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Chapter 451: The Beginning of the Blood Sea Wave's Domination

When the Dragon Slayer Guild's secret construction project was in full swing, Blood Sea Wave, who was purchasing stone materials at the same time, was also unfolding grand plans.

Desolate Sea, a colossal fleet composed of 30 large cargo ships, 20 logistical construction ships, 10 Empire large Galen warships, and 20 medium Galen warships, was sailing in formation, with Miracle Island just ahead!

Blood Sea Wave stood at the bow, gazing towards the calm Desolate Islands with a myriad of thoughts.

Last night, he returned to the Desolate Islands and proposed a plan to the representatives of various pirates: to rob himself, incidentally strike the Kingdom's naval guards, and then return the stolen goods to himself. However, after all the pirates exchanged looks, they burst into laughter: "Kid, such a lucrative deal, if you were us, would you do it?"

Of course, it wasn't just the NPC pirates in the game that burst into laughter, but also Brother Tian and Shaodong beside him, all laughed till they were in stitches. For pirates, unless there is a huge profit, they definitely won't engage with a formal navy easily. Pirates aren't interested in stone materials, and of course, won't take the risk to steal them, let alone stealing and then returning them; the concept is downright bizarre.

Thus, this plan was truly painful and unreliable, completely a result of Blood Sea Wave being too successful and seeking trouble for no reason. But even wanting to seek trouble, the intelligent system wouldn't oblige.

However, after all the pirates laughed, Barak asked in confusion: "Why does the Kingdom want to build a fortress on such a small island?"

The pirates looked at each other in shock yet again.

Blood Sea Wave's brow twitched; perhaps there's light in the west if it's not shining in the east? He then coughed and gave the standard answer: "The Kingdom wants to strengthen maritime sovereignty over

borders, and will create conditions if there aren't any, so they especially deployed a naval escort for this transport."

The pirates suddenly realized: "So, it's aimed against us!"

"Where does the Kingdom get the money?"

"Of course, it's the money from this second-in-command's private funds!" a representative of the Black Water Pirates coldly stared at Blood Sea Wave and asked: "Tell us, which side do you really want to stand on?"

This Black Water Pirate truly lived up to being his adversary, actually knowing it was money out of his own pocket! Seeing the Black Water Pirates always upset Blood Sea Wave. The whole absurd action plan wasn't it just because of worrying about them, Black Water Pirates? Fine, since you asked, I will just give you a heads-up!

Blood Sea Wave coldly said, "As pirates, we cannot survive without infiltrating the Kingdom! The higher my position in the Kingdom, the safer we are! If you Black Water Pirates always refuse to cooperate and make it impossible for me to mingle among the pirates, then I have no choice but to sincerely follow the Kingdom. At that time, you should be happy, right?"

The Black Water Pirate representative coldly said: "We Black Water Pirates won't cooperate with someone who has no strength."

Blood Sea Wave chuckled: "Wait until my Miracle Island fortress is completed, then I will have strength, how about we cooperate well then?"

The Black Water Pirate scoffed: "I'm not scared of you!"

"Let's not fight, you two!" Barak immediately stepped in to mediate: "I support our second-in-command's current action, I have a suggestion, since the Kingdom wants to strengthen maritime sovereignty on the borders, we pirates should consolidate our territories too, old rules, let's infiltrate Miracle Island?"

Blood Sea Wave's brow twitched; what did he mean?

The pirate representatives asked: "How should we infiltrate?"

Barak laughed, "Of course, I want to become a villager of Miracle Island! However, this needs the approval of the second-in-command!"

Blood Sea Wave's eyebrows twitched, this was killing two birds with one stone! Not only building a city but also gaining a group of pirate-born villagers! This would solve the future population issues of Miracle Island! Pirate-born villagers are incredibly capable; they can fish in their free time and fight in wartime, truly versatile talents!

Blood Sea Wave ecstatically said, "Of course, I agree!"

Barak laughed heartily, "Since the second-in-command says so, we Desolate Island Pirates fully support you! What about you guys?"

Black Water Pirates chuckled, "Since the second-in-command always thinks we don't collaborate, let us cooperate once and see, Black Water Pirates will also join in, do you dare to accept us?"

Afraid you might revolt? Blood Sea Wave laughed heartily, "As long as everyone is willing to contribute villagers, I welcome all equally without refusal! My venture is our pirates' joint colossal undertaking!"

Even the Black Water Pirates are cooperating, other pirate representatives also said, "Great idea, we'll immediately send messages to inform our leaders!"

Blood Sea Wave joyfully said, "Rest assured, my Miracle City will definitely have bars, dancers, casinos, all high-end, top-class, truly a thriving pirate paradise with prosperity over 60!"

The pirates burst into laughter, "Kid, make sure the bars have quality liquor and the dancers are beauties!"

Blood Sea Wave laughed loudly, "Absolutely top-quality liquor from the Kingdom, and top-class beauties! If you guys get tired of Human Race dancers, I can even get Elf Clan dancers, truly exotic flavors!"

The pirates roared with laughter again! And this time, the laughter was not of mockery!

Even funnier, after the meeting, Barak personally invited him for drinks and earnestly patted his shoulder, "Second-in-command, you really surprised me, the rise of the Wilderness Pirates depends on this moment, rest assured, I'll not miss this opportunity and will fully support you!"

Being sold by my daddy, yet counting money for him? Truly a great boss! Rest assured, your end will be just like your predecessor's, taken down by the second-in-command, hahaha!

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Now, Blood Sea Wave was still relishing the unexpected joy from last night that even dreams would make him laugh! Thinking about his Miracle City with pirate villagers contributed by major pirate forces, how strong would his fleet be? His original naval troop ideas could be fully realized! Once the National War Zone opens, he could lead the pirate fleet to dominate the world!

Right in his reverie, the World Channel burst into noise, needless to say, it was Da Fei showing off again. With nothing better to do, Blood Sea Wave also switched to the forum to watch Da Fei's live broadcast.

At this moment, Blood Sea Wave had achieved success and had an extraordinary mindset, viewing Da Fei's antics entirely differently: "No matter how much you jump around, you're still just bobbing in a boat, pitiful and laughable!"

The fleet's horns resounded continuously, Miracle Island was finally in sight.

The fleet began to slow down and drop anchor. The logistic construction fleet started laying the sea pontoons connecting to the island, workers on large cargo ships were prepared for unloading, and landing boats filled with engineers headed to the island to conduct surveys, everything was incredibly orderly!

This is the beginning of my dominating career, Blood Sea Wave's spirit soared as he laughed uproariously!

