken!

Tai Da sighed, "Our Druid research on trees is beyond what most people can imagine. Many trees aren't as ordinary as common folks think. Ancient Iron Wood is easily identified by people because of its incredible durability and hardness. However, those rare woods with other magical attributes can only be selected by us specialized Druids. This Nasir Ancient Tree has survived for eons and has gained wisdom, of course, it would produce a large quantity of different kinds of rare wood with magical properties!"

I see! Looking at the pile of wood shining brightly before him, Da Fei's eyes gleamed with greed as he hurriedly asked, "How much can we take with us at one time?"

Tai Da pointed at the facilities and workers in the camp, "Please look, Lord. We have a total of 300 Elf Woodcutters; each can carry 1 unit of wood, then there are 40 Elite Tree Spirits, each capable of carrying 5 units of resources, and then we have 3 food transport carts that can carry a maximum of 30 units of resources. That means we can only carry 530 units of rare wood at most. We will have to give up half of the wood, and once our troops enter transport mode, their marching speed will be incredibly slow, making it very possible for the enemy to catch up—actually, I suspect that this spatial fluctuation is a long-premeditated move by the Demons. Otherwise, why wouldn't they come earlier or later, but just as we finished working? They must be aiming to snatch our harvest because they lack the ability to select from this ancient tree!"

I see!

Da Fei gritted his teeth with a fierce frown; he was always the one to make the killing blow and snatch others' BOSSes to reap the results. But on this day of great fortune, how could he be robbed of his earnings? This was an ill omen! Not that I'm superstitious, I've been playing the lottery for years, and I believe in this kind of thing!

The issue now is choosing between transporting goods and bailing out, huh? Pfft! Just struck it rich today, totally my lucky day, how could I possibly hit a snag? I'm gonna transport everything, and of course, get out clean!

Da Fei starts checking the attributes of the workers and tree spirits.

— Elf Woodcutter: Small-sized Elf Clan creature, Attack 4, Defense 1, Damage 1-2, Health 8, Attack Speed 11, Move Speed 11, Command Value: 0, (1 when dispatched), Stamina: 120,

Special Skill: Logging (high extra damage to wooden buildings or machinery), Wood Transport (can transport 1 unit of wood).

— Kingdom Elite Tree Spirit: Large-sized Elite Spiritual Creature, Attack 34, Defense 55, Damage 16-29, Magic Resistance 65%, Health 650, Attack Speed 7, Move Speed 6, Command Value: 12, Stamina: 250.

Special Skill: Production, Weight Transport, Advanced Defense Skill, Flower Demon Coexistence, Root Entanglement, Defense Stance, Auto Recovery.

Weight Transport: Can transport 5 units of resources.

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Holy moly! Looking at the attributes of the Elite Tree Spirit, Da Fei nearly wet himself! Is this the elite form of a level 6 Tree Spirit? 650 health points! You scared the living daylights out of me, my Charming Emperor, even my level 8 Necromancer Dragon only has a little over 1000 health points!

A normal Tree Spirit is like this: Attack 19, Defense 29, Damage 10-21, Health 181, Magic Resistance 60%, Attack Speed 7, Move Speed 6! Normal Tree Spirits enjoy the same repute as the Undead Race's Death Knights at the level 7 troops, one being the strongest meat shield and the other the strongest DPS.

This Elite Tree Spirit is basically the epitome on the meat shield path of blood and defense! Plus, it has the Production and Transport special skills that the normal Tree Spirits don't even possess, which shows its intelligence far exceeds that of normal Tree Spirits. This is a super species that is both battle-ready and productive during downtime!

Holy moly, I want it, I'm dying to have it! Is the system showing off these high-ends just to tease me and give me a lifelong goal?

Of course, the key issue now is how to transport everything all at once, right? Easy peasy. Just yesterday, I maxed out my logistics skill to prepare for escaping, and today is when my Master-level Logistics Skill comes into play. For these 1000 units of rare wood, totally worth it! Plus, understanding the Grandmaster-level Navigator later requires maxing out all Master-level sub-skills!

Da Fei pulls out 5 Skill Books awarded by Old Ma and Old Coltner, slapping them down one after another!

— System Prompt: You have used 5 Skill Books and gained 5 Skill Points.

Then he takes out the logistics skill book, and a burst of golden light ensues!

— System Prompt: You have spent 4 Skill Points, your logistics skill has been upgraded to Master Level! Your march speed on land has increased by 100%.

