

## God level 411

Chapter 411: Blood Sea Wave's Pirate City

Blood Sea Studio, hundreds of members in the studio are having a dinner of chicken leg, beef, and mushroom chicken soup, priced at 30 RMB per boxed meal. Meanwhile, Blood Sea Wave, Brother Tian, Little Ma, and Shaodong, four key brothers, are silently enjoying red wine beef steaks at one table.

The biggest feature of Blood Sea Studio is they provide meals. To manage feeding these hundreds of people, the large fast-food restaurants nearby did not spare any effort. Anyway, no need to fight, just take turns! Blood Sea Wave also did a significant contribution to the local catering industry, truly being regarded as the 'Poverty Alleviation Director' in the China Region. Not many locals who know the background of Blood Sea Studio don't respect them.

Today, everyone was really upset, not for anything else, just because Da Fei made a fortune! 20 million! Even those rich youngsters had to twitch at that! Those young rich hate parvenus the most, especially someone like Da Fei who started by deceiving and tricking people, they really wanted to crush him as they felt suffocated! The problem is you could only occasionally see Da Fei in the city, he was never seen by any players in the wilderness, all that's left is to take out the frustration on his underlings.

Shaodong turned back and waved to a few on duty: "Found that dog One Sword Eastward yet?"

"Just appeared in Rapid Sea, but their ship was too fast, disappeared in a blink!"

Brother Tian snorted coldly: "These dogs are on the pirate bounty quest, that dog's ship is too fast to catch them!"

Little Ma sighed: "Atao, being the second-in-command of pirates, you are quite restrained already, can't stir up bigger waves, you must make a big move! Better target the ships of the NPC Chamber of Commerce, especially those escorted by warships. As long as your pirate reputation spikes, all major pirate forces might just dethrone that Barak or something on your island, and nominate you as the Pirate King of Desolate Sea, by then with troops under your command, you can crush whoever you want!"

Blood Sea Wave drank down his wine in one gulp and shook his head: "Impossible. The system wouldn't easily let a player become the head of an NPC force, it would disrupt the balance too much. I've decided, I'll start my own faction!"

Everyone exclaimed: "What do you mean?"

Blood Sea Wave said solemnly: "I'm going to build a city, a Pirate City of my own!"

Everyone was surprised: "Where's the territory? You're not thinking about heading east, are you? There's no play there!"

Blood Sea Wave chuckled: "The Newbie Island where I was first born? I have a dual identity, a small official in the Maritime Bureau of the Empire in Desolate Sea Pirates as second in command. As long as I build the city on Newbie Island, whether it's the Kingdom or the pirates, they will let me pass, using the dual role for personal gain, the efficiency of building the city would be unimaginable!"

Brother Tian frowned: "That small island is less than 100 meters in diameter, not even enough room for a decent dock for large ships, what's the use?"

Blood Sea Wave laughed heartily: "100 meters is perfect! Because it's too small to meet the standards for building a village, NPCs think it's useless there, so it's easy to get NPC approval for land development! And you really think it's just a small piece of land the size of a palm? Wrong! The land expands significantly when the tide goes out! At least a hundred times more!"

Everyone exclaimed: "Land after the tide? How can such land be utilized?"

Blood Sea Wave spoke earnestly: "Enclose the sea! First, pile around the perimeter, then gradually connect the piles with walls!"

Brother Tian shook his head: "This game is very realistic, your kind of wall might collapse with one wave!"

Blood Sea Wave declared seriously: "Continue piling, three layers inside and outside, use it as a wave barrier, then enclose it with walls! In this way, it can prevent waves and also fend off naval attacks!"

Everyone looked at each other. Brother Tian sighed with a smile: "Although I don't know if it's feasible, this project won't be cheap in either expenses or transport."

Little Ma laughed heartily: "Since when did we play games for money, brothers?"

Shaodong smiled: "Great! Such a brilliant idea from Atao, we brothers will support it even if we have to pawn everything!"

Brother Tian said irritably: "No need to be so tragic, just smashing your old BMW will do!"

Blood Sea Wave quickly finished his steak and stood up: "Brothers, eat slowly, I'm off to make the application for the quest!"

Everyone laughed heartily and set down their knives and forks: "Forget eating, let's get to work!"

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At the boys' dormitory of Shendong Normal University where Da Wei and Da Bing reside, seven to eight boys were noisily eating barbecue and drinking beer.

Da Bing raised his beer bottle: "Brothers, this winter break I missed you guys to death, you finally came, let me greet you all!"

"Hey, it's not your birthday today, right? Or did you find a good job during the winter break and you're showing off to us?"

Da Bing laughed heartily: "You guessed it all, I'm indeed showing off in front of you—Da Wei! Show them the good stuff!"

Da Wei pulled out a few sheets of paper and handed them to everyone.

The crowd was taken aback and said, "A request report for establishing the Shendong Normal University eSports club and the club's activity purpose... WTF, what's this?"

Da Bing chuckled and slapped the helmet on his bed saying, "You guys know this? Don't ever tell Brother that all you did during the New Year holidays was eat, drink, poop, sleep. During the winter vacation, Da Wei and I successfully applied to form an eSports team, approved with a fresh seal from the academic affairs office. What was that Wuda Team on TV just now? Who approved them? In a word, I am the captain of the Shendong Normal University eSports team, and Da Wei is the club's political commissar. We are recruiting members; are you guys in or not?"

Everyone looked at each other.

Da Wei smiled and said, "Guys, I earned my first money in the game this noon, 10 thousand yuan. Actually, this meal is on me."

The crowd exclaimed, "10 thousand yuan? How did you earn it?"

Da Bing laughed heartily, "A tycoon rewarded us! Know what a tycoon is? Someone who spends 20 million on game gear and gifts 10 thousand upon meeting—that's a tycoon! Anyway, for now, we need to accompany the tycoon to level up and play through instances. As long as you sign up, you'll be part of the team. The tycoon will immediately sponsor a student version of the client machine, which is the gaming machine. Da Wei and I will take the effort to include you. Whatever the tycoon wants to do, we'll do, directly rewarding us with real gold and silver RMB. Even if the tycoon gets bored and stops sponsoring us later, we'll still hang out with a big shot—"

Thump, thump, thump! Just then, there was a knock on the dorm room.

"Who is it?"

"It's me, me, me, Da Liu, soldier! We're here to discuss something with you!" The door swung open, revealing the group from the computer science department, including Da Liu, who had parted ways with Da Bing and Da Wei after the defeat in the National War.

Da Bing laughed heartily, "Brother, I knew you'd come back to me one day! I know what you want to say, but in light of our past schoolmate relationship, not setting a precedent!"

Da Liu hurried forward, ready to shake hands: "Thanks, soldier! Thank you!"

"Wait a second!" Da Wei, looking displeased, intervened: "I, as the club's political commissar, haven't agreed yet!"

Da Liu was taken aback: "Wei, Brother Wei?"

Da Wei pointed seriously to the beer box: "I'm treating today, drink a bottle each in one go!"

Da Liu snapped back to reality and gritted his teeth: "Deal! We'll drink them in one go!"

Though the seven or eight people in the dorm didn't understand the situation, they also cheered in unison. Thus, the eSports team of Shendong Normal University was officially established, with their first goal being to share the burden of Brother Fei, the guild leader, by leveling up the tycoon!

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At the same time, this tycoon, venerated by Da Bing and Da Wei as a god of wealth, whose real identity was the undercov...

Ono Shinichiro, a Japanese undercover agent in China's network, was requesting an additional 10 million RMB in activity funds from his boss Igarashi.

Igarashi said in astonishment, "Ono-kun, you have already completed your mission by facilitating the trade of the Divine Artifact for the team. Can you tell me the reason for the extra activity funds?"

Ono shook his head, "First, we need to prepare for the worst scenario where the Divine Artifact might not return to Japan for a long time. Of course, I believe in the prowess of Japan's sons and that they won't disappoint me, but I think there's much I can do while waiting, such as stirring internal strife

among China Region players. Da Fei, a man like him, is a very unstable factor. Today, he made a fortune of 20 million and attracted much hatred, which is a source of internal strife."

Igarashi remained non-committal, "Continue!"

Ono continued, "Besides, Da Fei's guild, although not large in player numbers, definitely has some unstable elements. For example, I looked into that One Sword Eastward's past actions and words, extremely impolite and attracting hatred. This is also a key person that can be utilized!"

Igarashi nodded, "But Chinese are very pragmatic. Even if this Da Fei has a bad reputation and low moral character, the large guilds that dominate still maintain harmonious relationships with him."

Ono said solemnly, "That's exactly what I need to do. I need to use the power of money to build personal power, which will appear as Da Fei's power to outsiders. When there are more and more unstable factors like One Sword Eastward, the situation will get out of hand. Though I don't understand the game much, according to the comments from Da Fei's related matches, he is way too ahead of his time. Being too advanced means his development will snowball, inevitably leading to conflicts with China Region's major forces, and I will be that catalyst for conflict."

Igarashi nodded, "Yoshi!"

Ono added, "Moreover, my mission was never in the game. My mission is to subtly incite and magnify negative energy while lurking within China's network, undermining Chinese national confidence. Though it's just a game, the negative energy emitted from the game's internal strife affects the confidence of the Chinese people. An American criminologist once stated that individual pain leads to family pain, which in turn leads to social pain. Thus, I am undertaking a grand and arduous task, which cannot be simply quantified with money!"

Igarashi laughed and said, "Yoshi! Although I am just a team manager, I am greatly impressed by Ono-kun's national mission. You've convinced me, and I'll continue to sponsor 10 million RMB in activity funds!"

#### Chapter 412: Returning to a Once-Visited Scene

Da Fei, after taking care of all his needs, boarded the plane again to find that Tachiusu had already set up the Ancient Tree Heart within the Evil Tree Spirit Fortress.

Tachiusu saluted him, "Sir, the Ancient Tree Heart has been successfully transplanted. The recovery time is unknown, but the slower it recovers, the more beneficial it is for the absorption of dark energy in our space, and the better it will integrate with the fortress. Please be patient."

Da Fei nodded, "No problem. I'm not in a rush. While I'm away, I'd appreciate it if you could take good care of it."

Tachiusu laughed, "Rest assured, sir, we will guard it day and night in shifts. By the way, we haven't had the chance to invite you to visit our Lumang Tribe. Please honor us with your presence!"

Da Fei laughed heartily, "Absolutely, absolutely!"

"Then, please!"

The vine flying chair appeared again, and with the help of the vine demons, Da Fei soared into the sky once more. Da Fei asked with a smile, "What can you transport with this air transport? Can you transport a catapult like the one I just had?"

