

## God level 441

Chapter 441: Can the Blood Eagle Be Ridden?

Supporting Ouling? So, the entire Bloodrose Team is gonna help Brother Fei's Ouling achieve her dreams? Which means they're gonna help cultivate heroes for Brother Fei's alt account?

Damn! In such a blink of an eye, Da Fei was genuinely moved! Just a small alt that hasn't even been in the guild for two hours is receiving such care and concern from the organization. What virtues do I have to deserve this? I must thank them!

Brother Xiang: "Thanks everyone, thank you for the organization's concern!"

Little Fang and Little Li also hastily said: "Thank you, everyone!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear chuckled: "Anyway, everyone just lost a battle and is itching for a rematch. If we don't make a comeback, I bet we won't be able to focus on instances again. So, let's take this chance to recruit and get our revenge!"

Bloodrose Qiqi cheered: "Yeah! Time for revenge!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear said in annoyance: "Knew you weren't in the mood for instances!"

Bloodrose Holy Sword expressed confusion: "But isn't Chang Liang clearly our objective rival? Does this mean we're going to confront them again?"

Bloodrose Holy Spear sneered: "That Chang Liang is known as a cash cow that can generate hundreds of thousands worth for the guild every minute. If he deigns to step on us, it's an honor. So why not be cheeky and ask for a few more steps? After all, we can't generate profits, and instead, we're like vases that cost the guild thousands every minute. Let's just keep him company to the end!"

The whole team burst into laughter: "Gun Sister is right, we'll stick with him to the end!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear made a final decision: "That's settled then, let's meet up in Eastern Wilderness Town, buy up troops citywide, and wave the banner of revenge!"

"Yay!"

Da Fei took a long breath of relief. Great! Really great. From their analysis and reasoning just now, it shows that their gaming skills are quite high, and so it's really reliable to entrust the task of supporting Ouling to them. What's more important is that they don't care about benefits; they're all about understanding the big picture, so the chances of success are huge. Anyway, I've got high hopes for you!

However, isn't such impulsiveness exactly what highlights the rascally nature of the Bloodrose Team? No choice, this is the flamboyant style of a tycoon with too much money to spend. Indeed, it's quite a hassle to have such people as enemies. But for now, let's not mention Bloodrose; Brother has already offended the Royal Family's tycoon. So, let Brother focus and deal with them with all his might! I have to impress them with absolute overwhelming power and an even more rascally attitude until these tycoons lose their temper!

Now, Brother Xiang's alt has followed the team out of the instance, and was teleported to Eastern Wilderness Town again. Then, the regional channel of the whole Eastern Wilderness Town was filled with recruitment ads from the Bloodrose Guild, a mighty spectacle.

Instantly, the entire Eastern Wilderness was stirred! Furthermore, it alarmed players developing in neighboring towns. Players from the neighboring towns expressed that they would immediately bring their troops to support the Bloodrose's cause for revenge. And the network and appeal of the beauties are always astonishing; many single Mage-type players also transported themselves from all over the Alliance to Eastern Wilderness Town to play the hero. These bachelor Mage players actually share the same strategy as Phoenix Feather, which is to cast a couple of lightning spells and then run off, annoying player-led troops to death. Even though Beastmen have unique passive skills like "Anti-Destruction," "Anti-Darkness," "Anti-Light," etc., and are not afraid of magic, how can they endure a multitude of foes?

In short, Bloodrose created such a desperate revengeful stance aiming to scare Dragon Slayer Chang Liang into retreat. And Chang Liang's strength needed no proving; he could continue to adopt an aloof stance, implying he's too busy to stoop to battling average players and thus avoiding confrontation.

However, all these have nothing to do with Da Fei's alt; time to hang with the squad.

Da Fei then switched over to his main account, taking Selvia and Anlicia with him. Before leaving, he took one last look at the overall state of the city:

- City Sanitation Score: 73. (The environment is good, but still faces pollution problems.)
- City Safety Score: 41. (Warning: Enemies are lurking on the outskirts of the territory; safety score is related to the military strength comparison of both sides.)
- City Culture Score: 0. (Warning: Only by enhancing the city's cultural quality can you attract more high-level talents to settle.)
- City Prosperity Score: 0. (Warning: You need to engage in trade to enhance your city's prosperity. Low prosperity leads to citizens leaving and city bankruptcy.)

Hahaha, not bad at all! Even after installing the Necromancer Calamity, my sanitation score still maintains a high standard of 73. Once my hospital is built, combined with the expansion of sewers and increasing Slime Monsters, reaching 100 isn't just a dream! And what makes me even more pleased is the higher safety score—could it be the many Holy Vines I planted improved our military strength ratio? Haha! Good, the base is steadily developing, and I'll be at ease even when going out to sea. Now, I can leave with a peace of mind.

Of course, Da Fei didn't realize that at this moment, along the Pool of Radiance coast, a huge army of 200,000 Demons was propelled to build intensively, beginning work along the entire line. The reason the city's safety score increased instead of decreased was that the Demon Race's Fog Demons shielded the military strength, causing a serious error in the city panel data.

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With a flash of light, Da Fei and his two Vice Heroes appeared in Elorin.

At that moment, players nearby the Teleportation Array were astounded: "Da Fei is here! Da Fei actually came!"

Isn't that obvious? Bro singlehandedly flipped the Eight-Nation Alliance, so do you think he gives a damn about these petty things in the National service?

Da Fei strutted directly to the Ranger Guild, only to see the Guild Leader, Instructor Jilrien, again. Two days in the game and Jilrien's two faces were bloodshot red! Holy shit, did he stay up for two nights straight playing mahjong or what?

Seeing Da Fei's arrival, Jilrien clapped his hands and said, "You've come at just the right time, I have some research results on the Blood Eagle that I want to tell you!"

Da Fei exclaimed with joy, "Student is here exactly for this matter, please enlighten me, Instructor!"

Jilrien nodded, "I've been going through all sorts of flying beast data for the past two days and found that whether it's a Dragon-Eagle, a Griffin, a Pegasus, or a Two-legged Flying Dragon, to equip them with gear, they must be of at least medium size! If the flying beast isn't big enough, it means it's not strong enough to fly while carrying equipment. That said, your Blood Eagle must continue to grow and reach at least a medium size! Its current small size is absolutely not enough!"

So size is the key? Da Fei raised his eyebrow and busily asked, "Then Instructor, when can my Blood Eagle grow to a medium size?"

Jilrien shook his head, "I'm not sure. Your Blood Eagle's existence itself is beyond my imagination. But what I can be sure of is, growing to a medium size will require several times the effort it took to grow from tiny to small. Moreover, if you want to equip it with gear, you must learn the Lord System skill 'Armed Forces.'"

— Armed Forces: A hero can equip their troops with gear, enhancing the troops' attributes. For each level of the Armed Forces skill increased, the troops gain one additional Equipment Bar.

Da Fei suddenly understood! It's actually related to this legendary Tycoon skill after all! Thinking about it, the day of the competition after wiping out the South Korean girl, Bro also witnessed the fragility of the Elite Army, and Bro indeed planned to train this skill. However, due to the game's balance, using equipment designed for players on troops greatly reduces attributes which is very uneconomical, hence there is the concept of "Military Equipment" in the game.

Da Fei then asked, "Then Instructor, what kind of gear would the Blood Eagle use?"

Jilrien nodded his head, "Good question. In my view, the Blood Eagle's equipment must be custom made. I know a few Elf Dwarf blacksmith friends who specialize in making gear for Griffins and are experts in this field. Anyway, when your Blood Eagle grows to that point, I will help you get it custom made. Right now, the key for you is to continue raising the Blood Eagle, which will be a long and arduous process. You should be prepared mentally."

Da Fei nodded, "Thank you for the teaching, Instructor. I understand."

Indeed, the more awesome the thing, the harder it is to obtain! But no matter how difficult, raising the Blood Eagle is worth it. At the very least without Little Fei Bro wouldn't be able to handle today's crisis. Suddenly, Da Fei thought of Little Pig Run that could fly!

Da Fei took a deep breath and asked, "Instructor, is it possible for this Blood Eagle to be ridden like those Griffin Knights' mounts?"

"Ridden?!" Jilrien's bloodshot eyes widened dramatically!

Da Fei's own eyebrows twitched, anxiously anticipating his answer!

Finally, Jilrien chuckled, "At the very least, it has to grow to a large size before we talk about riding! Right now, it's not even medium-sized, you're thinking too much."

Da Fei laughed out loud! As long as the NPC doesn't deny it, that means it's possible! To the former Bro, considering whether to attend Tsinghua University or Beijing University was indeed thinking too much, but in the game, Bro is extremely confident; there's nothing he can't do! As long as Little Fei can reach the realm of being ridden one day, any training efforts Bro makes now are worthwhile and will remain unwavering! Little Fei truly is Bro's own son, wahahaha!

Leaving the Ranger Guild, Da Fei headed straight to the Chamber of Commerce Administration to find Coltner.

As soon as Da Fei entered the hall of the Chamber of Commerce Administration, he saw a throng of people, with dozens to hundreds of players with the "Blood Sea Guild" tag above their heads gathered together. Yoohoo! Blood Sea Studio finally formed a Guild too, huh?

And Da Fei's entrance instantly became the focus of the entire hall.

"Da Fei!" Sea and Sky burst out laughing, "I heard your Chamber of Commerce got trampled again, but rest assured, we are too busy to trample on you!"

Da Fei shook his head, clearly annoyed, "Bro is here to trample back, got time to check it out together?"

Sea and Sky sneered coldly, "No time! I know why you're so arrogant and smug. In the end, the life and death of player members don't impact you, you're walking the NPC members route. I really want to see, when others kill your NPC members, what kind of face you'll make!"

Da Fei's face couldn't help but change! That's right, it seemed like Bro recruited a few NPC fishermen into the Chamber of Commerce this morning. If those mad dogs go all out to kill NPCs, Bro's going to take a huge loss. NPC fishermen are not easy to recruit and if they die, they're gone!

But the change in Da Fei's expression was exactly what Sea and Sky was looking for, as he pointed at Da Fei's face and laughed wildly, "Look, look, that stupid-ass face!"

For a time, the entire hall of Blood Sea members roared with laughter!

Da Fei scoffed, "A clown house full of moronic kids!"

#### Chapter 442: Music School Plan

"Is it really when the wall falls, everyone pushes? These clowns think they can mess with me just because they're up against the Royal Guild? The more they try, the more I want to push back and show them who's boss! Isn't it endless?

When Da Fei entered the Chamber of Commerce office, Coltner was examining a large map on the wall with a magnifying glass. Seeing Da Fei arrive, Coltner smiled and said, 'Welcome, guild leader. What can I do for you?'

Da Fei hurriedly said, 'Two things. First, the safety of our newly joined fishermen. I've heard that someone might target them, so we must hide them and keep them from going out to sea.'

Coltner was surprised, 'Are you talking about the Kandana, Akenna, and Arsenal brothers?'

Da Fei was stunned for a moment, wondering how he remembered their names. He quickly checked the guild member list: 'Yes, exactly them!'

Coltner shook his head and sighed, 'There's no helping it. What you might not know, guild leader, is that these three aren't actually regular fishermen but—well, they are three outlaws with records, and they've joined our guild because they had nowhere else to go.'