— System Prompt: You have spent 1 Skill Point to learn the logistics sub-skill "Overburden Transport"!

— Overburden Transport: The hero's transport wagons and troops can carry extra materials. Every level of logistics skill allows for an extra 20% overloading, but at the same time, the troops' speed decreases by 20%, their stamina consumption increases by 20%, and the transport wagons' durability starts to decrease!

Yep, I'm playing this Overburden Transport game! During the beta test, this skill was also known as the ant-moving, ball-breaking Divine Skill! Not to be used unless it's time to skedaddle! As a Chinese, who doesn't overload? So this choice between two isn't an issue at all!

Right now, this troop can normally carry 500 units, and carrying 500 units more would be overloading by 100%, just the limit for Master-level Logistics Skill. As for the increase in stamina consumption and the slowdown in march speed, pffft, for someone like me who has the Extreme Survival skill and three great plague achievements, these are no issues at all. Not to mention, Tree Spirits with a staggering 250 Stamina are just made for overloading, right?

Da Fei vehemently waved his hand and immediately instructed the waiting adviser, Tai Da: "Ditch all the normal wood, take away all the rare resources, I'm going for overburden transport!"

Tai Da perked up but also frowned, "Transporting and marching is already slow, once we overburden it's unimaginable, what if we're chased?"

Da Fei heaved a long sigh, "After all, we have 40 Elite Tree Spirits, if we can fight, we fight, if not, we dump the resources and run, right?"

Tai Da nodded, "You truly make decisive decisions, Lord City Lord, this issue had me twisted up all morning, alright, I'll start the transport right away!" And then he turned and shouted loudly, "By command of the Lord City Lord—"

— System Prompt: 40 Elite Tree Spirits, 300 Elf Woodcutters have temporarily joined your team!

Work officially begins!

March is slow, no biggie, I've got something else that's slow, no, two things! I almost forgot, I am the Grandmaster-level double catapult guy!

#### Chapter 378: The Missed Opportunity to Escape

Da Fei's decision to fight if able was not impulsive but stemmed from his absolute trust in the Super Soldiers of the Tree Elf kind!

The Tree Elf has been introduced earlier as the level 6 troop of the Elf Clan. Due to their slow Move Speed which does not fit the guerrilla war style of the Elves, they are usually used for defense. Speaking of defense, one must mention the Tree Elf's Divine Skill: Root Entanglement!

With the Tree Elf blocking key paths, their huge bodies leave no room for the enemy to bypass; they can only assault head-on. Once engaged with the Tree Elf, roots will emerge under their feet, entangling the enemies so they cannot move, thereby turning them into sitting ducks for distant troops. This type of root entanglement, a biological special skill, cannot be dispelled by Magic, nor can the entangled troops be moved by Instant Teleportation Magic—it's a fight to the death.

Moreover, with the Tree Elf's astonishing Blood Defense and their Defense Stance which further boosts their Defense, coupled with their symbiosis with Flower Demons that can heal them, they truly are a nightmare for any siege troop!

After seeing the even more astonishing Blood Defense of the Elite Tree Elf, Da Fei's confidence grew immensely. Once they march, it's certain that these most heavily burdened Tree Elves will be the slowest and fall behind in the brigade; if the pursuers dare to come close, they just need to turn around and form a wall. With a basic Defense of 55 and an astonishing additional 70 points from strategic defense, what can even the Great Demon, a level 7 troop of the Hell Corps, do against it?

The Great Demon has roughly 30 Attack, 50 Damage, resulting in an Attack-Defense difference of nearly 80 to 100 points, leaving the damage reduced to only 20%, that's just 10 points of damage! Add on the 50% damage reduction from Master-Level Defense Skill, that leaves only 5 points of damage! Plus, taking into consideration the High-Level Defense Skill inherent to the Tree Elf reducing it a further 30%, that's barely over 3 points! Does that even count as the damage from a level 7 troop? Brother Da Fei has Nash's Tooth from the competition which regenerates 1 point of health every 10 seconds!

Even more, Brother Da Fei has just acquired from the competition an S-class accessory, the Evasion Talisman with 10% dodge chance, combined with the 15% remote dodge from his Defense Skill Sub-skills Arrow Evasion, it's absolutely bulletproof!

Even if the opponent has a hero leading them, countering Brother Da Fei's Attack and Defense Skills, the Tree Elf still has 650 health points. As long as the pursuers behind are blocked, Brother Da Fei's Grandmaster Level Crossbow Cannons, with his incredible attribute enhancements, their firepower is sufficient to kill a level 7 soldier with 300 health in one shot, cutting through low-level soldiers like nothing. What's there to fear from more pursuers? And with two cannons firing three shots in succession, how could your pursuing troops withstand that!

