

God level 421

Chapter 421: Playing Happily with a Tycoon

—System Prompt: You have accepted the indefinite C-grade Chamber of Commerce commission quest "Purchase Delicious Sea Urchin Ingredients" from the owner of Elorin Sunrise Hotel.

"Have you all accepted the quest?" Invincible Soldier asked.

Everyone said in unison, "We have!"

Invincible Soldier turned his head and chuckled, "Brother Hao, please come aboard!"

With so many A-grade quests available, choosing just a C-grade one, and a collection mission at that, the least rewarding type—the contrast somehow made Ono-kun feel a bit wryly amused. Is it that Da Fei is too strong, or are they too weak?

Ono then feigned confusion, "The experience for a C-grade Chamber of Commerce commission can't be that high, right?"

One Sword Eastward immediately said, "You'll know once you're there, Brother Hao. It'll blow your mind!"

Invincible Soldier nodded repeatedly, "Exactly, exactly, you can find sea urchins in many places, but the quality can vary greatly. The spot we're heading to is top-notch!"

Ono chuckled, "Alright, let's broaden my horizons!" In truth, for Ono, leveling up was just a pretext.

Invincible Soldier said with a smile, "All aboard!"

The group, full of energy, made their way straight to the dock, laughing and joking along the way, when a gang of people blocked their path. Needless to say, it was Blood Sea Studio again. With a tycoon among them and the addition of so many new brothers from the computer science department, Da Bing's confidence was more formidable than ever.

"Yo, Brother Tian, are you here to see us off to sea?" Before Da Bing could speak, One Sword Eastward stepped out and jeered.

Damn it, he stole my line again! Da Bing felt quite helpless regarding One Sword Eastward. To call him arrogant, yet he was surprisingly polite to both himself and Da Wei.

"Where's that dog barking from?" Sea and Sky snubbed One Sword Eastward and went straight up to Brother Hao, "Bro, it's a pity to throw your talent away in obscurity! Our Blood Sea Guild is about to be established, and we warmly welcome you!"

Da Bing and the others were shocked, to have someone poach right in front of them! Invincible Soldier immediately retorted angrily, "Who's your brother!"

A player from Sea and Sky's group shot back, "Would you rather be brothers with this poor loser? You think you have the right to speak when a tycoon is talking?"

"Damn!" Da Bing was instantly shut down, and their faces changed color.

"Tycoon, my ass!" Sea and Sky retorted with a kick, "I'm not crude!"

"Of course, of course, Brother Tian is truly a high-class, quality bigshot!"

One Sword Eastward mocked, "Without a Divine Artifact, what kind of bigshot are you?"

The other side jeered in response, "The leaders of China's three large guilds don't have Divine Artifacts either, what do you know!"

Just then, Brother Hao shook his head and gestured, "Brother Fei is really awesome. I joined his Guild because I truly admire him—my wealthy friends, aren't you busy? Could you please step aside?"

One Sword Eastward immediately shouted, "Good dogs don't block the way!"

Sea and Sky said indifferently, "Once we're out of this port, we're enemies on sight."

One Sword Eastward laughed heartily, "Enemies that keep chasing after my ass every day! Oh, I'm so scared!"

"Watch your back!" Sea and Sky huffed coldly and led their group away.

One Sword Eastward laughed boisterously, "Every day it's 'watch your back', how about showing me a Divine Artifact first?"

Invincible Soldier hurriedly said, "Brother Hao, don't worry about it! These guys come and greet us every day, you'll get used to it."

Ono gently smiled, "It's fine, I'm actually curious to see what kind of people dare to become Brother Fei's enemies."

One Sword Eastward guffawed, "They wish they could be Brother Fei's enemies? They're not even qualified to be doormats!"

Invincible Soldier cleared his throat, "At most, they're only fit to be enemies with the likes of us. Brother Fei is busy and doesn't even give them the time of day."

Ono remarked poignantly, "That's why I admire Brother Fei, his realm is truly on another level!"

The group agreed, "Exactly, exactly, Brother Fei's realm is on another level!"

At this moment, Ono was secretly thrilled! He had only heard about One Sword Eastward in the forums—a slightly above average player in terms of skill, but a giant when it came to trash-talking! Seeing is believing; with such an odd character around, how could Da Fei not make enemies everywhere? This is a talent who must be given key responsibilities!

So, Brother Hao made a point of patting One Sword Eastward's shoulder and praised, "Hurry up, let's set sail!"

With that pat, One Sword Eastward felt like his bones were several pounds lighter, almost ready to bend over and pick up soap from excitement! He trembled with emotion, "Alright! Let's set out!"

That pat, in Da Bing's eyes, felt like the sky was falling! Holy shit! With the tycoon in such a good mood, who knows how much money he would reward in his card? Does it mean our performance just now didn't have the same charisma as One Sword Eastward? Fine! Next time we must exude even more domineering energy!

Now, Brother Hao and his entourage of a dozen players boarded the Octopus docked at the harbor. Da Bing began assigning roles to the new brothers from the computer science department—mainly positioning on the four Crossbow Cannons in the Gun Cabin and the Observatory. Although Da Liu and the others were also joining the ship for the first time, Da Bing had already tipped them off in private; under no circumstances should they act surprised or amazed, and they needed to remain as focused as professional bodyguards from the movies, or else there would be no rewarding tip from the tycoon.

Once everything was ready, the Octopus raised its sails and lightly sailed away from Elorin Port.

Perhaps influenced by the tense, battle-ready atmosphere among the crew, Ono initially looked around to see if the Blood Sea Guild would give chase, or set up an ambush at sea. But after a while, with the ship so far out that the land was no longer in sight, not a trace of pursuit materialized.

Ono couldn't help but sigh inwardly; perhaps the Blood Sea Guild's threats were just hot air. It seems necessary to find a way to cultivate more formidable enemies. However, making enemies is a craft, it must be done subtly and imperceptibly. In any case, patience is key—he must first earn everyone's absolute trust.

At this time, the players on board remained on high alert, vigilantly scanning the empty sea. Ono wanted to talk to them, to foster camaraderie, but given the militaristic posture, he thought better of it and decided to head to the Cockpit to chat with the upper levels instead.

And in that moment of entering the door, Ono saw a completely different One Sword Eastward! His gaze was resolute and focused! Was this the same flippant, odd One Sword Eastward from before?

Just when Brother Hao was lost in thought, Invincible Soldier greeted him with a cheery smile: "Brother Hao, the sea might be a bit monotonous, but we're not far from our destination, the Blue Coral Islands. We'll be there in another twenty minutes."

Ono chuckled: "It's not boring at all, this feeling of a solitary boat against the vast sea and sky is quite calming to the spirit!"

Da Bing praised: "Brother Hao really has a high level of awareness. Oh, by the way, Brother Hao, you're level 15 now, have you not chosen a class yet? Do you want to become a Knight or a Priest? Some Chamber of Commerce missions give extra attribute rewards based on the hero's class."

Ono shook his head with a smile: "Haven't decided yet. Oh right, Brother Fei hasn't chosen a class yet either, has he? What class is he, and what skills has he learned?"

Da Bing was taken aback for a moment, then sighed: "No idea."

Ono was astonished: "Even you don't know?"

Da Bing said with a wry smile: "We've never fought alongside Brother Fei before. There's no helping it; Brother Fei is just too high-end. We can't keep up with the pace of his excellence!"

Ono nodded in agreement: "I see! I wonder when we'll be able to catch up with Brother Fei's pace?"

Da Bing laughed: "One of these days when Brother Fei is free, Brother Hao can invite him to help with a high-end instance. With the influence Brother Hao has, Brother Fei will definitely agree. We've always wanted to fight alongside Da Fei too!"

Ono chuckled and shook his head: "No, no, we can't bother Brother Fei."

Just then, One Sword Eastward suddenly shouted: "Whirlpool! Hard to starboard!!!"

Da Bing reflexively jolted in alarm and without hesitation yanked the wheel—creak, the ship shook violently!

"Whirlpool?" Ono steadied himself and looked forward, utterly shocked! A massive whirlpool had suddenly appeared before them, spinning faster and growing larger, threatening to engulf the Octopus!

One Sword Eastward bellowed again: "Emergency Acceleration!"

—Boom! With a thunderous jolt, the Octopus's bow surged upward and its speed soared, cutting through the waves like a speedboat!

Ono was stunned again. What is this?

With the correct angle and necessary speed, amidst the creaking filling the entire ship, the Octopus narrowly skirted the edge of the colossal whirlpool!

Only when they were clear did One Sword Eastward finally let out a long sigh of relief: "We've managed to get through today!"

Da Bing couldn't help but wipe the cold sweat from his brow: "It's this thrilling every time!"

Having regained his composure, Ono babbled: "Nani, what, how is this ship so fast?"

This time, Da Bing wouldn't let Swordman take the lead in responding. He immediately said: "This is a special boat given by Brother Fei; it has an accelerating skill! We've been leveling up the boat regularly, and its speed has been increasing!"

A special boat! Leveling up the boat? Ono's eyes widened in surprise: "What about the whirlpool?"

Da Bing grimaced: "That, we're not sure about. It might have something to do with the mission Brother Fei has accepted. Generally, it's very difficult for ordinary boats to get through, and we dare not take the cargo ship out to sea. Only Brother Fei's special boat has a chance."

One Sword Eastward laughed: "Even with a chance, we can't be careless, or else there'll be no explaining to Brother Fei if we wreck the boat!"

"Exactly!"

"Truly Brother Fei is so insightful!" Ono smiled foolishly, his mind as turbulent as a stormy sea! Mr. Igarashi, oh Mr. Igarashi, even the plaything Brother Fei gifts to his junior surpasses what you have. At this rate, you'll only be fit to clash with his subordinates.

The sudden appearance of the whirlpool shook everyone, but it also relaxed their nerves. Amidst conversation and laughter, sail shadows loomed ahead, the Blue Coral Islands were in sight.

And just then,

—[Regional Channel][Royal Dominator]: To the players who have just arrived, hello. The Royal Guild is undertaking a major mission. Please do not approach our security perimeter. Thank you for your cooperation, much appreciated!

Da Bing was startled: "Reserved area!!!" Although the channel message was polite, anyone could tell what it meant.

And Ono's eyebrows twitched!

The Royal Guild? Wasn't that the heavyweight guild just behind the top three guilds in the China Region? Although this guild might not have as many professional gamers as the top three, it undoubtedly had the most tycoon players. They might not care about money and don't act solely on profit like the top three guilds often do, but act on whim, and these kinds of players are usually the most terrifying! Perhaps they had what it takes to be Da Fei's enemies!

Having made his decision, Ono's subtle smile surfaced: "If that's the case, then we shall wait."

Da Bing hurriedly said: "Brother Hao! These are top-quality sea urchins discovered during the public test, they only respawn once a week. I didn't expect someone would already be able to take on this mission here!"

One Sword Eastward said gravely: "They're not taking on a mission; they must be farming the Sea Urchin King BOSS!"

The crowd exclaimed: "Farming a BOSS?!"

Ono frowned: "If it were just a mission, we should obviously make way for them, we could even lend a hand. But reserving a BOSS is just tasteless and low-class!"

Once Brother Hao spoke, did the rest really need telling what to do?

One Sword Eastward immediately said: "Brother Hao is right, reserving a BOSS is tasteless. Since the Royal Guild targeted Brother Fei during the national qualifiers in China and there's some history between them, we'll teach them a lesson on behalf of Brother Fei."

At this point, the usually silent Da Wei spoke up: "What if they really are on a mission?"

One Sword Eastward laughed heartily: "Of course, we'll help them out!"

Everyone laughed: "Let's go, let's lend a hand!"

Chapter 422: Competing for the Sea Urchin King

Octopus is ignoring the warnings of the Royal Guild, charging directly at the so-called cordon formed by rows of small fishing speedboats.

One Sword Eastward points forward and laughs heartily: "They think they're traffic police, putting out a few red buoys and expecting no one would dare to crash through. If they're so capable, why don't they block the entire sea!"

Da Bing, of course, couldn't let their morale down: "Exactly, just because he said to close off the area, acting like he's some big department."

Royal Guild warns once again on the channel:

— Regional Channel [Royal Dominator]: Friends who just arrived, our Royal Guild is undertaking a major mission, please do not approach our cordon and cooperate!