Outlaws? Holy shit, what kind of play is this? Da Fei was astonished, 'Why would our Chamber of Commerce take in such people?'

Coltner sighed, 'My Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce is rumored to be cursed by the Sea God, and that's known all over Elorin. Apart from these desperate outlaws, who else would dare join our Chamber? The title of Star Seafood Chamber of Commerce we received was just a chance for these three to join without attracting attention. Actually, I didn't want to take them in, but I was asked by a friend whom I can't afford to offend, just to help settle them down. Don't worry, guild leader, these people do have real skills and can be useful. Even if they die, it's no great loss. Don't concern yourself.'"

Da Fei was both amused and exasperated! Now Da Fei understood what Old Coltner's so-called network that 'couldn't ascend the stage' meant at that banquet. So, making acquaintances with these shady figures really did fit his dandy image, huh?

Alright, since they are capable outlaws, I'm not afraid of someone causing them trouble. Who knows, maybe they'll be useful in the future. Back when I played 'Conquest' as the Dragon Slayer Guild leader, all my underlings were trash players. Years later, here I am as a guild leader again, and the NPCs I'm recruiting all have questionable backgrounds. Damn it! Why can't I ever elevate my status?

Alright, it's time for an upgrade!

Da Fei then said, 'Onto the second matter, I became a Basic-level Minstrel after a trip. Do you have any corresponding Minstrel combat music scores?'

Coltner was suddenly taken aback, 'No wonder I haven't seen the guild leader for many days, I felt like your aura had improved. So you've become the legendary Minstrel we thought was lost to time! Indeed, I have a score here. Just give me a moment!' He then began searching through the bookshelf.

Da Fei laughed heartily, 'Take your time! No rush!' Hahaha, I've definitely come to the right person, this is what you call being ahead of the work!

After a while, Coltner found a piece of paper, 'Here it is! The name of this music score is 'Voice of Light,' you've heard it before, it's the piano piece I played at sea!

— System Prompt: You've received the music score "Voice of Light" from Coltner.

— Voice of Light: Requires performance on a stage set with abundant lighting and water effects, capable of mesmerizing the audience's vision and hearing. Performance conditions: Light screen stage, water screen stage, Advanced Piano Musician, Junior Flute Accompanist, Basic-level Minstrel.

Seeing the performance conditions for the Voice of Light, Da Fei couldn't help but be stunned: "Why does it require an Advanced Piano Musician, a Junior Flute Accompanist, and also a Basic-level Minstrel?"

Coltner laughed heartily: "Chairman, the Minstrel is a Hero profession, while the Piano Musician and Flute Accompanist are merely ordinary urban professions; they cannot be mentioned in the same breath. This score requires a Piano Musician as the main performer and a group of Flute Accompanists to achieve full effect. Moreover, if there is a Basic-level Minstrel as the conductor of the orchestra, the effect will be collectively enhanced - that's the value of a Minstrel being a Hero profession!"

So that's how it is! These Piano Musicians and Accompanists are actually like doctors, normally used to boost the city's ratings; doctors enhance the health rating, while musicians enhance the cultural rating.

However, since there is talk of a music troop type, these musician skills must also be usable as troop skills, at least those Habbit youths all possess flute skills.

Da Fei then asked: "Does that mean I can play the piano now?"

Coltner smiled and said: "Although you are now a Minstrel, that doesn't mean you can sing or play music! Unless you specifically spend time learning the piano techniques from a musician. However, as a hero, there really is no need to practice piano techniques; you can leave the performance to the musicians below. But if you don't have musicians and are interested in music yourself, you could also learn the techniques so you could perform the music on your own."

So that's it! At the end of the day, the troops a Minstrel brings are actually an "orchestra"! As for learning non-hero skills like piano techniques, it's like mining, needing constant practice to master, which is quite a pain; of course, I don't have time for that, but since Selvia has talent in this area, let's leave the piano practice to her.

So, the critical issue is the music troop type. So far, Da Fei has not found any information about music troop types or related troop buildings from any published game data; thus, it's very possible that this troop type needs to be developed by players themselves.

Da Fei suddenly recalled the school under construction in Radiant City! Since putting Flower Demon in school allowed it to learn medical skills, why couldn't I focus on a music class? It could both enrich my arsenal and enhance my city's cultural rating—it's a win-win!

Da Fei eagerly asked: "Now that I am a Minstrel, can I develop music troops through the school?"

Coltner laughed heartily: "Of course! What use would the school be if it couldn't train them? However, the talents trained by the school are very precious and rare. If they were used as troops in battle, any loss of life would be a significant blow."

Da Fei nodded: "You make a good point, but let's just address this void first. I've decided to build a school focused on music."

"Well deserved for our Chairman!" Coltner pulled out a lavish invitation from his pocket: "Chairman, this is an invitation to the Elorin Ball. Every evening, famous and not-so-famous musicians come to perform. When you're free, you could visit them; perhaps you could hire some high-skilled musicians as instructors for your school, or even acquire some music scores!" He chuckled and added: "By the way, there are many beautiful girls at the ball, don't miss out!"

Da Fei joyfully accepted the invitation: "Worthy of being a Baron! I'll definitely go when I have the time."

#### Chapter 443: Three Mysterious Fishermen

The Minstrel also made some minor gains. With plenty of time left, it's time to take Selvia to the city's opera house to learn piano. Oh right, since Anlicia is free anyway, let's have her learn the flute.

Just as Da Fei was about to leave, he suddenly remembered those three fishermen. Although they had a special identity, Coltner didn't seem to care much about their lives, but as the wise and mighty guild leader, of course, he wouldn't let them be easily killed.

Da Fei then asked, "I want to check on the Arsenal Brothers. Where are they?"

Coltner said gravely, "They are working at the local seafood farm, but these three are stubborn and weird, don't heed much advice. Guild leader, better not to confront them."

Da Fei nodded, "Understood!" The weirder their temperament, the more it indicates they have something special; I'll definitely keep them safe. Let's visit them first.

Ignoring the fools from Blood Sea Guild in the management hall, Da Fei headed straight to the seafood farm.

Near the shores of Elorin, on the Royal Guild's medium artillery boat, Divine Power, Royal Blade and the notorious Phoenix Feather were leisurely fishing side by side on the bulwark.

Royal Blade chuckled, "Da Fei appeared in the city, looks like he's personally taking charge this time. Any confidence?"

Phoenix Feather replied annoyedly, "Are you kidding? He has the Divine Artifact, okay? The real question is whether you guys have confidence, whether you guys have the determination!"

If it were before, Phoenix Feather believed that having a double class of Druid and Thunder Summoner along with a Combined Divine Artifact Mana Source made him invincible. However, exactly because he possessed double classes and Divine Artifact, he knew how formidable they could be, so he dared not underestimate Da Fei. Phoenix Feather's reason for allying with the Royal Family was simple; being notorious, he hoped to attack Da Fei without interference. With numerous tycoons in the Royal Family, who were sophisticated and wouldn't loot his red name, plus having extensive information networks, they were his ideal partners.

The reason Phoenix Feather maintained his red name wasn't just for some cool showing; during the public beta, he discovered a Hidden Profession only available to infamous players—Blood Drinkers. The redder the name, the higher his attributes, and the higher the chances of looting equipment from other players with ordinary status.

Royal Blade coldly said, "The boss has started taking personal action, what do you think about determination? The boss gave a strict order, the moment his ship sets sail, we will stop at nothing to sink it! Especially his large ship, it's slow to start, and that's our best chance to stop it from leaving port!"

Phoenix Feather chuckled, "There's the coast guard, though."

Royal Blade also chuckled, "In your eyes, isn't the coast guard just a fart?"

Both laughed heartily.

Just then, a Royal subordinate reported, "Blade bro, Da Fei has shown up at the seafood farm."

Royal Blade laughed heartily, "And here I thought Da Fei didn't fear heaven or earth. Turns out he still cares about some NPCs, huh?"

Phoenix Feather laughed heartily, "Those he cares about, I'll kill; those he doesn't care about, I'll still kill! I'll make sure his damned Chamber of Commerce can never develop!"

Royal Blade laughed loudly, "That's the spirit! Once we crush his Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce, our Royal Guild will strongly move into Elorin and invest in its special products, and you'll be a huge contributor for our guild then. You won't miss out on the benefits."

Phoenix Feather replied sullenly, "Why not move in now?"

Royal Blade sighed, "Isn't it because we're worried about alerting the Blood Sea Guild and dragging us down?"

Phoenix Feather smirked coldly, "Whether it's Da Fei or Blood Sea, in the end, the guild leader is human, not a native here. The development prospects in Elorin are limited. The real threat is the quietly watching Star. Believe it or not, if you guys take down Da Fei, Star will definitely move in strongly. By that time, whether it's Da Fei or your Royal Guild, you all are just paving the way and toiling for Star."

Royal Blade was startled for a moment, then shook his head, "I don't care about these things, our only focus is to kill Da Fei. But, you seem to have good ideas, how about joining our guild?"

Phoenix Feather gave a faint smile, "To become the Vice President, huh?"

Royal Blade replied annoyedly, "Forget I said anything!"

Elorin Seafood Farm is specialized in cultivating the three special products contributed by Da Fei. Owning 40% of the total shares of the three farms, Da Fei was undoubtedly treated like a VIP by the farm manager upon his arrival.

Da Fei laughed heartily, "No need to be so polite, I just want to check on our guild's three new employees. They haven't been causing any trouble, have they?"

The farm manager waved his hands repeatedly with a smile squinting his eyes, "Not at all, not at all! These three brothers have been very diligent since they arrived. They even went diving to fix the loosened underwater cages and wooden piles, which ordinary people couldn't dive deep enough to reach!"

Da Fei raised his eyebrows, so obedient? And can dive too? Could it be that they used to be thieves specializing in salvaging sunken ships? Truly talented indeed!

Led by the manager on a boat, Da Fei saw from afar a small trawling boat in the farm with three NPCs wearing the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce insignia. Found them! Damn, speaking of which, the security situation in their open work environment is indeed worrying. No wonder the Blood Sea idiots can threaten me.

Now, as Da Fei approached the boat of three men who were working with their heads down, the manager also called out from a distance, "New guys, your Guild Leader is here to see you!"

The three men looked up, their faces covered with black oilcloths only their eyes visible, and they were Elves. Their vague, ash-gray eyes silently stared at Da Fei.

Damn! As expected, weird, had a vibe of real experts! That ashen eye condition is definitely caused by prolonged diving, indicating that they weren't just experienced salvage thieves, right? Excellent! I've always been prepared to deal with tough guys, and in front of tough people, one must be neither servile nor overbearing—this way I can maintain my guild leader style and take care of the other party's dignity.

Da Fei cleared his throat and said, "Baron Cornat, the Vice President, said that you guys are very capable. Keep up the good work. There will be more suitable positions for you in the future."

One of them coldly said, "Guild Leader, you're too kind; this job is very good and suitable for us; we're not going anywhere."

Yeah, this reaction was expected.

Da Fei then casually said, "That's fine. But you must pay attention to safety. I have received information that someone will harm you, so you must take care!"

The three men suddenly looked startled, exchanged glances, and then immediately regained their composure, still speaking coldly, "Guild Leader, you're too kind; in the water, we're confident no one can kill us!"