In short, Da Fei is very confident!

Now, the logging team begins to transport the timber, and Da Fei pulls out his long-unseen mechanical Space Bag to assemble the Crossbow Cannon. Assembling a crossbow cannon takes 10 minutes of real-time, and since Da Fei has a Grandmaster Level Crossbow Cannon, he can carry an extra one; a painfully long 20 minutes! The team can't possibly wait 20 minutes for him to assemble the crossbow cannon, can they?

First, just get one assembled, and the other will have to wait until a later rest period. Given he's overburdened, there will likely be several stop-and-go breaks.

While he was halfway through assembling, the logging team was already packing up the mountainous wood! Damn, how can they be so quick? Not even giving Brother the time to assemble one crossbow cannon?

Tai Da came to report: "Lord City Lord, we can depart now!"

Da Fei suddenly felt awkward: "Um, I, have a bit of something here, can you wait for a while? Or perhaps, could you go ahead?" Damn it, just starting the expedition and already making a fool of himself, what's he doing?

Tai Da also felt awkward: "Of course, we will advance and retreat together with the City Lord. Besides, only I know the password to open the World Tree's spatial passage, we definitely can't leave the City Lord behind."

Sweating, Da Fei said: "Well, alright then, everyone stand by! Maybe, unload the cargo?"

Tai Da hurriedly responded: "No, I feel the spatial fluctuations are becoming more chaotic, the enemy could appear at any moment, we must be ready at all times!"

Sweating profusely, Da Fei mentioned: "I see! If it really becomes urgent, I'll just give up on assembling the crossbow cannon."

As seconds ticked by, the dark red and dense clouds in the Ancient Tree Space thickened, with intermittent flashes of Thunder Light appearing. The air above the Withered Grassland also started to fluctuate and distort the view. Da Fei was sweating even more.

Tai Da said seriously: "My Lord, this is a clear signal of spatial teleportation, enemies will soon appear, please be prepared!"

Damn it! Would Brother actually miss the chance to escape just because of assembling a crossbow cannon? Isn't this freaking ridiculous? But it's already halfway assembled, can he just give up now? Having already missed the best chance to escape, and to abandon the crucial firepower of the half-completed crossbow cannon, wouldn't that leave them even more hopeless? If he's doing it, he must finish the job completely!

Da Fei clenched his teeth: "Hold on! Without the Crossbow Cannon, our burdened troops can neither fight nor travel far. We must hold until my Crossbow Cannon is fully assembled!"

Tai Da solemnly said: "Yes, my lord, I will immediately arrange the formation and prepare for the battle!"

The rumbling thunder exploded in the space, and the Tree Spirits moved at a snail's pace, encircling Da Fei, who was assembling the Crossbow Cannon, at the core. At this moment, it felt like ten thousand wildebeests were galloping and trampling across the grasslands in Da Fei's heart! Bro, there have been two extreme and thrilling Crossbow Cannon assemblies in my gaming experience. One was in the Gun Cabin on Newbie Island, which determined whether I'd succeed or fail in life. The second was in the Demon Factory at the Pool of Radiance, which determined how high I could soar.

As for this Crossbow Cannon assembly, what does it amount to? For someone like me who already has a real-world fortune of 20 million and no direct troops around, maybe it amounts to nothing! But if I really thought that way, I would be a loser already! That's not how Bro thinks, nor is that the kind of person I am.

Bro, a battle crucial to my destiny, I will go all out. Even if it's not a battle crucial to my destiny, I'll still go all out without any reservations!

Thick blood mist dispersed in the twisted space, turning the entire grassland blood-red in an instant, blinding our sight!

Tai Da said anxiously: "It's starting!"

—System Prompt: Battle begins! Your troops are within the Demon's Blood Barrier, your troops' vision is decreased, ranged units' accuracy is reduced by 75%, healing effects are reduced by 50%, and Demon troops deal an additional 15% life-stealing damage to your troops!

Da Fei was shocked! What a cunning blood mist! This is definitely not the regular Hell Corps! But, so what if it's cunning? My Defense is ridiculously high, even Level 7 Soldiers only cause me 10 damage, and how much can 50% life-steal recover? I'm not afraid of you!

Da Fei gritted his teeth: "Tree Spirit Army, hold your ground until my assembly is complete!"