Chapter 452: Fishman's Siege

After an hour of sailing, the Octopus arrived at Fog Reef Bay. At first glance, large patches of rocks loomed faintly through the fog, and the currents turned turbulent and eerie. Under normal circumstances, this place would be teeming with Fishmen, definitely not a practice ground for current players to venture, but with Brother Fei in the team, and bolstered by a recent victory, all members were blindly confident in Da Fei.

However, even so, Da Bing couldn't help but worry, "The currents here are strong, could there be whirlpools?"

One Sword Eastward shook his head, "There are too many rocks here, which greatly obstruct the flow of water, and it's not deep, large whirlpools are unlikely."

Da Bing then asked, "By the way, Brother Fei, I've always wondered, why does our Chamber of Commerce's ship encounter whirlpools when we go out to sea?"

Not just whirlpools, but Sea Monsters too! The Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce appeared splendid on the surface but was actually quite messy; Da Fei really didn't want to answer this vexing question. It's because of this vexing Sea God's Curse that any commissioned sea mission becomes inherently more challenging, and it's a tough challenge with no extra cost, which if leaked, would demotivate the members and impact recruitment, not to mention being exploited by malicious competitors. In short, there's no need to let the subordinates know what they shouldn't.

Da Fei gazed into the mist with a profound look and said, "All I can tell you is that this is a test related to the Sea God, and this mission is extremely challenging. Killing a Demigod was just the beginning, and not something you can help with right now. What everyone needs to do now is to level up well and become true experts on your own!"

Everyone suddenly realized that the Demigod Brother Fei killed last time was part of this Sea God test mission! They all said, "Brother Fei is truly high-level! Don't worry, we'll definitely train hard!"

Da Fei nodded, "Alright, let's go in."

One Sword Eastward was startled, "Brother Fei, should I still steer?"

Da Fei patted his shoulder and laughed, "Of course, the tougher the mission, the more it tests a person, even if we sink, it's not a big deal!"

One Sword Eastward nodded, "Got it, Brother Fei!"

In truth, when it came to steering a ship, Da Fei admitted he wasn't much better than One Sword Eastward. Additionally, he was multi-tasking, better to hide his weaknesses. As for One Sword Eastward, although he always schemed to draw hatred towards Da Fei, he had grand ambitions and would naturally not deliberately mess up on a small boat.

Now, with all crew members on high alert, the Octopus cautiously entered the fog filled with rocks. Sharp cries of Fishmen intermittently echoed through the fog, and wreckage from broken ships stuck amongst the rocks was visible everywhere.

Da Fei concentrated on controlling the Blood Eagle, circling low for a lookout. After all, the Sea God's Curse brings storms, whirlpools and huge sea monsters. If whirlpools and storms are unlikely here, then large sea monsters might be a possibility, so caution was paramount.

As the Octopus ventured deeper, they encountered Fishmen who all fled. Indeed, standing on a tall ship leisurely shooting arrows at defenseless creatures to reap bundles of Experience is a rare luxury in the game. Fishmen, being a widely distributed, cunning sea race of intelligent creatures, were not easily killed by players.

Ahead lay a low reef plateau with a huge shipwreck quietly stranded.

Da Bing said solemnly, "We've arrived, this is the mission's shipwreck."

One Sword Eastward added, "The water is shallow ahead. The ship can't go any further, we must swim over."

Da Fei nodded, "Then let's drop anchor, and get into the water."

As the troop entered the water, the Fishmen who had previously fled regrouped in swarms nearby. Da Bing was highly vigilant and instructed the command team to form the melee troop in a circle on the perimeter.

Anyone who has leveled up by the sea knows how tough and clingy Fishmen can be. Even in knee-deep water on the shallows, they could swim low in a breaststroke position to attack the troop's lower body, avoiding being shot by archers from a distance while taking advantage of aquatic combat to strike the land troops.

Even if Brother Fei's attack is incredibly fancy and equipped with exaggerated special skills, and even when he has 200 extremely sharp, strongest Secret Archers, there's still no assurance in dealing with the Fishmen's underwater charge. One could say, the Fishmen's underwater approach simply nullifies the long-range capabilities of land troops!

In fact, among the Six Major Races, there really isn't a military unit designed specifically to counter the Fishmen. Broadly speaking, the land forces don't have effective means to deal with the Sea Race because once on the water, the attributes of land forces, especially Attack Speed and Move Speed, are significantly reduced.

Seeing the surrounding Fishmen groups gathering more and more densely, Da Bing couldn't help but exclaim in shock: "Is this for real? There aren't usually this many Fishmen here, right? Could it be a mission?"

What to do? Everyone's gaze fell on Brother Fei, all waiting for Brother Fei's command. Because everyone knew that once the team moved away from the ships, the Fishmen would surely launch an attack.

Brother Fei was in a state of intense frustration! Damn it, although I'm confident in our defense, these ordinary Fishmen surely can't bite through me, and I can outlast them, but my awesomeness only protects my own troops, not theirs, right? If everyone dies messily won't it affect my glorious leadership image?

At this point, there's only one solution! Let my troops take the front row! Can this work? Brother Fei checked the attributes of the Secret Archers:

— Secret Archer: Elf Clan Level 3 elite unit, Attack 8, Defense 6, Life 21, Damage 6-9, Attack Speed 13, Move Speed 13, Command Value 2, Recruitment Cost 547 Gold Coins, Special Skills: Long Range Shooting, Piercing, Knockback, Precision Shooting, Arrow Formation.

base Health points, plus 10 from Brother Fei's various skill equipment achievements, making it 31; now with Sea Monster Hunter Health +20%, and Three Major Disease Resistances +15%, it totals 42 points! If led by Selvia, there's an additional 15% life from the Nun's boost; essentially, they're at the health standard of level 4 troops, plus Brother Fei's 80 points strategic defense, Master-level Defense Skill, and Selvia's Grandmaster-level Healing Skill, they can stand their ground!

Brother Fei then chuckled and said, "Da Bing, don't arrange the formation this way. Let my troops take the front!"

Members of the group gasped, "Is Brother Fei using archers as meat shields?"

Brother Fei sighed with a laugh, "What else can we do?"

The level of thinking that Brother Fei was at wasn't something the members could understand. Whatever Brother Fei says goes. In the admiration for Brother Fei's awesomeness, the troops adjusted once more.

While Brother Fei looked at the densely surrounded Fishmen, his heart sank, wondering if they could hold on. If they held on, that'd be awesome; if not, it would be hilarious. Damn, he's struggling for reputation now!

Now, with the troop formation complete, Brother Fei's 200 Secret Archers and 5 level-7 Storm Druids have formed a large defensive circle. Let's move forward then!

Sure enough, once the team left the Octopus and it was too late to safely retreat onto the ship, Fishmen started diving into the water, swarming towards the team like countless giant frogs!