Damn! So awesome? That's great! Think about it, with their badass diving skills, they could just run if they can't win.

Da Fei nodded, "That's good. If things really don't work out, you can come to me for shelter. I can arrange that for you. Until next time."

The manager also said, "Everyone, keep up the good work!"

Just as Da Fei turned to leave, one of them suddenly shouted, "Guild Leader, do you know about the 'Dark Tide'?"

Da Fei was taken aback, "Dark Tide? I'm not aware. What's that?"

The three men glanced at each other again and then said indifferently, "Nothing, Guild Leader. Take care." After that, the three of them took the fishing net and jumped into the water, disappearing without a trace.

—System Prompt: You have acquired the related information about "Dark Tide."

Da Fei was suddenly taken aback? Dark Tide? What's that? Why would I accidentally get some info from them? Did I accidentally trigger a plot?

Wait a minute! Da Fei suddenly realized! Maybe I really accidentally triggered the story! They are fugitives here for shelter, right? Me suggesting that someone was coming to kill them must be the trigger for the storyline! What I mean is, I meant players were coming to kill them—such uncertain events, of course, they wouldn't react; they must have mistaken my message for something related to "Dark Tide"? Seems even the system was misled by me!

Hahaha! I'm really something! Anyway, I'm busy and sincerely don't have time to dig deeper into these three fellows, as long as they can survive, it's fine.

And at this moment, Da Fei's phone rang; it was Little Li.

Little Li: "Brother, time for dinner, we have a big guild event tonight. Let's eat early!"

Oh? Very good. I also have a big event tonight, time for a fierce battle!

Chapter 444: The Sunken Ship of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce?

The so-called dinner was just leftovers from lunch being reheated in the microwave. Well, it's quick and easy, just the way I like it.

Little Fang enthusiastically said, "Big brother, what are your thoughts on this game?"

Da Fei chuckled while eating, "It's really interesting."

Little Fang shook her head with a smile, "It's more than just interesting. Big brother, do you know how much this account of yours is worth now? At least 500,000! Otherwise, why would Bloodrose go to such great lengths to help with the hero quest?"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, you're quite knowledgeable, huh?

Noticing Da Fei's surprised expression, Little Fang laughed even more happily: "So, big brother, if you're interested, why not join us? It's always best to start earning early!"

Oh! So she's gone down the path of a professional gamer too! Da Fei quickly glanced at Little Li, who was focused on her food, showing no sign of opinion. Holy! She's in on it too! Wahahaha, excellent! Playing games and making money with the wife and girls is exactly my dream!

However, I'm Da Fei, and I don't want anyone to know this. Plus, my main account is too busy right now, with a mission to save the World Tree space hanging over me. Moreover, tomorrow I need to see the Dwarf Prince, so dual-logging wouldn't be convenient; better to stabilize my base first.

Da Fei then cleared his throat and said, "I'm not skilled enough now; I don't have the confidence to handle these things."

Little Fang laughed: "No worries, since you're at a low level now, there's nothing much you can do anyway. Just play casually and get familiar with it; we will help power-level your account."

Da Fei nodded eagerly: "Yeah, mainly because I haven't played games for many years; I'm out of practice and need to slowly get back into the groove."

Little Li snorted: "Brother, maybe it's better if you don't get back into the groove!"

Little Fang asked with a laugh: "What was big brother's state back then?"

Da Fei waved his hand dismissively: "Let's not talk about back then, it was all-nighters after all-nighters, wahahaha!"

Little Li said irritably: "And you still have the nerve to mention it!"

Little Fang laughed heartily: "What a talent! Big brother, can you still pull off all-nighters now?"

Little Li glared: "Know when to stop, okay!"

Da Fei chuckled: "Right, right. Know when to stop, plus I have work tomorrow!" Yeah, tomorrow "at work," I'll go see the Dwarf Prince and get the Divine Artifact sorted.

This meal was quickly wrapped up amid laughter and chatter. This time, Little Li didn't even have time to wash the dishes before rushing to the computer; it seemed the Bloodrose Guild had officially sounded the call to attack, and as for Da Fei, well, nothing much to say—his small account would just continue following the team and hang up the game.

Then Da Fei immediately took the chance to return to Radiant City. This time it was to build another school, and this one would focus on music. As for teachers, what's the harm in letting the Cultural Consultant temporarily fill in? Anyway, build first, think later, and find time to look for more at the ball.

—System Prompt: Warning! Unable to build! You are already constructing a school and cannot build another facility of the same type. You must upgrade City Hall to level 2 to have two schools in the city simultaneously!

What the heck! Da Fei was dumbfounded. There was such an annoying setting! Isn't it true that for troop buildings, you can build as many as you want? Da Fei hurriedly found the Cultural Consultant, "Why can't I continue building a school?"

The Cultural Consultant was surprised, "My lord, the current city scale is enough with just one school, why build another?"

Da Fei was speechless. In the vast world, the game's settings are supreme, and asking an NPC is pointless. Actually, on second thought, this is the difference between troop structures and city function buildings. It seems to be a limitation on Lord Players set by the system. Otherwise, if you want to boost culture, you could constantly build schools, theaters, and libraries; if you want to boost hygiene, keep building hospitals. Lord Players would have it too easy.

But upgrading City Hall to level 2 wasn't easy for Da Fei; a second-level city hall requires a population of 10,000, hygiene score of 60, prosperity score of 30, culture score of 30, and city level of 30. While other things might be easy, it's the population and prosperity score that really stump Da Fei. Given the current situation of the dormant World Tree in the Pool of Radiance, the city's population won't increase anytime soon.

So there's only one way, open a music class in the existing school. Meaning the school has to simultaneously research medicine and music, which will halve the research speed of both. It's just like the library or laboratory, the more projects researched at once, the slower the overall speed, but there's no way around it.

Da Fei then said to the Cultural Consultant, "I want to open a music class in the school, can you temporarily teach?"

Hearing this, the Cultural Consultant was startled, then beamed with joy: "Finally, it's my turn! Everyone else has something to do except me, and I've been bored to death! Rest assured, my lord, I'll do a great job, but could I be the homeroom teacher?"

Da Fei questioned, "What's the difference between a homeroom teacher and a tutor?"

The Cultural Consultant cleared his throat: "A homeroom teacher manages the tutors and students, and doesn't handle daily teaching..."

Da Fei was astonished: "Why not teach?"

The Cultural Consultant blushed: "My real specialty is art..."

—Ah, bah! Da Fei spat out water! Damn it, can art train combat units? What use are you to me!

And the Cultural Consultant hastily continued: "But rest assured, Lord City Lord, since I'm just idling, I can go out and help you recruit teaching staff!"

Oh? Is that possible? That sounds more like it! Da Fei agreed, "Very well, you can be the music class homeroom teacher then! Since our school is studying both medicine and music, the progress will surely lag behind. You must find a way to recruit many capable teachers to speed up our school's progress!"

The Cultural Consultant clapped his hands and laughed: "Leave it to me, Arong, and I'll also recruit tutors for the medical class while I'm at it!"

Wow! Even better benefits! Da Fei was delighted: "Right, tell them, salary and benefits are not a problem!"

Arong repeatedly nodded and extended his hand: "Please give me 1 million gold coins as a hiring bonus!"

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped: "Hiring bonus?"

Arong laughed: "Yes, music and medical tutors are very high-end talents in society, no words can guarantee, they need the first month or first-year salary paid upfront to consider coming!"

Damn! Opening bid is 1 million; how high are their salaries? Is this monthly or yearly? Are you gonna skim something off the top? But, when an official actively seeks a job and asks for money, it clearly triggers a plot event; some things players can never accomplish, but NPCs can with just a word!

Okay, isn't it just money! What I have least of is money! Da Fei opened his bags and suddenly froze! No money left! I seem to have given all of the 2.4 million prizes from the tournament to Consultant Tai Da, for him to be the ambassador at Habbit Village!

Damn! What to do? The 30 million owed in the trading post hasn't moved a bit!

Da Fei coughed and said, "Um, could the economic advisor allocate some funds?"

Arong shook his head woodenly, "No, this requires cash. The economic advisor's loans come from the Kingdom bank's books; he can't even see cash."

Da Fei sighed: "Well, we'll talk once my payment arrives."

Arong laughed: "Don't worry, my lord, I can still think of a way; since high-end talent can't be found, I can go to the tavern neighborhood and recruit wandering musicians or traveling doctors to temporarily fill the teaching staff. They at least are a bit better than students who know nothing."

Da Fei laughed dryly: "Alright, something is better than nothing, see to it! After all, tell them we'll provide meals!"

Arong nodded: "Okay! Meals included! I'll get going now."

Ah! Damn, who would've thought that a mere 1 million would stump me; is this the legendary 'a penny can kill a hero'? Without cash, even recruitment at a ball would be impossible. Right in the middle of this headache, the guild channel rang: "Brother Fei, we're back to port!"

Excellent! Just when I was thinking about venting my frustration! Da Fei asked, "Have you all eaten?"

Everyone replied, "We've eaten!"

Invincible Soldier also said, "Brother Fei, how about I pick up a B-level commission for this sea trip?"

B-level? Damn! I have the Divine Artifact in hand, God-level Magic Anlicia by my side, and this is the guild's first sea voyage event—how could we pick a B-level? Not accepting an S-level commission would be an insult to my reputation as the world's number one amateur and my current penniless state!

Da Fei angrily said: "Are there no S-level Chamber of Commerce commissions? I kill chickens without using a butcher's knife. It's best to fight Sea Monsters. As for the Royal Guild thinking it's a big deal that I rob them of a Sea Monster, I'll show them I really don't see Sea Monsters as a big deal nor am I too bothered to steal them!"

The Chamber of Commerce erupted in cheers: "Yeah! Brother Fei is taking us on an S-level commission!"

Invincible Soldier, though excited, sighed: "Brother Fei, the highest commission from the Chamber is A-level; it only deals with little rascals, no big Sea Monsters to fight!"

Damn! I'm really no good against small fry! Da Fei asked again: "Is there a task that pays well?"

Invincible Soldier was thrilled: "There is, there is! There's an A-level commission to clear a ghost ship; ghost ships are always loaded with loot!"

Oh? A ghost ship? I love those!

Da Fei was overjoyed: "Great! Assemble at the Chamber of Commerce Administration, take on the task, and get ready to go!"

The guild cheered: "Yeah! We finally get to do a task with Brother Fei!"

Da Fei laughed: "While stepping on the royal guild's fool in front of their faces, unless they hide like turtles! Scold them harshly in the channel to make that bastard show up!"

The guild roared with laughter!

Now Da Fei returned to Elorin, where the entire Elorin area channel was bustling with noise; indeed, the Chamber of Commerce classmates had started their war of words.

Da Fei arrived at the Chamber of Commerce Administration, and there the hall was packed with people from Blood Sea Commerce and Dragon Cavalry Commerce, also hurling insults at each other. Damn, fighting on two fronts, that's a challenge for our classmates! Fine, starting tonight, I'll shut these riff-raffs up.

When Da Fei appeared, the Chamber of Commerce classmates cheered: "Brother Fei is here to take the mission!"

—System Prompt: You have accepted the A-level commission "Clearing the Ghost Ship in the Fog Reef Bay" from the old sailor Rey.