— Regional Channel [One Sword Eastward]: Friends from Royal, we're also on a mission and in a rush!

"One Sword Eastward?!"

Such a familiar name instantly shook the core members of the Royal Guild present! During the domestic preliminaries, Da Fei had used this name to sneak into the Royal's public command group, the relation with Da Fei was obvious! Recently, One Sword Eastward has been constantly clashing with Blood Sea Studio, notorious in forums being called a foul-mouthed mad dog!

Of course, the friend of a trash is a trash too! Royal Blade from the core members of the Royal instantly reacted: "Boss, we've traveled all this way and just happened to encounter this trash, no such coincidence exists, this guy means harm!"

Royal Star Sky also immediately responded: "From the moment he appeared in our sight, there has been no sign of slowing down, definitely here to steal the BOSS!"

Royal Wind Demon: "This guy is definitely here for revenge!"

Royal Dominator waves his hand: "Don't casually talk about leaks! Prepare for battle now, the outer cordon small boats immediately encircle and block him, make him hit us and turn on his White Name while also reducing his speed, Group 2's Wind Thunder and Divine Power go up for a pinch attack!"

"Roger!"

The Royal Guild is indeed here to kill the Sea Urchin King BOSS. A Sea Monster BOSS has a big advantage in that the first kill will explode with city seafood specialties, but Sea Monster BOSSes are notoriously difficult to kill, and even finding them is almost impossible. However, there is an exception found during the public beta, the Sea Urchin King!

Sea urchins, also known as sea hedgehogs, typically gather in the Shallow Sea Area, which players can directly dive down to collect. This Sea Urchin King, of course, also spawns in the Shallow Sea Area, with very slow Move Speed, unlike other deep-sea monsters who could dive and escape when losing a fight, making it the most likely BOSS to be killed by players.

Also, because the Sea Urchin King has no escape ability, its combat power is astonishing, its spikelike spines as long weapons can rebound over 200% of the Melee Damage and effectively block ranged arrows, making it nearly invincible against physical attacks. Therefore, it can only be defeated by concentrating a large number of Mage Heroes or troops firing upon it.

And training Mage Heroes is the slowest; this operation by the Royal can be said to be quite reluctant, akin to snatching food under Star's watch. After all, Royal's strength isn't as good as Star's, once they're fully equipped, Star's elite players would have already taken the lead. But this secret plan, even the members going into battle didn't know what they were doing, unexpectedly encountering Da Fei's cronies, giving the Royal a feeling of foreboding, they couldn't help but go all out.

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At this moment, Octopus is rapidly approaching, Royal's small boats are converging towards it.

Just then, Da Liu from the Observatory suddenly exclaimed: "We're really going after the BOSS, what a huge black hedgehog!"

One Sword Eastward laughs heartily: "Brother Hao, I wasn't wrong, was I?"

Everyone bursts out: "Hogging the BOSS, how tasteless!"

But looking at the scene ahead, Brother Hao silently smirks but then frowns: "What are they trying to do?"

Da Bing scoffs: "They're obviously here to clear the area! But this approach is clearly meant to block our way and trick us into revealing our White Name."

Brother Hao's face darkens: "People need to have limits!"

One Sword Eastward immediately says: "Don't worry Brother Hao, our boat's speed and maneuverability are better than their small boats, playing them is easy. It's not yet decided who will trick whom into turning White Name. I have a tactic, we'll just casually circle the perimeter at first, pretending we can't fight, and when they've almost killed the BOSS, we'll use Emergency Acceleration to rush in and snatch it. By then, their Mages will basically be out of Mana, unable to handle us! And they might panic and turn White Name first, and then we can go on a killing spree!"

Da Bing, unwilling to be outdone, said: "Even if we can't snatch it, we can't let them kill the BOSS, we have to disgust them to death!"

Everyone agreed one after another: "Right, disgust them to death!"

One Sword Eastward sneers: "Then let's go! Watch our fast boat play them to death!"

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Vine Space, thunder rumbles.

Da Fei looks up at the trees, down at the grass, having wandered for over ten minutes without finding anything, Vine Space's time for the day was also running out. Anxious, Da Fei couldn't help but be glad he had the foresight to complete what seemed the most difficult, but actually was the easiest mission. However, how could he really find nothing at all? 5th-grade items on the ground, 4th-grade items on the trees, where could the 3rd and 2nd-grade items be? Surely not really in the soil or water?

After all, it's still that old saying—if even Brother can't find it, how can ordinary players get by? Granted, players who can come here are definitely not ordinary, but can Brother's intelligence really be that far behind them? Brother even easily handled the Holy Vine Heart of Level 1!

Holy Vine Heart?! Speaking of which, Brother only managed the Holy Vine Heart from afar and hasn't really seen what it looks like yet. Da Fei quickly opens his inventory, takes out, no, actually cradles this golden-yellow seed the size of a watermelon!

Da Fei suddenly realizes! So the seed is this big! No wonder it's visible from so far away in the instance! If a Level 1 product looks like this, then Level 2 and 3 products must be similar, right? Damn, so the sizes of Level 2 and 3 products are different from Level 4 and 5!

Da Fei immediately recalls the few places he searched just now, indeed finding several large hard soil blocks. Could those be them? Without a second thought, Da Fei immediately runs to one he found under the nearest tree, a hard soil block as big as a football. Da Fei excitedly picks it up to check its attributes:

—Hard Soil Block: Miscellaneous.

A white-named item with no attribute descriptions, and Da Fei's Treasure Appraisal Skill doesn't react to it either! But isn't it just like when Brother first found the Blood Eagle Flute, which was an utterly useless white-named item, not even considered a musical instrument? The lack of a reaction from Brother's skill must be because Brother's Skill Level isn't high enough, this soil block must contain something!

Just when Da Fei is contemplating and observing, a message alert sounds!

Damn! Brother is thinking about important things, who is disturbing Brother now? Da Fei looks impatiently and sees it's Invincible Soldier!

Invincible Soldier: "Brother Fei, I have to report something. We took Brother Hao to the Blue Coral Sea on a mission, and we encountered the Royal Family monopolizing the BOSS and chasing people away. We've started to fight now, but don't worry, Brother Fei, even if we can't win, we can still escape! We won't suffer a loss, and we won't disgrace you!"

Invincible Soldier and the others were too busy showing off in front of the tycoon earlier, now that they've started the fight, they just remembered that this means war with a large guild, shouldn't they let the guild leader know? As for the cause of the war, of course, it's because the other side was wrong.

Da Fei, feeling irritated, impatiently says: "Which Royal Family? The Aixinjueluo family or the Yin Lisa family? If you can win, then just beat them till their royal father doesn't recognize them! Just don't let Brother Hao suffer!"

Invincible Soldier responds excitedly: "Received! We absolutely won't let Brother Hao suffer!"

What the hell kind of Royal Family? Whenever something royal comes up, wasn't the legendary national treasure He's Bi initially just an unrecognizable stone? Da Fei's train of thought was interrupted and he simply didn't want to think anymore. Anyway, Brother has cleared out all the junk antiques in his bag, there's plenty of space, he might as well take all the soil blocks he sees; at least Gardener Tamilia should be able to recognize them, right? Damn! Brother should have asked her earlier.

Now not saying anything else, with pressing time, hurry up and load the stones.

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Blue Coral Sea Area, the Royal Family's two medium-sized gunboats together with dozens of small boats form a fleet that initiates a blocking and dodging confrontation with the Octopus. Although it's called a fight, neither side has made the first move.

One Sword Eastward clearly greatly underestimated the Royal Family's command coordination ability and the combat quality of its members. The Royal Family's plan is to maintain a tight encirclement and drag out the time, completely undisturbed by One Sword Eastward's feint tactics. Although the Octopus is more agile than any of their boats, the Royal Family can split their boats into several lines of defense, always facing the Octopus with their net. The Octopus hasn't found any chance to break through!

Time passes by, the standoff continues, perhaps only the most direct method would work!

One Sword Eastward says solemnly: "Brother Hao, the other side is also very professional, we only have the option to initiate PK!"

This is exactly what Ono wants, but as the hidden instigator, he still needs to act the part, the troublemaking should not be too obvious.

Brother Hao shakes his head and says profoundly: "Hold on! We must wait for their mistake first. But first, we shouldn't make any mistakes ourselves. Even if we fail, as long as it's not our fault, we won't lose anything!"

The crowd praises in unison: "Brother Hao speaks well! It's right!"

Time passes by, the standoff continues, and the Sea Urchin King's move speed and attack frequency are getting slower and slower, it looks untenable!

One Sword Eastward can't keep calm anymore: "Brother Hao, shall we make a move?"

Are you a veteran of the guild? If you're saying to make a move, then just do it; why ask me? Am I going to bear the responsibility? After all, confronting the Royal Family for so long has also achieved the purpose of worsening relations between both sides.

Brother Hao shakes his head with an unfathomable expression: "Endure!" This word has two meanings; if because of endurance, we miss the timing then it means giving the opponent a chance, our side doesn't suffer any loss of reputation, and he can make an acceptable explanation. If suddenly there's a turn of events, that would be even better.

"Endure? Alright, listen to Brother Hao." Everyone thinks, it's better not to risk getting a red name; otherwise, it's inconvenient to even enter the city.

But just then, an abrupt change occurs, the seemingly unstable Sea Urchin King suddenly glows red all over, inflating like a giant balloon!

This spectacle shocks everyone! Because the Sea Urchin King during public testing didn't have this ability!

—Boom! The balloon violently explodes, countless bone spines shoot out in all directions—Bang bang bang bang! The sea surface is like being strafed by a machine gun, countless beams of white light marking player deaths rise with the spray!

And the Octopus, not in the battlefield, is naturally completely unscathed! Now everyone finally understands the meaning of Brother Hao's endurance, they couldn't help but exclaim loudly: "Brother Hao, you're too awesome!"

One Sword Eastward also shouts excitedly: "There's a gap now, rush with emergency acceleration!"

Chapter 423: Return to Radiant City

Vine Space, a day has finally passed, and Da Fei has collected hundreds of meaningful large soil rocks.

— System Prompt: You have rested for a full game day at Swan Lake, your Stamina and Life Value permanently increased by +10. Note: Each player can only use the permanent effect of a Swan Lake once.

Da Fei let out a long sigh, just as I thought, no matter how tricky the system is, it still gives out rewards for quests. At that moment, the sky flashed with a Thunderstorm, the entire sky a fiery red!

— System Prompt: Demons have cracked the password of the Vine Space and are about to invade!

Da Fei's brow tightened. Has the inevitable finally arrived?

Just then, a flash of light appeared beside him, and Tamilia appeared: "Lord, the space seal has been lifted, and the Holy Vine has prepared for the interception. Let's first escape to Subspace to watch the battle!"

Da Fei nodded repeatedly: "Good, good!"

With a wave of Tamilia's hand, Da Fei and her appeared in a bubble-like space in mid-air, seeing the entire Vine Forest at a glance.

Da Fei couldn't help but praise: "Your mastery of space is truly superb!"

Tamilia shook her head: "This is just the authority I have as the Holy Vine Space Manager. Without the Holy Vine, I'm just an ordinary Vine Demon."

Da Fei shook his head: "Even without the Holy Vine, as a Master-level Gardener, you are still the talent I urgently need."

"Thank you for the compliment, Lord, I will do my utmost to contribute to you."

Da Fei then asked, "What about the Holy Vine? When will it join the battle?"

Tamilia replied solemnly: "The Holy Vine's power is running low, it can only strike forcefully once all the enemies have entered the ambush circle!"

As they were speaking, the fiery sky suddenly fluctuated violently, countless meteor fires raining down, turning the entire Vine Forest into a sea of flames in an instant! In the midst of the sea of flames, the meteor rocks transformed into massive fiery rock demons ravaging around! These Flame Demons, like woodcutters, destroyed everything in their path!

Da Fei was suddenly shocked: "Hell Flame Demon!"

Tamilia's face changed: "This is the natural nemesis of the Holy Vine! This is not going to be easy!"

Da Fei exclaimed in astonishment: "Then we destroy as many as we can manage!"