The battle began! Selvia's blessing golden light covered the outskirts of the Secret Archer Troop, and Anlicia summoned a large group of Water Element Troops to assist in the battle. Amidst the tumult of spurting blood and surging fish heads, waves of Healing Golden Light ebbed and flowed.

True enough, quite sturdy; not a single Secret Archer fell!

Even frail ranged fighters could be used as a meat wall, Brother Fei's incomprehensive strategy crazily inspired the members inside the defensive circle, and for a time, both veterans and newbies burst forth with vigorous firing and shooting!

Now, Brother Fei could finally breathe a sigh of relief. Given the current situation and Selvia's Mana maintenance, this battle was bound to be won damage-free. Brother Fei's glorious image was finally preserved, he was truly awesome after all! Moreover, the new Divine Artifact Mana Source equipment, combined with Selvia's Grandmaster-level Meditation Skill, had an astounding effect, increasing Mana recovery speed by more than 100%. What a level that was? Once Selvia's knowledge value increased, the Priest madly refreshing the entire team would no longer be a dream! Wahahahaha!

Just when Brother Fei was feeling immensely proud, suddenly at the edge of Little Fei's viewpoint, a large red dot appeared. Brother Fei was shocked, a BOSS? He hurriedly switched to Little Fei's viewpoint, only to see a huge Fishman grabbing onto the anchor chain of the Octopus, quietly climbing up the ship!

At that instant, Brother Fei was flabbergasted! Holy crap! Why is there such a weirdly sneaky BOSS, not joining the battle but instead sneaking to steal my base! Wait, might this Fishman be specially dispatched by the Sea God's Curse to destroy the ship?

Chapter 453: Trap the Fishman Boss by Closing the Hatch Door

Da Fei certainly wouldn't go blathering about the chaos in the rear that tarnishes the image of his resolute and heroic self within the team—it wouldn't help the situation anyway.

What to do now? Head back? The problem is the team is besieged on all sides by Fishmen and can't move at all for the moment! Forcing a breakout would be costly, and things might even fall apart!

Damn it, this boss's timing for a sneak attack is just devastating! Without Blood Eagle, I wouldn't even know how the ship was taken! Do I rely on Blood Eagle now? But if Blood Eagle goes into battle, it'll be fighting independently without my bonuses—will that work?

At this point, this giant Fishman, twice the size of a human, has already leaped onto the bow of the ship. The five sailors left on guard, taken by surprise, drew their swords to meet the attack! Now with everyone else gone, these sailors, left without a leader, could only fight based on the AI's automatic system, just like fighting against wild beasts.

No choice left, Blood Eagle must take action! The five sailors on the Octopus are all high-class "strong skilled sailors" employed from Dockworker's Home, matching the level 4 soldiers, while Blood Eagle with 60 Attack and 20 Basic Damage also meets the standard of level 7 soldiers. All they could do now was gather everyone's power and resist for a while, given that the Octopus also had a durability of thirty to forty thousand—it might just hold out until the team could come to rescue.

As Little Fei, with all skills activated, dove from the sky, the giant Fishman was already engaged in combat with the sailors; a sailor fell to the ground from the sharp bone spike in the Fishman's hand in a single encounter!

Da Fei was startled, the damage was so high! A hit that could instantly kill a level 4 melee soldier with fifty to sixty health must be at least at the level of a level 7 soldier!

— Bang! Little Fei swooping down inflicted 40 points of damage on the Fishman's head!

Da Fei's heart tightened! 40 points of damage was just the result of doubling the Basic Damage from the Dive, or perhaps the Fishman's Defense had negated some of the damage. From this, it can be deduced that this Fishman's Defense must be at least 60 points! Such a high Attack and Defense Fishman was definitely not something a few sailors could defeat. It looks like the worst-case scenario is upon us!

The attack by Little Fei immediately drew the Fishman's attention; it turned and looked up, but Little Fei had already flown up high!

Agile and nimble! This is the fundamental difference between raptorial aerial creatures and big Flying Soldiers like Griffin Angels! Although Griffin Angels can leverage flying to strike first, once engaged they have to stay on the ground and can't immediately fly away; ultimately, the Griffin Angels' mode of

combat is still defined as ground troops. This means that ordinary Griffin Angels, ghost Griffins, and Green Dragons don't have aerial combat capabilities, and they are equally helpless against a flock of crows. Flying is just a mode of movement for them, not a mode of combat!

Currently, faced with Blood Eagle flying high, the Fishman was somewhat stupefied, allowing the remaining four sailors to hit it with 3 and 4 points of damage.

Annoyed, the Fishman turned back and made a thrusting stab, but the movement was noticeably slow, and a sailor deftly dodged—"Miss!"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched—could it be, the symptoms of being slowed by Petrification Aura?

If that's the case—

Da Fei immediately shouted, "Da Bing, quickly hand over the Captaincy to me! Hurry!"

Da Bing, somewhat startled, didn't ask further and immediately transferred the Captaincy to Da Fei.

After taking over as Captain, Da Fei immediately selected those sailors—now he could command them!

Oh yeah! This indeed confirmed Da Fei's speculation during the last competition. At that time, Deirdre had gone on an Independent Expedition, but with Little Fei following along, Da Fei could still command them. Da Fei had then speculated that Little Fei, linked by bloodline, was like the player's avatar on the front line. Now the situation was similar, becoming Captain gave Da Fei the authority to command the sailors, even without being there, as long as Little Fei was present!

Now there was nothing to discuss. Gaining command, Da Fei immediately directed the sailors to run towards the cabin. The strategy now was one word—delay! Save as many soldiers as possible! As for Little Fei, with the Dive Skill in cooldown, diving down to tough it out was suicidal. All it could do was to keep hovering above the Fishman's head, continuing to annoy it with Petrification Aura.

Under the influence of Petrification Aura, the Fishman watched helplessly as several sailors turned around. However, even so, its running speed was astonishing—indeed, Fishmen could move briskly even

underwater, and once on shore where there's no resistance from the water, their speed was beyond human imagination. The expression "come and go like flying" was apt.

Unluckily, one sailor was caught up by the Fishman, again killed with a bone spike in an instant!

And finally, the remaining three sailors rushed into the cabin doors, and just then, these three fools slammed into each other at the door, jamming it, and none managed to get through!

Damn!

But it doesn't matter! The Fishman immediately charged from behind, stabbing another one with a bone spike and instantly solving the little problem of entering the door!

Damn!

At this point, the Fishman had already blocked the cabin door, making closing it impossible. However, given the size of this Fishman, could it even get in?

The Fishman immediately answered, yes, it could! It took a deep breath, lowered its head, bent its legs, and forcibly squeezed in! Moreover, the mucus covering its body acted like lubricant on the cabin walls, seemingly not affecting its movement much?