Tachiusu shook her head with a smile, "This air transport is a hero skill of mine. Just like ground heroes have logistics skills to increase carrying capacity and marching speed, we flying heroes, in conjunction with special flying troops, have an air transport skill. This skill cannot be used in combat, and it cannot transport war machines. However, other supplies and troops can be transported in small quantities. If you have a flying hero, you can bring him to see me, and I can teach him this skill."

—System Prompt: You have obtained information about the special skill "Air Transport Skill."

Da Fei suddenly understood! I was once torn over whether logistics skills were effective for flying troops, but it turns out that flying heroes have their own transportation skills! The fact that war machines and combat can't be transported is definitely a game setting to prevent invincibility through constant crossbow cannon harassment via air transport!

But that's fine too. I happen to have Deirdre, who is a flying hero. When there's an opportunity, I'll bring her to learn it. However—oh, how could learning a skill satisfy my heart? My darling, just become my vice hero already! Alas, what a pity...

As Da Fei was feeling deeply emotional, a fresh breeze rushed toward him; Lumang Ancient Tree Village had arrived. The houses in the village were hung on tree branches, with vine ladders and corridors crisscrossing between them—a classic style of an ancient elf village. In this seemingly endless withered forest, this ancient tree is the last green stronghold. But starting today, I believe everything will slowly improve.

In the administrative hall at the tree's top, the vine demons prepared a simple offering of tree fruits and clear water for Da Fei.

It shouldn't just be a simple meal, right? Even Old Habbit gave a Divine Artifact as a gift; what will you offer as a token? Da Fei couldn't help but feel a vague anticipation.

After the formalities were over, Tachiusu said seriously, "Since your next target is the Jade Lake of old, I'll have my people make a small Tree Leaf Boat for you, and along with it, I'll give you a small gift!" With that, she pulled out a yellowing wooden staff.

—System Prompt: You have obtained the "Jade Lake Space—Vine Jungle Space" World Tree Password Transport Magic Wand. Use this magic wand at Jade Lake to transport yourself to the Vine Jungle Space. (Note: This item may have expired and become ineffective.)

Da Fei raised an eyebrow; apart from its dull color, wasn't this thing just like the magic wand used by Tai Da to open a door? Possibly expired and ineffective? What the heck! This is the first time I've encountered a game item like this!

Just then, Tachiusu sighed deeply, "Once, the Jade Lake could lead to an enclosed space, the Vine Jungle. There is no natural Space Gate for free access, and this magic wand is necessary. The Vine Jungle is the Holy Land of our vine demon race. I cannot be sure it wasn't affected by the war a thousand years ago; I can't even be sure if this wand can still be used. If you're interested and have the time, you could check it out. If the Vine Jungle managed to escape the catastrophe of a thousand years ago, after a millennium, there should be a vast number of Holy Vine Seeds born there. Collecting Holy Vine Seeds will allow you to gain a very powerful and special plant troop that can be used for both defending and attacking castles."

Plant troop? Da Fei asked in surprise, "What are Holy Vine Seeds?"

Tachiusu shook her head with a smile, "In human stories and legends, there is a magical bean seed that, once planted, can instantly grow to the sky and reach a special space, a Giant Castle, where there's a chicken that lays golden eggs... In short, while the magical bean in the story is exaggerated, it refers to the Holy Vine because the Holy Vine has the ability to lead to another space. Hence, once you plant it below the city wall's watchtower, the vines can also reveal invisibility!"

Da Fei's brows jumped! This is the famous tale "Jack and the Beanstalk" from Grimm's Fairy Tales! The vine tree pipe from Super Mario that can grow to the clouds and grab coins! Being able to reveal invisibility means not having to fear ghostly void monsters and other headache-inducing plane creatures' reconnaissance and harassment; such a troop is exceptionally rare!

Hurriedly, Da Fei said, "Thank you, Miss, for your generous gift. I will definitely look for it!" In the game's manner, since the information has already appeared, it surely exists; it's just a matter of the level of difficulty in obtaining it.

Tachiusu smiled once more, "There is a vine demon quota available for you to recruit in our fortress. Would you care to recruit it?"

Da Fei nodded repeatedly, "Okay, okay! I was just curious about the vine demon's attributes."

Da Fei arrived in front of a large wooden house under the ancient tree's roots. Tachiusu sighed with a smile, "Due to the current lack of life force, troop production is nearly depleted. If it weren't for your arrival, we wouldn't be able to sustain ourselves. However, as the environment improves, troop production will increase, and eventually, we can even try to upgrade ordinary troops into elite troops through the Ancient Tree Fortress. Now, please recruit this vine demon, and she will help row the boat for you on your journey!"

Da Fei nodded, "Then I won't stand on ceremony."

—System Prompt: You have recruited 1 free vine demon troop; 1 vine demon troop has joined your team.

—Vine Demon: A small-sized spiritual creature, Attack 11, Defense 7, Damage 6-11, Health 40, Mana 40, Attack Speed 12, Command Value 3, Magic Resistance 55%, Stamina 120, Special Skill: Flying Creature, Production and Transport, Vine Armor, Vine Control, Advanced Healing Technique.

So this is the vine demon's attribute; Da Fei felt a bit disappointed.

Of course, players can only directly recruit ordinary troops; hoping to reach the exaggerated attributes of an elite army is impossible. Da Fei's appetite had already been spoiled by the exaggerated attributes of elite leaders, so naturally, he wasn't satisfied with this troop's attributes only reaching the level of a level 4 unit. However, the key special skill of production and transport was essential, as it could be dispatched and fly, making it valuable for constructing fortifications in the wild, absolutely worth cultivating.

For City Lord players, perhaps the troops' diversity might be a headache, but having more troops is always an advantage. Selling assorted troops to other players is also a significant source of income! Like the Evil Tree Spirit Fortress earlier, regardless of whether those level 0 troops, Evil Beetles, were useful, the first step is to resume production and stockpile them. When their purpose becomes apparent in the future, the advantage of stocked troops will come to light. Similarly, if Da Fei's Banshee Camp had been disregarded due to high costs initially, where would be the stockpile of over 300 now?

Troop stockpiling for a thousand days, destruction in an instant; it's in the moment of needing troops that one regrets not having enough. This is a common realization among players involved in National Wars during beta testing! Therefore, regardless of whether it's worth cultivating, if you have the money and the conditions, stockpiling troops is absolutely correct.

At that moment, a vine demon entered to report, "Clan Leader, the Tree Leaf Boat is completed!"

Excellent! Da Fei immediately said, "Time is of the essence; I will depart immediately!"

"Then we'll bid you farewell!"

On the riverbank, a two-man-long giant leaf boat quietly floated, reminiscent of the fairy tale ship every player in the Bright Alliance had during the National War.

Tachiusu said with seriousness, "Sir, this Tree Leaf Boat has the ability to mask your life aura, effectively shielding you from monsters that rely on smell to hunt. In short, the way ahead is fraught with peril; be careful!"

Using the scent to hunt? It's a domain that my so-called God-level Reconnaissance Technique can't handle!

Da Fei waved his hand, "The next time we meet, it will be when we've completely reclaimed the World Tree Space. Let's work hard!"

Tachiusu bowed, "We will do our utmost to look forward to your return!"

With nothing more to say, it's time to depart! Da Fei's lone vine demon troop held onto the leaf stem, and the light boat drifted and flew across the water's surface like a dragonfly touching the water. As the boat swiftly moved, the end of the Black Water River was reached, encountering a huge Black Water whirlpool, entering it, and the scene changed!

A Red Sea lay in view!

Da Fei suddenly paused, Red Sea? Is this the next space's scene? This scene looks familiar, doesn't it? I seem to have seen it before? Right, when Mrs. Anwen transported my ship to the Abyss Blood Pool back then, didn't we pass through several scenes, including two Red Seas Blood Lakes? If this sea is indeed that previous sea, doesn't that mean I'm not far from the Pool of Radiance?

Am I finally going to find my way home? For a moment, Da Fei couldn't help but feel a vague excitement!

Finally, the exit of the spatial tunnel was reached, and the scene changed again, indeed a Red Sea with numerous black islands in it! The scene closely resembled the Blood Sea Swamp from back then!

And at that moment,

—System Prompt: You are currently in the scene assigned by Duke Makar's S-level indefinite Chamber of Commerce mission "Map Around the Pool of Radiance." Your quest item "Magic Map Drawing Device" has started operating. The item will automatically map the scenery within your view. The more detailed your map, the higher the completion of the Chamber of Commerce mission!

Da Fei was suddenly surprised and delighted, I've returned to the vicinity of the Pool of Radiance! Maybe it's the scene I passed by during the initial teleportation of the Flying!

#### Chapter 413: The Powerful Water Monster in the Jade Blood Sea

The Chamber of Commerce mission had been triggered; it was certain that I was heading close to the Pool of Radiance. But proximity in terms of space and proximity in terms of geography were two different things; it didn't mean that I could just take a ship directly back to the Pool of Radiance. Just like how the Flying had to be specially equipped with a Space Transmission Array for multiple consecutive transfers. However, at this moment, Da Fei was not thinking about trivial issues like returning home. Isn't going home easy? Just die and respawn there.

Now, Da Fei was considering that a transportation route from the Pool of Radiance to this Blood Pool, then to the Vine Demon Jungle, and then to Habbit Swamp was about to open! The strategic importance of this route goes without saying!

But there were two problems, the first being that it might have to depend on the Flying's teleportation, and its durability still hadn't been completely restored, which made it unfit for heavy tasks. Second, it was necessary to kill the obstructive Demigod Eight-Headed Snake in the swamp passage, and perhaps even clear out the water monsters here if needed. In short, these things couldn't be accomplished in a short period of time. However, it is precisely for this reason that there's motivation to strive.

Very well, since the Chamber of Commerce mission has already been triggered, then it's time to thoroughly explore! Of course, the most important thing is to find that Vine Space mentioned by Tachiusu.

Da Fei then took out that yellowed Magic Wand and clicked to use it.

—System Prompt: Unfortunately, this item cannot be used in this area.

Da Fei frowned; it really wasn't so simple to find. Anyway, first things first, draw the map. Since this map-drawing magic tool directly records Brother's field of vision, it would be too easy. In the whole world, I reckon no player is more suitable for this task than Brother.

Da Fei summoned Little Fei again and commenced a carpet-style mapping.

Not long after Little Fei took to the sky, a discovery was made; a gigantic blood-colored water column shot up into the sky far out at sea, forming a cloud of blood mist like a whale's spout mid-air, the display massively awe-inspiring!

What monster was this? Da Fei, startled, immediately sent Little Fei closer to scout, and then a huge red blip, no, not a blip anymore but a red ball, appeared on the radar! A target that could be discovered from such a distance and take up such a large part of the radar screen, up till now, only the Demigod Sea Demon Calubidis, that I encountered last time, could match!