The Hell Race is very strong, in the game's backstory they stand equal to the Divine Race and have swept through the surface world multiple times with their formidable power. But the players of the Hell Race are not as strong, which is why, except for Japan, there are very few large teams focusing on the Hell Race mainly because the types of troops available to players are mostly cannon fodder! Many formidable beings, like the Hell Flame Demon, are hard for players to recruit.

At the end of the day, this is also a balancing measure in the game, after all, the Hell Race is not in the same class as the Mortal races, and of course, this also means that the Hell Race has great potential for development.

Tamilia bit her lip, shouting loudly: "Holy Vine, arise!"

The ground rumbled, and suddenly a large patch of thick thorns burst out from the ground in the sea of fire, these robust thorns with tremendous force wrapped and squeezed the rampaging Flame Demon, while the Flame Demons' bodies burst into intense flames scorching the thorns fiercely!

Just then, a huge laughter echoed through heaven and earth: "A thousand years have passed, it finally appeared, but this weed is so weak it doesn't even raise my interest in killing—kid, don't you agree?"

Da Fei suddenly looked around in shock. Is he talking to me? Did he see me?

At that moment, the image of a fiercely burning Flame Demon appeared in Da Fei's bubble-like space: "I know you, the little hero from the Alliance who defeated Siriel at the Pool of Radiance. It looks like you've got the seed of the weed? Great, the Pool of Radiance is indeed very suitable for the growth of the weed. I am very much looking forward to its growth later, I hope it won't be as bland as it is now—so, kid, do you know the way back? Let High-level Flame Demon Balroque send you on your way! Wahahaha!"

Da Fei was suddenly shocked, only to see a fiercely burning finger in the image pointing at him, then the bubble-like space he was in shook violently, and everything went black!

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

— System Prompt: You have triggered the event "High-level Flame Demon Balroque's Attention". High-level Flame Demon Balroque will constantly monitor the progress of your planting of the Holy Vine Heart and seek opportunities to disrupt it. Therefore, after planting the Holy Vine Heart, please be sure to be well-prepared for defense.

Da Fei became speechless! What does High-level Flame Demon mean? Just from its aspect of talking to me through the image, its rank is at least a Demigod? Damn it! Just with the destructive force it just displayed, what can I use to defend against it? I thought the system wouldn't be so generous, allowing players to easily plant the Holy Vine, it really matches the usual tricks of the system!

During his shock, the scene switched abruptly, and Da Fei suddenly appeared in a noisy construction site—it was Radiant City! Am I back? Was I sent back by that High-level Flame Demon? Damn, does this mean that the High-level Flame Demon can come to my Radiant City whenever he wants?

"Lord City Lord! Lord City Lord is back!" A group of advisors immediately gathered around.

Da Fei finally snapped out of it and chuckled, "I'm back, I'm finally back!"

The military advisor spoke with a grave expression, "Lord, there was an abnormal fluctuation in the space here when you returned. Did you teleport back from a Demon's Teleportation Array?"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched. They noticed it too? Good, let's clarify things. Pointing to Tamilia beside him, Da Fei introduced, "Let me introduce everyone, this is the gardener manager of the Holy Vine Space, which lost contact a thousand years ago. We were teleported back from the Holy Vine Space, which was invaded by the High-level Flame Demon Baroque. Does anyone know who Baroque is?"

The advisors were shocked, "Lord City Lord actually found the long-lost Holy Vine Space?"

Ah, I knew this would be their reaction, Da Fei sighed, "Now it's probably destroyed by Baroque, but no worries, I've obtained the seeds of the Holy Vine. I want to plant them here, but Baroque has threatened to come and destroy it..."

The military advisor said solemnly, "It seems, Lord, that you gained a lot from this mission. The High-level Flame Demon Baroque is the gatekeeper general at the entrance of Hell. His power is comparable to that of a god. But given his duties, it's unlikely he will leave his post. Most likely, he will send an avatar to attack, and mortals can still deal with an avatar."

The entrance to Hell? The sulfur mine I found is indeed the entrance to Hell!

The political advisor confirmed, "Lord, the Holy Vine is fundamentally a parasitic plant, and poses a great threat to the World Tree, especially now when the World Tree is in a dormant state. It's not something that can be casually planted. Approval from the Elf Kingdom is needed; otherwise, the Kingdom will hold us accountable!"

Da Fei was startled, "Accountable?"

The political advisor sighed, "Because the Holy Vine is not a normal plant. It needs to absorb a lot of Divine Power to grow. Without Divine Power, it will feed on flesh and turn into a Demon Vine. Considering the Kingdom's full effort to restore the World Tree, they probably wouldn't approve planting the Holy Vine in the Pool of Radiance."

Tamilia immediately defended, "The Holy Vine won't turn into a Demon Vine, as long as we find a place rich in Spiritual Energy, I can cultivate it!"

The advisors sighed, "A place with Spiritual Energy is still within the Kingdom's territory. We still need the Kingdom's approval."

Da Fei's head swirled, Dammit, just how awesome is this Holy Vine? I need the Kingdom's approval to plant it, and even the Demons are threatening me. Why do I have such a complicated situation?

Right, the place with Spiritual Energy, does that small paradise I encountered in the Nether Sea count? It seems it should, right? But what's the use of planting the Holy Vine there? Would Baroque come to attack it if planted there? Can Angel Brother handle it alone? More importantly, it's also his cultivation paradise, would he allow me to plant there? Ultimately, it should be planted in the Pool of Radiance, where everyone can defend together. That would be strategically meaningful.

The military advisor also said, "I suggest, Lord, to wait until the World Tree recovers from its dormant state before planting. It will be easier to get approval then. Otherwise, even if it's planted now without barriers, there will be huge defensive pressure."

Da Fei sighed deeply, in the end, we have to wait for the World Tree to recover. Although I've secured a high-level item beforehand, lack of the necessary conditions means I still have to wait. Speaking of which, my Flying also advanced this time, and now it's just sitting here. In the end, I still have to wait for the World Tree to recover. Waiting is realistically going to be several months, and my early advantage gets lesser and lesser. I can't stand this, dammit!

Flying? Suddenly, Da Fei had a brilliant idea!

Does my Flying count as a place with Spiritual Energy? The ship is a moving territory, who cares what I plant on my own territory? The key question is, can the seeds be planted on the ship? Yes! Why not? The Noah's Ark in the UK has a tree on top, right? That tree is definitely not an ordinary tree, right? It must significantly enhance the ship's Defense and Durability, right?

Damn, what early advantage do I have? When my Flying is still lying low, the British have already outpaced me by an era!

Da Fei hurriedly asked Tamilia, "Can this Holy Vine Heart be planted on my ship?"

Tamilia was surprised, "Plant on a ship? Can I see your ship?"

That means it's possible! Overjoyed, Da Fei then asked the advisors, "If I plant the seeds on my own ship, the Kingdom won't have any objections, right?"

The advisors looked at each other and spread their hands, "We don't know!"

If they don't know, then it's possible! Da Fei burst into laughter, "Come on, aboard the ship!"

Just then, the Guild Channel erupted!

"It's a hit! We got the BOSS, we got the BOSS!"

Da Fei couldn't help but be startled, what's happening? And at the same moment,

—World Channel [Royal Dominator]: Da Fei Dragon Cavalry Commerce's trash, stealing our Guild's task BOSS, we Royal Guild will remember this vendetta!

What? We really stole it? What did it drop?

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—World Channel [..★Qingcheng No. Romance●..]: Royal Guild, it was obviously you who booked the spot first, who are you to blame if you can't beat the Sea Urchin King?

The guild channel erupted: "As expected of Brother Hao, talking on the World Channel at 100 bucks a pop!"

Da Fei couldn't help but get excited, "What loot did the BOSS drop?"

The guild members cheered, "It dropped some special loot, sea urchin specialty loot!"

Da Fei was overjoyed, "Holy crap! My Chamber of Commerce is getting another specialty, hurry up and donate it to invest in the city!"

Invest in the city? At that moment, as the team leader, Invincible Soldier, who got the sea urchin specialty in his bag, was overwhelmed with emotion! How much can this specialty sell for at this stage? If it's the Royal Guild, maybe it could go for hundreds of thousands, right? That's a couple hundred thousand! It's my first time getting something this valuable! If I swipe it, then delete my account and go underground—no, I can't. Not only does the entire dorm and the computer science department know, but I've also been hanging out with Brother Fei and the Tycoons. Is this all the ambition I have?

The thought of snatching the gear only flashed in Da Bing's mind for a moment before he came back to reality, "Oh, okay, okay! We'll donate the specialty!"

Brother Hao laughed as well, "I'm so happy with this operation, I'm going to reward every participating member with 10,000 bucks! Everyone, send me your account numbers!"

The guild roared, "Brother Hao, we love you to death!"

Brother Hao laughed heartily, "Making a contribution to Brother Fei's guild gives me great satisfaction!"

Da Fei was overjoyed, "Brother Hao, you're too kind!"

Brother Hao chuckled, "You can't buy my happiness with more money!"

The crowd cheered, "As expected of Brother Hao!"

This wasn't Da Fei's first time getting special loot, and it wasn't the first time he'd gotten it himself, but this time the feeling of getting the loot was incomparable to the previous times. This is called shared joy rather than alone joy; everyone being happy is true happiness! Also, isn't that Royal Guild unhappy? Well, let's just let Brother Hao battle it out on the World Channel, and everyone's happy! Haha!

Just then, Da Fei's notifications started flashing. When he looked, it was Goddess of Star, Boss Ma from Dragon Slayer, and the newly appointed officer Shenlan from Ninth Heaven, all summarized into one sentence, "Brother Fei, selling the specialty?"

Da Fei laughed aloud and replied one by one, "Sorry, this was hard-earned by the brothers, not something I can decide to sell alone, not selling!"

Who would've thought that the big guilds were so keen on specialties, huh? If I had known back then, I might have sold the Golden Spearfish specialty. But now, money isn't really an issue for me, not at the point of selling the hen that lays the golden eggs, wahahaha!

Now, in high spirits, Da Fei, with Tamilia, boarded the Flying. Deirdre immediately came out to greet, "Welcome, Master!"

Oh, sweetheart, let me give you a smooch! Just as he was bantering, Anlicia and Selvia also came out. Da Fei coughed lightly and stopped bantering, focusing on business was the priority, "Miss Tamilia, does my ship have Spiritual Energy?"

Tamilia extended a vine to rub the deck of the Flying, then nodded, "Although the Spiritual Energy is very thin, it can indeed satisfy the early growth of the Holy Vine Heart. Moreover, Master's idea is very innovative, planting it on the ship is equivalent to a moving flower pot. It can avoid the Demon's tracking, and steer the ship to areas where the Holy Vine needs nutrients without letting the Holy Vine, like the World Tree, explore everywhere for space to find nutrients. This compensates, to some extent, for the lack of Innate Spiritual Energy!"

What a moving flower pot! Da Fei was elated, "Will planting the Holy Vine on the ship reinforce the ship?"

Tamilia nodded, "Of course, the tendrils of the Holy Vine will incorporate into every part of the ship's materials and eventually become one. Not only will the ship's strength enhance as the Holy Vine grows, it will also gain the Holy Vine's power. Moreover, once planted, the Holy Vine will also carry a Holy Vine Space. This Holy Vine Space can store extra supplies for Master's ship, and as the Holy Vine grows, the Holy Vine Space will also expand!"

Holy crap! I did expect to gain Attack, Defense, and skills from planting the Holy Vine, but I didn't expect to gain some space! I was just worried that my ship's cargo capacity was too small!

Da Fei was ecstatic, "Then let's plant it. Right, where should it be planted?"

Tamilia nodded, "Plant it in the cabin. With the ship structure shielding, Demons won't easily find it—of course, as the Holy Vine grows, it is advisable to coat the ship's exterior with Enchanting Materials to further shield against Demon tracking!"

Da Fei nodded like a chicken pecking rice, "Okay, okay, understood, absolutely must do! I'll coat the entire ship inside and out!"

Da Fei and his group went to the cargo hold of the Flying.

Tamilia continued, "Master, the Holy Vine Heart requires my guidance for planting. I will convert to a soul form and merge with the seed for a period. During my absence, it is best if this cargo hold does not store any goods, and do not modify the ship to avoid interfering with the newborn Holy Vine Space!"

Da Fei kept nodding, "Understood! Got it!"

"Then let's begin!"