Damn! Da Fei was devastated, this damned thing is hell-bent on total extermination! No choice now but to keep running deeper into the cabin, delaying every second possible! Now, only two soldiers left, I have to split them, playing a cat-and-mouse game with it to the bitter end!

Just as the Fishman squeezed through the hatch, a startling idea suddenly popped into Da Fei's mind—what if he shut this hatch, would this Fishman with its low intelligence be able to open it? If it couldn't, wouldn't it be like walking into a trap?

Right! Fishmen are a cunning species, moving like the wind, and fleeing immediately if the situation turns bad, making it difficult to kill an ordinary Fishman, let alone a Fishman BOSS! Indeed, fleeing immediately when things go awry is a common trait among Sea Monsters, which is why they are

notoriously hard to kill! But now, if this Fishman was trapped and Da Fei's team went back to sneak attack it, that would be hitting the jackpot! It would definitely be the world's first Fishman BOSS loot drop! A loot drop would surely yield special products! But what kind of special products can a Fishman have? Anyway, the rewards couldn't be bad!

So, how to close the hatch? Isn't that quite simple? Da Fei now has two soldiers, just let it chase one of them, and the other can immediately shut the door! In the cramped cabin corridor, it couldn't possibly catch up to a sailor!

Therefore, the key question is, will it be able to open the door! Anyway, it was absolutely necessary to give it a try.

Now, the Fishman rushed into the cargo hold, chasing the sailor who had fled there. While another sailor who was hiding in the sailors' dormitory rushed toward the hatch—snap, crackle, pop! Lock the hatch!

Oh yeah! It's closed! It's a pity the hatch couldn't be locked from the outside, otherwise, why would Da Fei worry about whether the Fishman could open it? Anyway, there was still time, Da Fei immediately directed the sailor who closed the door to the sailors' dormitory to drag out chairs and quilts to pile in front of the door, covering the hatch bolt.

And just then, a tragic scream came from the cargo hold, that sailor met a glorious demise. Now, there was nothing else to say, the last sailor who completed the mission of closing the hatch bravely charged towards the Fishman that was pursuing him—then Da Fei's screen went dark!

Complete annihilation! But it's okay, their deaths were noble, Selvia will come back and rescue you.

Now, Da Fei immediately switched to Little Fei's perspective, only to hear a banging noise from the Octopus!

Da Fei laughed heartily! It was really trapped, this creature really couldn't open the door! Alright, keep banging, I won't wait for you!

Da Fei, full of vigor, shouted in the team: "I've caught a Fishman BOSS, if you have any ultimate moves you've been hesitant to use, hurry and unleash them to clear the field! We'll return to the ship immediately!"

The team was astounded: "Brother Fei caught a BOSS? When?"

Da Bing immediately shouted: "If Brother Fei said so, then it is so, hurry! Da Wei! Use your ultimate move!"

"Received!" The always quiet Da Wei and his troops flashed with blood light! Simultaneously, a large ring of blood mist engulfed the heads of Da Fei's Secret Archer Troop!

—Team Alert: Team member Invincible Wei used special skill "Blood Breaking Frenzy Attack" on Da Fei's Secret Archer Troop, boosting the Secret Archer Troop's Attack Speed by 46%, unaffected by any interrupting effects, and Invincible Wei's troops lose 20% HP per second, unable to receive any healing effects!

In that moment, the Secret Archer Troop, as if injected with adrenaline, straightened their bodies, which were getting beaten left and right by the Fishmen up close, and started firing arrows rapidly, piercing and knocking back, clearing a space in the surrounding Fishman crowd in just a few seconds!

Just a few seconds later, a tragic scream from Da Wei's troops as they fell dead!

The whole team was astounded, Da Fei's eyes widened in surprise! Damn, there really was an ultimate move! Sacrificing oneself for the benefit of others, where did this Divine Skill come from? Everything about Da Wei was good, just the name wasn't!

But now wasn't the time to be surprised, after this brief bout of frenzy, the situation turned dramatically. Of course, it wasn't the time to aim for no casualties now, what was needed was for the Secret Archers to shoot without any obstructions!

So, Da Fei shouted again: "All melee troops, all high Defense team members, get out there and break through with all your might!"

"Received!"

As the peripheral Secret Archers cleared a path, the team members bravely fought their way out, with no regard for casualties, blasting an opening in the enclosing Fishman circle! The team could finally retreat!

Hahahaha! Right, similarly disregarding casualties for a breakthrough, if it had been used from the beginning, then it would reflect poor leadership by me. But now, using it after capturing a BOSS, it shows timely and wise decision-making! I'm too awesome!

The team fought while retreating, nearing the Octopus, and at this moment, the Fishman crowd stopped pursuing and again kept their distance.

Good, hurry aboard! Da Fei's Storm Druid, Secret Archer Troop immediately blocked the hatch completely.

Meanwhile, the banging sounds on the hatch startled the team: "Oh my God! Brother Fei really trapped a BOSS! How did he do it!"

"Brother Fei, truly a divine being!"

Brother Hao, even more excited, said: "Brother Fei is truly the Brother Fei I admire the most. Just secure this BOSS, and I will continue to reward the entire team with 10,000 yuan!"

The whole team burst into cheers!

Da Fei laughed loudly, indeed, no thrilling victory could lack the support of a Tycoon, haha, hahaha!

Chapter 454: Incorporating the Fishman BOSS

Now Da Fei's troops have completely blocked the cabin door. Da Fei is certain, the moment that Fishman breaks through and shows its head, a ton of damage will cascade upon it, instantly killing it! How much health could a medium-sized BOSS possibly have? Even if it has an unimaginably high amount of health, it still falls within the range of the Secret Archer's knockback special skill. With 200 Secret

Archers, surely one or two will trigger the knockback effect. As long as it's knocked back once, it won't be able to break out!

In any case, it's a sure death!

— Bang bang bang! As time ticked by second by second, the sound of the Fishman slamming against the door tugged at everyone's heartstrings!

Confusion, shock, bewilderment, nobody knew how Da Fei managed to execute such an incredible feat from such a distance! Even professional players couldn't fathom it! And Da Fei had no intention of letting everyone know, so during the breakout, he once again handed over the role of Captain, concealing his divine skills.

There are two types of leaders, one who stays long-term with their team, building deep friendships, and establishing lofty personal prestige. The other type is mysterious and powerful, like a god, impossible to look straight at, and one can only worship and follow. Da Fei was very busy, destined not to be the first type, so he chose to be the second!

— Boom crack! With a crisp sound, the cabin door was finally smashed open by the Fishman!

This is the moment—Fire!!!

Amidst the excited screams of the entire group, bowstrings sounded in unison, a hundred arrows shot forth! In that instant, the Fishman, stunned, immediately covered its head and knelt, while arrows bombarded its spike-covered fish back, numerous "-40!" "-42!" "Block!" "Block!" "Block!" damage status data flooded the screen!