Just then, a sullen voice came from within the blood mist: "You've tired my patience too much, I've already given you time to escape. Just leave the resources and let me steal the spatial password to the World Tree's channels and you might have a slim chance of survival. But you chose the dumbest way, so, go to die!"

Da Fei's brow twitched; so the Demon was specifically waiting for us to run and steal the password? Then seize the chance to invade other spaces of the World Tree? Bro's mistakes helped achieve a big thing? Alright, this is a great opportunity to restore my brilliant and mighty image in front of my subordinates. I can't miss it!

Da Fei laughed loudly: "I've long suspected you had ulterior motives, it's not just about the resources, so for the greater good, I intentionally waited for you to bite the bait!"

True enough, upon hearing this, Tai Da was incredibly stirred: "Lord is wise! If demons steal the spatial password, the consequences are unthinkable!"

Hahaha, that's the effect I wanted!

"Hmph! Foolish! Even without the password, once this space collapses, your World Tree Space will naturally be full of leaks, unable to block our Demon Race's grand army. Die!"

As soon as these words fell, a row of red dots suddenly appeared in front of Da Fei's radar, and a giant figure, a huge spider, appeared in the blood mist! Damn it, enemies really meet on a narrow path!

At that moment, a flash of golden light suddenly glimmered on the radar! The position of that golden light was exactly my logging field!

Da Fei was shaken! Treasure? Is there treasure in my logging field? Da Fei quickly turned to look, indeed he saw a flash of light where the tree roots were located then disappear!

Damn! I've been here half a day and didn't notice any treasure, but during a fight, treasure appears? Isn't this damn thing intent on troubling me and making me fight to the death?

Fine! Then let's fight to the death! We're outnumbered, the only way to turn the tables, decapitation! I'm best at decapitation! I must hold on until my assembly is complete!

#### Chapter 379: Crushing the Spider Demon Pursuers

Amidst the blood fog, large groups of red giant spiders the size of dogs emerged, slamming into the Tree Elf Wall with incomparable speed. A great burst of green mist exploded! Meanwhile, the giant spiders in the rear spewed out a vast expanse of white sticky substance, instantly enveloping the Tree Elf Army in green glue.

—System Prompt: Your Tree Elf Army is affected by poison weakness, taking -2 damage, -2 Attack Speed, and losing 1% of health per second!

—System Prompt: Your Tree Elf Army is affected by the Spider Web Binding Effect, -30% Attack Speed, -75% Move Speed, lasting for 1 minute!

—System Prompt: Your Tree Elf Army is experiencing corrosion decay, losing 2 points of health and 1 point of Defense per second! The effect lasts for 1 minute.

—System Prompt: The Spider Demon Army has entered a Frenzy State, increasing Attack Speed by 50%!

Watching the blood-lit giant spiders swell in size, Da Fei's eyelids twitched in shock! Damn it! The Spider Demon clan really is bizarre, their own effects are on par with a full set of Dark Magic! But I refuse to believe it, if even Elite Tree Spirits can't withstand them, then who in the world could? If that were the case, wouldn't the Spider Demons have dominated the world by now?

Hold the line!

—System Prompt: Your Elite Tree Spirit Army enters a Defense Stance, increasing Defense by 50%! In Defense Stance, the Tree Spirits cannot move.

In an instant, the roots of the Tree Elf Wall dug deep into the ground, forming a literal tree wall! This is the Tree Spirits' despair-inducing Divine Skill, Defense Stance! It boosts the Defense granted by the hero by another 50%! Although the consequence is immobility, Tree Spirits never need to move on the battlefield!

Since we're already engaged in battle, let's have a fierce fight! They're reducing my damage with their special skill, eh? Then I'll just have to increase my damage. It would be a shame not to use my Vice Hero Ranger's Hate Strike bonus against Demons, especially when I still have two Skill Books and two attribute points left!

—System Prompt: You've used 2 free attribute points, increasing your Attack by 2, your Strategic Attack is now 60 points.

—System Prompt: You've used 2 Skill Books, gaining two Skill Points!

Then, Da Fei immediately whipped out the Attack Skill textbook, and with two flashes of golden light!

—System Prompt: You've used 2 Skill Points to upgrade your Attack Skill to Advanced Attack Skill, increasing your army's Physical Damage by 30%!

What an event for my domain! For this battle, I threw in all 7 Skill Books I had been saving! At first, I even planned to reserve them for my Vice Hero! Now I must win! Hold on for one minute!