After finishing, Tamilia solemnly placed the seed on the deck, then emitted a green glow all over her body. The seed also began to emit a golden glow. In the glow, Tamilia's figure gradually faded, then

disappeared along with the seed. At the moment of disappearance, the entire cargo hold flashed with white light!

—System Prompt: Your Flying has transplanted the God-level creature Holy Vine Heart seed. Flying's Durability upper limit +500!

Da Fei laughed heartily! Just planting it gives me an immediate 500 Durability boost. When it grows bigger, it should increase to hundreds of thousands of Durability to live up to the title of a God-level creature, right?

Da Fei hurriedly checked the long-missed attributes of the Flying:

Ship Name: Flying (Mission Reward, bound to player, non-tradable)

Ship Level: Level 3

Captain: Da Fei

Ship Special Skill: Divine's Blessing (Sailor Luck +2), Ship of Misfortune (Enemy and ally luck -3)

Ship Model: Large four-masted three-deck high-speed sailing ship

Ship Cargo Capacity: 500 units

Gun Cabin: 32 gun placements (16 on the left, 16 on the right)

Ship Usage Time: 10 years

Minimum Sailor Capacity: 30 persons

Ship Durability: 3840/3840

Ship Speed: 12

—Ship Armor Defense: Left side 1600, Right side 160, Bow 135, Stern 136.

Ship Room Configuration: Cockpit 1 room, Captain's Room 1 room, Deputy Officer Rest Room 6 rooms, Staff Room 1 room, Accounting Room 1 room, Treatment Room 2 rooms, Kitchen 1 room, Special Room 1 room, Entertainment Room 1 room, Sailor Dormitory 2 rooms (Capacity 200 persons)

Ship Auxiliary Equipment: White Shark Ship's Figurehead, Space Transfer Array, Wind Energy Magic Sail, Landing Craft 4 crafts.

Sea God Insurance Level: 0 (ship not protected by Sea God, will permanently sink if accident occurs)

Current Ship Status: Evolving.

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Da Fei let out a long sigh of relief! This is great, not only solving the problem of repairing the ship, but also accommodating the Holy Vine. I don't believe it, can your Flame Demon still be unbeatable at sea? But just in case, I guess I should insure the ship as well? But I'm cursed by the Sea God, will insurance be effective? Whether it's useful or not, I've got to try it, after all, it's just money, right?

But, I still feel like something's off? Like there's something I haven't done? Oh crap! That's it! I haven't asked Tamilia about the second and third grade soil blocks, oh no, seeds! I'll have to wait till she reappears to ask? Ugh, I didn't even ask when she'll reappear!

Alright, better rely on my strength to treasure hunt and level up then. Right, Catherine, she should be able to help too—huh? Wait a minute! Da Fei finally realized what's wrong!

Da Fei busily asked Selvia and Anlicia beside him, "Where's Catherine? Why isn't she here?"

Selvia replied, "She said she went to the harbor docks to inquire about something and hasn't returned for several days."

Da Fei's brow twitched, Vice Hero wandering off on her own? Has this triggered some event? Crap! She hasn't returned for several days! My wife!

That day when passing Desolate Island, she was acting weird. Did she go to Sailor's Home to inquire about Desolate Barbarian Pirates? Is this going to trigger a related quest for the Desolate Island?

It must be, the inevitable has arrived. This quest difficulty is inevitably epic level. I'll be hard-pressed to fight on two fronts, anyway, I'll just have to wait for her to return and ask about it, hoping it doesn't trouble me too much. Right, I was so focused on the Holy Vine seed, I haven't checked on the construction site yet. The advisor said the construction team should be coming down, I've been gone for days, the progress should be pretty good by now. (. Mobile users, please read on m.qidian.com.)

Chapter 425: Stuck in the City for an Interview

Mr. Da Fei returned to the construction site in the city, and as he glanced back at the dock, did the once lifeless Flying seem to shine with a hint of light? Well, let's just call it a psychological effect.

Mr. Da Fei opened the city panel to check the current construction progress:

- Netherworld Treasury: 27% completed, completion time unknown.
- Death Bell Tower: 23% completed, completion time unknown.
- Sewers: 18 sections completed, now with basic fortress and purification functions, continuing to expand.

The treasury and bell tower are still painfully slow, but the progress on the sewers is advancing rapidly and now has basic functions. The basic function of a fortress is to increase the production of soldiers and recruit special soldiers. Advanced fortresses can train ordinary soldiers into elite armies; both Evil Branch Fortress and Lumang Fortress have this feature. Of course, the success rate of training elite

armies is notoriously low and consumes both money and time; one success out of a hundred is considered good.

In short, it's time to deploy the Slime Monster Manufacturing Recipe; the sooner you stock up on soldiers, the better.

- Slime Monster Manufacturing Recipe: Can produce the special soldier, Slime Monster. Requires a Biochemical Laboratory, or Pool of Filth, Sewers, and other buildings or city facilities.
- System Prompt: Your city has a fully functional sewer, meeting the conditions for using the Slime Monster Manufacturing Recipe. Would you like to use it? Note: One recipe can only be used in one building.

Use it!

- System Prompt: Your city facility, the sewer, now has the function to produce Slime Monsters, current production of Slime Monster troops is 0. Expanding the sewer and using it effectively will help increase the production of Slime Monsters.

A new toilet smells good for three days, so effective use of the sewer must mean it stinks later, right? Okay, let's see the attributes of the Slime Monster.

- Slime Monster: A tiny spiritual creature, Attack 0, Defense 0, Life 1, Damage 0-1, Attack Speed 1, Move Speed 1, Special Skills: Aggregation, Devour, Dirt Absorption.
- Aggregation: Slime Monsters can gather together to form a large Slime Monster, the life value of the large Slime Monster equals the total life values of the small ones. The large Slime Monster can also split into small Slime Monsters when attacked.
- Devour: The sticky body of Slime Monster can engulf prey.
- Dirt Absorption: Slime Monsters need to absorb filth to grow, which can function in city sanitation.

This is the lowest level Slime Monster, just as Mr. Da Fei understood from the public test information, it dies upon contact, almost no combat ability, but its main role is Dirt Absorption, a hardworking cleaner beneath the city, capable of improving the city's sanitation score. This is what really satisfies Mr. Da Fei. Soldiers who can work in peace and fight in war are the favorite of Lord Players.

The main combat special skill of Slime Monsters is Aggregation, which is to merge into one large Slime Monster. Players encountered merged Slime Monsters in the wild during public tests that generally do not exceed the size of a human. As for those extra-large ones, like the ones Mr. Da Fei encountered in the competition map, they probably require special materials as life cores, like crucibles, funnels, etc.?

This must be the case; this is also a hint for players on the competition map. But those crucibles and funnels seem to belong to treasure-level tools; there must be many such alchemy tools at neutral forces like the Mage Academy. Anyway, if there's a chance, I'll go check it out and maybe scout a beautiful Mage Hero to bring back, hahaha!

Now that both big tasks are settled, looking over the busy and orderly construction site, Mr. Da Fei felt immensely fulfilled and stretched languidly, a deep sense of drowsiness sweeping over him.

Looking at the time, it's already 23:00! Although 23:00 is nothing for Mr. Da Fei, he hadn't had a good sleep since coming back from the sea yesterday, then went to the competition, was woken up by his sister this morning, became a millionaire at noon, and swept through the World Tree Space again in the afternoon and evening—what an exhilarating day it had been, his life so condensed, his progress soaring, who else but his royal self could stop him from conquering the world? Time for a rest, this time he would sleep until he naturally woke up!

Suddenly, Mr. Da Fei remembered something crucial—find Makar! One day in reality is ten days in the game; this matter cannot be delayed until tomorrow. Hurry, teleport to Saint Paul Port.

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— "Hello, dear gamer friends. This is Little Frog, your frontline reporter from Hero News, bringing you the evening live broadcast from the Human Kingdom's largest seaport, Saint Paul Port. Currently, the three major guilds of China Region—Star, Ninth Heaven, as well as Dragon Slayer Guild's alternate account purchaser, and the first established Bloodrose Guild's massive resource acquisition operation are still ongoing. Many new players have also joined the selling action. The entire Saint Paul Warehouse District and the commercial area are bustling with crowds, with rivers of people on dozens of streets,

surpassing the purchasing volume of any other server area in the world, once again demonstrating the immense influence of China Region's huge player base on Heroic Creation Era ..."

— "Now, I have the pleasure of encountering Miss Bloodrose Qiqi from Bloodrose Guild, and I'd like to take this opportunity to ask a few questions that players are quite interested in. The first question is: Is there an inevitable connection between Bloodrose Guild's acquisition and Dragon Slayer Star's Ninth Heaven?"

Bloodrose Qiqi laughed: "Oh my, that's a big guild's secret, although players are eager to know, it's really not convenient to disclose at this time. I think what players are truly concerned about is whether our guild recruits male players, right? I can reveal that!"

Little Frog cleared his throat: "So, does your Bloodrose Guild recruit male players then?"

Bloodrose Qiqi smiled: "Only the very outstanding ones, who can enjoy a grand Patty at the maid café carnival!"

"How about those who performed well in the competition and ranked within the top 1000 in the world?"

Bloodrose Qiqi shook her head, smiling:

"That's just one of the criteria! Especially—"

Seeing her acting cute and mysterious in front of the camera, Little Frog sweats and says, "Especially — —?"

Just then, the city channel suddenly explodes with the news: "Da Fei! Da Fei has appeared!"

"Da Fei is at the Teleportation Array, everyone come and watch!"

Little Frog is startled, instantly looks towards the direction of the Teleportation Array, and blurts out: "Especially —— Da Fei ——"

Bloodrose Qiqi is shocked, her face changes in urgency: "I don't want that kind of person!"

Only then does Little Frog come back to his senses: "Sorry, sorry —— Thank you, Miss Bloodrose Qiqi for cooperating with my interview, the interview is now over, see you next time!" and he immediately rushes toward the Teleportation Array.

Bloodrose Qiqi is left stunned on the spot, and after a while regains her composure and shouts urgently: "Hey! Hey! You still have several questions to ask!!"

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As soon as Da Fei teleports to Saint Paul Port, he's immediately spotted by the bright-eyed crowd, and then the entire city channel goes wild!

Well, now Da Fei, who was feeling drowsy, immediately perked up! Ah, the troubles of being famous, not good, not good, I'm continually overstimulating throughout the day, my dragon body won't hold up, hahaha!

Da Fei, while waving to the watching crowd, laughs and says: "Everyone, make way, make way, don't block the traffic, let's be civilized and orderly Chinese people, the foreigners are watching us, we need to set an example!"

The crowd bursts into laughter!

Just then, from the back of the crowd, a distinct and splendid player with a golden name loudly shouts: "I am a reporter from Hero News, I want to interview Da Fei, make way for me to go through, and block the road so he can't escape!"

The crowd laughs again, and sure enough, they clear a path letting the golden name player through, then the crowd skilfully closes back up.

Da Fei is speechless! Why does the appeal of Brother Mao, an international celebrity, fall short in front of a small reporter? But that's the way things are. A reporter, a trading intermediary with a golden name, is a special account authorized by the game company, naturally carrying an exceptional aura. Of course, setting aside the influence of status, everyone knows the main reason.

Now, this little frog shaking his golden name proudly lifts a game prop microphone and comes before Da Fei with a wide smile: "Mr. Da Fei, finally met you, you must accept my interview, the vast players in the China Region really want to know some things about you!"

Although he really wanted to punch him, being on TV in front of so many people was a bit exciting? But, he and his interview subjects are big shots in China and internationally, not just anyone he wishes to interview.

Da Fei shakes his head and sighs: "Brother has three no's, one, no personal secrets revealed, no group secrets revealed, no state secrets revealed — okay, you can ask now!"

A wave of boos from the crowd. Little Frog couldn't help but sweat and says: "About your Divine Artifact Destiny Coin ——"

Da Fei immediately interrupts with a wave of his hand: "Stop! Divine Artifact is a personal secret, a group secret, a state secret! Plus, a business secret!"

The crowd boos again!

Little Frog coughs and says: "Uh, okay, just now, about the dispute over the Sea Urchin King BOSS between your guild and the Royal Guild, as the guild leader, what's your view?"

Oh come on! Snatching monsters and BOSSes in an online game is such a common thing? Everybody understands this, why bother asking?