Not dead!

Da Fei's eyelid twitched with surprise! The first volley didn't kill it! Blocking! Too many blocks, this is the Divine Block! If it hadn't been blocked at the door, how would it normally be killed? But unfortunately for it, it's in a dead end, even the Divine Block can't save you now!

Prepare the second round!

And just at that moment, the Fishman kneeling on the ground cried out: "Gulu! Gulu! Spare my life!! Gulu! Spare my life!!"

Spare its life?!

Seeing its name suddenly change from red to yellow, the whole group was astounded!

— System Prompt: Leader-level Fishman "Fishman Gulu Gulu" fears your military might and wishes to join your troop, do you accept?

— System Prompt: If you do not accept the surrender, you can still obtain spoils of war through normal defeat.

Damn! A BOSS is surrendering?!!! The whole group was astounded!

Da Fei came to his senses and laughed loudly! Killing a BOSS is no big deal, making a BOSS surrender, that's the real skill! Normally, monsters have a certain chance of surrendering to players, but if the monster is a BOSS, the chance of surrender is almost zero!

Da Fei was certain now. This Fishman, who doesn't engage in battles but specializes in stealing ships, was not an ordinary monster. It's very likely a plot-driven BOSS dispatched by the Sea God's Curse! If it's a plot-driven BOSS, its intelligent AI indeed should have the option to surrender. After all, as a slave species with intelligence among the Sea Race, surrendering is very consistent with their racial character! This should be similar to the goblins of the Beastman Race.

There's nothing more to say. Compared to killing the BOSS for equipment, I value talent more, accept!

— System Prompt: You have accepted the surrender of leader-level Fishman "Fishman Gulu Gulu," Gulu Gulu joins your troops!

— System Prompt: Combat concluded, you have gained +245,000 Experience!

And at this very moment, with new members leveling up in golden light, the whole team erupted in jubilation: "We've enlisted the BOSS! Brother Fei, you are godlike!!!"

Brother Hao, even more excited, danced around: "Giving out rewards! I'm going to reward the entire team, nobody can stop me now, wahahaha!"

The whole team bubbled up again: "Brother Fei, we love you! Brother Hao, we love you!"

Da Fei, laughing loudly, took an interested look at the attributes of this Fishman BOSS:

— Fishman Gulu Gulu: Leader-level medium-sized Ocean Creature, Attack 85, Defense 60, Damage 35-75, Health 314/2250, Attack Speed 13, Move Speed 17, Magic Resistance 75%, Command Value 400, special skills: Ocean Creature, Defense Stance, Frenzy State, Escape Stance, Taskmaster.

Command Value 400!!! Are you kidding me! Staring at this attribute marked in red, Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, he quickly checked the specific properties of the Command Value.

—Note: This creature is currently in a rebellious state. It is advised that players should not force it to engage in actions that go against its will, or it may betray or flee!

Damn! What does it mean by "actions that go against its will"? Do I have to treat it like some kind of lord?

This bizarre Command Value situation immediately reminded Da Fei of the time he met Deirdre at the Monastery, where Deirdre was also in a BOSS state, requiring very high Command Power and not recognizing any official Basic Commanding Ability!

In the end! There's nothing like loyalty for Vice Heroes in troops; whether troops are easy to command depends on their Command Value. A situation like Gulu Gulu's attribute turning red indicates it's clearly abnormal, a sign of potential desertion! It means that normally, its Command Value shouldn't be this high.

This bloody hell, I've managed to capture you with such a rare opportunity, how could I just let you run away? Da Fei then stepped forward and asked, "Can you understand what I'm saying?" Well, that's a dumb question. If it has become a player's troop, even a bear must understand.

And seeing Da Fei talking to the BOSS, the noisy team immediately quieted down. Da Fei was very pleased with everyone's performance; this is the deep-rooted prestige of a guild leader.

Gulu Gulu was still kneeling on the ground: "Gulu Gulu, listens to the master!"

It's great to be a BOSS, being able to talk! But what are the things you least want to hear from your master?

Da Fei then asked: "You've followed your master, you should listen to the master, but I'm very kind. I want to know, what are the things you least want to do? I will not force you to do what you're unwilling to!"

Gulu Gulu shuddered, his frog-like eyes rolling about, and then replied: "Gulu Gulu does not want to do hard labor, does not want to starve, does not want to face sharks, does not want to face Naga, does not want to face Sea Demons..."

What the heck! You just say you want to be a lord! I want that too! What's the main purpose of me recruiting Sea Monsters?

Da Fei spoke gravely: "Following me, you won't starve, you won't do hard labor, but if I need you to confront Sea Monsters, are you willing?"

Gulu Gulu's body shook, panicked he said, "Master! Gulu Gulu dares not betray the Sea God, Gulu Gulu dares not face the Sea Race again! Please don't make Gulu Gulu fight the Sea Race!"

Da Fei sighed heavily! So it's a plot BOSS sent by the Sea God's Curse! Meaning, it can't be relied upon to confront Sea Monsters, then what use is it? Can't I just leave it at the Pool of Radiance? Surely monsters there aren't under the Sea God's control, right? Anyway, that's the only option.

Da Fei nodded: "I agree to your request! I won't make you fight against the Sea God's minions!"

Gulu Gulu made a joyful croaking sound: "Master is kind! To show loyalty to the master, Gulu Gulu is willing to call the tribe to follow the master!"

Oh wow! What a fine deal! Yeah, I gave up the first-exploitation reward, so the system must provide a decent reward! Capturing a BOSS alive, that's many times harder than killing one; the extra reward cannot be low!

Da Fei joyfully said: "Great! Call them over quickly!"

Gulu Gulu busily said: "Gulu Gulu will call everyone immediately!"

Under the whole team's attention, Gulu Gulu jumped off the ship, stood in the water, and kept loudly calling. After a while, several dozen green-named Fishmen of varying sizes sporadically swam over, each seemingly carrying big seashells stuffed with seaweed – was that Fishmen luggage?

Gulu Gulu looking back said: "Master, these are the tribe members willing to follow Gulu Gulu and follow the master!"

Although only dozens, the setup clearly marked the beginning of a tribe; as long as they settle and establish themselves, why worry about the tribe not thriving? Why worry about not pacifying the Pool of Radiance?

Da Fei exclaimed in elation: "Good! Well come, by following the master, you'll all lead good lives without starvation!"

Gulu Gulu shouted loudly, and all the Fishmen also cheered.

—System Prompt: You have gained the following of the Fishman Fog Scale Tribe, your reputation within the Fog Scale Tribe is "Stranger."

I love this reward! Reputation is 'Stranger', huh? Wait till you all admire me, wahahaha!