—Commission Information: I'm very sorry, I'm just an old retired sailor and can't pay any rewards for this commission. But I was once a sailor for the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce, and I know the ghost ship washed onto the reef bay—it was once the Dragon Cavalry Chamber's sunken vessel, the Jade Dragon. My former companions and comrades are there, and I can hear their souls wailing. I hope their souls can find peace. This may just be an old man's willful request, but I hope the new guild president will act within their means.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched! This commission is related to the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce? Their sunken ship? Damn! Could this be a clue to lifting the Sea God's curse? This task really must be tackled with full force!

Da Fei said to the guild members, "Have you all taken the task? Be prepared and gather on the ship; I'll go collect troops first!"

The members rallied: "Roger that!"

Since there's a Chamber of Commerce commission, the elite troops given by the mayor for protection duty could of course be justifiably mobilized. Da Fei, with a group of journalists cheering him on, headed to the barracks to pick up 200 Secret Archers and 5 Storm Druids. Hum, Secret Archers, did you witness their heroic display during my match? Hopefully, that fool Phoenix Feather doesn't get too scared to show up!

At this time, the entire Elorin city channel was as lively as a festival; this was the carnival before the big battle!

#### Chapter 445: Instant Kill! Huge Infamy Explosion!

Elorin Pier was packed with people, tens of thousands of players in the city bidding farewell as Da Fei boarded his ship. This duel, which had been hyped with trash talk since the afternoon, had drawn significant attention from the entire China Region's casual players and professional teams. Even e-sports media from overseas had dispatched reporters to cover the event.

This battle's protagonist was the famous figure from the China Region, Da Fei. All professional teams were speculating on how Da Fei would handle the alliance between Phoenix Feather and Royal Family. Technically speaking, Da Fei had almost no chance of winning, even though he possessed the long-range elite troop, Secret Archer. There was only one possibility: a Divine Artifact!

This was a rare opportunity to learn about Da Fei's hidden Divine Artifact.

Meanwhile, the other protagonists, Royal Family and Phoenix Feather, were also under the world's spotlight. Their emotions were incredibly intense—excited, nervous! Winning would bring fame worldwide; losing would turn them into a laughingstock. Indeed, here, there is no second place, only winners and losers! Da Fei's immense confidence and composure gave them enormous pressure.

Members of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce, looking at the crowd as vast as mountains at the pier, were too excited and stunned to speak. Everyone knew that being able to bask in such attention was because they followed Da Fei.

Now, Da Fei boarded the ship with two beautiful Vice Heroes. Although the classmates had been amazed when they saw them at the Chamber of Commerce Administration, no one dared show a greedy or lewd expression.

Da Fei laughed heartily and said, "The ship's honestly a bit small. It's crowded with so many troops, not easy to position them. Is everyone ready?"

Everyone excitedly responded, "Ready!"

—System Prompt: Invincible Soldier wants to transfer the Captain's role to you. Do you accept?

Oh! Not bad, not bad, this soldier knows what to do! However, once I become captain, it means sharing vision with the lookout, offering full ship visibility. My vision, with God-level Reconnaissance Technique plus Advanced Treasure Appraiser plus sentinel, is so far-reaching it would scare the pants off you. I must maintain some mystery and personal privacy.

Da Fei laughed and said, "No need. I can just be an assistant pilot as the First Officer."

The soldier quickly said, "Okay, listening to Brother Fei!"

Da Fei then approached Brother Hao, patted him on the shoulder, and laughed, "Brother Hao, sorry for the trouble. I'll get it settled for you!"

Brother Hao laughed heartily and said, "Actually, I've been waiting for Brother Fei to say that. Saying I'm not troubled would be a big fat lie!"

Everyone couldn't help but laugh.

Da Fei waved his hand, "Set out!"

Amid the sounds of horns, cheers from players at the entire pier, and messages flooding the entire region channel, the Octopus quietly set sail from the harbor. At this moment, countless boats owned by other players also set sail to follow, each packed with players. Meanwhile, Brother Hao's Ono Shinichiro silently focused the video camera on Da Fei. This was a rare opportunity to team up with Da Fei and further understand his strengths.

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"Da Fei has left the port!"

Near the coastal waters, members of the Royal Guild and their allies felt a mix of excitement, nervousness, and even fear. For this operation, the Royal Guild had spent the entire evening contacting and bribing players with medium ships from the China Region to gather near the coast.

Naturally, these ship owners were players from the Elf Clan. After all, sailing over from the Human Kingdom takes two to three real-time days, which isn't feasible. In total, around 60 medium ships gathered around the waters near Elorin. This many ships, in the harbor's bay terrain, could weave an impenetrable net, intercepting and sinking any ship that hadn't reached full speed after leaving port. Of course, there might be penalties for red-named offenses, but those would pale in comparison to the lavish prices offered by the Royal tycoons.

The Royal group's goal was to sink Da Fei's Radiant Wings and Whale Hunter ships at all costs, or at least block them from daring to leave port ever again. With Da Fei also using a medium ship now, there was no need to hold back. This Octopus was highly maneuverable and worth trying to sink. Even if the Octopus had a special skill to accelerate, its drawback was not being able to turn. Once it accelerates in this terrain, it'd crash worse, just as planned!

But since it's Da Fei, could they succeed? As the general commander of this operation, Royal Blade was under immense pressure.

Here he came, they saw Da Fei's ship! Royal Blade cleared his throat and, with a trembling excitement, gave the order: "All sails up, accelerate, follow the preplanned formation, intercept and sink his ship!"

"Team One received!"

"Team Two received!"

"Team Three received!"

Royal Blade took a deep breath and said to Phoenix Feather beside him, "It's our turn now. Although I don't believe Da Fei can escape our formation, we must deal with the Coast Guard, so we must end this quickly!"

Phoenix Feather said coldly, "I never planned to evade him!"

Royal Blade nodded, "We will do our utmost to ensure your safety, leaving Da Fei no chance!"

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At this moment, the fleets approaching the bay outside the port shocked the boats coming out to see the action, causing an uproar on the entire regional channel!

Invincible Soldier was shocked, "So, Royal Family ambushed with so many ships outside the harbor!"

Da Fei was also taken aback, "To act in front of the Coast Guard, are they kidding?"

One Sword Eastward immediately said, "Brother Fei, we still have time to turn around and return to the port!"

Da Fei chuckled, "Come on, Little Sword, that's not like you, chickening out?"

One Sword Eastward coughed, "Sorry, Brother Fei!"

Inwardly, One Sword Eastward was secretly delighted. He feared Da Fei would indeed turn back, so he deliberately brought it up to block that retreat. Sure enough, Da Fei, to save face, had to charge on. So, Da Fei, what's your plan to break the situation?

Da Fei simply chuckled, "Even if we return to port, we must take down that red-named fool first! Here, let me steer this time!"

The soldier quickly vacated the helm, "Brother Fei, please!"

Now, amid the yells on the entire regional channel, the Octopus charged like a fierce tiger into the wolf pack, determined and without hesitation. Although all the classmates on the Octopus had blind faith in Da Fei, they couldn't help but break into a cold sweat!

No one knew what Da Fei intended! All the players watching from behind didn't know either! Certainly, no one knew that Da Fei's Blood Eagle was already circling another plane, locked onto the large red name on the Royal Divine Power deck!

You fool dared to show your face! From today, I'll shatter your heart! You'll never dare show your face again once you see me!

Getting closer! The Octopus entered the battle range with the leading group of ships! But, it wasn't enough, Da Fei needed to get within range of the Divine Power lagging behind. Only then could his Hero Attributes boost Little Fei to ensure a red-name instant kill!

Getting closer! It's time I made my move!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia used God-level Arcane Mist Summoning Technique!

In an instant, a mist spread over the entire sea area! The Octopus became a blur within the mist as dense as a white curtain, and the Royal fleet was also shrouded in mist!

Members on the Octopus suddenly realized, causing an uproar! And the entire world channel exploded once again! Indeed, with the God-level Arcane Alicia present, this was Da Fei's confidence! Originally Da Fei, with God-level Reconnaissance Technique and Master-level Navigation Skill, could pair with Alicia to create Mysterious Stealth Navigation, but there's no need to use a sledgehammer to crack a nut, using Mysterious Stealth Navigation would shock the audience too much, and I still need privacy! I have more combined follow-up tactics! Such as—

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia used God-level Arcane Illusion Army Magic on the Octopus! Materialized Illusion Octopus was born!

With a flash of the Demon Light, an Illusion Octopus appeared ahead in the fog!

Hahaha! Heaven's Grandma, watch now, I've mastered what you taught me!

The sudden fog did not cause the Royal to panic. Onboard, a variety of dispel magic and detection spells sparkled across several ships' decks, but could they break through the God-level Arcane mist?

Facing the white mist, Royal Blade decisively ordered, "Crash! Crash blindly in the direction we were going! He has no room to escape! He can't see himself either!"

And at that moment, a rainbow light ascended through the mist, and a pressing gust came from the sky. People couldn't help but look up, only to see a red shadow diving through the fog!

—Bang!

"Ah!!!" Phoenix Feather screamed tragically, turning into white light!

Royal Blade's team widened their eyes in disbelief, watching the red shadow flash by and disappear back into the mist!

After a while, they came to their senses: "Phoenix Feather died! How did they die? What was that red shadow?"

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—System Prompt: Congratulations! You have killed the deeply red-named player "Phoenix Feather," obtaining a C-grade strategic treasure "Telescope," C-grade strategic treasure "Mage Cloak," C-grade strategic treasure "Rapid Boots," B-grade strategic treasure Mana Ring, B-grade strategic treasure Mana Bracelet, B-grade strategic treasure Mana Necklace, B-grade strategic treasure Mana Bracelet.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You acquired all components of the low-level Divine Artifact "Mana Source."

—Mana Ring: B-grade strategic treasure, +50 mana, mana recovery speed increased by 10%. Can combine with Mana Necklace, Mana Ring, Mana Bracelet to form the low-level Divine Artifact "Mana Source"!

—Mana Bracelet: B-grade strategic treasure, +40 mana, mana recovery speed increased by 12%. Can combine with Mana Necklace, Mana Ring, Mana Bracelet to form the low-level Divine Artifact "Mana Source"!

—Mana Necklace: B-grade strategic treasure, +70 mana, mana recovery speed increased by 13%...

—Mana Bracelet: B-grade strategic treasure, +100 mana, mana recovery speed increased by 20%...

Mana Source: At the start of a new day, the hero's total mana is doubled. (The combined Divine Artifact possesses all attributes of individual parts)

Staring at the string of system messages, Da Fei laughed maniacally! Instant kill! This is the legendary red-name jackpot! Who told you to be so flashy?

#### Chapter 446: Forced PK

(Note: Mana Source is a set of four Combined Divine Artifacts. I forgot to write the attributes of the Mana Ring in the last Chapter, so I'm adding it here.)

—Team Channel: Team member Da Fei has killed the red-named player "Phoenix Feather" and obtained C-rank strategic treasure "Telescope," C-rank strategic treasure "Mage Cloak," C-rank strategic treasure "Rapid Boots," B-rank strategic treasure Mana Ring, B-rank strategic treasure Mana Ring...