Da Fei shakes his head and sighs: "Heavenly treasures belong to those with virtue! Those who reserve venues first are without virtue; those who can't beat the BOSS are without ability; who else can be blamed?"

The crowd bursts into laughter!

Suddenly from behind the crowd, a voice shouts loudly: "Da Fei is like a dog that can't stop returning to its vomit, our Bloodrose Guild will never compromise with such trash!"

Bloodrose Guild? The crowd turns around in surprise, and it's Bloodrose Qiqi who has come over to see what's happening!

Just then, a loud voice from the direction of the Teleportation Array: "Excuse me, let me through, I am the Lord of the Royal Guild, Royal Dominator, I want to have a word with this Da Fei!"

Wow! The crowd erupts in excitement!

Little Frog, even more excited, exclaims: "Hello to all the player friends, Little Frog here on live broadcast for Hero News in the China Region, covering the dispute between the famous player Da Fei and the major Royal Guild..."

Oh come on, who is this guy? I only know about Dragon Slayer Star's Ninth Heaven, is the Royal Family that famous?

Chapter 426: The Divine Artifact Gifted by the Duke

In the excited gaze of the onlooking players, under the live broadcast of the golden name reporters, the Royal Dominator and his group clad in gleaming magic crystal Anti-Demon Armor confronted Da Fei: "You're Da Fei, right?"

Damn, any random nobody wants to find a chance to latch onto a big-shot like me and gain fame, right? I'm busy, no time to entertain your theatrics!

Da Fei, annoyed, said, "Don't even think about challenging me one-on-one. I'm so strong I scare myself! Just say what you have to say in one sentence!"

The Royal Dominator raised an eyebrow, indeed he didn't dare to go one-on-one with Da Fei! Then he coldly said, "Then let me tell you this, from now on our Royal Guild will fight your Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce to the death!"

"Wow!!!" The crowd erupted in shock.

Little Frog quickly extended the microphone to the Royal Dominator: "May I ask, what means will your Guild use to confront the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce?"

The Royal Dominator responded blandly, "I just have one piece of advice for the players: don't join his Guild!"

Little Frog immediately pointed the microphone toward Da Fei: "May I ask, how does your Guild plan to respond to the Royal Guild's challenge?"

Da Fei, in a huff, said, "Wow, I'm so scared! I say, reporter friend, is such a trivial matter worthy of a TV spot? Did he pay you advertising fees?"

Little Frog was taken aback: "No!"

The Royal Dominator angrily said, "Our Royal Guild doesn't need any advertising hype!"

Da Fei retorted, "Sounds like you're a big deal!" Then laughed to the crowd, "Everyone, let's clear out, or the NPC city guards will come to clear the area!"

The Royal Dominator angrily said, "Don't be so arrogant, just wait and see!"

At that moment, the NPC city guards finally stepped in: "Warning to the players ahead, do not block the traffic, or we will remove you by force!"

With that, the crowd dispersed like birds and animals, and Da Fei was finally freed. Cut! Threaten me? I've got a fortune of twenty million; I've already lived a fulfilling life, so do as you please.

Under the relentless pursuit of the paparazzi players, Da Fei swaggered into Makar's office. He was led by the same mysteriously-identified Vampire Butler, into the same demon-light-illuminated library reception room, and waited once again for Makar's Santa-like benevolent smile: "My most outstanding student, what discovery have you brought me this time?"

Da Fei solemnly presented the task item: "Teacher, I'm here to report a significant discovery in map-making!"

"Oh? Let me see!" With a flick of his beard, Makar took the map-making device, and it projected two miniatures of the Blood Sea maps under the influence of Makar's demon light.

— System Prompt: You completed the Chamber of Commerce's commission task of "Mapping the Area around the Pool of Radiance." Based on the task completion progress, you gained Experience +800,000, Gold Coin +30,000, your Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce reputation +6,000, Chamber of Commerce funds +30,000, and Chamber of Commerce membership slots +5.

Sigh, this task reward is indeed a bit underwhelming. But my purpose was never just about the reward!

Makar scrutinized the maps with utmost seriousness: "How did you arrive at these two spaces?"

Ah, finally getting down to business, yet the other party is ultimately a Death Lord, right? Should I tell him the whole truth? Let's gamble on it!

Da Fei coughed and said, "It happened like this, one of my logging teams from Radiant City went to the Nasir Ancient Tree Space, once destroyed by demons, to log but was harassed by demons and couldn't return to the city. So I went to rescue them but got chased by a demon army, missing the opportunity to retreat. Nasir Space collapsed and then spatial teleportation distorted, putting me in this Blood Sea!"

Hmm, I skipped over the discovery of the Black Forest, swamp, Vine Demon Jungle, and other "irrelevant" matters. These are spaces the Kingdom hadn't discovered, they're my private turf, I've got to keep a trump card!

Makar nodded, gravely, "I see! From these two maps, the crisis of the World Tree is far more severe than anticipated."

Did I hit the jackpot? Da Fei immediately capitalized on this to cut to the chase: "Teacher, I also discovered two crystal mines and a sulfur mine in these two areas. My territory is already in a severe situation. If these three mines fall into enemy hands, we'll be even more in danger. However, if we secure these three mines, we'll have the capital to counter the enemy! It's both a crisis and an opportunity!" Hear that? I said "we!"

Makar's brow twitched, then he chuckled and cleared his throat: "You want to take over these three mines?"

Don't you want to? Da Fei eagerly nodded to pledge allegiance: "Of course! These three mines are unclaimed; it makes perfect sense for us to take them. But I lack the strength. If Teacher can come up with a plan, I... well, half of the minerals will be yours!"

Don't just give me half; if you take action, I'm willing to split 75% after the job's done! But if I have to put in effort, then it's best we have an equal share!

Makar laughed and shook his head, then seriously said, "You're right; the mines can't be left idle, nor can they fall into enemy hands. Actually, I gave you this task to assess the enemy's deployment around the World Tree. The sulfur mine is tricky; it's probably already being mined by the enemy since it's likely one of the Hell Race's previous entrances to the surface world a thousand years ago. But fortunately, the two gemstone mines haven't fallen into enemy hands. The guardian beast, Totos, was the Guardian Divine Beast of Jade Space a thousand years ago. According to reports, it went mad and died in the war a thousand years ago, but current reconnaissance shows it's still alive, only now visibly demonic—and stronger."

Oh my! He's tempted after all! Sure, three mines! Even the human Emperor would be tempted; how could a Duke with limited territory not be? But how do you know it's stronger? Don't tell me a human Mage can live over a thousand years! Haha!

Da Fei gleefully asked, "How do we deal with the demonic Divine Beast?"

Makar shook his head, "Precisely because of this Divine Beast's presence, the enemies can't touch these two mines, and it also hinders enemy invasion; we should properly regard the beast's role."

Da Fei was stunned, "So, we can't kill this Divine Beast?"

Makar nodded, "At least until we have enough strength to counter the Hell Race's invasion, we can't kill it! Besides, even if we could, I can't get involved. After all, it's disputed territory claimed by the Elf Kingdom; it's inconvenient for a human Duke like me to appear there."

What a cop-out! I knew you'd say that, but as the rightful City Lord of Radiant City, I'm very conveniently positioned! And killing the Divine Beast isn't super crucial for me; what matters is that I can use this as an opportunity to demand high-tech gear upgrades from you! If you disagree, I'll side with the Elf Kingdom, and then you're out of luck. Hahaha! If conditions permit, I'll hit both sides up for gear! Hahaha!

Da Fei immediately volunteered, "Teacher, leave it to me; please grant me strength!"

Da Fei's forthrightness caught Makar by surprise, eliciting a shake of his head and a laugh: "This requires careful planning; the key is you need to improve your strength first. Come back when you're level 50. By the way, don't alert the Elf Kingdom; these elves are sensitive. If they can't get it themselves, they don't want others to have it."

Reach level 50 again? I'm ahead of the curve! Well, as long as you're wary of the Elf Kingdom, it's fine by me. Guess you'll have to make it up to me even more!

Da Fei hurriedly said, "Understood! But to take and run these mines without alerting the Elf Kingdom, I'll need a lot of power!"

The Duke waved his hand, "I'll consider it carefully, but before then, you need even more detailed reconnaissance of the surrounding areas—keep this item on you but let me add a small modification first; hold on a second!"

With that, Makar clasped the task item, the map-making device, and unleashed dazzling demon light, surrounding his hands with dozens of small rotating magic arrays. Under the guidance of Makar's spell

casting, the magical light particles floating in the library also gathered around him, forming a dazzling, imposing light particle nebula!

Such a grand setup for what he called a small modification?

Time ticked by second by second, and finally, the nebula dissipated, the demon light dimmed, and a flash of light appeared on the map-making device in his hands! In that instant, Da Fei's mini-radar also flashed brilliantly!

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched; was it... a treasure?

Makar smiled, "I've added a space marker function to the map-making device, allowing it to record a coordinate point in the surrounding space you've scouted and teleport you personally to it. If you want to teleport an army, you'd need to use a high-level military teleportation array. Use it wisely, and strive to upgrade your city's teleportation array! Oh, by the way, your Saint Anthony also has a teleportation array for the actions in Abyss Blood Pool, right? That's possible too, but requires a large number of magic crystal materials."

— System Prompt: You received the Divine Artifact "Space Waypoint Mapper" from Duke Makar!

— Space Waypoint Mapper: Task Artifact, capable of mapping the areas surrounding the Pool of Radiance and selecting one space coordinate for teleportation on the map of each region. Only usable in regions around the Pool of Radiance.

Da Fei was shocked speechless! A Divine Artifact! Any artifact that involves space teleportation is undoubtedly a Divine Artifact! Damned, with just a circle of hands, a task item became a task artifact! Shock, compared to this, the branch given by the Habbit Village Chief is simply a primitive artifact! And it's single-use, completely incomparable, is Makar a God-level Alchemist?

Hahaha! This artifact is just right for me, precisely what I needed! The artifact combined with my Flying's teleportation array, I can travel to and from my home turf freely!

Da Fei happily said, "Thank you for your guidance, Teacher!"

Makar, slightly fatigued, waved his hand, "Work hard! Dismissed!"

Da Fei bowed, "I will heed your teachings!"

Hahaha! I can finally sleep soundly, I'll be smiling in my dreams tonight!

Chapter 427: Lin Tianhao's Guild Invitation

Da Fei bid goodnight to the members of the Guild and then directly threw off his helmet and went straight to bed without washing up. He slept deeply and soundly.

Da Fei was fast asleep, but there was a young man who was not, who also didn't plan to sleep tonight. He was Lei Huolong.

After a few short hours of a massive stone purchasing spree by the Dragon Slayer Guild, they had acquired hundreds of thousands of units of stone. Of course, more challenging than purchasing was the task of rapidly and secretly transporting these stones to the Demon Camp at the Pool of Radiance. This was a major battle testing the organizational abilities of the Dragon Slayer Guild, as well as a major battle for Lei Huolong, the newly promoted Zone Leader, who might lack experience but had passion and also luck.

While all the major cities in the China Region were in a frenzied chaos of purchasing, the hundred-person transport team of Thunder Fire Dragon Studio moved back and forth tirelessly and without alarming anyone, transporting 300,000 units of stone to the Demon Camp. Star, on the other hand, was busy buying up wood and had no reaction, and the undercover Elf Clan accounts of the Dragon Slayer in the Bright Alliance didn't detect any reaction from the NPC of the Elf Kingdom!

If a good start is half of success, then the Dragon Slayer Guild has already succeeded halfway!

As long as the materials are in place, the mobility of the Hell Race could instantly teleport tens of thousands of Demon Workers into position. Over the course of one night, a Great Wall could be erected around the periphery of the Pool of Radiance! What follows is just waiting quietly during the transport for the new Execution Officer to make a comeback.

Of course, Lei Huolong was prepared on all fronts, and the refining of the Corruption Soil, a pollutant from the demon camp's furnace workshop, was also being accelerated. This time, to make the pollution

more thorough, more potent, and more sudden, the Dragon Slayer decided to fund the NPC to enhance the process, by further refining the Corruption Soil into a highly diffusive liquid Corruption Mud, so that there was no need for players to transport pollutant by ship to various tree roots around the Pool of Radiance like in the last National War. Instead, a direct opening of the factory's drainage outlet would pour out tons of pollutants!