The whole team burst again: "Brother Fei is awesome! Even included a tribe!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Quick, take out the ship's stored food and let's eat!"

"Received!"

Chapter 455: Anlicia Becomes Captain

Now, Da Fei had settled the Fishman Tribe nicely in the cargo hold; these dozens of Fishmen were NPCs in non-combat status, and with Da Fei's current race reputation, there was no way to mobilize them for battle. Of course, Da Fei would never let them fight and needed to protect them specifically.

Typically, players would reach any city or power and accumulate reputation through quests, then gain the right to recruit from that power. The higher the reputation, the more troops can be enlisted, and even higher-level troops can be recruited.

The same principle applied to the Fishman Tribe; as long as Da Fei settled them well and kept expanding and developing their scale, enhancing his own reputation, he would later be able to recruit Fishman troops. If developed well enough, it might also be possible to evolve even more powerful Fishman troops. In any case, with the addition of the Fishman Tribe, Da Fei's confidence in stabilizing the areas around the Pool of Radiance and paving the way through the World Tree Space significantly increased.

Then, Selvia resurrected the deceased sailors, who, along with Gurgle Gurgle, stayed to guard the ship in their frail state. It must be said that for this resurrection, Da Fei even specifically removed the Sea Soul Staff from Selvia's equipment bar, otherwise it would have absorbed souls and prevented resurrection. As for the troops that died during the earlier breakout, they had become the source of Mana for the Sea Soul Staff along with the deceased Fishmen. All in all, this was the painstaking part of the Sea Soul Staff; a solution must be found to overcome it.

Now that everything was ready and everyone had rested and recovered, they could continue towards the shipwreck. But after the incident with the Fishmen stealing the ship, Da Fei began to feel uncertain; what if something else happens, like suddenly encountering other players? Although the map was of a

higher tier, and players likely wouldn't come here, if they did, they would undoubtedly be skilled players and must be guarded against.

Da Fei hesitated and said, "The newly recruited Fishman Tribe is extremely important and cannot be lost. I'd like to assign some people to stay and guard the ship. Who is willing to give up the mission and stay guard?"

The members eagerly replied, "Me, me, me! Brother Fei, I'll stay!"

Da Fei couldn't help but laugh and cry! If everyone stays, who will do the mission, me alone? Well, it's not impossible!

Da Bing hurriedly said, "How about this, since Da Wei has just used a powerful skill and doesn't have combat capability right now, let him stay."

Da Wei also hurriedly said, "Brother Fei, leave it to me!"

Da Fei paused in surprise; Da Wei seemed to be a novice with not-so-great skills, right? Could he handle it? However, seeing that he was one of the earliest members and had also mastered the Divine Skill, Da Fei decided to trust him for now. So, he said, "Alright, I'll also leave my Ranger Vice Hero on the ship to guard with you."

Anlicia's value primarily lies in her tactical big moves like mists, Transformation Skill, etc., which can effectively confuse the enemy and hide the ship. If it came to battle, her personal combat strength wouldn't be much stronger than a level seven soldier and wasn't necessary for the shipwreck mission, making her the most suitable candidate to stay behind.

Da Bing also said, "Anyone who has extra troops, throw a few to Da Wei!"

The members replied unanimously, "Me, me, I have a few Earth Shooters!"

Watching the team members in harmony, Da Fei sincerely felt relieved and allocated 50 Secret Archers to Anlicia. These Secret Archers were troops obtained in special mission scenarios and could not be

traded to other players. With a Divine Artifact in hand and formidable attack and defense capabilities, for Da Fei, a simple mission to clear the shipwreck would not require so many troops. Ensuring the Octopus was completely safe was the most important thing.

Now that everything was ready, it was time to set off.

At this moment, Da Bing hesitated again, "Brother Fei, as for who to appoint in charge during the guard, should I appoint Little Wei as Captain, or Brother Fei's Little Honey as Captain?"

What is this 'Brother Fei's Little Honey'? Appointing an NPC Vice Hero as Captain, how would other members view me? Da Fei both laughed and cried, "Just do as you see fit."

Da Bing cleared his throat and said, "Then I appoint Brother Fei's Little Honey as Captain, and Little Wei as First Officer."

Wow, what flattery! Alright, since I have even appointed an NPC as Vice President before, Da Bing is really thoughtful.

Da Fei shook his head, smiling, "Alright, everyone can set off now."

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Now, the team advanced towards the shipwreck again. After incorporating Gurge Gurge, the surrounding attacking Fishmen indeed reduced significantly; this indeed was the normal scene, and the previous situation had indeed triggered the Sea God's Curse storyline.

Under Da Fei's sweeping advance, the team smoothly reached a giant hole beneath the shipwreck, flickering with a space gate, a typical instance mission. No more to say, just enter the instance.

The scene changed, and the team appeared in a dark, moldy ship cabin. As it was a mission instance, this ship cabin scene was much larger than real ship cabin scenes, designed to accommodate more troops and provide a larger battlefield.

The battle below wasn't much to talk about, just various Sea Beetles, Water Elements, Sailor Skeleton Zombies, ghosts, and so on, all swept away by the Secret Archer. And every time a Zombie Skeleton was defeated, a faint figure would appear to say "thank you" before disappearing – that must be what they call rescuing trapped souls. All in all, very simple and stress-free. However, since this task is rated A, the real challenge must be the BOSS, so better focus on finding and fighting the BOSS.

At this time, Da Bing and Da Wei's dorm room was in uproar. Just now, everyone's mobile phones chimed with a notification tone – Brother Hao's rewards had come through. These newcomers who had just joined and were only a few levels in the game didn't yet grasp how amazing Brother Fei was, but seeing the additional 10,000 yuan in cash in the message, they truly realized what it meant to be a Tycoon, what it meant to be awesome, and what it meant to have a future following Brother Fei!

A year's living expenses obtained just like that! In an instant, everyone was exerting all their energy to perform well, and Da Bing was especially thrilled, chugging beer while giving out orders loudly in the dorm.

While the laughter and cheers were in full swing, Da Wei remained unswayed, eyes glued to the game, on high alert for any disturbance in the ocean waves, stirring his nerves.

Just then, something unusual happened. Brother Fei's Little Honey Hero suddenly spoke up: "Ah! It's so boring staying here! Not fun, let's take the ship out for a few rounds!"

Da Wei was shocked and quickly stepped forward to persuade: "No way! The team is all inside the shipwreck, we can't just wander off!"

Anlicia glanced sideways, pouted, and said: "Kid, who's the Captain here, you or me? Just a few rounds won't stop us from coming back!"

Da Wei alarmed: "Not possible! There are too many reefs here, and the fog, we could shipwreck!"

Anlicia snorted: "Shipwreck? Where?"