Da Fei was grinding his teeth, sweating profusely as he hastily assembled the Crossbow Cannon. This time, without any ranged units, without Selvia's and Anlicia's powerful Magic, the only thing I could rely on was the Master-level Crossbow Cannon!

And just then, a faint green glow covered the Tree Elf Army!

—System Prompt: Your consultant Tai Da has cast the Great Revitalization Technique on the Tree Elf Army, recovering 1 point of health every second!

Ooh la la! Don't I have an NPC consultant who can cast spells? Haha! Good! I still have something to rely on. As the saying goes, even a little breeze can aid a fart; this regeneration of 1 health point per second is quite powerful for both low-level units with less health and high-defense units that are super durable! Not to mention that Tree Spirits have their own Divine Skills for regeneration! Alright, all the Tree Spirit skills are Divine Skills! If Tree Spirits weren't divine, the frail and few-breeding Elf Clan would have been annihilated long ago in the Forest of the Multitudes.

Another golden light shone on the Tree Elf Army!

—System Prompt: Your consultant Tai Da has released the Thorns Skill on the Tree Elf Army, causing the enemy's attacks on the Tree Elf Army to be rebounded by 1 point of fixed damage. (Note: Fixed damage is a set value and cannot be reduced by Defense or Magic Resistance)

Da Fei's brows twitched. Thorns Skill? Rebound fixed damage? Damn! That doesn't seem like a spell from the player's textbook, does it? A hidden spell? A unique spell for NPCs? Damn! My consultant might not be high-level, but he's got some tricks up his sleeve! Now that the enemy's Attack Speed has increased due to frenzy, and our already low-Attack Speed Tree Spirits have slowed even more, it has almost become a one-sided beating. But with this Thorns Skill rebounding, the faster the enemy attacks, the more damage they inflict upon themselves! Good! Good! This Thorns Skill couldn't have come at a better time; I'm not fighting alone!

And at that moment, Tai Da said, panting, "Lord City Lord, I can only help you this much. If I cast any more spells, I won't be able to open the spatial portal."

Damn! Why do you falter at praise? Just when you were doing well, you can't anymore! Well, after all, you're not a Vice Hero; I never had much hope for you in the first place.

Da Fei calmly responded: "You did well, leave the rest to me."

As 10 seconds passed, the first wave of the vanguard all fell at the roots of the Tree Spirits. After 30 seconds, a small mountain of spider corpses piled up under the Tree Spirits' feet, and the BOSS remained quietly in the rear without any action. It seems that the Spider Demon Heroes do not possess magic. Their strength relies solely on their racial special skills.

Good, it's a contest of special skills. Who's afraid of who?

seconds! The third wave of spiders fell, and by this time, the Tree Elf Army had lost nearly half their health! I must admit, the attacks from the Spider Demon Hero and their army are very powerful! Ordinary Tree Spirits wouldn't last past the second wave! Luckily, my Tree Spirits are no ordinary ones! And at this moment, Da Fei's Crossbow Cannon was in the final sprint phase. I can win, I can!

At 50 seconds, when the fourth wave of the Spider Demon Army fell before the Tree Elf Wall, the BOSS finally could not sit still: "You have greatly overdrawn my patience, to death with you!"

The BOSS moved! That huge body, like a tank, rushed over rapidly!

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat, the commander was charging!

And just then—

—System Prompt: Your crossbow cannon is assembled. Please load it immediately and join the battle!

Oh yeah! Assembly complete! Crap! Gotta load the damn thing!

It's close! The boss's incredibly domineering massive body, those horrific giant venomous pincers lunging at me—Boom!!!

With a colossal rumble, the Tree Spirit that was hit immediately lost all its health and was uprooted and sent flying! The ironclad Tree Elf Wall finally had a breach blasted open!

—System Prompt: Spider Demon Hero Nakasha has brutally charged at your Tree Elf Army, killing 1 Elite Tree Spirit! You've lost 10 units of rare wood!

Da Fei's eyes shrank in shock! Damn! Even if the Tree Spirits were only at half-health, they still had 300 HP and 150 Defense, far surpassing the standard of ordinary level 7 soldiers. Just how formidable is this boss's attack?

And at that moment, Tai Da exclaimed in alarm: "Once our defense opens up a gap, the ordinary Woodcutters will suffer heavy losses!"

Yes! Already lost 10 units of rare wood! Can't afford to lose more!