Meaning that, in the World Tree Space where powerful beings gather, this water monster is very likely also a Demigod! And at this exact moment, a flash of gold appeared on Little Fei's radar!

—System Prompt: Your reconnaissance spirit eagle, Little Fei has discovered a Jade Gemstone Mine!

Gemstone mine?! Indeed, an island ahead gleamed brightly. It really was a gemstone mine! And it was one of the extremely rare and precious resources in gemstones—jade! No wonder this place was once called Jade Lake; it turns out that there are real goods here!

Flying over the mining island, Da Fei gasped in astonishment! This was more than just a mine on the island; the surrounding waters shined, with crystals glittering below the surface, making the island's visible part seem to be just the tip of an iceberg!

Holy crap! Wasn't it said that this place was devastated and conquered by Demons? Why didn't the Demons exploit it? Because of this huge water monster nearby?

Then Brother has to see what's so special about you, this water monster! Little Fei flew past Gem Island, continuing to approach the water monster, and just then, the radar showed another flash of gold!

—System Prompt: Your reconnaissance spirit eagle, Little Fei has discovered a Jade Gemstone Mine!

Another mine! Da Fei was stunned!

If there were only one mine here, Brother would definitely be tempted! Of course, it's not just about Brother; didn't so many national teams from around the world fight to the death in the New World during the open beta just for a mining island? When two mines appeared, Brother knew the meat of the play had arrived!

Would the system be so kind as to make it easy for players to get rich? The system is dying to find ways to reclaim the players' Gold Coins and manpower, to exhaust the players! A mine guarded by a Demigod? How is that different from the Mercury Lake in the Black Forest? Right, speaking of Mercury Lake, Brother hasn't investigated it in detail yet; who knows how many soldiers would die if a move was made?

Now, Little Fei finally arrived at the water area where the water monster spouted, and saw it – a massive shadow in the water at the location of the fountain, its area comparable to the surrounding small islands. With such a size, it must undoubtedly be a Demigod!

Holy shit! Now it's a big problem! This Demigod is probably not the kind of brain-dead mission monster like the Eight-Headed Snake, nor is it a Demigod avatar like Skira, and certainly not a half-baked creature like the Swamp Giant Crocodile. If it's a genuine Demigod, what can a player do against him? If that's the case, wouldn't my future route concept be shattered?

It's definitely not feasible to fight, but Brother can still hide, right? As long as Brother thoroughly understands the situation here, Brother's Nautical Divine Skill Mysterious Stealth Navigation can be activated and I can just pass by anyway? However, with such a huge risk for just one passage, Brother's Flying's mere 500 units of cargo space doesn't seem adequate, right? Retrofit it for a larger hold? But that would necessarily reduce the Gun Cabin, impacting combat capabilities unless Brother's Gun Cabin were all Phantom Crossbow Cannons —

Wait a moment! Phantom Crossbow Cannons?

Da Fei's eyebrows twitch! Speaking of which, wasn't this map-drawing mission from the Chamber of Commerce given to Brother by Makar? Even the Japanese know that mapping another nation's territory is the most confidential of military secrets, how could Brother not be aware? What is Makar plotting?

Very well, once Brother completes this map mission and reports the situation here to him, how will he react? Damn! There must be a reaction; the man plotted the death of a whole ship's crew just to privately pocket an island like Mithril Island in the New World, and with so many rare jade mines here, wouldn't he be tempted? This used to be a large state-owned mining enterprise of the Elf Kingdom!

When the time comes, he will definitely give Brother a mission, hoping to use Brother's hand to eliminate the Demigod, and then hypocritically offer to split the spoils with Brother? Speaking of which, splitting the spoils doesn't sound too bad, provided that we can take down the Demigod!

Right! It's the perfect time for Brother to demand guns, cannons, and high-tech! No need to be stingy with the Phantom Crossbow Cannons anymore, Brother wants 40 of them. Stuff them everywhere: left, right, up, down in the gun cabin! That's still not enough; I want his lordship to take action himself, or at least give me a Divine Artifact as a favor, right? He uses me, I can use him too, can't I?

Hahahaha, the underlying meaning of this map mission must be just that! Right, I said I'd report to the Demigod, but I can't even tell if this Demigod is square or round. Let's have Little Fei fly lower for a clearer view.

Just as Da Fei made Little Fei approach the sea surface, the screen in front of him suddenly burst into red light!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! Your reconnaissance spirit eagle, Little Fei, has entered the alert range of an unknown powerful enemy. Please respond promptly!

Da Fei was startled! What the hell! My Little Fei is in Plane Surveillance's invisible state, you know? Does that mean a Demigod can see through invisibility? Screw that, so what if he's spotted me? Fly up and bite me?

Even though that's what he thought, Da Fei's actions were decisive. He immediately controlled Little Fei to fly high and far away!

At this moment, the water's surface rippled, and then a thick column of water shot up into the sky, tailing them—Damn it! Da Fei was so shocked his heart nearly jumped out of his throat!

—Boom!!! "Evade!" The water column missed as it whooshed past!

It missed!!!

Watching the blood-red water column draw a long arc in the air and fall into the distance, Da Fei's shocked heart finally settled down.

Damn it, that was like an anti-air, anti-invisibility submersible missile! And it was so damn accurate! Lucky that Little Fei is a high-evasion Flying Creature, or who knows if dying once would cause a level drop? This is truly the power of a Demigod! Makar, buddy, I can only count on you now.

Knowing the prowess of a Demigod, Da Fei didn't dare to mess around anymore. He had no choice but to keep Little Fei away and continue to properly scout the map.

While he was sighing with emotion, Da Fei received a message—it was from Invincible Soldier.

Da Bing said with a chuckle, "Brother Fei, are you busy? I've got something to report. Our school has started, and I've recruited over twenty classmates who want to join Brother Fei. Wondering if you can let everyone join the guild?"

Huh? Finally, some fresh blood for my guild?

Da Fei asked in surprise, "You're a student?"

Da Bing laughed, "Being students, we have passion and motivation. But about seven or eight are newbies, probably around the same level as Little Wei. However, I brought Little Wei up, so no problem with them. Brother Fei never looked down on my or Little Wei's average skills, we're very touched by that. So don't worry, Brother Fei, we brothers will loyally follow you." In Brother Fei's presence, we can't address Invincible Wei as "Brother" nor can we call him "Big" Wei, so we downgrade to Little Wei.

Da Fei couldn't help but laugh in surprise. It's not that I'm not rejecting you guys, it's just that I've been too busy with my own stuff to even notice you all. Da Fei had to clear his throat and said, "I need people for trading, doing Chamber of Commerce missions, earning guild funds and reputation, with 75% contribution. Did they know that?"

Da Bing hurriedly said, "We know! We know! It's precisely because we understand this that it shows our loyalty!"

Da Fei roared with laughter, "Alright, tell them to apply for the guild."

Da Bing was overjoyed, "Thank you Brother Fei! Thank you Brother Fei! Oh, there's another thing. Brother Hao is low-leveled and wants to hire someone to help him level up quickly in instances. But we'll take care of this small matter for you, okay?"

Da Fei wondered, "Who is Brother Hao?"

Da Bing chuckled, "The tycoon Brother from Mars!"

Oh, so he is Brother Hao. Da Fei laughed heartily, "No problem! I'm indeed busy and can't split myself in two, so I'll leave it to you guys!"

Da Bing joyfully said, "You don't have to be polite with us, Brother Fei. We'll handle both recruiting and trading!"

"Great, I'll leave it to you guys!"

That's right—after all, he's a big customer with 20 million, so if he sent a message like, "Brother Fei, can you help me level up?" would I really have the heart to refuse? Turns out having some little brothers who can share the burden is quite nice. I can't continue to ignore them. Moreover, with more people in the guild, I should find an opportunity to give them some welcome gifts. Equipment and stuff, I don't even have a full set myself and no time to handle it, too common. Same old rule, let's give away Ghost Ships! But then again, there aren't enough souls. Right, I'll open up all my Elorin Gold Spearfish and octopus specialties to the guild members. Let them witness Brother's style!

## Chapter 414: Dragon Slayer Guild's Big Stone Purchase

—World Channel [Dragon Scale]: Hello, fellow players! To celebrate the official formation of the "Dragon Slayer" Guild in the game, the "Dragon Slayer" Guild is buying stone at a rate of 1 Gold Coin per unit or 110 Gold Coins per unit across the entire server. Players willing to sell can find our guild's purchasing agents at major city banks and warehouses to trade. Players from the Bright Alliance with large orders of 10 units can come to the neutral city, the goblin casino Las Vites, to trade with our buyer and get transit fees reimbursed. If anyone wants to trade stone directly for RMB, we warmly welcome it...

The entire China Region was taken aback! Then sprung into action!

When players battle wild monsters in the field or enter instances, the most common resource rewards are timber and stone. In the early stages of the game, these resources are not much use for ordinary players who don't build cities. They usually store them in the warehouse to sell to Lord Players later or sell them to NPCs at less than half price. But now that the Dragon Slayer Guild is buying at the NPC's selling price, how can players not be tempted? Any player who reaches around level 30 could easily have dozens or even hundreds of units of stone stored up in the warehouse, which translates to thousands or tens of thousands of Gold Coins! As for those players who have specialized in quarrying, there's even more to say—they directly pull wagons to the warehouse to haul them away.

Meanwhile, Blood Sea Wave, who was working on a mission to develop an island at the Imperial Maritime Bureau, was shocked to see the World Channel. He was ready to build Pirate City and needed a large amount of stone. He was also planning to quietly purchase at a low price, and now the Dragon Slayer Guild was coming on strong with this move. What was the meaning of this? Raising the purchase price so high all of a sudden, how is he supposed to manage after this? The money wasn't really the problem; the issue was that after they cleared out all the stone from the server, he wouldn't be able to buy any even if he had the money!

At that moment, Blood Sea Wave received a message from Ma Yinglong.

Ma Yinglong laughingly said, "Boss Tao, I have a favor to ask of you. You've seen the World Channel, right? I want to ask you to help us collect stone over at the Bright Alliance, and we'll cover the expenses."

Blood Sea Wave frowned and got straight to the point, "Boss Ma, to be honest, I'm planning to build a super-sized dock these days, and I particularly need stone. Boss Ma, with all your financial might, took all the stone; how am I going to survive?"

Regarding this guild alliance that was less of an ally and more of a burden, Blood Sea Wave decided to lay it all out. After all, whether it was his pirate identity or his identity within the Bright Alliance, they were both naturally at odds with the Dragon Slayer's Dark Alliance. If being too awkward in cooperation with them, he might as well directly fall out and just rob him hard at sea!