Da Wei anxiously pointed to the shipwreck debris among the surrounding reefs: "There! Everywhere!"

Anlicia clapped her hands and laughed: "Ice Fruit! With so many shipwrecks there must be treasures, let's go salvage them – hey! Newbie!" she then ignored Da Wei and waved to Gulu: "You, come here!"

Gulu immediately scampered over: "Master, what does Gulu need to do?"

Hearing Gulu call her Master made Anlicia beam with joy: "Can you, salvage treasures from those shipwrecks? The shiny stuff!"

Gulu eagerly replied: "Gulu has seen them, Gulu's tribe can serve the Master!"

Anlicia delighted: "Where where! Lead the way quickly!"

Gulu hurriedly said: "Alright, Master! Gulu will swim ahead and lead the way!"

Da Wei hurriedly stopped the Fishman: "No! You can't go!"

Anlicia angrily asked: "Kid, who are you?"

Da Wei quickly said: "I'm the First Officer!"

Anlicia angrily retorted: "You're mutinous! I am the Captain, go cool off at the Observatory!"

— System Prompt: Captain Anlicia has removed your First Officer position and appointed you as a Lookout!

Da Wei stood there dumbfounded, then immediately reacted and roared in the dormitory: "Disaster! Brother Fei's Little Honey is steering the ship to salvage treasures! And she demoted me!"

The whole dormitory erupted in shock!

Meanwhile, Da Fei, who was valiantly attacking the first Water Element BOSS, suddenly heard the terrible news from Da Bing: "Brother Fei, it's bad, your Little Honey is steering the ship to salvage treasures, and she even demoted Little Wei!"

— Ah Poof! Da Fei spewed out a mouthful of tea!

Chapter 456: Discovering Sunken Ship Treasure

Now Da Fei finally snapped back to reality. Anlicia was by no means an ordinary Vice Hero. She had a strong will, was playful and rebellious, and the only reason she followed Da Fei was because of her grandmother's will. She came without taking on any mercenary tasks and showed up on her own initiative. What's more, she didn't have a Loyalty attribute from the start, which meant it wouldn't be a surprise if she ran off without a word one day. Da Fei had always treated her with the utmost care and respect!

Now Auntie has taken the ship out for a joyride. What to do? What else can be done but to hope she enjoys herself, comes back to her senses soon, and, most importantly, doesn't get into any trouble! Holy crap, what about all the Fishmen I've just recruited?!

In a state of sheer panic, Da Fei blurted out: "Pass a message to Little Wei for me, tell him to keep his mouth sweet and agreeable, keep her happy non-stop, gently persuade her, and go along with whatever makes her happy!"

Da Bing responded promptly: "Roger that!"

Then it dawned on Da Fei that Little Wei was a typically silent type, hardly the person you'd expect to be cajoling others!

So Da Fei immediately said: "Better yet, tell Little Wei to turn on the game's sound effects. If anything comes up, everyone can think of a solution together!"

Da Bing immediately replied: "Roger that!"

Now Da Fei's mood for playing the instance was gone, but what's the use of getting worked up when she's taken off with the ship?

Goddammit, such a headache! Such a nuisance! Why on earth didn't I see this coming and let her be the Captain? It's pure chaos now! At this moment, a myriad of thoughts raced through Da Fei's mind, and he was so frustrated that he wished he could pull down her pants and give her a good spanking, but he couldn't, she was Auntie after all!

No, no! Stay calm. I need to maintain the image of a wise and invincible guild president. Even if the sky were falling down, I've got to hold steady! Besides, it's not all bad news. At least we learned that Fishmen can be used for salvage operations, right? That's the world's most badass deep-sea diver there. This could be a huge breakthrough—of course, provided that there are no accidents!

Just the thought of something going wrong made Da Fei's heart wrench again.

Meanwhile, Da Wei, having received Brother Fei's instructions, hurriedly went to apologize, but before he could get close, Anlicia shouted angrily: "Who gave you permission to come down? Such audacity for a lookout to abandon his post!"

Hastily, Da Wei replied: "Captain, I'm sorry, I'm really sorry, it was my fault just now! Please, you must forgive me!"

Anlicia angrily pointed at the sea: "You're still making mistakes now! If you don't want to be up there, I'll throw you into the sea!"

Da Wei quickly responded: "Yes, yes, I will immediately return to my post. Whatever the Captain says, goes!"

Led by the gurgling sound, the Octopus sailed out of Fog Reef Bay.

Anlicia curiously asked: "Could it be that the treasure is not near the wreck?"

Gurgle Gurgle replied: "Master, there was no shipwreck there originally. It took many years for the currents to carry a shipwreck from elsewhere to that spot. The shiny stuff is further ahead."

Suddenly it all clicked for Anlicia: "I see, it's unlikely that any captain would be so blind as to crash directly into a pile of rocks and sink."

Da Wei quickly echoed from the Observatory: "Exactly, the current shipwreck is just an empty shell. The real treasure must be still at the bottom of the sea where the shipwreck initially happened."

Anlicia glanced sideways: "Shut up! Focus on your lookout duty!"

Da Wei could only respectfully reply: "Yes, yes."

Finally, Gurgle Gurgle stopped and pointed underwater: "Master, come look, the shiny stuff!"

Anlicia excitedly climbed up to the gunwale to look down and indeed saw a faint glow emanating from the deep waters, and she joyfully exclaimed: "Quick, get it up here!"

Gurgle Gurgle promptly replied: "Yes, Master!" and dived into the water, disappearing in an instant.

Anlicia burst into triumphant laughter: "If you can see the glow from this deep, it must be an extremely remarkable treasure!" In high spirits, Anlicia pointed at the Observatory: "You there, do you know how deep this water is?"

Da Wei immediately took out the Sea Chart: "Reporting to the Captain, we are in the Andria Sea, with an average depth of 300 meters!"

Anlicia became solemn all at once: "300 meters, a depth even the most advanced divers find challenging to reach!" She then burst into laughter again: "But for Fishmen, 300 meters is practically their backyard. Just imagine how high-end a treasure that emits light from several hundred meters deep must be, hahaha! Tell me, what's wrong with me salvaging treasure?"

Da Wei promptly said: "The Captain is wise and invincible! It's my short-sightedness that's to blame!"

Anlicia was greatly pleased: "This is the difference between our knowledge, decision-making, and courage. This is why I can be the Captain, and you can only be a lookout. There is much for you to learn!"

For a time, silence fell over Da Wei's entire dormitory. In any case, report the progress to Brother Fei at all times.

Upon learning about the treasure discovery, Da Fei also secretly breathed a sigh of relief. Although Anlicia's recklessness was somewhat embarrassing, at least there was a major discovery, which somewhat redeemed some face for Brother Fei. But would there be treasures without a guardian monster?