Of course, the day the city wall is completed will be when the factory pollutes on a large scale, instantly crippling the Elf Kingdom which could not have reacted in time.

This is a massively costly operation by the Dragon Slayer, and what buoyed their confidence for this operation was Chang Liang's, the new handler of the Bloodsucking Orc account "Tyrannosaurus," overwhelming progression in developing the Beastman Prairie!

Under the operation of world-class top professional player Chang Liang, the planning of the Dragon Slayer's full think-tank, and the support of the powerful logistics team of the Dragon Slayer, Chang Liang might not have the same special opportunity to snowball progress like Da Fei did, but the achievements greatly exceeded Dragon Slayer's expectations.

In short, while all nations' teams (except Japan) are amassing forces and storing funds in preparation for the outbreak in the New World, Dragon Slayer does the exact opposite by going all out in the Old World! They can advance the three dark races comprehensively and avoid the inevitable PK losses in the New World. Furthermore, they can establish a strong rear base before entering the New World, showing their lofty ambitions!

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And today, Blood Sea Wave, who hitched a ride on Dragon Slayer's purchasing breeze, is even more spirited. Not only did he successfully apply for development permission on Miracle Island, but he also secured the Empire's most qualified port construction team. The next step is naturally to apply for a navy-escorted transport team. Everything is unfolding smoothly according to plan.

Exactly because things are going too smoothly for Blood Sea Wave, he feels oddly uncomfortable. Now, Blood Sea Wave is brewing, or rather, puzzling over whether to go for a bigger heist. Blood Sea Wave's idea is to use his identity among the pirates to mobilize a large number of pirates to rob his own material transport fleet, then claim compensation from the Kingdom. Later, he can retrieve the robbed materials from the pirates and thus earn a hefty compensation sum.

If this was reality, the plan might have worked. But in the game, where everything is backed by the system, it's not so clear-cut. Of course, even if it were successful, there's one issue: would the pirates sell out their integrity to return the stolen materials? To the pirates, only the mighty earn respect, and obviously, Blood Sea Wave's might isn't quite there yet.

"Let's give it a try!" Shaodong laughed, "At worst, we'll use the Kingdom's compensation money to buy it back from the pirates. Let's say we neither gain nor lose, but perhaps this ruckus will lead to a comedic change in the game's situation?"

Brother Tian said irritably, "Don't come up with bad ideas. I suggest that we just honestly build the city and not complicate things unnecessarily!"

Furious Sea Waves frowned and said, "It's not that I want to complicate things, but even if I want to build the city honestly, I can't guarantee that Black Water Pirates wouldn't come to rob me. The Black Water Pirates are the most unpredictable ones, and I have never been able to get the better of them. So I was thinking, instead of letting them come rob me for no reason, why not work something out with our base and other pirates that we have a good relationship with and stage a little drama?"

Brother Tian said irritably, "Is this a pain in the ass or what? I suggest that the first batch should be kept small to see how the NPCs react."

Little Ma also said with a smile, "Isn't playing games just for fun? Let's give it a try."

Blood Sea Wave chuckled, "Then let's give it a try. I'll go to Desolate Island right away and discuss it with the pirates. If it doesn't work out, I'll just give up on this idea."

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On the lakeside of Green Lake Park in Shendong City, by the sparkling night lights on the water. The Bloodrose Guild's maid café was playing festive and triumphant Western classical music, as their celebration lasted from morning till night.

In the maid café, Lin Tianhao, also known as the Rose Knight in the game, had the honor to be the first and only male guest of their celebration and was fortunate enough to join their newly established guild in the game, becoming one of the first two male players to join the ranks of the Beauty Guild. Of course, the other was the world-renowned Little Pig Run.

Lin Tianhao couldn't remember how many glasses of red wine he had drunk or how many steaks he had eaten today. People get drunk not from the wine, but from the atmosphere. Even though he had lost much hope of pursuing Miss Zhou, the fact that he had done so much for her and finally received some recognition, his presence here was proof of that.

Of course, attending this event wasn't just about eating and drinking; Miss Zhou wouldn't invite someone who only indulges in food and drink. He also had a mission, which was to leverage his capabilities to recruit high-quality female players for the Bloodrose Guild. Ah, does she really see me as someone who flirts with beauties all the time? It's not my fault I'm too handsome and the ladies throw themselves at me, but it wouldn't be polite to just push them away, would it? Sigh...

At this moment, the hall was filled with the laughter of beautiful women, which to the slightly inebriated Lin Tianhao felt utterly imperial.

As he was indulging in this feeling, Qiqi's loud laughter echoed throughout the hall: "Da Fei has gotten into a fight with the Royal Family; he's definitely doomed!"

Ugh! Such a beautiful moment and then hearing the name "Da Fei" was as unpleasant as finding a fly in one's wine.

Lin Tianhao asked with a wry smile, "How exactly is he doomed?"

Qiqi trotted over to Lin Tianhao with excitement and said with a laugh, "Brother Tianhao, the executives of the Royal Guild all have very complicated backgrounds in real life. That Da Fei loves to show off and inevitably he will be doxxed sooner or later. Then you'll see just how ugly his death will be."

Lin Tianhao sighed, "Can we please have some positivity here? If the world's number one amateur player gets hounded to death, that would really hurt the image of the game and affect our company's sales."

Qiqi snorted, "He won't die if he doesn't seek death, his trashy existence is what's really hurting the game's image already."

Just then, Zhou Qing clapped her hands: "Alright, alright, cut it out with the surprises! Mr. Lin is drunk too, so let Qiqi drive him back."

Qiqi said excitedly, "Okay, I'll take Brother Tianhao back!"

The entire studio immediately started chanting, "Car shake! Car shake!! Car shake!!!"

Qiqi indignantly exclaimed, "What are you guys babbling about!"

Lin Tianhao was also instantly sobered by the alcohol, hurriedly standing up and waving his hands, "No need, no need, not necessary! I'm totally fine, I can drive myself back. I shall take my leave now!"

What a joke, if pursuing Zhou Qing now is merely a slim hope, letting this enticing Qiqi drive him back would obliterate any chance whatsoever.

Qiqi said anxiously, "Brother Tianhao drank so much, it'll be bad if you get caught for drunk driving!"

Lin Tianhao replied just as urgently, "Folks like me who mingle in social events can drink a jin of liquor and be fine. This red wine and soft drink are no different, I'm okay, driving steadily at 60, nobody will check."

Zhou Qing also offered a faint smile, "Is that so, then Mr. Lin, please be careful."

Lin Tianhao hurriedly replied, "Don't worry, would I be such a waste that I can't even handle this much alcohol?"

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The midnight roads were deserted, bathed in the illuminating glow of street lights. Lin Tianhao rolled down the car window, letting the night breeze blow through his hair, bringing with it a refreshing and comfortable sensation. At this moment, Lin Tianhao suddenly remembered the college girl who had approached him earlier in the day for consultation on client machines.

Like most girls, those who he chatted up and handed out his business card to would call back promptly. But she seemed different from most girls, she seemed more interested in the tester position than in him? That really caught his attention.

If she became a tester, could he recruit her into the Bloodrose Guild? That would, after all, count as fulfilling one, no, two of Miss Zhou's quest slots, right?

Lin Tianhao immediately redialed her number, and while waiting he suddenly remembered it was already midnight. It was indeed inappropriate to call at this hour, and just as he was about to hang up, the call connected.

"Hello? Mr. Lin?"

Lin Tianhao chuckled, "Sorry for calling so late, Ding, haven't you gone to bed yet?"

"No, we are working on the machines! Mr. Lin, you're up late too?"

Lin Tianhao laughed, "I just got off work. Speaking of which, we have a very famous Bloodrose Guild right here in Shendong, which specializes in recruiting female gamers. Are you interested in joining?"

There was a long silence on the other end before she replied, "Well, Mr. Lin, we haven't even figured out what the game is about yet, we need to take it step by step."

Lin Tianhao chuckled in surprise, "No problem, no problem, then take your time to learn. Alright, don't work too late and make sure to rest."

"Thank you, Mr. Lin, you should rest too."

After hanging up the phone, Lin Tianhao shook his head helplessly. Truth be told, if he really recruited two gaming novices into the guild and they held it back, he would be in trouble. After all, there are far too few female gamers who play well.

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At this moment, Little Fang was both excited and conflicted: "Is this an opportunity to infiltrate the enemy's ranks? Should I join? It seems fun, doesn't it? But then wouldn't I just become their hired hand? What's the point in that? Little Li, what do you think? Should I join?"

Little Li replied unenthusiastically, "Didn't you say you wanted to call your brother to start a small account and make it big?"

Little Fang suddenly realized, "That's true, I almost forgot! But regarding your brother—well, unless they also invite him to the guild?"

Little Li responded irritably, "How could that be possible!"

Little Fang laughed loudly, "If they could add a newbie like your brother, now that would be interesting! Wait—hold on—" Suddenly, an idea struck Little Fang, "I've got a new game plan. How about asking this so-called Mr. Lin to help train our three low-level characters together tomorrow?"

Little Li asked in surprise, "What are you up to?"

Little Fang grinned, "Nothing much, I just suddenly remembered how amused I was by your brother's expression when he got out of the car today. I want to see what it's like when those two men come across each other in the game."

"You've had enough now!"

Chapter 428: Marine Star Chamber of Commerce

On such a wildly crazy night for the entire server, a group of young hearts are also wildly racing!

When Da Bing and Da Wei, along with Da Liu from the computer science department, received the mobile banking transfer text messages, Da Bing's dormitory exploded with excitement! Da Liu's dormitory was boiling over! For these students, ten thousand yuan is a year's living expenses, and these living expenses just floated over so lightly with a single sentence from a tycoon! What does this mean? Unbelievable, unimaginable!

Da Bing excitedly pulled out a bottle of beer and chugged it down. Amidst the applause and cheers of his roommates, Da Bing, extremely agitated, showed off his text message and slurred, "Classmates, do you see this? What is this? This is a tycoon! A true tycoon who spends 20 million to buy Divine Artifacts, casually tipping twenty thousand a day — *burp* —"

His roommates exclaimed in amazement, "Yeah, that's really awesome! Who would have thought that someone could be so rich just by playing a game!"

Da Bing, wiping the foam from the burp at the corner of his mouth, waved his hand dismissively: "Rich? Cut! We've seen plenty of rich folks. Like those who drive luxury cars to line up at the girls' dormitory every weekend, those who go gambling at Emperor's Heaven every night, and those who flaunt their bank account on social media to show off their wealth—what are they? Ask them to give each of us poor sods twenty thousand to see? They won't! They're not on the same level as Brother Hao, who is truly rich, truly generous! He truly doesn't consider money as money! Brother Hao is just someone who plays games, but he's so much stronger than those people. For us to meet someone like Brother Hao in the game, it's a blessing! It's an opportunity! We must seize it with all our might!"

Da Wei also emotionally grabbed a bottle of beer to down in one go: "Classmates! Once everyone gets their machines tomorrow, let's put in the effort we had during the college entrance exams, study hard, work hard!"

His roommates also pulled out bottles of beer, excitedly shouting, "Let's do this! Go all out!"

Now, Brother Hao has spoken in the game, and the students in both dormitories are listening carefully with the speaker turned up—"We've caused trouble for Brother Fei, but Brother Fei is truly a man who can stand against the whole world. I've long since become Brother Fei's die-hard fan! I hope everyone will support Brother Fei with me! Let's all become Brother Fei's die-hard fans, and no matter how much public pressure there is, we will be resolute! Money has never been a problem for me; if you follow Brother Fei, everyone will have lots of money in the future. You won't need me to tip money anymore,

but when that time comes, I'll be even richer, and I'll continue to tip, nobody can stop me, can't even stop if I wanted to, ha ha! Waha haha!"

Da Bing immediately responded with excitement: "Follow Brother Hao! Support Brother Fei!"

The computer science students also responded energetically: "Follow Brother Hao! Support Brother Fei, we also want to be Brother Fei's die-hard fans!"

Meanwhile, compared to the other members of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce who were excited and agitated, One Sword Eastward's feelings were the most complicated. Just now, he too received a tip from Brother Hao, but unlike the others, he got twenty thousand!