Sure enough, Ma Yinglong was taken aback, "Boss Tao, what a coincidence, huh?"

Blood Sea Wave seriously replied, "Just the way things are going."

Ma Yinglong chuckled, "Ah, I see. Simple, let's just collect it together, settle accounts mutually, and distribute as needed. What do you think, Boss Tao?"

Blood Sea Wave nodded, "Alright, then this favor I'm definitely helping with!"

If the construction of Pirate City could be kept secret, it should be, and if a cover could be made by helping the Dragon Slayer, it would be even better. Taking advantage of Dragon Slayer's influence among players, why not?

Ma Yinglong asked with a smile, "By the way, may I ask how much stone does Boss Tao's dock require?"

Blood Sea Wave replied seriously, "The initial phase, at least 500,000 units!"

—Ah, pfft! Ma Yinglong nearly spat out a mouthful of old blood! Damn, what a huge appetite—that scale is no less than that of the Pool of Radiance! And it's only the initial phase? Are you sure you're building a dock and not a cosmic battleship harbor?

Ma Yinglong chuckled awkwardly, "As expected of the world's top God-level Sea Battle Hero, Boss Tao's move might just empty the warehouses of the entire China Region players!"

Blood Sea Wave laughed, "It won't. With millions of players online in the China Region, even just one unit from each person is enough. Money isn't an issue for me!"

Ma Yinglong chuckled awkwardly, "Boss Tao is truly a person who gets big things done. I like working with people who achieve great things the most, so let's act immediately, the faster the better!"

Blood Sea Wave laughed heartily, "I also particularly enjoy working with efficient people like Boss Ma!"

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At that time, Ma Yinglong, after having personally contacted various mid-small guilds and group studios, leaned back deeply into his chair, letting out a long sigh.

For Ma Yinglong, this action was undoubtedly swift and decisive! It didn't even convene a guild's high-level think tank meeting; the purpose of not meeting was confidentiality! Not letting the Bright side have time to react.

Although there are no secrets on the Internet, for the encirclement of the Pool of Radiance, keeping it secret for one day was sufficient. The newly arrived spider Execution Officer gave Lei Huolong 10 days of game time, which equated to 1 day of real time. Within that one day, if they could gather enough stone from the entire server to construct a circle of level 1 city walls around the Pool of Radiance, they would firmly seize the initiative. The Bright Alliance headed by Star virtually had no way to retaliate.

Of course, another significant reason Ma Yinglong could make this decision was the ingenious thinking behind this operation. Who could have thought the Dragon Slayer would undertake such a crazy move of encircling the lake?

Confidentiality, coupled with the unexpected, along with the fact that the Hell team on Lei Huolong's side wasn't well-known in the China Region, made this operation almost halfway to success.

If they successfully captured the Pool of Radiance, as Lei Huolong's report stated, the Dragon Slayer would own a massive outer city. Even if strategic prospects were vague, chopping down the roots of the World Tree for timber would be enough to recoup the costs of building the city. Ma Yinglong held high hopes for this action.

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Neutral Goblin City, Las Vites.

A large island located between the Bright Alliance and Dark Alliance's maritime borders, a city full of steampunk mechanical style. This so-called punk style was that artistic style that combined magical, mechanical, classical, and other elements.

Goblins and beastmen, those pitiful and ragged level 1 goblin soldiers, were essentially the same race. Due to their weak strength, they had to become slaves and vassals of the strong. However, many years ago, a goblin tribe leader, Razmorton, accidentally obtained a Divine Artifact, led the tribe to escape the orcs' enslavement, and purified the demon blood within them, thus giving birth to the new goblin race, with Razmorton becoming the Goblin God. Goblins adhered to neutrality, valued technology and commerce, and traded with both the Bright Alliance, Dark Alliance, and some indigenous tribes. Therefore, this city, located between the Bright and Dark Alliances, became the best trading spot for both sides. Under the power of the goblins' strange technology, no one dared to start a fight in the city easily.

And today, the usually quiet Gambling City turned bustling and lively because of the bold move by the Dragon Slayer Guild, gathering thousands of players here.

At this time, Moon God Night, who was busy working in the dock workshop, couldn't help but look out the door to see what was happening. Although these players were just a synonym for low-end mobs in her eyes, Moon God Night couldn't help but feel a sense of loneliness.

Since receiving Makar's mission to infiltrate Fire Dragon Island, Moon God Night had been busy as an apprentice here for days and nights. Indeed, to reach Fire Dragon Island during the Ice Sealing Period, there was only one way—the goblin airship! That was to install hot air balloons on normal sailboats. Furthermore, to destroy the massive ship Flame Lord on Fire Dragon Island, goblin Mine Bombs would also be needed. But these were the highest technologies of the goblin forces and were not readily accessible to players.

However, for Moon God Night, equipped with dual-race dual-profession, along with the Netherworld Ring and Netherworld Wand set of Divine Artifacts, nothing was beyond her capabilities—it was just a matter of time.

And time equaled money; with a large amount of money, time could be significantly reduced. Watching the splurging gestures of those so-called large guild leaders in the World Channel, Moon God Night finally felt a bit moved. Anyway, she was out of money again and needed to place a bet.

A new NPC who called himself the Dwarven Gambling God Buffett had appeared in the gambling city. This NPC wasn't in the game's data, and his appearance was very strange, too. Moon God Night was very interested in him. It was time to continue meeting him—she had to make him her cash machine!

#### Chapter 415: What is China Region Doing?

The Dragon Slayer Guild's bold move instantly rocked the various large and small guilds and working studio groups in the China Region.

What exactly does Dragon Slayer want to do? Is Dragon Slayer planning a massive city-building project? In the early stage of the game, liquid funds are so precious that stockpiling supplies in large quantities is definitely not a wise move. However, Dragon Slayer has started to hoard, indicating a must-win determination for their grand project! What to do?

At this time, the chairman of the Star Guild, Eternal Star, immediately called for an emergency meeting with the senior think tank, where each member expressed their opinions:

"I think, it's very likely that the Dragon Slayer Guild wants to immediately build city walls with a huge quantity of stone as soon as they enter the New World, instantly claiming a large piece of land to establish an absolute advantage!"

"But, at this time the highest-level players in Dragon Slayer are only level 45, far from entering the New World. Dragon Slayer still has many places to spend money on, isn't it somewhat unreasonable to start hoarding stones so early?"

"Perhaps it's precisely because it's unreasonable, which is why Dragon Slayer decided to use an unexpected strategy? Moreover, we can't rule out the possibility that they are building the city in the Old World, but it's worth considering how much benefit can be gained from building a city in the Old World."

Eternal Star spoke solemnly: "The key is, what should we do?"

The think tank unanimously said: "Stay put!"

"If they are building a city in the New World, it's way too early for them. Since they are starting to prepare now, it's uneconomical and not our concern. If they are building a city in the Old World, that's even less of our concern."

Indeed, being led by the nose is not Star's style. But Eternal Star was feeling very conflicted internally. To be exact, Eternal Star actually wanted to do something. Otherwise, Dragon Slayer will make a big splash that shakes the entire server while their own guild doesn't make a sound, looking much less impressive in terms of momentum and grandeur. To ordinary players, this appears not cool at all, and that's an invisible loss of popularity for the guild!

That's right! As a large guild, it is necessary to always lead the trend, and once they fall behind, it becomes extremely passive! To follow or not to follow is the dilemma.

At this moment—

—World Channel [Bloodrose Rosa]: Hello friends, to celebrate the Bloodrose Guild becoming the world's second-established guild and the first in the China Region, the Bloodrose Guild is buying gemstones and crystals at 4 Gold Coins per unit, 440 Gold Coins per bulk from across the server at the goblin casino Las Vites storage in the neutral city. Players willing to sell can come to trade with my guild's buyers and we will reimburse the teleportation fee. If there are players who want to directly trade resources for RMB, we warmly welcome you...

The world was abuzz once again!

Eternal Star was bewildered, what is this woman trying to do? Crystals and gemstones? Is she planning to fully develop Angels?

That's right! The Bloodrose Guild was officially established at 4 o'clock this morning and had also carried out internal reward distribution, dining, drinking, and other celebration activities. They received congratulations and consolation from various guilds and studios, made a publicity stunt on the forum,

and even made the headlines on TV and websites. The display was spectacular, but the big sister Zhou Qing always felt something was missing, not feeling fully satisfied?

Now, Zhou Qing finally understood what was missing—the "joy of sharing with the people"!

And coincidentally, Dragon Slayer Guild triggered a buying frenzy throughout the China Region, so there was no hesitation. Riding on the momentum they created, they would take advantage of the situation to stockpile rare resources like gemstones and crystals, preparing materials in advance for mass-producing Angels in the future.

Of course, for Zhou Qing, a non-profit oriented working studio, this was truly for the sake of publicity and celebration!

Now, Eternal Star could no longer remain calm: "I think, should we also liven things up a bit?"

The think tank members looked at each other, stupefied, and said: "Then, let's take the opportunity to stockpile some wood at a low price. It's always right for the Elf Clan to hoard wood."

Eternal Star's ideas were finally settled: "Alright, let's do this to celebrate the establishment of grand guilds in the China Region!"

—World Channel [Eternal Star]: Hello friends, our Star Guild...

Then Ninth Heaven couldn't sit still anymore!

—World Channel [Divine Emperor]: We will buy any resources they don't at 20% higher than the NPC's buying price!

When the Star Guild's Ninth Heaven made a statement, the atmosphere in the entire China Region exploded to its peak! Players everywhere exclaimed, "Today really feels like a holiday!"

Ma Yinglong, the big brother leading the pack in the China Region, was utterly puzzled and terrified! What are they doing? Why is Star buying wood? To confront? To follow the trend? To stir things up? To troll? To join in the fun? But no matter what they were doing, as long as they weren't competing with me for stones, it's fine!

The frenzy in the China Region's market immediately caught the attention of large guilds from other international regions. What exactly is China Region up to? Initially, only the instigator Ma Yinglong knew, but now even he was clueless—no one knew what China Region was doing!

Market trends are an invisible hand, but sometimes, it's the blind following of the masses that steers this hand.

Ever-watchful, the Indian Zone was the first to wake up! If the goal of the China Region was to circle mines with walls on a large scale upon entering the New World, then wouldn't that put the Indian Zone at a disadvantage? Therefore, their Eight Heavenly Dragons Guild also immediately took action, their appetite even bigger, directly buying all kinds of resources from ordinary players!