The sudden team announcement made the stupefied students of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce exclaim in surprise: "Killed? Brother Fei killed that red-named player?"

"My God! How did Brother Fei kill him? We didn't see anything!"

Da Fei laughed wildly: "Of course, it was a fart that blasted him to death!"

Everyone exclaimed: "Brother Fei is too awesome!"

"Wow!!! Legendary red-named underwear blast!"

Invincible Soldier was even more excitedly howling: "It's a Divine Artifact set! It's Mana Source! Holy shit! Divine Artifact burst, burst his Divine Artifact!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Red-named players giving away Divine Artifacts, that's too freaking hilarious! I love it, hahaha!"

And One Sword Eastward, stunned, said in disbelief: "Last time I also burst two pieces, then gave them to Brother Fei, who then traded them for that Skyshattering Thunder—"

Invincible Soldier immediately said: "Then Skyshattering Thunder must have sold it to this moron, which means that Skyshattering Thunder is in cahoots with this moron too!"

Da Fei was in a great mood: "They're all good people for giving away Divine Artifacts, everyone should encourage and cherish them!"

The members laughed together!

At this moment, no one was more shocked than Ono Shinichiro! He was in the cockpit, right behind Da Fei watching him steer the ship, Da Fei didn't do anything! Could it be that his two beautiful Vice Heroes did it? But the main issue is, they were so far, it was all a fog, how did they manage it? However, given the fog that required Master-level Arcane to cast, it shows how formidable Da Fei's hidden strength is! Such a strong player is indeed a great enemy to Japan!

However, the stronger this malignant force, the greater the threat to the China Region; perhaps even before becoming enemies with our Japan Region, he had already shattered the China Region to pieces. Thinking of this, Brother Hao was also filled with joy and laughed along with everyone.

At this moment, shadows loomed in front of the Octopus, and everyone couldn't help but exclaim: "Brother Fei, we're gonna crash!!!"

Oh, going to crash, are we?

Initially, Da Fei's plan was to get rid of the red-named player and flash back to port, but after bursting out a Divine Artifact, Da Fei was extremely excited and full of fighting spirit: "That depends on how much conviction they have as red-named players! Everyone get ready to counter-kill the red-named!"

The members responded eagerly: "Received!"

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Serbia uses Master-level Light Magic Storm Attack on the Octopus!

The Octopus was shaken violently, and a storm suddenly swept from behind the Octopus, boosting its speed! Yes, this was the new usage of Storm Attack that Serbia realized the last time they passed by the Desolate Island! Who says Storm Attack can only be used against the Air Force? It works just as well at sea!

And as the gale arose suddenly, the dense fog that blurred their vision rolled away like clouds scattered by the wind, restoring the visibility for Da Fei and his team and reducing the opponent's visibility to the minimum in an instant.

The members exclaimed once again: "Brother Fei is impressive!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "If I weren't unsure whether using the wind would make me a red-named player, I'd have blown them to death already!"

At this moment, Da Fei was as ecstatic as he was the day before when he controlled the Blood Eagle to guide the swarm of insects through the Vine Demon Jungle. Although the speed of the Octopus was nowhere near the visual limit impact of the Blood Eagle and the difficulty of controlling the ship was nothing like that of controlling the Flying Eagle, here he was watched by tens of thousands of spectators, amidst the full channel of screams, this was Da Fei's stage, and this exhilaration was something single-player games could never provide!

Propelled by the storm, the already nimble Octopus surged in speed, more than doubling—and that's without mentioning the boost from Da Fei Master's Master-level Navigation Skill. At this point, the Octopus was like a swift and agile airship puncturing through the gaps of the enemy fleet, breaking through forcefully and instantly passing the first line of interception.

For the system, judging collision-based PK is like how a referee on the field decides "ball-carrying collision" and "blocking foul"—it's about who's technique materializes first. Without a doubt, Da Fei, with his absolute speed and maneuverability advantage, had already set his course within the evasion distance. Any attempts at forceful interception would stand a great chance of being deemed "collision baiting" by the system!

Of course, with the current speed of the Octopus and Da Fei's visual advantage, not even a chance to bait collisions would be given to the opponent! Sailing ships are not like cars, especially when it comes to turning—clumsy is an understatement. Hence, maneuverability is also rated as an important attribute for a ship. So, the only way for the enemy to intercept Da Fei was one last resort—to forcefully initiate a naval battle PK! Otherwise, they could only watch helplessly as the Octopus slips through their fingers.

So Da Fei had everyone prepare to counter-kill the red-named players. If they weren't made to suffer this time, when would it ever end? But would the enemy foolishly start a PK right in front of the coast guard?

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At this moment, Royal Blade was still reeling from the death of Phoenix Feather, watching the Octopus swiftly weaving through the mist, he was utterly at a loss! The gap! The gap in strength between both parties left him clueless on how to respond! Ram it? Impossible to catch up! Direct PK? In front of NPC coast guards? In front of tens of thousands of spectators? Wouldn't that make a fool of themselves and let everyone laugh at the Royal Family?

The team channel was in an uproar: "Captain, Da Fei's ship is too fast, we can't even stop it!"

"Captain, Da Fei's ship is about to break through the 2nd line!"

"Captain, it's no use! We need to do like Cao Cao and connect all our ships to block them!"

"Captain, Da Fei is about to break through the 2nd line!"

Royal Blade gritted his teeth. Perhaps there truly was only one solution—to forcefully PK. Now that Da Fei's ship had penetrated deep into their formation, it was a golden opportunity for an all-around assault! Rather than miss the chance of combat and become the laughingstock amongst gamers nationwide, better to fight fiercely. Even if it turned into a joke, it could at least showcase the mettle of the Royal Family!

Royal Blade made a decisive call: "Team 3, quickly align sideways to form a line; Team 2, initiate PK directly! Team 1, turn back to intercept and block the coast guard's ships! Listen up, Team 2, initiate PK!!! Team 1, block the coast guard's ships!!!"

The team channel was momentarily stunned: "Direct PK?"

Royal Blade shouted fiercely: "Direct PK! Do you hear me, initiate PK!"

"Team 2, received!"

"Team 1, received!"

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—Bang bang bang bang! "—263!" "-247!" "-268!" "-234!" "-215!"...

As the Octopus darted between the gap of two ships, the Crossbow Cannons from the gun cabins on both ships opened fire!

—System Prompt: Your Octopus has suffered a malicious attack from a team that includes player "Magic Jelly," who commands the "Magic Jelly." Your team can now justifiably defend and counterattack!

—System Prompt: Your Octopus has suffered a malicious attack from a team that includes player "Seven Seas Dominator," who commands the "Sea Wolf." Your team can now justifiably defend and counterattack!

"The enemy's gone red-named and attacked!" exclaimed the members of the Octopus!

Holy moly! They really did it! Although Da Fei had been hoping the enemy would make a move, he was still taken aback by the brazen courage (and stupidity) of the enemy when they did! How deep was their grudge?

At the same time, "Peep!! Peep peep!!" the whistle of the coast guard echoed through the sea and sky! The entire regional channel exploded in that moment! In fact, few had seen that Phoenix Feather was already dead; they thought that the big battle was just beginning.

Da Fei burst into laughter: "Then let's fight! Battle the idiots! Wahahaha!"

#### Chapter 447: Killing a Boat in Ten Steps

The Navy and the Army are not the same concept. For example, an army of 10,000 might not count for much if it's a land force, but if it's a naval force, it's quite terrifying, essentially a massive fleet's total strength.

Similarly, sea battles and land battles are not the same concept. In land battles, sheer numbers can prevail, even if your army's combat quality is several notches below the enemy's; a multitude of ants can overwhelm an elephant, and as cannon fodder, they can also overwhelm the enemy. But sea battles are completely different. Sea battles make high demands on the quality of warships and sailors; just one notch below the enemy in terms of quality, and you might be beaten so badly you can't find your way back, not to mention that even battles between equally matched forces can be decisively influenced by different winds and currents.

It is precisely because sea battles are so peculiar that some Kingdom Navies are utterly helpless against those highly skilled pirates, unable to eradicate them even with a 100-to-1 advantage in forces. Sea battles are definitely a high-tech affair!

It is with this deep understanding that Da Fei, after being tempered by the Pool of Radiance National War, is utterly fearless in the face of the siege by the Royal Guild! This feeling of being accelerated by

the storm really reminds me of when the Flying used Magic Sails in the Pool of Radiance. However, the sailboats operating in the port are far inferior to the galley assault ships during the National War. Da Fei really isn't afraid of them, not to mention having the coastal defense force as a solid backbone.

Brother is going to show you what it means to be a tiger among sheep!

Of course, Da Fei first targets the "Magic Jelly" and "Wave" that are pincering him. After being attacked by the enemy, Da Fei immediately counterattacks. The deck is packed with Secret Archers shooting left and right, and a volley of arrows instantly clears the enemy's deck of all sailors and miscellaneous troops!

Without sailors, who's going to manage the sails? With no one to manage the sails, how can their ships turn? Without the ability to turn, how can the side gun cabins of their ships' Crossbow Cannons pursue the Octopus? Don't even talk about chasing; now these two ships have become floating logs adrift, and as soon as the Octopus gets to their bow, they become sitting ducks! This is the essential difference between sailing ships and rowing ships, and the outcome of the battle is decided in this very moment!

That's right! Sea battles are not just about Crossbow Cannon bombardments. Deck battles are also of paramount importance to naval warfare. How can you keep playing if someone so easily clears your deck? Therefore, looking at the Kingdom Navies or famous pirates, the sailors and forces on the deck are the elite of the ship, and there is a Deputy Officer position of Sailor Captain specially responsible for deck battles. Like the last time Da Fei visited Fire Dragon Island, the dwarves on the deck of the Flame Lord's huge ship were definitely elites, remaining calm even when facing giant Sea Monsters.

Hence, naval warfare is definitely not something that these temporarily conscripted Royal ships can play around with. But, since they are temporary workers, there must be some compensation, right? Well, then Brother will compensate you till it hurts!

The Octopus, under the gusts of the storm, quickly breaks out from the pincer attack by the two ships and makes a sharp turn, positioning itself broadside behind both ships! The stern is the weakest defense part of the whole ship, and the Defense of a Medium Ship from the factory is between 25-35, which is on par with the Attack of the Crossbow Cannons, making the damage dealt by Crossbow Cannons the biggest threat to them.

Da Fei bursts into laughter: "Give Brother a good old burst!"

Guild members in the Gun Cabin excitedly shout: "Burst!"

Bang bang!!! Two loud booms from the Gun Cabin, and two Crossbow Arrows howl out, blasting two 400-point damage holes in the stern of that ridiculously named "Seven Seas Dominator" Sea Wolf!

Everyone cheers in unison: "Awesome!"

But Da Fei is shocked on the spot! Damn! How is this awesome? The damage is pathetic! A Medium Ship has a Durability of 30,000, you know! In a flock of sheep, Brother is, of course, seeking a quick battle and decisive victory! But thinking about it, it makes sense. With so many Secondary professions and Basic Attribute Points being three to four times that of ordinary players, the power of the Crossbow Cannon is three to four times that of an ordinary player's, how can we measure ordinary players by Brother's standard?

However, this is exactly the time for Brother to establish a towering Guild leader image in front of the members, and an unbeatable War God image in front of the enemy!