At this very moment, without a second thought, Da Fei shouted: "All workers clear out, I'll challenge him one-on-one!"

The Spider Demon Hero shook its head, its terrifying eight massive compound eyes glowing red like eight car headlights, all focused on Da Fei: "You want to die, I shall grant it!"

—System Prompt: Your crossbow cannon is loaded!

Finally it's loaded, bring it on! My crossbow cannon is thirsty for battle! You've got the guts to one-shot my half-dead Tree Spirits, you got the guts to take on my Master-level full-health crossbow cannon?!

Aiming at your bug head! I'm going for a point-blank extreme kill!

Boom! The ground once again roared with the rumble of the Spider Demon Hero's charge! And at that moment, Da Fei, with full concentration, firmly pressed on the crossbow's trigger!

It's close! Such a big bug head!

—System Prompt: You've used the Master-level Luck Skill sub-skill "Lucky Hand!"

A rainbow light soared up from above Da Fei's head! That's right, I no longer have the Invincible Luck of divine artifacts, but I still have the Master-level Luck "Lucky Hand" which can only be used once a day, and the next attack is guaranteed to hit!

Fire! Da Fei fiercely pressed on the trigger!

— Boom crack! The first Rainbow Arrow whistled out! Bang! "-654!" Amidst a spray of blood, the boss's charge momentum suddenly halted!

— Boom crack!! The second Rainbow Arrow followed closely behind! Bang!! "-714," flesh and Blood Armor flew everywhere, and the boss's massive body was blown back!

— Boom crack!!! The third Rainbow Arrow! Boom!!! "-552," The boss's massive body exploded violently!

Got it?! Da Fei's eyes widened in excitement, waiting for the System Prompt to confirm the kill!

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You have defeated the Spider Demon Hero Nakasha, you've achieved victory in the battle, you gain +320,000 Experience, and the spoils of war: B-level strategic treasure "Spider Demon Boots". Your reputation among the Spider Demon clan -5000.

— Spider Demon Boots: B-level strategic treasure, footwear equipment slot, whole army Defense +1, whole army Life +1, 30% reduction in slowing and binding magic effects.

— System Prompt: You have already obtained the B-level strategic treasure "Spider Demon Armor," "Spider Demon Boots," forming a two-piece set of the Spider Demon Set, earning additional attribute rewards, Defense +3. Collecting more pieces of the Spider Demon Set will further increase bonus attributes.

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You've achieved "Victory in the 13th Battle," earning +10 Command Power.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You've achieved "Victory in the 7th Glorious Battle," earning +20 Command Power, +20 Personal Life.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You've leveled up to 39! You gain +1 free attribute point, +1 Skill Point, +2 Life, +1 Command Power, Ranger profession grants additional +1 Attack...

Oh yeah! Victory! Da Fei excitedly let out a loud cheer and laughed! Heroes are indeed heroes; their growth follows a pattern. Having 1,2000 HP means a badass existence. But after all, it's just 1,2000 HP, nothing compared to various unreasonable Baron Nash-type bosses that have who knows how many tens of thousands of HP! How dare they lead a charge? One-shots you, as expected, wahahaha!

And as the Spider Demon Hero falls, the Spider Demon Army on the plains dissipates with the blood mist in an instant.

Advisor Tai Da excitedly stepped forward: "Lord City Lord, your wisdom and martial prowess have secured such a significant victory with minimal losses. The dimension is about to collapse, let's retreat now!"

Da Fei laughed: "No rush, I saw something that looked like a treasure by the tree roots, let's search for it!"

#### Chapter 380: Entering the Unknown World Tree Space

Now, Da Fei carefully searched around the tree stump where the flash had occurred, and at this moment, the thick tree stump area was scorched by thunder and fire.

Tai Da expressed his confusion, "Sir, I am confident that after two months of logging I am very familiar with this place, but I have not found anything related to the treasure?"

Da Fei shook his head: "There must be no mistake, there must be something. The more hidden the treasure, the more important it is, and we must focus on searching! It was when the blood mist appeared just now that the treasure flashed."

Tai Da suddenly realized: "I see! So does this mean that the treasure will definitely react with Demonic Qi? If we sprinkle the blood of the battle-dead Demon Race nearby, perhaps the treasure will reappear?"

Damn! Really a cunning strategist with ideas, huh? Da Fei quickly turned around and saw a pile of minced meat where the Spider Demon Hero had fallen, and said, "Alright, let's try using the blood of the Spider Demon Hero!"