Then the European Union Zone followed suit. With many countries and teams in the European Union Zone, when one national team took the lead, could other teams remain indifferent? Then the Japan Zone acted, and the Russian Zone as well. When most of the countries and regions were in motion, the United States and the self-proclaimed detached South Korea, who had been observing rationally, also had no choice but to act! Just like stocks, when others are frantically selling and you're laughing at them, the downtrend has already taken shape, and you have no choice but to sell with them!

The entire Hero World went crazy today!

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At this time, Da Fei, who was exploring the map in the Blood Sea, saw the suddenly lively World Channel and knew something big was about to happen. Though it seemed unrelated to him, he still felt a sense of urgency that time was of the essence, and Da Fei was eager to leave this place to head home for construction.

As for the map, it could be explored or not—Da Fei didn't care about the completeness of the mission reward anymore, it was enough to report to Makar. The key was that the Vine Space had yet to be found, and that was something Da Fei would not easily give up!

As for how to find the Vine Space? This was a real test of Da Fei's intelligence as the world's number one amateur player! This space was sealed, with none of the so-called instance entrances. Everything depended on teleporting at the "correct" location using this unreliable Magic Wand—so where was the "correct" place?

Sail the little ship around and try every single area of this map? Impossible! It's not minesweeping! Da Fei had seen Tai Da use the Space Magic Wand, which clearly didn't need a specific geographical coordinate—it seemed to work as long as you were in that space. In other words, if you couldn't get in here, then you wouldn't be able to get in anywhere on this map! How stupid would it be to sail around this vast sea and try spot by spot? Not to mention the possibility of exhausting the Magic Wand's magic power with too many attempts.

There were only two methods: one, to seek out special scenic architectures, like, by the game's habit, finding various dilapidated altars, the remains of Teleportation Arrays, etc.

Two, because this space was so-called twisted and broken, there had to be hidden entrances to other dungeon spaces on this map. Find the entrance, go in, then use the Magic Wand to teleport! This was what Da Fei considered the most reliable method.

Time ticked by second after second, Little Fei continued to circle this vast dungeon space. Aside from the Demigod found initially and the two gemstone mines near it, all other areas of water and the surrounding islands had various unknown monsters of different sizes, but no more gemstone mines were found. At the same time, no distinct facility or scenery was discovered, no entrance to other spaces was found.

At this point, Little Fei's Stamina was running low, and Da Fei was feeling increasingly anxious and lost! No way, if even a high-tech player like me, with the scouting Flying Eagle, couldn't find any clues, what about ordinary players who take on this mission? Should they really sail around looking for it? Would they find anything at all? They might just get killed by Water Monsters!

Although I believe that the system has no integrity, I still trust that the system has a bottom line. The task method of exhausting players' time definitely does not exist! Wasting players time is equivalent to

wasting the host computer's electricity. It's impossible for the game server to accompany me burning electricity and running resources for such a vast map scene—so where exactly is the trick?

Just as Da Fei was frowning in thought, ding-dong—a sound rang out!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! Your mission item "Magic Map Drawing Device" has finished drawing the map of this scene, you can go to the next area to continue drawing maps. The more maps you draw, the higher the reward for your mission completion...

Da Fei was suddenly shocked, have I made a mistake! I've explored the entire map? It's all been explored and still no hidden space entrance has been found? Could it be that this Demigod is blocking the entrance? Damn, is this a joke? If that's the case, how high is the difficulty level of this mission?!

What should I do? Should I die and return? Then, after discussing with Makar how to kill the Demigod, come back and search slowly?

Da Fei couldn't help but let out a long sigh to the sky, unwilling, so unwilling! Does it mean that when my high-tech is useless, I'm just an idiot with only 5 intelligence?

And just as Da Fei sighed to the sky, he suddenly saw a silver disc-like blood-red full moon in the sky above the Blood Sea!

Da Fei was taken aback—the moon? Such a familiar moon! Wasn't this the same one I encountered in the Abyss Blood Pool? Wait! Speaking of which, after visiting several World Tree Spaces and experiencing several game days and nights, this was the first time I've seen the moon in a World Tree Space, what does this imply? A mirror projection caused by the overlapping of spaces?

Of course, that wasn't important anymore. What was important was that every time I encountered the moon, there would be a tide, and the last time at the Abyss Blood Pool, after the tide subsided, there was significance. What about this time?

Da Fei had an epiphany—perhaps the trick here was just one, to wait! Wait for the tide!

Chapter 416: Officially Become a Primary Sentinel

In such a large space, it's impossible not to find a Space Gate entrance or exit, so the most likely place is underwater, appearing when the tides come in! This was Da Fei's final answer as he began to patiently wait.

Time ticked by second by second, and the moon slowly moved across the sky while the World Channel remained noisy and bustling. Just as Da Fei was feeling bored, a message notification from Invincible Soldier came in.

Invincible Soldier, "Brother Fei, eight classmates have applied to join the Guild. They are Da Meng B, Frog Eyes, Yiye Wuchang, Handsome Panda, Tubi Luanbowan, Bandit Soldier A, Bandit Soldier B, and My Favorite Fifth Girl. Another seven are waiting for their computers and will be online once they get them tomorrow. I'm teaching them to fast-track training, hoping to cultivate them into rookies overnight!"

Oh yeah, they finally came! Da Fei laughed heartily, "Great! Add them all!"

—Guild Channel: Warmly welcome Da Meng B to the guild!

—Guild Channel: Warmly welcome Frog Eyes to the guild!

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Invincible Soldier, "Everyone, welcome the new brothers to the Guild. Brothers, meet Brother Fei and hurry to bow!"

Da Meng B, "Brother Fei! We admire you so much, little brother kneels to you!"

One Sword Eastward, "From now on, my sword is your sword, and your sword is my sword!"

Invincible Soldier, "Quick, meet Brother Jian!"

Da Meng B, "Brother Jian, please take care of me in the future!"

... ★Qingcheng No. Romance● . . .: "Welcome, welcome!"

Invincible Soldier, "This is Brother Hao! Brothers, hurry and bow!"

"Brother Hao! We love you!"

Invincible Soldier, "Everyone listen up, Brother Fei is very busy, so don't disturb him in the channel unless it's important!"

"Understood, understood!"

Da Fei chuckled, "But if someone steps on you, you can still let me know!"

The entire Guild Channel erupted, "Brother Fei! Brother Fei spoke! Don't worry, Brother Fei, our humble lives are not worth wasting your time. We'll fight back ourselves without causing you any trouble!"

Da Fei was at a loss whether to laugh or cry, wondering what kind of people are these? Saying they have no bottom line, yet they still have some vigor. Well, Da Fei liked followers who didn't bother him. This was the long-lost feeling of being a leader, high and mighty, satisfying! Hahaha!

Now, the Guild Channel livened up, and Da Fei felt much more at ease, as time passed with jokes and banter in the channel. The moon in the Blood Sea sky finally set below the horizon.

Just then, a thunderous wave roared from the distance, and the sea began to slowly recede! Da Fei laughed heartily, "Finally, it's here! I said there's no problem that I can't solve!"

As the water receded, the islands on the sea gradually revealed their stern visage, and Da Fei's small boat automatically advanced with the current, letting the boat drift like a flush in a toilet, sure that the end of the stream leads to the exit.

But as the sea water descends, wouldn't there be a problem?

Da Fei quickly turned back to see that the Vortex Space Gate he had come through had disappeared! There wasn't an imagined hanging Black Waterfall either, nor did it descend with the sea level.

Da Fei's brow twitched. Could this be the phenomenon?

On careful thought, not turning into a waterfall was understandable; otherwise, if he came out at the wrong time when the tide was going out, wouldn't he fly down three thousand feet with the boat? The system couldn't possibly trap players like that! Such a high-tech Vortex Space Gate couldn't be compared to a lavatory's exit. Turning into a hanging waterfall would be a joke.

The thing was, a Vortex Space Gate used water as a medium for transmission, and a change would naturally occur if the water level was incorrect. If he ever developed a route from the Pool of Radiance to here, his big ship would need to wait for high tide for transmission. That was truly inconvenient!

As the sea level continuously fell, the previously visible islands turned into towering mountains in the water, and at the forefront were two striking gemstone mines, no, mountains of gemstones! There was indeed more beneath the water!

At this time, Da Fei finally caught sight of the true form of that demigod in the distance, a colossal sea turtle with a shell like an island!

Da Fei couldn't help feeling slightly heavy-hearted. If it was a turtle, its Blood Defense was through the roof, and no player's crossbow cannon could touch it. It had to be Makar's earth-shattering magic to do the job! However, even though a crossbow cannon was useless, it didn't prevent Da Fei from taking the chance to find his Phantom Crossbow Cannon!

At this moment, a red alert flashed on Da Fei's screen!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! Strong creatures have appeared nearby, maintain vigilance!

Da Fei was suddenly alarmed, seeing a dense array of red dots around his radar, himself unknowingly surrounded by water monsters! Clearly, as the sea withdrew, a large number of water monsters initially scattered began gradually gathering with the current!

Damn it! Should he immediately charge forward with his ship? But where to? The water level hadn't receded enough; the underwater space gate hadn't appeared, and there were even water monsters ahead!

Now there was only one way, Stealth, no, Phantom March! Mysterious Stealth Navigation couldn't be used without three, he could only Phantom March and play dead. Although he couldn't hide the boat's body, Tachiusu said the boat could effectively shield biological auras, making it difficult for monsters to detect him through smell. Hope the water monsters won't blindly attack Da Fei's boat!

Now, the Tree Leaf Boat slowly drifted forward, while Da Fei lay flat on the boat, not daring to lift his head. The surrounding red dots grew denser and closer, with red alerts continuously flashing on Da Fei's screen. His mind filled with a thousand wild horses racing wildly! Damn it! This was the game's way. Every time a major breakthrough was about to occur, players would never have an easy time!

A massive red dot near the radar approached the Tree Leaf Boat, a water monster five to six times larger than it. Da Fei's heart was in his throat! Could he endure it, just this one gamble. Damn it, even if he gambled this time, there were many more ahead!

Closer! Coming closer! About to collide!

—Boom! A water-splash sound reverberated as the Tree Leaf Boat shook violently. Da Fei felt his entire body lurch, as if flying! At this moment, Da Fei's mind went blank!

—Boom snap! Another splash, the Tree Leaf Boat plunged into the water, rocking violently. The radar showed the red dot casually drifting away grandly!

It hadn't been exposed! Scared him to death! In that instant, tears of joy filled Da Fei's eyes!

It wasn't that Da Fei feared death. He longed for it to start a new life, to leave this place. But sometimes people, once entirely invested, couldn't help themselves. Perhaps that's where the fun of the game lies, allowing players to experience thrilling excitement they would never have the chance to in reality.