Da Fei then pats the shoulder of One Sword Eastward: "Let Brother go down to the Gun Cabin, and leave the steering to you. You saw Brother's demonstration just now; you should know how to play these fools to death with a fast ship, right?"

One Sword Eastward eagerly replies: "Understood! I'm very familiar with the performance of the Octopus. Leave it to me!"

Da Fei nods: "Good, since they dare to go red-named, let's take the chance to burst them till it's satisfying!"

One Sword Eastward says excitedly: "Absolutely bursting fun! I won't let anyone off that can be taken down!" This is indeed One Sword Eastward's heartfelt truth; the more he assists in tyranny and kills, the more enemies he makes.

But Da Bing expresses doubt: "But Brother Fei, what if your Vice Hero runs out of Mana and the wind stops?"

Selvia's Sea Soul Staff still has 1500 points of Mana. How could it stop? But this reminds Brother.

Da Fei fits the newly looted Mana Source to Selvia, while laughing and patting Da Bing's shoulder: "When the Mana stops, that will be the time when the fools are cleared from the field."

Da Bing excitedly said, "Good! Brother Fei, leave this to us!"

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Da Fei hurried to the gun cabin, where Da Meng B and three other highest-level computer department members respectfully said, "Welcome, Brother Fei, to oversee us!"

Ah, how shall I begin giving advice? Let's start with a bang! Da Fei chuckled and said, "I've got a big appetite, I want to fire two crossbow cannons at once!"

The members were all taken aback, then exclaimed in shock, "Could it be that Brother Fei is a Master-level Crossbow Cannoneer?!"

"Sharp insight!" Da Fei laughed heartily and stomped on the trigger—"Bang! Pop!" "Bang! Pop!" "Bang! Pop!"—two crossbow cannons fired thrice in quick succession, sending six crossbow arrows whistling out—"Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!!" Six rows of exaggerated damage numbers explosively appeared:

"-1211!" "Shattering Strike damage -2443!" "-1295!" "-1263!" "Shattering Strike damage -2613!" "-1265!"

In that instant, the whole team was blown away, "My God! Brother Fei's damage is terrifying!" "He just wiped out 10,000 durability from the enemy in one go!" "What's this Shattering Strike damage?"

Indeed! What's this Shattering Strike damage? Of course, it's the special skill from my Divine Artifact Necklace! Honestly, even I'm shocked by the damage from this Shattering Strike! I've never had such a blast sinking ships before!

Da Fei laughingly asked, "Classmates, what happens when a ship's local durability is damaged by more than half?"

Da Bing excitedly answered, "It might disintegrate on the spot!!!"

Da Fei laughed heartily, "That's why, classmates, when using crossbow cannons, aim at one spot on the opponent's ship, don't fire randomly all over!"

Though it was the most basic principle of the game, with Da Fei's personal demonstration, it seemed exceptionally persuasive and shocking, and all the students roared with excitement as if they had been injected with adrenaline, "Brother Fei is right!"

At this moment, the students had already rapidly loaded the crossbow cannon ammunition with all hands on deck, and Da Fei laughed again, "Alright, let me send it on its way to disintegration!"

Da Fei triggered yet another burst, and more crossbow arrows roared out—Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Amidst flying splinters, the stern of the Sea Wolf was shattered to pieces and collapsed with a thunderous tilt as tons of seawater surged in!

—Team Channel: Team member Da Fei has successfully dealt critical damage leading to the disintegration of the "Sea Wolf," a ship owned by the red-named player "Seven Seas Dominator." The Sea Wolf is on the verge of sinking.

The whole team erupted in cheers! Simultaneously, the entire region exploded in astonishment!

Two volleys of crossbow cannons were enough to take down a medium ship, just how formidable was Da Fei's strength? And within the interval of two crossbow cannon volleys, the Royal Fleet's encirclement hadn't managed to advance 10 meters in this calm harbor! This was like sinking a ship every ten steps!

Not wanting to disappoint the audience afar holding their telescopes high, the next round of crossbow cannons thunderously fired, and coincidentally, a rainbow light ascended into the sky!

—Boom! Another thunderous roar as the Magic Jelly instantly followed in the Wave's fate!

This time it was obliteration with a single shot! In that moment, the whole regional channel went wild!

Royal Blade was stunned with their eyes wide open! They could neither outrun him nor outfight him; was there still a point to their next move? Advance! He was just sitting there blasting ships; our encirclement was getting tighter, conveniently, two Red Name Ships were knocked out so there wouldn't be any coast guard interference. If not now, then when? We, the Royal Family, will fight this trash to the end!

At this time, in the sea where the ships sank, the figures of struggling red-named players emerged from the water, and Da Fei laughed heartily, "Classmates, it's time for the Royal Family to hand over their gear!"

The whole team burst into laughter!

#### Chapter 448: After the Naval Battle

- Team Channel: Team member "Four-Eyed Frog" killed the red-named player "Magic Jelly", obtained a C-class strategic treasure "Telescope", and obtained 2112 Gold Coins.
- Team Channel: Team member "Invincible Wei" killed the red-named player "Seven Seas Dominator", obtained a C-class strategic treasure "Telescope", "Helmet of Courage", and obtained 1612 Gold Coins.
- Team Channel: Team member "Bandit Soldier A" killed the red-named player "Fallen Angel", obtained a C-class strategic treasure "Telescope", and obtained 412 Gold Coins.

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Suddenly, all the crew members thrashed the red-named players who fell into the water, bursting into laughter!

"Holy crap! Why is it a telescope again!"

"Hot! Brother Wei exploded with two pieces of equipment!"

"Damn, I don't drop anything crappy!"

"No way, no way! I have to get to the deck, you guys snatched all the good stuff!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Don't rush, don't panic, there are plenty of people who give away equipment, everyone get ready for the next battle! The logistics team, hurry up and repair the ship!"

Members cheered: "Roger that!"

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The Royal Family's encirclement was tightened, but they did not attack immediately. Their intention was clear, which was to wait for more ships to gather and concentrate firepower to annihilate.

But naval battles don't always go as one wishes, and One Sword Eastward, who knew guerrilla tactics well, immediately took advantage of Octopus's speed to break through. After all, their ships were not enough to block the entire bay. Anyway, if you don't fight, I'll just swagger away.

Indeed, the Royal Family had no choice but to continue to attack forcefully, and two more red-named ships appeared! The sea police whistle resounded through the sea and sky again, and Da Fei's thrilling crossbow cannons roared again!

— Boom! A red-named ship instantly collapsed, causing another uproar in the regional channel!

Royal Blade's expression turned ashen!

If it really came to a bitter battle, the Royal Family's dozens of ships could take turns bombarding Da Fei once, which of course could break the Octopus multiple times, but in reality, Da Fei only needed to turn over five or six of his own ships to tear open a gap in the encirclement and escape! And now, three of

their own ships had already been lost, no, the fourth one was doomed too! Meanwhile, their own large fleet could only watch helplessly as Da Fei rampaged and broke through each of them, unable to provide timely assistance! The difference in ship performance and high-end magic meant that their encirclement was in vain!

Just then, Royal Blade's message rang. It was the boss, Royal Dominator.

Royal Dominator: "You can stop now, you've worked hard, you've been through a lot."

Royal Blade's nose suddenly tingled: "I'm sorry, big brother, I've embarrassed the guild!"

Royal Dominator laughed: "Holy crap! Who knew Da Fei was so fierce? Even if the three major guild leaders in China teamed up, they would still be embarrassed, okay? This battle has allowed us to gauge Da Fei's strength, which is very meaningful. In the future, we can invite experts to slowly step back!"

Royal Blade nodded: "Understood, big brother!"

— World Channel[Royal Dominator]: Da Fei, you're formidable! But don't get cocky, just because we can't beat you now doesn't mean we can't beat you in the future, just wait!

The region channel was immediately abuzz: "They're just giving up like this?" "Hey, I was just enjoying the fight!"

Da Fei's entire team cheered: "We won!!!"

Da Fei was quite disappointed: "Damn! I was having so much fun bombarding their ships, I was just about to blow up a dozen more!"

The whole team burst into laughter: "We also wanted to blow up more equipment, but who knew they'd get scared off by Brother Fei!"

Yeah! I'm so awesome, even the dumbest numb-skull should know when to retreat! Alright, I believe this battle will give us peace for a month or two. By the time they're able to seek revenge, I will have already skyrocketed!

Da Fei laughed heartily: "I've exploded a few C-grade items here, who wants them?"

Everyone shouted: "Me me me!"

Da Bing said grumpily: "Damn it, don't fight over them, let the newbies have them first, there'll be plenty of equipment if you follow Brother Fei!"

Everyone agreed: "Right, right, right, following Brother Fei, we'll have everything we want!"

Da Fei laughed heartily and waved his hand grandly: "Alright, now let's head to the mission target, let's move out!"

"Oh yeah!!! Let's go!"

After a brief moment of quiet, it was time to check on my alt account. As Da Fei switched to his alt, he saw an endless grassland swarming with soldiers! The team channel was abuzz with calls for team one, two, and three.

Holy moly! What a huge setup! What's going on here? Are they going to attack the Blood Barbarian Tribe or are they hunting for Chang Liang? Well, who cares, as a mere commander with just my bare hands, I'll just hang back and go AFK. After all, even with multitasking, I'm still super chill, hahaha!

Right then, someone in the team channel suddenly said, "The Royal Family lost!"

"Yeah, dozens of ships and they still couldn't beat Da Fei!"

Da Fei raised his eyebrows, oh! They're talking about me behind my back? I love listening to this! Let's hear what they're talking about.

"This Royal Family is too useless, making such a big fuss only to end it so hastily."

"There's no help for it. Da Fei, whether on big ships or small, is fierce. Plus, he seems to have Master-level Crossbow Cannons, does anyone else in the world have them yet?"

"Really? Master-level Crossbow Cannons are the hardest to achieve! During the open beta, barely anyone got there. How did he manage it so quickly?"

"Cut it out, it's not just the Master-level Crossbow Cannons. His two beautiful Vice Heroes, one knows Master-level Arcane and the other Master-level Light Magic. They are insanely powerful!"

"It's just outrageous, why does a trash player get to live so comfortably!"

Da Fei couldn't help but burst into laughter! Eavesdropping on people talking behind your back definitely has a flavor of its own! Do they think I'm just at a Grandmaster level? All I need is to show a little divine might, and all these ladies will have to kneel before me, hahaha!

"It's just really strange though, her Vice Hero has Storm Attack, can that even be used against ships? Actually, someone tried it during open beta, but no one succeeded."

"Maybe it's related to the ship? Or maybe changes after the beta?"

"Let's give it a try? After all, our entire guild has maxed out Master Level Light Magic, surely a few will reach Grandmaster Level soon? Then we all can use Storm Attack against ships, and in the future, who can beat us in naval battles? Just blast Da Fei out of the water!"

Everyone excitedly said, "Right, right, right, let's all rush to Grandmaster!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear angrily said, "Keep quiet, everyone just focus on the task at hand. Don't get distracted talking about other things!"

The ladies immediately fell silent. But Da Fei was feeling nervous, yeah! If in the later stages everyone reaches Grandmaster level and start using Storm Attack against ships, that could be quite troublesome!