After saying this, both of them ran to where the hero had died and each grabbed two handfuls of bloody minced meat.

— System Prompt: You have obtained the item "Flesh of the Spider Demon Hero"!

Really able to pick it up! An attribute-less White Name item! Da Fei was almost moved to cheer loudly! It would work, it definitely would!

If it were in reality, after the enemy died, you could do anything. But in the game, there's no such thing as "desecrating the corpses," once dead, they are dead, no other operations can be performed, and it wouldn't be long before the body disappears. Unless there are related skills like that of Undead players, or it triggers related plots. And evidently, the hero dropping "flesh" upon death is triggering a related plot.

In fact, from the last time Da Fei came to this space and found that the ancient tree had been long dead but did not refresh, he keenly realized that this tree was extraordinary, hence he proposed the idea of transportation to his advisors, and now, the advisors had already completed the idea of transportation while they were free.

And the appearance of this Spider Demon Hero was somewhat related to the ancient tree; further triggering related plots also made sense, right? Therefore, as long as one triggers the plot, one might drop plot-related special items! How are masters made? Masters are trained like this! Hahaha!

Now, Da Fei, with a heart full of excitement and overflowing confidence, smeared and wiped the bloody meat on the area of the stump that seemed to be flashing just now, and at this moment, the light flashed again, and the radar showed a flash of gold once again!

"It's appeared! This is it!" Da Fei pointed excitedly at the section of the charred, coal-like dead branch on the tree stump!

Tai Da immediately called a woodcutter over, axe raised and fell, chopping off that dead branch.

Da Fei hurriedly picked it up and rubbed it with the flesh again, and the light appeared again! And at this time—

— System Prompt: You have discovered an unknown item "Charred Enchanted Ancient Tree Heart." You have comprehended Intermediate Treasure Appraiser!

— Intermediate Treasure Appraiser: A part-time profession for treasure hunting and appraisal. Vision +20%, Vision stacks with Reconnaissance Skill. Under the Intermediate Treasure Appraiser status, players gain 1 free attribute point for every 4 levels.

— System Prompt: You are currently level 39, the Intermediate Treasure Appraiser profession grants you an increase of 2 Attribute Points. (Note: At level 39 Intermediate Treasure Appraiser should add a total of 9 points, but since Junior Treasure Appraiser has already added 7 points, now add 2 points)

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Discovered! Finally discovered!"

Hahaha, it even upgraded my Treasure Appraiser profession! Absolutely high-class! It's truly a double blessing! Luckily I didn't retreat early, otherwise, wouldn't that be a loss of treasure?

Tai Da suddenly realized, "It's the seed of the Nasir Wisdom Ancient Tree! Unexpectedly, even though it was scorched it is not dead yet!"

Da Fei exclaimed, "Seed of the Wisdom Ancient Tree? Can it be planted?"

Tai Da shook his head: "In its current state, it's not something a Druid of my level can judge, only the Great Druid of the Kingdom has the authority to speak on this!"

Great Druid? The chief of the Kingdom Staff Department?

Just then, as the seed detached from the stump, thick black smoke began to rise from the stump, and the ground started to tremble slightly.

Da Fei exclaimed, "What's this now?"

Tai Da suddenly startled, "I understand now! Nasir Space is maintained by the willpower of Nasir, although Nasir has passed away, his will has permeated the space and can still weakly maintain it, and now with the departure of this seed, symbolizing the destruction of its last remaining will, this space is about to collapse—"

At this point, the entire space's ground began to rumble loudly!

Tai Da exclaimed, "Sir, the space is starting to collapse, we must open a spatial channel and retreat!"

Da Fei urgently said, "Hurry up!"

Tai Da hurriedly pulled out a shimmering green Magic Wand. The wand erupted in a dazzling light that enveloped Da Fei's entire army, causing the space around them to warp and fluctuate—just then, a thunderclap of unprecedented power resounded through the sky, the dark red sky seeming as if it were violently ripped apart, and a deluge of fiery meteors crashed down! The light from the Magic Wand began to flicker intensely!

Da Fei was shocked to his core, could they make it in time?

Tai Da exclaimed, "Space has already started to distort! We might—overdo it!"

—Ah Pu! Overdo your sister!

With a massive roar, Da Fei's world suddenly turned into a swath of darkness!

—System Prompt: Scene changing, please wait patiently!

—System Prompt: You have leveled up your Epic Quest "Pool of Purifying Light," and you have received the Epic Quest "Gradually Collapsing World Tree Space"!