But very soon, Da Fei realized he had celebrated too early, as it seemed the direction of his drift headed right toward that demigod sea turtle! Could it actually guard the entrance to the next space like the Eight-Headed Snake? That was too cruel! It even detected Little Fei while he was invisible, what could playing dead in front of it achieve?

Well, whatever it achieved, live or die was all in this instance! Sure enough, after a moment, another continuous series of blaring red alarms flashed on Da Fei's screen!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! You have entered Totos's alert range and are about to engage in battle!

So it was called Totos, its alert range just as far as that crocodile's! This was indeed a demigod's level! At that moment, the shattered pot was completely broken, surrounded by so many red dots; it didn't matter if one more joined them, nothing would shock Da Fei anymore, bringing a serene void, ah no, clarity to his heart.

At that moment, a huge white dot appeared before the radar, a gigantic crimson vortex, the entrance finally revealed!

This demigod wasn't specifically a gatekeeper; it was merely that the gate was within its alert range. The task wasn't as ruthless as imagined!

The flame of hope ignited fiercely. In that instant, a wild idea surged through Da Fei's mind—rush forward! Triumph was within reach! With a Master-level Navigator's Sailing Skill coupled with this Green Leaf Boat's innate high speed, he could definitely dart through like an F1 speedboat!

No, no, no! Calm! Stay calm! Don't be impulsive, there were still water monsters ahead, can't fall at the finish line! Da Fei had calmly drifted past the Eight-Headed Snake, surely he could continue drifting! Right, Da Fei received information from a sentinel while passing the Eight-Headed Snake. What about this time? This time it was another demigod, accompanied by so many training partners!

Yes! Stay calm, showing oneself prematurely would render all efforts futile. Da Fei continued to gamble, drifting to the end! If even this cannot pass, does this game hold any hope?

Time once again suspended in Da Fei's world, a second lasted as long as a minute! When the demigod's trial commenced, time became meaningful for Da Fei, a test leading to success!

The Tree Leaf Boat slowly approached the vortex, as large water monsters drifted past. In Da Fei's mind, only a wisp of cloud floated in the blue sky...

Closer, closer to the vortex, a great force suddenly pulled the tiny boat, then the scene changed! Darkness enveloped him!

He made it! In the darkness, the system prompt jingle chimed continuously!

—System Prompt: Loading scene, please wait a moment...

—System Prompt: You successfully evaded the scent detection of Totos and other strong creatures, gaining insight into the sentinel skill "Aura Shield"!

—Aura Shield: Sentinels can effectively mask their aura, making it difficult for enemies to detect them by smell.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You have successfully grasped the sentinel skill "Aura Shield," officially becoming a Primary Reconnaissance Sentinel! You have officially learned the sentinel skill "Stealth Master"!

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Da Fei laughed heartily! He's finally promoted! Although it came eventually, he never imagined it would be the small boat given by the Vine Demons assisting his advancement, rather than his proud God-level Reconnaissance Technique! Haha, wahahaha! From today, he's a Stealth Master not easily found even with a guide dog!

## Chapter 417: Entering Vine Space

In Da Fei's laughter, the scene changed, revealing a red glow and blood mist before his eyes; the stench and heat rushed at him, still the Blood Sea! But this Blood Sea was boiling!

—System Prompt: Your task item "Magic Map Drawing Device" began operating, it would automatically draw the scenery within your line of sight...

Another new scene? Where was this place again? Anyway, who cares where it was, turning pro meant dying without regrets! Da Fei instantly took out the Space Wand and used it!

The green light of the wand flashed, emitting a dazzling green beam that pierced through the blood mist and shot straight into the sky!

—System Prompt: You used the World Tree "Jade Lake Space—Vine Jungle Space" password teleportation wand, beginning space correction...

There was a response, it could work! Da Fei was so awesome, he said there was nothing in the game he couldn't solve, if he couldn't solve it, other players wouldn't even need to play, right? Wahahaha! He had to see what secrets this deeply hidden Vine Space held, was there really a chicken that lays golden eggs?

As Da Fei was fantasizing, he suddenly felt something was off—it seemed the space was distorted here, and it was understandable to adjust it, but wasn't this taking too long? Not just time, but wasn't the green light too conspicuous as well? Such a big flashlight illuminating the sky, was it afraid others couldn't see him?

A breath of deceit rushed at him!

In short, it wasn't time to rejoice yet! Da Fei started warily observing his surroundings, but it was still thick blood mist all around; even with God-level Reconnaissance Technique and various treasure appraiser sentinels enhancing his vision, the visibility was terribly low, and Little Fei was out of stamina, returning to the Blood Flute, making the situation very passive! Now, Da Fei could only pray for this deceitful correction to finish soon.

But the more anxious he got, the more deceitful it became, second by second passed, and the green light became brighter, upgrading from a flashlight to an anti-aircraft searchlight! Had it really been a thousand years since its batteries were so full?

And what was destined to come finally came! A red burst on Da Fei's radar!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill Alert! A powerful enemy appeared near you, please stay alert!

You gotta be kidding me! Seeing a massive red dot on the radar moving quickly in his direction without hesitation, Da Fei knew that whether it was the God-level Stealth Master or the Sentinel Breath Shield, he was bound to be betrayed by this flashlight!

Now, the only thing that could save him was the Master-level Navigation Skill combined with this boat's natural high speed, so without a word, just run!

The Vine Demon flicked its leaf stem, and the Tree Leaf Boat sped like an arrow over the boiling Blood Sea. Where to run, what was ahead, what was chasing him from behind? Da Fei didn't know and had no choice! Running in the dark can make one feel immense fear; playing a game Da Fei wasn't that scared, but he could deeply understand how nerve-wracking this feeling was!

But the only comfort was that the Tree Leaf Boat really was fast, fast enough for the giant red dot behind to gradually lose ground! But good times didn't last long, and there was another red burst ahead on the radar, another giant red dot coming to intercept him!

This was just insane! Turn!

Then, red dots appeared one after another around to intercept him! Da Fei dodged left and right in a daze! He'd never played a game of hide and seek where he couldn't see the scene, the path, or the enemies!

But speaking of which, modern fighter pilots played similarly, didn't they? Two eyes seeing nothing in the blue sky, only a few flashes on the radar, then pressing a button, and the missile flew without care; this was called beyond-visual-range strike! This was high-end!

Exactly! Da Fei was playing high-end! With so many monsters intercepting him, did he enter combat mode? No! This thrill was something ordinary players could never experience! Why should he be frustrated?

And at that moment, suddenly, a beam of fire appeared in the blood mist, like a lighthouse drawing Da Fei, buzzing around like a headless fly. Da Fei was led unconsciously towards the fire, as a pungent sulfur smell hit him, and in front was a large yellow island, with a flash of gold on the radar!

—System Prompt: You discovered a sulfur mine!

Sulfur mine! In an instant, Da Fei understood! Sulfur mines are usually near active volcanoes; this boiling Blood Sea was evidently caused by a volcano, and since there had been a battlefield here a thousand years ago, it must be the entrance to Hell!

Great! Another mine discovered, making it three mines in total! With Makar's greed over Mithril Island, coupled with how Da Fei and he were "human" compatriots and close teacher-student relationship, why wouldn't he lend a hand? The key was, these three mines were all unowned! In the NPC Kingdom forces' old world, where could you find three unowned mines? Da Fei was 100% certain that as long as he went back and handed over this mission, Makar would definitely take action!

Wahahaha! This trip was worth it, even if Da Fei was killed by this wand, he had no regrets, he could always come back next time! With this thought, Da Fei felt relieved, and at that moment, Thunder Light flickered in the sky!

Da Fei looked up, a blurry image of a forest appeared at the end of the "searchlight"! Was that Vine Space?

—System Prompt: Space correction completed, teleportation beginning!

Da Fei let out a long sigh of relief, so this time it finally wouldn't deceive, right? Then the scene changed, and a splash was heard!

—Plop! The Tree Leaf Boat appeared in a small crystal-clear, dazzling pond, surrounded by lush woods with vines bursting with life and greenery!

—System Prompt: You discovered Vine Space.

—System Prompt: You discovered Swan Lake, your and your troops' Stamina and Life Value fully recovered, Luck Value +2 (lasting one game month). Additionally, resting one full game day in Swan Lake permanently increases your Stamina and Life Value by 10. Note: The permanent effect of one Swan Lake can only be used once per player.

Da Fei laughed heartily; they greeted him with a special facility gift right away, and he gladly accepted! And just then, a flash of gold from the water bank forest on Da Fei's radar, signaling treasure!

Da Fei quickly docked, jumped onto the soft grass and headed towards the glowing spot in the jungle, where a golden seed lay!

—System Prompt: You obtained a fifth-grade Holy Vine Seed.

—Holy Vine Seed: Unit item, after use it can instantaneously grow into a plant unit, a Holy Vine, on any terrain except volcanic and icy areas.

Da Fei felt a mixture of surprise and joy, realizing it really was simply picked up randomly? Just like World Tree Fruit, all having grades? It was already fifth-grade; what about first-grade? Would there be only one? Were there more? Were there? Da Fei looked around, and not far away, the forest shone again!

Wahaha! Here I come!

#### Chapter 418: Collecting Holy Vine Seeds

—System Prompt: You acquired a Grade 5 Holy Vine Seed.

Got another one! So easy! Incredibly easy! I won't say another word now, Da Fei immediately pulled out the Blood Eagle Flute. After the baptism from Swan Lake earlier, Little Fei's stamina was instantly full, and as Little Fei ascended, the entire forest view was within Da Fei's sight. At the same time, the radar showed flickering golden lights like flashes from an audience!

Da Fei laughed heartily, turns out the reward for finding this Vine Space was so delightful! So delightful that bro wondered if he was dreaming!

Da Fei was like a little boy collecting mushrooms, excitedly darting around the forest! One seed, another, five, ten! Why were they all Grade 5? Just a mere Grade 5 seed couldn't satisfy bro, bro wanted higher, wanted more! Haha, wahahaha!

Just when Da Fei was unsatisfied with collecting, red lightning suddenly struck in the sky!

—System Prompt: Warning! Due to your entry, demons have discovered the Vine Space and are attempting to crack the space's code to invade. Please prepare for defense or withdrawal!

What?!

Da Fei was utterly baffled! Damn it, didn't I just say the system wouldn't be so generous! Sure enough, someone came to ruin the fun! How should I deal with this? Is there any option besides grabbing as much as possible?

But stay calm! Bro had a massive advantage, bro had the Flying Eagle and God-level Treasure Appraisal Skill! If an ordinary player came here, how much could they grab? They'd definitely search around the dense forest with their heads down, right? But bro was different, bro just ran over and picked up stuff, without even searching, bro's efficiency was several times that of ordinary players! As a quest reward, the system must consider ordinary players' feelings and leave them enough time to gather, right?