No, no! I must climb the high-tech ladder. By the time you all reach Grandmaster, my ship will be equipped with Magic Sails and with the Selvia Divine Artifact in hand, infinite Mana at my disposal, hence I can keep blasting ships all the time. Can you manage that? Cut! I need to stay cool, just cool down!

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The brief yet high-profile naval battle at Elorin Port shook the China Region and the world's various regions. The well-known Chinese player Da Fei once again showcased his amateur world-class ability, a level that would even make professional players embarrassed!

Tokyo Akihabara, Mitsubishi Team Building.

Mitsubishi Team Command Center just received a video from China, courtesy of Ono Shinichiro who recorded the entire battle of the Octopus ship. Although many people on-site recorded videos from afar, the effects weren't very clear due to the fog, making Ono-kun's crystal-clear first-person view video all the more precious!

Now, Igarashi called in team captain Tsukamoto Hideki and the core team members to analyze the video. When the video showed the damage from Da Fei's cannon, everyone was visibly shocked!

Igarashi asked solemnly, "What do you think?"

Tsukamoto Hideki took a deep breath, "Hehe! The opponent's Basic Attribute Points are unimaginably high, possibly close to 200!"

Igarashi sighed, "A level 40 character without a class change having such high attributes, how strong must his offense and defense be? And he can even randomly execute powerful Attack special skills; he's simply a monster!"

Tsukamoto Hideki nodded, "Moreover, even Ono-kun on the scene couldn't ascertain how Da Fei killed that red-named player, showing his real strength is even greater."

Yamada also added gravely, "In my opinion, him using Storm Attack against ships is truly the most terrifying part! It completely overturns the concept of naval warfare? How did he achieve this? It's unreasonably strong!"

Igarashi laughed bitterly, "Having such a strong player in the China Region is not necessarily a good thing; let them keep biting each other over there. But, my Greater Japan's journey in the New World's vast lands probably won't conflict much with this Da Fei. Let's hand this video to our American friends for analysis, let them also rack their brains."

Tsukamoto was surprised, "Why give it to the Americans? Isn't it better to let Da Fei teach the Americans a lesson in the future National War Zone?"

Igarashi shook his head and laughed, "If so-called 'lesson' ends with just sinking 4 ships and then withdrawing, what's the point? If Da Fei is this fierce with a medium ship, what about a large ship? My goal is to heighten the threat posed by Da Fei's naval operations, prompting the Americans to focus more on maritime strategy. This way, our Greater Japan in Hell Zone can focus more on dominating the land!"

Everyone then realized, "Brilliant! Truly brilliant! With our intense portrayal, possibly the Americans will change their developmental strategies!"

Igarashi laughed heartily, "Da Fei, though he's a mad dog, can indirectly work for us. Not only can we use him to bite at the Chinese, but also the Americans. Hope he doesn't disappoint us!"

Everyone burst into laughter, "Best if they all bite each other to death! And maybe even take a bite out of the British's proudly boasted Noah's Ark!"

Chapter 449: Falling Down and Standing Up Again!

Elorin Harbor, bustling with a cacophony of voices. As the naval battle ended, the mountainous crowd on the dock started to disperse.

Having just been sunk by Da Fei, the owner of the Sea Wolf, "Seven Seas Dominator," resurrected at Elorin Square Resurrection Point with a wooden expression.

A fellow player who resurrected alongside him called out, "Little Qi, why the daze? Go to Glory City to claim compensation from the Royal Family."

"Exactly, your whole ship sank; the compensation must be a lot."

The Seven Seas Dominator dejectedly shook his head, "I just want some quiet..."

"Then we'll be off, you can still call us for leveling up in the future..."

Seven Seas Dominator sighed deeply. Could these temporarily teamed-up players understand the dedication he had put into the Sea Wolf? Could the loss of the Wave be measured in gold coins or cash?

As an ordinary gamer, he harbored extraordinary ambitions, which is why he had rushed to register the domineering ID name "Seven Seas Dominator" on the first day of the game. Of course, if that name had been taken, it wouldn't matter; he could have gone for Eight Seas Overlord.

Then he chose Sailing Skill as his Hero Special Ability: For every 2 levels the hero gains, the effectiveness of Sailing Skill improves by 1%. He was one of the earliest players in the China Region to own a medium-sized ship, and he believed he would be the fastest ship sailor, second to none! Trading, battling pirates, deep-sea exploration, building bigger and legendary ships, forming his own fleet, until he finally dominated the Seven Seas—this was the main theme he set for his game.

Through his relentless efforts, he gradually became a somewhat famous player in the Elf Kingdom's naval port of Tarolan City. He also obtained a unique troop from Tarolan, the Tarolan Sailors. These sailors not only had strong naval combat capabilities but also possessed excellent sailing skills. Since the day he got the medium ship, he led these sailors on Grade B missions to eradicate pirates, with invincible success. And in these frequent and intense battles, a few sailors were even successfully promoted to elites!

The Royal Family's action to encircle Da Fei naturally noticed him and requested to rent his ship, which he gladly joined. To the Seven Seas Dominator, the Royal Family's hiring gold and compensation insurance were not the reasons that stirred his heart; what excited him was the opportunity to meet many players in the China Region who owned medium-sized ships early on, undoubtedly the creme de la creme, and to see what level he stood at among them. Of course, he also wanted to witness the legendary Da Fei's capabilities.

However, he certainly wouldn't just witness things that simply; he secretly harbored an impulse to make a grand name for himself. He believed that given the chance, his Tarolan Sailors could land a decisive Lethal Strike on the opponent in an instant, just like in the missions against pirates.

And now, he finally witnessed it, and quite luckily or unluckily, he became the first dish served up by Da Fei! When he witnessed the terrifying damage from Da Fei Secret Archer Troop's extreme range, instantly killing the elite sailors, he collapsed!

All gone! Those sailors he treasured like jewels hadn't even had the chance to prove themselves before they vanished in an instant! How could gold coin compensation soothe the sinking feeling in his heart? A sense of shattered dreams welled up inside him.

While lost in dismay, he suddenly noticed that another female player next to him had been dazed without moving for quite a while. Upon a glance, Magic Jelly! Eh, wasn't this the same captain who was sunk with him just now? It was a girl?

Both reduced to the same plight! With a deep breath, Seven Seas Dominator greeted, "Hello, I'm the captain of the just-sunk Sea Wolf, and now my ship is gone."

Magic Jelly responded woodenly with an "Oh."

Well, that was a heavy hit! Seeing her expression, Seven Seas Dominator suddenly felt inexplicably cheered up. It seemed that having a chat with someone in the same unlucky boat could indeed offer a respite!

Seven Seas Dominator sighed, "My Sea Wolf was outfitted with hard-earned copper plating armor, Defense +30, and yet he didn't fire a single shot, just relentlessly targeted my stern and sank me instantly!"

"Pfft!" Magic Jelly couldn't help but burst into laughter, but then immediately choked up, "My Magic Jelly Ship was a magic ship with a special skill... It's gone... just like that... Waaaah..."

Seven Seas Dominator sighed, "My team of elite special forces sailors just got wiped out upon contact, vanished in an instant. Who can outdo my misery?"

Magic Jelly sobbed, "All my sailors were Magic Apprentices; can you top my misery?"

Seven Seas Dominator replied bitterly, "My elite team was the culmination of my entire month since the server opened!"

Magic Jelly wailed, "My Magic Sailors were raised by selling all my possessions!"

—"Enough already! Save it!" Suddenly, someone else interjected from behind them, "I'm the captain of the Snow Dragon, which sank after you guys. I'm a professional merchant; to play this game and buy this ship, I borrowed all the money from friends. Who dares say they're worse off than me?"

Seven Seas Dominator and Magic Jelly looked back in surprise, indeed it was a player named "Cold Blooded Ice River."

Just then, another player spoke up: "A merchant dares to enter this muddle? Who's to blame for seeking his own death?"

Cold Blooded Ice River retorted irritably, "Wasn't it just to follow the crowd, thinking that misfortune wouldn't come my way—eh? You're that idiot who sank after me!"

That player called Lonely Frog snapped, "I am an idiot! I seriously hope others curse me now! Please, laugh at me, call me an idiot! Ha ha! Wahahaha!"

Magic Jelly scolded with displeasure, "Idiot!"

Lonely Frog laughed heartily, "That's the spirit! Beautiful, keep it coming! Keep cursing! Wahahaha!"

"Idiot, idiot, idiot, idiot, idiot!!!"

Lonely Frog danced wildly as if mad, "Wahahaha!!! I'm the idiot, I'm the number one idiot who seeks death even without trying!"

Cold Blooded Ice River shook his head, "Another one's gone mad! Guess it'll be my turn soon."

Magic Jelly exhaled a long breath, "That was satisfying to scold!"

All are destitute wanderers of the world! For some reason, at this moment, Seven Seas Overlord felt an indescribable sense of relief and exhilaration! Indeed, only those who suffer can share each other's pain. Once extinguished, ambition was reignited in the heart of Seven Seas Overlord!

Seven Seas Overlord laughed and said, "Meeting under such circumstances, we could be considered friends in adversity, right? Let's all add each other as friends, start over together, form a guild, run businesses, go on adventures, do quests, how about it?"

Everyone was taken aback, then fell silent.

After a while, Cold Blooded Ice River shook his head: "Adding as friends is fine, but forming a guild, I'm not interested."

Magic Jelly also shook his head: "I'm not interested either. I'm off to claim my compensation, goodbye!"

Is it so hard to start over? Seven Seas Overlord forced a smile and said, "That's right, like me, everyone prefers being independent freelancers, otherwise with your skills, you would have joined a large guild long ago."

Lonely Frog laughed heartily: "You're in this mess and still thinking of forming a guild? You're dreaming too big!"

Seven Seas Overlord sighed deeply: "I was dreaming too big. Let's meet again if we're destined to!"

Just then, a few players shouted, "Hey, don't go, we have something to discuss with you!"

The four of them looked up in surprise and indeed saw several players wearing the emblem of the Blood Sea Guild.

A player named Little Ma approached with a smile: "Hello everyone, we're from the Blood Sea Guild. We would like to invite you to join our guild, what do you say?"

Lonely Frog laughed heartily: "We've lost our ship and look like crap, what makes you think we qualify to join your guild?"

Little Ma smiled: "You do qualify! It's precisely your courage to open fire on Da Fei that we admire!"

Cold Blooded Ice River coldly said: "Why should we join your guild then?"

Little Ma smiled: "We are mortal enemies with the Da Fei Guild. Join us, and we'll help you get your revenge!"

Magic Jelly indifferently said: "Since you're mortal enemies with Da Fei, why didn't we see you join the fight earlier?"

Little Ma proudly smiled: "The Blood Sea Guild handles its own affairs and doesn't need to join forces with others yet!"

Seven Seas Overlord said, "Sorry, I'm planning to form my own guild, so I can't join yours."

Little Ma's eyebrows twitched, and he shook his head with a strange laugh: "You want to form your own guild, huh? Heh, to each their own—what about the three of you? Our Blood Sea Guild is very sincere, and we offer top-tier treatment in the China Region."

Cold Blooded Ice River pointed to Seven Seas Overlord: "I've been invited by him!"