One Sword Eastward paused for a moment, then sent a private message asking, "Brother Hao, you gave an extra ten thousand!"

Brother Hao just laughed and didn't speak, but he replied with a private message: "I really appreciate you!"

One Sword Eastward immediately understood; he must have a brash style similar to Da Fei's. Thinking about his intentions in joining the Da Fei Guild, it was to ruin Da Fei's reputation and make Da Fei struggle with enemies everywhere. However, not only did Da Fei continue to thrive, but he also attracted this tycoon and made Da Fei a successful and wealthy winner overnight with 20 million!

The envy, resentment, and frustration in One Sword Eastward's heart can be imagined! Of course, what was even more difficult to accept than the anger and frustration was that this tycoon actually appreciated the stench? It's easy to understand people like Da Fei who exploit others for their own benefit, but why would such a rich Brother Hao also appreciate people like Da Fei and himself? It's beyond bizarre to understand this Brother Hao.

Now Da Fei's guild has grown in strength, and even if he were dethroned, he's already made a fortune and it doesn't matter anymore. So, what can I do? What's the point of my existence? Maybe, what I should do is just like everyone else, follow this tycoon and get rich? That's right, when PK'ing yesterday, I erupted two Divine Artifact Components from Blood Sea Wave worth no one knows how many tens of thousands, and in a moment of excitement, I just gave them directly to Da Fei, what a huge loss! In that case, let's recoup from this bizarre sucker.

So One Sword Eastward replied to Brother Hao: "Brother Hao, if there's anything difficult to handle in the future, just call on me!"

Ono-kun laughed! The craziest dog had also been tamed by him!

Now he easily controlled Da Fei's Chamber of Commerce – who's the next target of conflict? Without a doubt, Star! Star's home base is the Elf Kingdom, and their conflict with Da Fei is inevitable. Of course, it's not the time to provoke them yet, as having back-to-back conflicts with two large guilds in one day is too obvious. The Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce needs to continue growing, to get stronger, so that it will become a significant threat in the China Region!

Just now, Ono-kun received an inquiry from Mr. Igarashi, he wanted to know what the China Region's massive acquisition was all about. Of course, Ono-kun didn't know, but he understood that this action in the China Region showed the scale and power of Chinese gamers to the world. Once this power converges, it will be indomitable and unstoppable; by that time, it's not only the game that the Chinese win, but also the national self-confidence and cohesion, as well as a sense of happiness from playing the game!

These things must never be allowed for the Chinese! Thus, Ono-kun replied: "I don't know what the Chinese want to do, but I know what we should do! That is to continue to closely unite friends and unscrupulously divide enemies!"

Igarashi burst into laughter: "Yo-ho! Worthy of Ono-kun indeed. Alright, it's time for me to have a good talk with our friends in Europe and hope they stop infighting."

Ono chuckled: "Perhaps, the actions of the Chinese today will be the catalyst for the unity of Europeans."

Igarashi laughed: "You truly are an elite of our great Japan, Ono-kun. Very insightful! Europeans are indeed the most panicked. It will be much easier to persuade them now!"

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Amidst the excited cheers of classmates, the Octopus returned to Elorin Port, where passersby all turned to look, and the students of the Dragon Cavalry Guild walked proudly with heads held high!

Da Bing handed over the sea urchin specialty to Brother Hao: "Brother Hao, please make the donation. All the experience added will be yours!"

Brother Hao laughed heartily: "Then I won't be polite! I feel so fulfilled being able to contribute personally to Brother Fei's career!"

Easily creating a formidable opponent for Da Fei and enlisting a group of the most enthusiastic college students to work for him did indeed feel very fulfilling!

Surrounded by the crowd, Brother Hao approached the trading post and showed off the specialty item to the trader, who promptly treated him like a VIP and introduced him to Roland, the manager of the trading post on the second floor.

Roland was delighted: "As expected from the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce. Now that our city has 3 marine specialties, we are eligible to compete in the Alliance's star marine city contest. Of course, the issue we currently face is that the quality of the specialties isn't high enough; they're only grade 5. We need your chamber to continue investing in our city and work together for its prosperity. Please convey my regards to the president of your chamber! Here is your reward, please accept it!"

—System Prompt: You have donated sea urchin specialty in the name of the Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce fame +100,000, Chamber of Commerce funds +100,000, Chamber of Commerce obtains a fixed city share of 10% for the sea urchin specialty, Chamber of Commerce earns the title "Star of Elorin Marine Products", you gain experience +500,000, you gain a Skill Book +1, your reputation in Elorin has become Respected...

—Title "Star of Elorin Marine Products": The Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce will be respected by Elorin's fishermen, and the members of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce will receive preferential treatment from Elorin City's fishermen as well as the Fishing Guild.

—System Prompt: Congratulations, you have leveled up to Level 16...

—System Prompt: Congratulations, you have leveled up to Level 17...

The guild channel immediately cheered: "Congrats to Brother Hao for leveling up!"

Ono let out an inward sigh. Three specialties Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Igarashi! I'm really worried for you.

And at that moment,

—Guild Channel [Chamber of Commerce Vice President Coltner]: A warm welcome to Fisher Kandana for joining our Chamber of Commerce, let's work together for the development of our chamber!

—Guild Channel [Chamber of Commerce Vice President Coltner]: A warm welcome to Fisher Akenna for joining our Chamber of Commerce...

The guild channel erupted: "NPC vice president and NPCs joining the Chamber? That's so freaking awesome!"

Ono was astounded! What exactly is going on? Could it be the effect of the Star of Marine Products title?

Chapter 429: Legendary Regular Army

Da Fei woke up feeling refreshed at 10 o'clock the next morning, took care of his needs and then logged in again, only to see the guild message. Da Fei couldn't help but smile; this is what it feels like to be the guild leader, wake up and everything has been taken care of by others, hahaha!

Da Fei greeted, "Brother Hao, you've worked hard, everyone has worked hard!"

The guild channel immediately buzzed: "Brother Fei, hello! We're just doing what we should!"

Invincible Soldier immediately said, "Brother Fei, the computers Brother Hao sponsored for our dorm mates have arrived, everyone has created new accounts and applied to join the guild, I recommended them, please add them Brother Fei!"

Wow, the team is growing again! Da Fei opened the guild application list, indeed, there were 8 more people.

Da Fei exclaimed, "I'm truly grateful for Brother Hao's support!"

Brother Hao laughed, "Don't be so polite with me, it's uncomfortable! Ha ha!"

Nothing more to say, time to accept them!

—Guild Information: Warmly welcome "Garfield" to join the guild!

—Guild Information: Warmly welcome "Lion's Smile" to join the guild!

—Guild Information: Warmly welcome "Legend in the Wind" to join the guild!

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In a moment, the whole guild was again bustling with cheerful greetings for Brother Fei and Brother Hao. That's the feeling we want! Speaking of which, now that I'm back and done, it's time to give everyone a little welcome present, no equipment but I do have gold coins.

Da Fei then asked, "Where is everyone? I'll give 20,000 gold coins to each person for leveling expenses!"

Invincible Soldier immediately said, "We're all in Elorin, the newly created 8 accounts are all of the Elf Clan! Everyone, come to the Elorin Teleportation Array to welcome Brother Fei!"

Da Fei laughed heartily, "Good, the Elf Clan is fierce in PK and leveling, I like it!"

Da Fei headed straight for the Teleportation Array and returned to Elorin. At this time, the sixteen new guild members had gathered at the Teleportation Array waiting respectfully, with levels ranging from 38 to 1, truly like a nursery.

"Welcome Brother Fei!" As Da Fei appeared, all the members shouted in unison, attracting the curious glances of passing players.

Da Fei waved his hand with a smile, "Guys, I've been really busy. It's not easy to meet everyone. Come on, trade with me, from now on, your task is to level up, level up, and level up. This task is handed over to Da Bing!"

Da Bing hastened to say, "Leave it to me, the Leveling Guild will not neglect contributing to the guild! Thank you, Brother Fei!"

"Thank you, Brother Fei!"

Hahaha! Just as Da Fei was happily trading, the Teleportation Array flashed with bright light, and a group of players with the "Royal Blade" guild emblem appeared.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, troublemakers coming?

A player named Royal Blade approached Da Fei and coldly scanned the members, "Recruited a bunch of trash! I'd like to see how you're going to level up!"

Da Fei had seen plenty of show-offs, he shook his head dismissively and turned back to ask Da Bing, "Is there really such a guild?"

Da Bing hastened to say, "Seems like it was set up overnight."

Da Fei said "Oh?" and asked, "Can you handle it?"

Da Bing immediately said, "Don't worry, Brother Fei, just like what I said before, leave it to me, the Leveling Guild will not neglect contributing!"

Da Fei nodded, "OK, everyone go about your business, just ignore the flies!"

Royal Blade angrily said, "I want to see how you guys can manage both the Leveling Guild and contributing!"

One Sword Eastward laughed heartily, "Just eat farts!"

Da Fei patted One Sword Eastward on the shoulder and said with a laugh, "Well said! Everyone go about your business!"

Blade Royal Family angrily said, "If you dare, don't step out of the city!"

"Goodbye, Brother Fei!" In an instant, everyone laughed heartily, ignoring the Royal Family members as they each went their separate ways.

Although what Da Fei wanted to see most right now was the progress of the construction of Radiant City, since he had come to Elorin, he might as well take care of a few things. For example, check on how Spielberg's ship retrofitting was going. Of course, there was no rush on that, given that the Hunter commission issued by the Dwarf Prince allowed for half a year in the game. Better to go to the Ranger Guild first and report his achievements to Jilrien. I wonder what reaction he will have when he sees that I've officially become a sentinel? Wahahaha!

Ranger Guild, Jilrien's office.

Since Jilrien was now Da Fei's professional instructor, Da Fei could visit him anytime, which was much better than Makar, his cheapskate old mentor.

As expected, Jilrien was dumbfounded and asked in disbelief, "How did you become an official sentinel?"

Da Fei, full of pride, saluted and said, "I paid a visit to an Ancient Sage and received enlightenment from his wisdom!"

Jilrien, recovering from his surprise, sighed with great emotion, "Even among the Elf Clan's ranger druids, those who officially become sentinels are few and far between. To think that you, a human, have achieved this goal – one can only describe you as a prodigy!"

As the instructor of a hidden profession, aren't you indirectly praising yourself? I've finally understood why you were so arrogant in front of the mayor – indeed, you have the capital to be proud!

Da Fei chuckled, "Instructor, you flatter me too much! It is you, the instructor among the sentinels, who truly possesses prodigious talent!"

Jilrien, clearly pleased, nodded his head, "When I gave you the trainee materials, I mentioned that the Sentinel is a military profession of the Kingdom, not to be taught under normal circumstances. But since you have comprehended it yourself, that's a different matter. I feel it's necessary to formally refer you to join the Kingdom's special forces, the 'Nature Guardians'. Are you interested?"

Da Fei was thrilled! Damn, not only did my profession advance to official status, but I could also join the regular army! And not just any regular army, but the special forces! Am I going to be spectacularly awesome?

In the game, the Old World was controlled by NPC forces. Even if players later had amazing equipment and astonishing attack and defense attributes, they still faced two major disadvantages against the NPC's regular army. The first was the capability of the soldiers, as NPCs had elite forms of troops, which were mentioned before.

The second was the military rank number. Although players could get promoted to lieutenant, captain, and so on by doing battlefield merit quests, increasing their Command Power and some attributes, these ranks for players were actually makeshift armies – no, they were more like unaffiliated brave wanderers! For instance, Da Fei was now a captain, but which unit did he belong to? Who was his superior? None! Players could roam wherever they wanted, with no one commanding them.

But the regular army was different. The military rank number was like Da Fei's 'Sea Monster Hunter' title, directly adding to skills and attributes. And for the more historically prestigious and distinguished old units, the skill effects and attribute bonuses were even more formidable.

One common skill in the regular army was "Valor," meaning that the regular army had a particularly high chance of a Morale Burst, which significantly boosted the unit's next attack, Attack Speed, Move Speed, and the chance of special skills occurring. Then, in combination with various attack skills under the Leadership Skill, they would totally crush the players! So, in faction warfare, there was an unwritten rule: best to let our NPC army deal with the opponent's NPC army, and players would take on players.