Moreover, there's Swan Lake here that gives a permanent bonus of 10 life stamina after staying for a day, the reward system should give this to players, right? Meaning the system should at least give players a day, right?

Exactly! At least another day, bro still had lots of time, bro would stay calm!

Da Fei continued to collect seeds under the radar's direction, twenty!

Red lightning boomed again in the sky, but Da Fei was unmoved by the thunder, thirty!

By now, Da Fei's mood in picking seeds was completely different from when he first arrived, time was precious precisely because it was limited, and it compelled urgency and appreciation, forty!

Now, the seeds around Swan Lake's forest were almost completely pillaged by Da Fei, and these seeds were all Grade 5 without exception. Da Fei turned his gaze deeper into the dense forest, in this area, the radar's golden lights were very sparse, Da Fei could guess with his toes, it wasn't that there were none, but that the seed grade was higher, hence not easily discovered by his Intermediate Treasure Appraiser!

Meaning, bro must finally be like ordinary players, searching with a lowered head! However, this was also a rare opportunity to upgrade the Treasure Appraiser level. Last time, the Intermediate Treasure Appraiser only received advanced information after discovering a Level 8 soldier egg inside a Snake-necked Dragon gut, this was a bit unfair, there must be a little more to breakthrough, right? As long as bro succeeded in discovering a high-grade seed, the skill might level up, once upgraded, perhaps the high-tech harvesting could continue, in short, bro must make the most of it!

Thus, Da Fei set Little Fei to hover in low air around his vicinity while he squatted, rummaging through grass and under trees. Every stone, every clod, every unknown fruit shell was picked up and closely examined by Da Fei.

The thunder rumbled in the sky, time ticked by second by second, Da Fei searched every tree and bush around without any gain, Da Fei began to feel anxious!

Could bro's thought be wrong? Were there only Grade 5 here? Or did the system only allow Grade 5 for players? Impossible! Such a large map! If an ordinary player came here, they might rush straight into the deepest bush for a search, players should have some gain, right?

But bro was so meticulous, the high-tech couldn't even discover it, what chance did ordinary players have?

Yeah, what chance did ordinary players have? At this realization, Da Fei's brow twitched, if an ordinary player came here, their usual reaction would definitely be constantly on alert to any grass or wood movement, right? They wouldn't act like bro with a head down and squatted butt, right? Bro had Flying

Eagles to know there was no danger here, thus he dared to lower his head and squat—but it was precisely because bro did so that he missed many things that shouldn't be missed?

Realizing this, Da Fei was suddenly enlightened, he jumped up and scanned the surrounding tree trunks and branches—and it was that moment, a ball-shaped object on a dried vine on a branch caught Da Fei's attention!

Could it be?

Da Fei immediately rushed forward, pulled the dried vine down, and closely observed the ball-like object covered with layers of dry leaves, was it? Had to be! It must be!

With unparalleled excitement, Da Fei peeled away the dry leaves enveloping the ball-like object, revealing a green nut glistening in front, a flash of light!

—System Prompt: You discovered a "Grade 4 Holy Vine Seed," you've understood Advanced Treasure Appraiser!

—Advanced Treasure Appraiser: A part-time profession for treasure hunting and appraising. Vision +30%, stacks with Reconnaissance Skill. In Advanced Treasure Appraiser status, players receive 1 free attribute point per 3 levels.

—System Prompt: You are currently level 40, you receive 3 points in attribute bonus for Advanced Treasure Appraiser. (Note: Advanced Treasure Appraiser grants 13 points in total at level 40, while Intermediate gives 10 points, which are now supplemented by 3 points)

And at the moment Da Fei's Treasure Appraiser level upgraded, three golden flashes appeared on the radar!

Da Fei let out a grand laugh, "Leveled up! Found it again! Bro's high-tech can be used again!"

Now Da Fei realized he was tricked by the system! Initially, the system scattered Grade 5 seeds all over the place, and bro assumed all seeds were ground-level, only to find the seeds on the trees once bro got

used to looking down! Ultimately, bro was too reliant on high-tech! Fine, bro wouldn't fall for that again, on trees, on the ground, in the soil, bro intended to dig them all!

As for now, quickly make up for the lost time! Da Fei immediately headed for the radar's golden flash indicator, found it, another withered vine on a tree! Wahaha! So where would Grade 3 appear? Could it really be underground?

In any case, don't worry about unresolved issues, focus on securing Grade 4 for now. By the way, were there any Grade 4 in the areas where the Grade 5 seeds were picked? In any case, confirm it!

Da Fei continued moving toward where the Grade 4 seeds were found, while Little Fei flew back to search the forest by the lakeside and found nothing.

Now Da Fei could entirely confirm, this forest indeed had higher grade seeds as one went deeper, judging by the radar distribution of Grade 4 seeds, fewer and fewer high-level seeds meant increased difficulty in finding them. So what would a Grade 1 look like? Suddenly, Da Fei recalled his Anemone King!

Gold eggs and a hen laying gold eggs, which was more important? No need to answer this question. Similarly, it was a Plant Monster, and his Anemone King was the hen that laid gold eggs! So, would this Grade 1 seed also be an Anemone King kind that was both a troop and a troop building?

If the Grade 1 seed were a troop building, based on the usual game reward traits, this seed would surely be unique!

This one must be the hardest to obtain but not necessarily the hardest to locate. Compared to the sparse, bizarrely distributed Grade 4 seeds, at least the position of Grade 1 could be pinpointed, the deepest part of the forest!

Da Fei's brow twitched, decided, time was short, after collecting these Grade 4 seeds, he would skip Grade 3 and 2 and directly go to the deepest part for Grade 1! Da Fei had no confidence in finding those sparse Grade 3 and 2 seeds that might be buried underground, which would be even more annoying!

Finally, after Da Fei harvested 40 Grade 5 seeds and 15 Grade 4 seeds, he began advancing towards the forest's depths. And it was just then, Little Fei who scouted ahead discovered a small elf-style wooden cabin deep in the forest, indeed there was a treasure!

#### Chapter 419: Vine Demon Gardener

Da Fei advanced toward the small wooden hut he discovered deep in the mysterious forest. Along the way, the radar remained blank. Third-grade, second-grade seeds truly couldn't be detected by an Advanced Treasure Appraiser. Well, out of sight, out of mind.

When Da Fei arrived at the small wooden hut, the door creaked open, and a Vine Demon NPC appeared, "It's been a thousand years, and finally, a visitor arrives. I'm Tamilia, the gardener here. I believe a hero like you didn't get lost and stumble here by accident?"

An NPC, huh? Even better!

Da Fei hurriedly said, "I was sent by the Lumang Tribe Chief, Lady Tachiusu, to find the Vine Forest. Though the journey was arduous, I finally made it here."

The gardener pointed at the sky flashing with thunder and said solemnly, "The demons will soon find this place and destroy everything. Hero, you don't have much time left. What do you plan to do?"

A plan? Damn! What plan could I have? The real question is, what are your plans?

Da Fei's mind turned, and he replied, "Lady Tachiusu asked me to collect some Holy Vine Seeds, and since the demons are coming, Miss Gardener, what do you intend to do?"

The gardener shook her head and sighed, "I, born from the essence of the Holy Vine's flower, am a Vine Demon. My soul is one with the Holy Vine. If the Holy Vine is destroyed, I will die along with it—"

Hearing this, Da Fei's eyebrows twitched! Is this Vine Demon about to issue a mission to fend off the demon invasion? Am I a god?

At that moment, the gardener's tone shifted, and with a serious expression, she said, "However, I refuse to accept death; more so, the destruction of the Holy Vine. Since you're here for seeds, could you please collect the Holy Vine Heart? The Holy Vine Heart is the seed that carries the legacy of the Holy Vine's life, residing in the Holy Vine Space. With it, the Holy Vine can be replanted, and I can continue growing it as a gardener!"

—System Prompt: You have received the quest "Collect Holy Vine Heart" from Vine Demon Gardener Tamilyia. Would you like to accept it?

—Task Hint: You must successfully obtain the Holy Vine Heart from the Holy Vine Space before the demons invade the Vine Forest.

Da Fei suddenly realized! This Holy Vine Heart is definitely that first-grade seed, right? Damn, I don't even need to look for it. An NPC directly gives me a quest and directions! So, as long as I find this seed, she'll be mine too? Wahahaha! No matter how difficult this quest might be, it sure beats directly confronting the demon invasion! Agree!

The gardener, unable to contain her excitement, said, "Hero, the fact that you reached this place proves your extraordinariness. I believe you can extend the life of the Holy Vine. Let me guide you!" After she spoke, she pulled out a shimmering green Magic Wand. Waving it, a rippling Space Gate appeared.

The gardener said deeply, "Hero, please!"

The scene changed, revealing a vast thorny forest shrouded in red light and a bloody mist! A sinister aura hit them!

—Task Hint: Vine Demon Gardener Tamilyia has joined your team. If Tamilyia dies, the mission fails!

What? She's at risk of death too? Da Fei exclaimed, "Where is this? The Holy Vine Space?"

The gardener answered solemnly, "Yes, just like the World Tree possesses various spaces, the Holy Vine, as a plant with divine power, also has its own space. Although it's not as grand as the World Tree, it's sufficient to contain its entire body. This thorny forest before you is the Holy Vine! As early as a

thousand years ago, during a war, the Holy Vine was tainted by the Demon Race. To prevent further contamination spreading to the Vine Space, the Holy Vine sealed itself in its own space."

Da Fei realized this was why he couldn't see the legendary Holy Vine upon entering the Vine Space. But if that's the case, doesn't the Holy Vine become an enemy?

Da Fei hastily asked, "Will we be attacked by the Holy Vine?"

The gardener earnestly replied, "Yes! Including me! That's why we need your help, hero. However, after a thousand years of confinement, the Holy Vine's power is not what it once was. We have a chance! Our greatest threat comes from the demon worms parasitizing the Holy Vine. They vary in size and are numerous, so be vigilant!"

Da Fei nodded repeatedly. Demon worms? My Little Fei is an expert in dealing with those! But now, without the World Tree Fruit providing unlimited mana regeneration, its Petrification Aura can last only a bit over a minute, which is a problem. Better save it for emergencies.

"Well then, hero, if you're ready, let's set out!"

Counting both you and Little Fei, I've only got three troops. How else can we prepare? Let's go!

—System Prompt: You have activated the God-level Reconnaissance Skill "Phantom March," and your army has entered Stealth State.

Heh heh! I'm a God-level Hero, with God-level Skills on the road! Not only that, but my sentinel skill, Stealth Master, enhances the Stealth effect, along with the newly comprehended "Aura Shield." My stealth now goes beyond God-level! If I can't sneak through, who else can?