—Task Hint: Demons have successfully destroyed the Nasir Ancient Tree Space, and the collapse of Nasir Space might trigger a chain reaction of spatial collapses, posing unknown threats to the multiple worlds supported by the World Tree. You must stabilize the World Tree Space before it awakens, and prevent the demons' conspiracy!

—Ah Pu! This time Da Fei really did spray his metaphorical uncle!

Darn it! Another upgrade to the purification quest? Last time it was an upgrade to the Epic Quest "Attack Abyss Blood Pool," and though the Abyss Blood Pool was completed, the purification quest wasn't. After so many days, just when I thought I could calmly complete the purification and fix my ship the Flying, another epic quest gets triggered!

Is it my damn hand that shouldn't have picked up this seed? No, no! Obviously not, ever since the first day my logging team started messing around in there, this space was doomed to attract demon attention and was fated to collapse. This quest was bound to come!

I get it now, the first Epic Quest I took in the game, which seemed like the simplest level 30 newbie epic quest, was actually the most damn frustrating one. Do I even need to complete it?

Stay calm, stay calm! The game has only been live for just over a month, and during the public beta, there were experts who received epic quests that weren't completed until the end of the public beta! Besides, the purification NPC said it would take years in the game, which means it's clearly supposed to last a year and a half in real time.

Anyway, I'm so awesome, there's no quest I can't handle! Come on, the more high-end the quest, the greater the rewards. Let me advance further down this high-end road—wait, how come changing scenes hasn't finished yet?

Okay, maybe the server's lagging because of the world-shattering events at Nasir? I'll patiently embrace the new challenges.

Finally, the dark blur before Da Fei's eyes cleared, revealing a sky overcast with dark clouds and a vast expanse of lifeless black forest, and then there were large groups of crows cawing and flying over the forest.

—System Prompt: You have entered an unknown World Tree Space.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched as he quickly looked around. The troops were all here, and his Crossbow Cannon too! Good that everyone's here, but where is this place?

Tai Da looked equally baffled, "We've arrived in an unknown World Tree Space. It must be the space distortion just now that led us off the correct path!"

Da Fei exclaimed, "The World Tree has spaces unknown even to you?"

Tai Da answered with evident fear, "Yes, in ancient Nordic mythology, the very first World Tree, Yggdrasil, was a huge tree that spanned several worlds. Its crown supported the Divine Realm, its trunk existed in the Human World, its roots entered the Netherworld, and some of its branches penetrated into the Sea Country, Land of Giant Troll, Land of Giants, Dwarf Country, Fire Country, and Elf Country. For the World Tree, the nutrients and energy from just one world would not suffice. When the God Dusk of Doomsday—the divine war of the last days—arrived, the World Tree was destroyed, and with its collapse, all the worlds it extended into also collapsed."

"In short, our Elf Kingdom's World Tree, although not as ancient as that one in the myths, its branches are likewise numerous, and the spaces it extends to or creates are just as varied. Nasir Space is just one space we know of, there are many unknown spaces that even us Druids, who have been studying the World Tree for a long time, haven't discovered!"

—System Prompt: You have learnt information about the World Tree.

Darn, I've learned something new again! Da Fei sighed, "This place looks dead and devoid of life, it isn't the Netherworld, is it?"

Tai Da frowned and said, "It might also be a barren land where the World Tree has absorbed all energy. Anyway, we're lost now, but in every World Tree Space, there's a path leading to other spaces, and only by searching here can we possibly find our way out."

Search? Looking at the dangerous Black Forest ahead and then the slow-moving logging team behind, Da Fei felt a wave of severe frustration!

Huh? Wait a minute, why does this Black Forest look so familiar? Right! I've seen it before! It was when I entered during the incident in Nasir Space and met Goddess Bu Feiyan. At that time, Nasir Space kept changing scenes. If the World Tree leads to different worlds, then the scene changes in Nasir Space last time were showing different worlds to players, right? Definitely!

So, does that mean I might have to go through Lava Land and swamp after crossing the Black Forest, and will there constantly be monsters ambushing me from these places?

Thinking of this, Da Fei felt even more frustrated! Actually, the way out is simple, just abandoning the troops and dying. Damn! I can't die! If I die, all my rare materials are gone!

Anyway, time to move on. For me, searching is actually simple; it's time for my Blood Eagle Flute to make an appearance. During the match, it was low-level and couldn't bear the burden. I wonder if it could level up a few times this time? I see those crows flying over the Black Forest look like decent leveling targets.