Lonely Frog laughed heartily as well: "I've been invited by him too!"

Magic Jelly nodded: "Yes, yes!"

Little Ma was dumbstruck on the spot!

Seven Seas Overlord was also shocked on the spot! When did I invite you guys, and you didn't even agree, how come you're using me as an excuse to refuse?

Little Ma regained his composure, glanced meaningfully at Seven Seas Overlord, chuckled and said: "Alright! If you change your mind, feel free to come to us." After speaking, he led his group away.

"Damn it!" Seven Seas Overlord was crushed: "You all dug a hole for me! They are a large guild, you could have joined if you wanted, why use me as a shield? I'm not involved, I will build a guild, and you all must join!"

Lonely Frog laughed: "You're thinking too much, let's talk when you've set up the guild! Goodbye!"

Seven Seas Overlord hurriedly said: "Hey, add friends, otherwise how can I contact you later!"

Lonely Frog sighed: "Seeing how pitiful you are, I'll add you! But the first message you send must be that the guild is set up, otherwise I'll delete you immediately!"

Magic Jelly also nodded: "Right, right!"

What kind of people are these! Seven Seas Overlord somewhat regretted dealing with them, but then again, is it precisely because everyone is odd that there's a chance for success?

That's right! We are actually among the best players, and one failure doesn't mean anything! We can still rise again! In that moment, Seven Seas Overlord was brimming with confidence about the future: "Fine! Give me half a month, I'll invite you all then. The name of the guild will be 'Seven Seas House'!"

"That's so lame! Not joining! It should be called Seven Seas Frog!"

"Seven Seas Jello!"

"Seven Seas Ice River!"

Damn it!!!

Chapter 450: Completion of Phase I Project

At exactly 7 pm, at the Pool of Radiance, when all eyes from the China Region were drawn to the massive battle at Elorin Harbor in the Eastern Wilderness, the vast lake-surrounding wall project was stealthily completed at a devilish speed!

When success arrived as expected, Lei Huolong was no longer as thrilled or excited as initially—perhaps, this is what they call growth.

Lei Huolong calmly reported the results to his boss Ma Yinglong: "Boss, the lake-surrounding city wall has been completely constructed. Level 1 wall, Defense 100, Durability 10,000, spanning 5300 sections, 300 watchtowers, costing 12 million Gold Coins. Including shore piling, lake filling, and strengthening, and the additional expenditure for the watchtowers, the total cost is 310,000 units of stone materials!"

Receiving the message, Ma Yinglong also seemed calm: "5300 sections? That means 53,000 meters? 53 kilometers?"

"Yes, boss! It means, the wall has enclosed a super city of one hundred square kilometers!"

Ma Yinglong laughed heartily: "Good heavens, even if someone traveled by bus or subway it would take more than ten minutes!"

Lei Huolong urgently said, "Boss, this is only a Level 1 wall. The foundation used up quite a bit, but the subsequent upgrades won't consume as much. Would you like to upgrade?"

Ma Yinglong laughed heartily, "I've said at noon, walls can never be too thick. The bigger the enclosed territory, the more inconvenient it is to defend, so the walls need to be thicker. Anyway, as long as the Elves are not alarmed, don't rush to discharge sewage, continue with the upgrades!"

Lei Huolong was invigorated: "Received! When our walls are thick enough to drive the Elves to despair, our sewage will bring them true despair!"

Ma Yinglong laughed heartily: "Damn it, get on with it!"

"Yes, boss!"

Now in a great mood, Ma Yinglong made another call to the Undead Headquarters: "Sun Xing? Organize a group of Mages to stomp on Bloodrose and those women in the Eastern Wilderness. Make them cry this time, understand?"

Sun Xing laughed: "Weren't you calm just now, boss?"

Sun Xing, after being transferred to the Beastman Group, succeeded by Dragon Slayer 2, a professional expert at the Undead Summoning Technique and Dark Magic, reaching a profound level of mastery.

Ma Yinglong chuckled softly: "I am still calm now, just overly calm. To others, it may seem abnormal, so I must strongly fulfill the audience's expectations. I can't let Da Fei and those women steal all the limelight."

Sun Xing said with a laugh: "Alright, transforming and departing in 5 minutes."

Ma Yinglong suddenly remembered something and asked: "Did you see Da Fei's video just now? What do you think?"

Sun Xing said in surprise: "Boss, are you asking if I can beat him? Don't worry, if it's on the sea, I definitely can't!"

"Damn!" Ma Yinglong said unhappily: "Well, that's a straightforward answer!"

Sun Xing laughed and said: "Unless you, boss, are willing to spend heavily on developing the Bone Emperor Battleship, otherwise any formidable professional expert encountering him is like Li Kui fighting on water, only ending up swallowing water!"

Ma Yinglong waved his hand: "Understood, just stir things up here first!"

"Alright, definitely will make it big, devastating, and get things pregnant, haha!"

"Damn it, hurry up!"

People always feel uneasy when they see others with extremely strong powers, causing them to reflect on whether they have any countermeasures. Ma Yinglong too felt a subtle threat from Da Fei, but right now, the Guild's direction of development is a full-scale advancement for all three races, leaving no capability to invest in maritime strategies.

Time! He could only wait for the full-scale advancement of all three races to bear fruit before focusing all of the Guild's resources on developing maritime strategies later.

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Red Name Village, a legend that only the extremely red-named players who defy the judge's verdict can reach. A special scene, or to be called Red Name Village.

This is a miniature international server, gathering red-named players from around the world, with fierce monsters rampant, making the living environment extremely harsh. Red-named players cannot trade with each other and must also be wary of one another. Red-named players must complete difficult or annoying monster-hunting and gathering missions issued by the NPCs in the village to escape this Shura field.

At this moment, Phoenix Feather sat silently cross-legged in the square of this ruined Stone Village, staring wordlessly at the grey-black sky and wilderness.

For any player, losing a Divine Artifact is indeed a substantial blow, but what hit him harder is that his death, like a bubble bursting in the waves, went unnoticed without causing any ripples, as if he had never fought at all.

Being red-named is not wrong, but the mistake lies in turning red-named before becoming absolutely powerful, which is Phoenix Feather's realization at this moment. This time, having lost the Divine Artifact, he probably won't be as lucky to recover it as before; after leaving, how should he develop himself? Could he truly give up the path of the Blood Drinkers and confess to the Mage?

His period of weakness after death had passed, anyway, first thing's first, he should leave. Phoenix Feather took a deep breath and slowly stood up, walking towards the task NPC in the middle of the square, a One-Winged Angel with black wings. This is the only NPC in the village, also the absolute ruler of this village. Red-named players can PK, but not under his watch, so the area where his gaze reaches is the only safe zone in this brutal space.

Note, it is only the area his gaze reaches. This means, even within the village, players can kill each other behind his back. This illustrates how harsh the environment here is. Because of the notorious reputation of this land of exile, very few players from around the world are able to come here to court death.

Of course, few does not mean there aren't any. Phoenix Feather saw an Italian red-named dwarf player named "Super Mario" fishing by the Black Water pond outside the village. Super Mario is a legend of the Red Name Village; batch after batch of red-named players came and left, but only this level 0 player permanently stayed at the pond, fishing away. It is said that his quest to leave the village involves catching 1000 Devil Fish!

The level of annoyance of this quest is beyond the imagination of red-named players from other countries! However, for a level 0 like him, fishing was the only way out. For a normal player, the best way out would be to buy a new machine and create a new account, wouldn't it? But obviously, players who come here are not normal players.

Every time Phoenix Feather saw him, she felt an intense pain in the eggs, and this time was no exception. But this time, feeling down and lost, she suddenly felt the urge to talk to someone. In this world, perhaps only red-named players understand each other.

Phoenix Feather dismissed the idea of accepting a quest and went to the pond outside the village.

"Chinese, you're here again!" Mario was obviously lonelier than Phoenix Feather and eagerly started the conversation: "But you came back from the dead. Where's your Divine Artifact?"

Phoenix Feather irritably replied, "It blew up!"

"Ha ha! Wahaha!" Mario rolled around the pond in glee.

Phoenix Feather irritably asked, "Is it that funny?"

Mario laughed heartily, "Wouldn't you be happy if you heard someone else's Divine Artifact blew up?"

Phoenix Feather coldly responded, "Not happy, because that means some lucky guy got a Divine Artifact."

Mario's eyebrows twitched before he lost interest and stood up, "Yeah, now that you mention it, I can't feel happy anymore. Actually, I just watched a live stream from the China Region, but I didn't see you."

Phoenix Feather coldly said, "Useless trash that harms others without benefiting yourself, just spit out whatever nasty sarcasm you have; I definitely won't kill you this time!"

Mario laughed, "Actually, I just want to say, it's often the smart people who do the dumbest things."

Phoenix Feather replied with a 'Oh': "You mean, you are a smart person?"

Mario laughed, "You finally became smart! Let me, who is smarter than you, guide you. Your mistake this time was teaming up with others!"

Phoenix Feather raised an eyebrow, "Really?"

Mario burst into laughter, "A Chinese is a dragon by himself, a group of Chinese becomes a group of bugs. Once you teamed up, you turned yourself into a bug!"

Phoenix Feather angrily said, "Bullshit! What does an idiot like you from Italy understand anyway!"

Mario laughed heartily, "You, a piece of scum and failure, still have national pride?"

Phoenix Feather coldly said, "Chinese, I bash and scold our own, but I can't stand seeing you foreigners do the same!"

Mario was momentarily astonished, then shook his head and chuckled, "I find that hard to understand, well, do you know what I am doing now?"

Phoenix Feather coolly replied, "You got a hidden quest, but you can't handle it."

Mario chuckled, "Talking to someone who became smart isn't tiring at all. How about it? Join me! Without your Divine Artifact, you have no choice."

Phoenix Feather coldly responded, "Didn't you say that by teaming up, I turned myself into a bug?"

Mario shook his head, "A bunch of Chinese together are bugs, but I'm not Chinese, so teaming up with me, you're still a dragon!"

Phoenix Feather said, "I remember a German joke, want to hear it?"

Mario was surprised, "Germans are so stiff, but they can tell jokes? I would like to hear this."

Phoenix Feather nodded, "Germans say, if we're on normal terms with Italy, we need only 2 divisions to guard against them. If we're enemies with Italy, we need only 5 divisions to defeat them. If we're allies with Italy? We need to send 10 divisions to support them—Tell me, what use do I have for a stupid ally like Italy?"

Mario's expression darkened: "That joke isn't funny at all!"

Phoenix Feather chuckled, "Really? But you should think of it this way, if it weren't for Italy, the great teammate, the world would be doomed. Italy is the player who saves the world!"

"Ah pu!" Mario laughed heartily, "The way you think is indeed unique; I really admire you, this Chinese Dragon. I'm sure to be a drag now! I'll tell you now, there's a gigantic Devil Fish under this pond, that's the real purpose of this fishing quest given by the Angel! As long as we kill this gigantic Devil Fish, we'll have the power to deal with the monsters outside the village. This Red Name Village, meant to punish red-named players, will become our leveling paradise!"

Phoenix Feather suddenly realized – the path of the red-named lay right before her! Phoenix Feather quickly asked, "What should I do?"

Mario smiled, "Join me in fishing, chatting, and telling jokes!"

Dammit!