Now, Da Fei, with his group of three, ventured into the Thorny Forest, where overhead branches intertwined. Each thorny branch was as sturdy as a tree, with dagger-like spikes emitting eerie green light, countless beetles as large as dogs, and scorpions patrolled back and forth on the branches.

More eerily, these thick thorns were subtly swaying! Obviously not blown by the wind, Da Fei couldn't even imagine the devastation if such substantial thorns crushed down. An army, no matter how vast, would be doomed instantly.

In short, this place was absolutely unsuitable for armies to sweep through. Only a stealth player like me could pass through, right?

Just as Da Fei was secretly rejoicing, a sudden flash of red light exploded in front of him!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill Warning! A powerful enemy is lurking ahead!

A lurking enemy! Da Fei immediately stopped and retreated a few steps! Staring at the open path ahead, then at the red frame continuously flashing on the radar mini-map, Da Fei was reminded of the time he encountered the Anemone King Boss!

Da Fei hurriedly asked the gardener in surprise, "There's an enemy lurking ahead; what do you think it is?"

Tamilia frowned and said, "It could be a Cannibal Vine lurking underground or a leader-level giant scorpion buried below. They hunt passing enemies by sensing ground vibrations. Our Vine Demon race flies, so we're unaffected. But for you, hero, better take a detour!"

Damn it! Even with my Super God-level Stealth, masking scents couldn't overcome their vibration mode!

Da Fei frowned, "Is it possible we'll encounter ambushes if we take a detour?"

Tamilia sighed, "It's uncertain. This is my first time venturing this far into the forest with you, hero!"

Damn! You really miss your troops when you need them, huh! If I had more, I could send a cannon fodder to trigger and eliminate it. If I had more Vine Demons, perhaps they could continue carrying me with flying vines? Hmm, flying? I can fly!

I have the Spiderman Artifact "Cliff Walker Backpack"! Da Fei looked up at the dense network of vines overhead. Isn't this my smuggling ceiling?

Da Fei laughed heartily! With this web backpack, I managed to steal Leviathan's Egg, let alone now with God-level Skills for protection. I'd like to see who could stop me!

#### Chapter 420: Turns Out to Be a Divine-level Talent

""Cliff Walker Backpack plus Flying Army made Da Fei's three-man team easily avoid the ambush ahead. And after using the Spiderman Artifact, Da Fei didn't have to take risks on the ground anymore, flying and weaving through the dense, dangerous thorny forests like it was his personal realm!

Undoubtedly, players with God-level Reconnaissance Technique are the pinnacle among adventure players at present stage! Of course, they will remain at the pinnacle for a long stage in the future as well! Not to mention, Da Fei also had the assistance of two Divine Skills of the hidden profession, Sentinel. It could be said that as long as it wasn't a combat instance, nothing could stop Da Fei.

And now, Da Fei finally arrived at the end of his journey, a fruit chestnut enveloped in a golden halo in the thorny grove, with countless beetles lurking around it. Was this a stance for a final showdown with the player?

Tamilia spoke in a deep voice, "This is the Holy Vine Heart. The golden light on the outside is the Divine Power Barrier of the Holy Vine, protecting the seed from being destroyed by Demon Worms and any external interference. Hero, if you are ready, I will close the seed's barrier. Once the barrier is closed, the Demon Worm will surely try to destroy the seed madly. Hero, make sure to succeed in acquiring it before the seed is destroyed!"

So that's how it is. For ordinary players, it might be quite a challenge, but for a tech-savvy dude like me, it's actually a cinch!

Da Fei positioned Little Fei properly, nodded, and said, "Ready, let's begin!"

Tamilia solemnly waved her magic wand, and with a flash, the golden halo outside the seed collapsed with a roar, "Barrier closed!"

—System Prompt: Gardener Tamlia has alarmed the enemies, battle begins!

This is the moment! Before all the Demon Worms had time to react, Little Fei appeared from the void plane and grabbed the seed at once!

—System Prompt: Your reconnaissance spirit eagle Little Fei has picked up the Holy Vine Heart!

Da Fei burst into laughter, "Miss Gardener, I succeeded!"

Such lightning-fast efficiency left Tamlia dumbfounded! But NPCs are just NPCs, after pretending for a moment she immediately calmed down with joy and said, "Retreat!"

A space gate immediately appeared. Watching the swarm of insects rushing in like a tide, Da Fei laughed heartily and entered. When the scene changed, Da Fei found himself back in front of the wooden house in the Vine Space.

Simple! Just so simple! Wahahaha!

At this moment, Tamlia was so agitated that she couldn't control herself, "Hero! Finding this place is indeed not by chance; your capability is undeniable! Entrusting you with the Holy Vine Heart is indeed the most reliable choice. I am willing to follow you, hero, and make every effort to cultivate the next generation of the Holy Vine for you!"

—System Prompt: You have completed the task "Collect Holy Vine Heart," and you gained +1 million experience. Your city gained the Divine-level Vine Forest Master and Master-level Gardener Tamlia as new members.

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped in surprise! She really pledged herself to him! This is a talent for territory management! A divine-level talent, oh, goodness! In a joyful surprise, Da Fei immediately checked her attributes.

—Tamlia: Manager of Vine Space, born from the essence of the Holy Vine Flower, a Vine Demon whose life is integrated with the Holy Vine. She possesses divine-level ability in cultivating vine plants. At the

same time, she is also a master-level gardener with extensive experience in cultivating various flowers, trees, and plants.

A non-military-type NPC unit. Attack 19, Defense 11, Damage 11-19, Health 150, Mana 300, Attack Speed 12, Magic Resistance 70%, Stamina 120, Skills: Flying Creature, Holy Vine Space Manager, Divine-level Vine Forest Master, Master-level Gardener, Holy Vine Symbiosis.

These are the attributes of this god-tier talent!

The so-called non-military type units refer to regular city NPCs. Here is a simple introduction to the differences and similarities between city NPCs and military units. The similarity is that both can join the player's team and fight together with the player, enjoying the bonus of the player's hero attributes and hero skills. For example, Ted, who once fought alongside Da Fei.

But the difference is that city NPCs do not require command power, and each NPC occupies one of the player's tactical positions alone. For instance, Da Fei, now at level 40, has 5 tactical positions, plus an additional one due to guild president bonus, totaling 6 tactical positions, meaning Da Fei can only lead 6 NPCs to battle. This is completely incomparable to military units like Charming Emperor, Artillery Emperor, Banshee, etc., which are all deemed as one unit category, can use one tactical position to carry hundreds of them.

But it's okay, as NPCs have extremely high intelligence, very flexible use, and they can also not occupy the player's tactical positions, freeing up space for the player to lead troops. However, if done so, NPCs will not receive the player's attributes and skill bonuses. From this level, players can actually lead countless NPCs. For example, in city defense battles, when the player lord has nothing left to defend with, the last resort is to summon all the city's NPCs.

Then, NPCs can go wherever they want, while military units must reach leader-level to be able to operate independently from the hero, and only leader-level military units can reach the intelligence level of NPCs.

And of course, an even bigger difference is that NPCs' attributes and skills are all over the place. If a player can become good friends with an NPC possessing mind-blowing skills, that effect is absolutely just as good as recruiting a god-level vice hero.

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While Da Fei was reveling in pleasant thoughts, another thunderstorm exploded in the sky.

Da Fei immediately snapped back to reality; it was time to leave! However, how to get back? The key was how to bring this god-level gardener back? Could this expired magic wand be used for the return trip?

At this moment, Tamlilia became passionate and said, "Master, are you interested in teaching the invader a lesson?"

Da Fei exclaimed, "How is that possible?!"

Tamlilia shook her head, speaking solemnly, "Master's collection action was faster than I imagined, which afforded me a lot of time. I have ample time to release the Holy Vine from the Sealing Space, and let the Holy Vine unleash its last powers to fiercely strike at the invading enemy — rather than let it be destroyed in weakening pain, it's better to let it fully unleash its thousand-year-old fury!"

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched, "What about your safety?"

Tamlilia smiled faintly, "Master, my life is in symbiosis with the Holy Vine Heart, as long as the Holy Vine Heart doesn't perish, I won't really die; death to me is just a sleep!"

Oh, I see! Fine, as long as you don't die, anything goes, dude can also die back to revive!

Da Fei laughed and said, "Okay! Let's do it your way!"

I would like to see the power of the Holy Vine! If it's awesome, I'll cultivate it vigorously! And by the way, let's see how big the difference is between me and NPC Demon forces.

Tamlilia nodded, "Then I will go conduct the unlocking ceremony. Master, please rest well."

Rest? How is that possible! Idle doing nothing is still idle; I'll go hunt for 3rd-class, 2nd-class seeds! Gotta make full use of time, wahahaha!

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Elorin Commerce Bureau.

The undercover tycoon Endo Shinichiro flipped through the commission task column of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce while waiting for Invincible Soldier and others to gather, and lead him to accept chamber of commerce commission tasks for leveling up.

—Elorin Thief Guild elder issued an indefinite A-level chamber of commerce commission task "Bounty on the One-Eyed Pirate Barth."

—Elorin Sunrise Hotel owner issued an indefinite A-level chamber of commerce commission task "High-level purchase of blood shark fins for gourmet ingredients."

—Elorin Starlight Jewelry Store issued an indefinite A-level chamber of commerce commission task "High-level purchase of Blue Bay Pearl Scallops."

Looking at this array of A-level commissions on the chamber mission column, the shock in Ono's heart could be imagined! During the open beta, only guilds of medium standard occasionally had a few A-level commissions, yet Da Fei's guild actually churned out so many A-level commissions! How high is this guild status? Clearly, this guild also only had a few people, how could they achieve such great accomplishments in such a short time?

Is it the effort of Da Fei alone? Or is it the result of Da Fei appointing NPCs as the vice president? What would Mr. Igarashi think seeing these commissions, comparing them to their chamber's specialty golden spearfish, octopus?

The gap was truly too large! An urgent sense of urgency surged up in Ono's heart, and he couldn't help but clench his fists.

Just then, there was a cheer from behind, "Brother Hao! Brother Hao, we waited long!"

"Brother Hao, I specifically turned the ship around midway to pick you up!"

"Everyone, greet Brother Hao!"

"Brother Hao, we love you!"

Ono couldn't help but smile knowingly, the breakthrough was in this group! So he slowly turned around, smiled faintly, and said, "Thank you everyone! You've worked hard!"

Invincible Soldier exclaimed excitedly, "Brother Hao, don't be polite with us. Come on, we'll take Brother Hao to do C-level tasks first, everyone has to perform well!"