However, although the regular army receives additional powerful attribute skill bonuses, not many players might be eager to join the regular army during the open beta test. And for no other reason but the fact that joining the regular army means a painfully loss of freedom for the players. The army would issue mandatory missions from time to time, and failure to complete them or causing delays in military operations could lead to being discharged, and not just that, but also a loss of merit and reputation, which players detest more than punching the clock at work.

Moreover, there is another painful aspect of the regular army, that is, losing battles leads to a reduction in the troops' attribute bonuses. Losing too many battles could result in being discharged for insufficient capability.

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However, what Da Fei is facing now is not just any regular army, but the special forces within the regular army, which means he can recruit special soldiers and significantly boost his combat power! So what if he loses some freedom by joining them? He's a professional gamer after all!

And Da Fei soberly recognizes his current state: while he juggles many side jobs and his attribute points are absolutely badass, he lacks the most crucial professional skills such as Attack Skill and Leadership Skill for combat, not to mention that his own operation skills aren't that great either. Facing tough opponents, he's still likely to be at a disadvantage, so he urgently needs to improve himself.

Da Fei then excitedly asked: "Please introduce the Nature Guardian to me, mentor!"

Jilrien nodded gravely and said: "Nature Guardian is the legendary hero Gru's troop from the Elf Clan, who played a pivotal role in reversing the course of the war when the Demon Race invaded the surface world a thousand years ago. Their combat prowess is world-renowned, but so is the notorious strictness of their recruitment standards. Although no human has ever joined them before, a prodigy like you should not be overlooked. With my authority, I will strive to secure a test opportunity for you. As long as you pass the test, you're in."

So that's how it is! It's just a test? Exams are what I find most painful!

Da Fei nodded: "I'm willing to join, please apply on my behalf, mentor."

Jilrien approved: "Very well! You truly are my student. However, with your current standard as a Primary Sentinel, passing the exam might still be difficult. I recommend you continue to level up your Sentinel before the exam. As I've mentioned before, I can only upgrade your Sentinel level once you've improved your Ranger profession level. But leveling up Ranger is up to you now."

Da Fei nodded repeatedly: "The student understands!" Oh my god, this is so troublesome! It seems my next step is to find time to visit that old ghost Taranna's hometown.

Jilrien then asked: "How is your Blood Eagle progressing?"

Da Fei quickly took out the Blood Eagle Flute, quite satisfied with himself: "Its growth is very pleasing. I have a question for my teacher, I was wondering if I could equip my Blood Eagle with equipment?"

Jilrien was once again flabbergasted, his mouth trembling as he said: "Prodigy! Truly a prodigy!! You have completely overturned my thinking! You want to equip it? Hmm! Creative idea, warhorses and Griffins can be equipped, so why not a Blood Eagle? This is a question I need to ponder! Ha ha, wahahaha!"

Right! Warhorses and Griffins can be equipped, so Blood Eagles should be the same! When the time comes, I'll equip my Little Fei with Divine Artifacts, and Da Fei couldn't help but burst into laughter along with wahahaha!

Just as he was feeling smug, Da Fei's phone rang. It was Little Fang! Oh yeah, oh right, today is the day I'm supposed to get off work!

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Da Fei turned off the game's sound effects and answered Little Fang's call: "Hello? Little Fang?"

Little Fang chuckled: "Yes, it's me. When do you get off work, big bro? I'd like to treat you to lunch, but if you're busy at noon, evening works too."

Treating big bro to a meal, hahaha, since I declined once yesterday because of the game, today I definitely can't dodge it. Da Fei laughed: "I get off at noon!"

Little Fang chuckled: "Great, then we'll start preparing the food early!"

Da Fei nodded continuously: "Alright, alright! I'll come back right away!"

Da Fei hangs up the phone, feeling deeply moved. This is the feeling of home! Speaking of which, Little Fang rented two houses just so that I could act as their bodyguard, but on the first night, I wasn't even next to them, this really can't go on. Well, today I should perform well.

There's still some time, so after leaving the Ranger Guild, Da Fei teleported and returned to Radiant City. The construction site was still bustling.

Da Fei opened the city management panel to check the current construction status.

—Netherworld Treasury: Completion 41%, unknown completion time.

—Death Bell Tower: Completion 31%, unknown completion time.

—Sewers: Completed 35 sections, continuing expansion.

So slow, at this rate, it'll take another two or three days. Well, the slower, the better; it means the buildings are more impressive. Like those Gunman Camps that pop up and get built in a few hours, I wouldn't like those at all.

Da Fei then opened the city status panel:

—Radiant City: Level 24 City. (Each new construction or upgrade of a city building increases the city level by one. The higher the city level, the better it is for attracting population and talent growth.)

—Radiation Territory Range: Entireness of Pool of Radiance.

—City Population: 3539 Flower Demons.

—City Military Power: 200 Forest Goddesses, 50 Druids, 3539 Flower Demons, 44 Artillery Emperors, 122 Banshees, 5 Slime Monsters.

—City Diplomacy: Habbit Village (Friendly), Lumang Tribe (Military Alliance).

—City Supplies: 816 units of food, 75 units of Concentrated Mercury, 54 units of Refined Crystal Gem, 18 units of Refined Crystal, 65 units of Refined Crystal Sulfur, 67 units of refined gold iron ore, 91 units of ancient granite, 91 units of Ancient Ironwood, 70 units of Mithril.

—City Funds: Being raised.

—City Facilities: Level 10 city outer wall, level 10 fortress, level 2 Military Teleportation Array, level 1 City Hall, level 1 Supply Warehouse. 124 Flower Demon barracks (outside city facilities).

—City Under Construction: Netherworld Treasury, Death Bell Tower, Sewers.

—City Officials: 13 part-time consultants. (Supply gathering consultant posted away)

—City Sanitation Score: 83 points. (Environment excellent, but still face pollution issues.)

—City Safety Score: 22 points. (Warning: A large number of enemies detected on the outskirts of the territory, safety score related to the military strength comparison of both sides.)

—City Culture Score: 0 points. (Warning: Only by enhancing the cultural taste of the city can more high-level talents be attracted.)

—City Prosperity Score: 0 points. (Warning: You need to open trade to enhance the prosperity of your city. Low prosperity levels might lead your citizens to leave, leading to city bankruptcy.)

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Scanning his city's attributes repeatedly, Da Fei nodded in satisfaction.

Not bad, the effect of the sewer is immediate, it pushed the sanitation score to 83 points and it also produced 5 new Slime Monsters. Once the scale increases and more Slime Monsters appear, won't my city be spotlessly clean with a constant sanitation score of 100?

Speaking of which, such high sanitation seems a bit wasteful, I guess I should also equip the reward I got from the competition, the Necromancer Calamity? I heard it can boost the production of Banshees.

—Necromancer Calamity: S-Class Strategic Treasure, city equipment. Equipment location: City Hall. All city casting soldier production +20%, environmental health score -20 points, when the city environmental score falls below 50, there is a certain chance of triggering a corpse transformation plague.

"However, I should consult the advisors before using equipment with negative effects," Da Fei thought, finding his team of advisors.

The military advisor laughed, "I have no objections to any equipment that can increase our troop production."

The sanitation advisor pondered, "Personally, I think it's too early to use this equipment, but once we hit a -20 environmental score, it could indirectly increase the production of Slime Monsters. As long as their numbers go up, we could further improve the city's sanitation score above the standard line. I think we can use it!"

Hahaha, that's exactly what I was waiting for! Da Fei laughed out loud: "Great, let's equip this item then!"

The military advisor added, "However, since the equipment does have negative effects, it would be wise to take some preventive measures."

The sanitation advisor nodded, "Indeed, my lord should also stock up on some medicines. Although our city lacks a hospital, I suggest we build one now. A smaller-scale clinic would suffice; it would be quicker to set up. As for the chief physician, I could temporarily take on that role. If you wish to operate smoothly, I recommend recruiting relevant medical personnel from around."

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Alright! Let's build both a clinic and a hospital! You handle the medicines, money is not an issue."

In city construction, some buildings are basic functional facilities that can be built without blueprints, such as schools, libraries, hospitals, watchtowers, blacksmiths, markets, etc. The biggest challenge in managing these buildings is related NPC talents. These talents need to be recruited by the lord through increasing the fame and level of his territory, though they can also be trained in schools.

Speaking of preventative measures, military force is always paramount. Da Fei remembered the Holy Vine Seeds he had picked up in the Holy Vine Forest. Tachiusu had mentioned that these plant troops had multiple effects like siege, defense, and anti-invisibility. Why not give it a try? In case of an unfortunate outbreak like a zombie plague, if every other troop type lost their combat effectiveness, at least the plant troops should be unaffected.

First, to plant one in the City Hall, the core building of the city, which must be heavily protected. Accompanied by his advisors, Da Fei arrived at the City Hall that looked like a small church, and first equipped the Necromancer Calamity.

—System Prompt: Would you like to equip "Necromancer Calamity" to the City Hall? (Note: Each level of City Hall can only equip one item, to equip more you need to raise the level of the City Hall.)

—City Hall upgrade requirements for next level: population of 10,000, sanitation score 60, prosperity score 30, culture score 30, city level 30.

The City Hall is the toughest building to upgrade, with strict requirements for various city indicators. No more to say, confirm!

With a flash of light, a Mage Statue emitting a strange Demon Light appeared on the roof of City Hall, a magnified version of the Necromancer Calamity!

Da Fei couldn't help but feel frustrated. If high-level players later visit my city and see this thing, wouldn't they all know I've equipped this slightly tricky item? What if someone takes advantage of this to mess with me, causing thousands of people to relieve themselves all over my city? That would be troublesome!

Now, it's time to plant the Holy Vine. Since it's the City Hall, I should plant at least a grade 4 seed. This time, in the Holy Vine Space, Da Fei obtained a total of 40 grade 5 seeds and 15 grade 4 seeds. Trying one should be no problem.

—System Prompt: Would you like to plant a grade 4 Holy Vine Seed at the City Hall?

Confirm!

A fist-sized golden seed hit the ground and disappeared like a ginseng fruit hitting the earth. In that instant, the ground flashed green, and a golden sprout broke through the soil, then grew rapidly along the wall roots with visible speed, spreading fast. In just a few seconds, the vine covered half of the City Hall's wall and reached the roof!

"Wow!" Even the advisors were shocked by the astonishing growth rate!

Da Fei quickly checked the attributes of the Holy Vine!

—Holy Vine: Growing grade 4 Holy Vine, large plant troop: Attack 10, Defense 85, Life 450, Damage 10-20, Attack Speed 0, Move Speed 0, Special Skills: Stealth, Vine Strangulation, Life Steal, Mana Stealing, Plane Surveillance, Devouring Growth, Transplantation.

At this moment, a white circle only visible to the owner appeared on the screen around the planting site of the Holy Vine within a radius of about ten meters, indicating the attack range of the vine. This meant that its tendrils were already lying in ambush underground.

Da Fei hurriedly checked its special skills:

—Vine Strangulation: Holy Vine can entangle enemies who step into its attack range, immobilizing them and continuously dealing damage while incessantly draining the enemy's life and mana.

—Devouring Growth: Holy Vine can grow by absorbing nutrients from strangled enemies.

—Transplantation: Plant type troops are immobile; they require relevant gardening skills to be relocated.

Da Fei was astounded! Holy smokes, what the heck is this? It's straight-up an evil Cannibal Tree! So, there really is no clear difference between demonic and holy, huh? But, I like it! Wahaha! Do say, it seems a bit of a waste to place this kind of thing in the rear. Shouldn't it be placed on the frontline walls to continuously consume the invading enemies? Even in its growing state, it's this powerful; what would it be like when it's fully grown?

Let's plant it now on the city walls. But considering the walls might take more hits, some loss might be unavoidable. Let's plant only half, 20 of the grade 5 seeds!

Thus, Da Fei went to the dock area, and just then, Selvia and Anlicia Dierdel came out to greet him.

Da Fei was taken aback: "Hasn't Catherine returned yet?"

The beauties shook their heads: "She hasn't come back!"

Da Fei frowned slightly, it had been over half a month in the game, which was quite serious! It seems like Catherine is about to trigger a major quest. But, the bigger the quest, the more I need to fortify my rear to avoid concerns. Nothing more to say, off to plant trees!