Da Fei hurriedly instructed: "If you find a monster guarding the treasure, immediately persuade her to give up!"

"Received!"

Da Fei sighed secretly, wondering if she could be persuaded at all. He didn't even have confidence he could persuade her! In any case, let's hope there's no guardian, because after all, treasures are meant for players. If it's already at the extreme depth of 300 meters, the possibility of recovery is slim. If there's a Sea Monster too, how are the players supposed to play? Recruiting a Fishman BOSS? That's even less reliable than salvaging, not every player can be as badass as Brother Fei.

Just as everyone was waiting excitedly and patiently for the Fishman's harvest, there was a splash, and it was Gulu gulu, empty-handed and panicking, bursting out of the water: "Master, there's a big Electric Eel! Gulu gulu dares not approach!"

A big Electric Eel!

Anlicia was suddenly shocked: "What should we do?"

Under the shock, Da Wei immediately roared at Da Bing: "Tell Brother Fei, there's a big Electric Eel by the treasure!"

Da Bing also immediately said: "There really is a Sea Monster guarding it, Brother Fei instructed, persuade her to give up!"

Da Wei then immediately advised: "Captain, it's too dangerous, even Gulu can't defeat it, we stand even less of a chance! Give up, everyone is waiting at the shipwreck!"

Anlicia's face darkened: "Then let everyone continue to wait. Even with a Fishman, such a suitable diver and there's no solution, what can we achieve later? You must think of a way!"

Da Wei was dumbfounded and had Da Bing pass the message to Brother Fei again. Da Fei felt as if his heart just shattered! Dammit! Anlicia, for the sake of Heaven Granny, can't you stop being naughty and capricious! Don't toy with the newly recruited Fishman! What to do? What should I do?

For a while, Da Fei fell into an intensely vexing contemplation! To speak of salvaging, Da Fei only had two experiences near the North Sea. One was to salvage a shipwreck occupied by the Octopus, which was unsuccessful because it couldn't deal with the octopus. The other was to recover Dragon Bones, successfully luring and killing the Leviathan.

Both of these salvage efforts had one thing in common – they lured away guarding monsters! Perhaps, there's only one solution.

Da Fei then said: "Tell Little Wei to see if he can figure out a way to lure away the big Electric Eel!"

So, once again informed by Da Fei, Da Wei told Anlicia: "Captain, perhaps, we should think of a way to lure away this big Electric Eel, and then take the opportunity to retrieve the treasure!"

Anlicia snorted coldly: "Perhaps it's a solution!" Then she said to Gulu gulu: "Do you have a way to lure away that Electric Eel? Then let your tribesmen take out the treasure?"

Gulu gulu shuddered all over, timidly saying: "Master! Gulu scared! Gulu can't outrun the big Electric Eel!"

Da Wei seized the opportunity to persuade retreat: "Captain, the Fishman tribe is very important to the guild, let's go back."

Anlicia sneered: "Whether the Fishman tribe is important or not, this is the moment to prove it. Since he can't lure away the big Electric Eel, then we will do it—boy, what skills do you have?"

Da Wei listed his skills: "Master-level Ranger, Master Level Archery, Master-level Logistics, Master-level Reconnaissance Skill, Master-level Defense Skill, Master Leadership Skill, Advanced Logistics—"

Anlicia interrupted impatiently: "Display your skills publicly!"

Da Wei nodded, selecting the panel to show his skills, and Da Wei's skill frame appeared overhead.

"Good, you know Master-level Reconnaissance Skill and stealth, not entirely useless!" Just then, Anlicia saw Da Wei had a strange "Basic Life Sacrifice" skill and then asked: "What's this? Is it that skill you used in combat just now? Where did you come from?"

Da Wei answered: "It's a hidden skill I accidentally obtained after killing a Dogman Shaman."

Anlicia responded with an "oh" and said calmly: "I have a way for you to get an opportunity to study at the Elf Kingdom High-level Magic Academy. Would you like to go?"

Da Wei was taken aback, then nodded: "Willing! Of course, I'm willing!"

Anlicia said firmly: "Then follow my command, put all your effort into recovering this treasure, and you are not allowed to say no!"

Chapter 457: Is it the Lost Safe?

Although there was a grand plan to divert the monsters, there were still many issues with the specific details of the operation. Anlicia thought hard about finding a solution. However, no matter how hard an NPC thought, it was mostly just for show; only the players could drive the plot. If the players couldn't come up with an idea, the NPC's initiative was very limited.

So, at this time, Da Wei and all his dorm mates were brainstorming and reporting the situation to Brother Fei in real-time. In fact, in this situation, everyone could only count on the god-like Brother Fei to come up with a plan.

Oh, it's really frustrating! After evaluating the situation thoroughly, Da Fei finally made the key decision: "Let there be light!"

Why would the electric eel guard the treasure? It's probably not because the eel is greedy but because it is attracted to light. As long as the lights on the ship are turned on, just like last time when salvaging the sunken ship octopus in the North Sea, the entire ship was lit up brilliantly, naturally luring the octopus.

However, the last time when the entire ship was lit up, Anlicia also simultaneously cast the octopus transformation spell, which had the effect of provoking the boss. Judging from how Anlicia checked Da Wei's skills, it was obvious that she intended to forcibly cast the octopus transformation spell.

The octopus transformation spell evolved from the combination skill Mysterious Stealth Navigation, requiring Master-level arcane, sailing, reconnaissance skills, and certain requirements for the ship's size. From the current situation, the conditions for transformation were clearly lacking. The only possibility for success was that her superior God-level arcane could compensate for the other skills' deficiencies. At the very least, the medium size of the Octopus saved her quite a bit of effort.

So Da Fei gave the second command: "Little Wei, fully cooperate with Anlicia to perform the transformation spell; what he needs to do is stealthily deploy the troops!"

"Roger that!"

Transformation spell, a magic Da Bing had never heard of! How powerful is Brother Fei's vice hero? Let's not talk about that wind-blowing nun; at least this beautiful vice hero was recruited by Brother Fei at World Tree Square, right in front of him and Da Wei! Reminiscing is endless; even though both are players, the gap between himself and Brother Fei is like heaven and earth.

Having received the instructions, Da Wei proposed a specific action plan to Anlicia: "Captain, let's first have Gulu hide near the treasure, then use light and transformation spell to lure the electric eel over. As soon as the electric eel comes over, Gulu immediately takes action! And if the electric eel entangles us,

then Gulu won't be able to bring the treasure on board, so just have Gulu transport the treasure to the sunken ship instead, and the guildmaster will come to pick it up later!"

Anlicia raised her eyebrows, greatly satisfied, and said, "Not bad, your idea aligns with mine! Kid, you have a bright future!"

Da Wei said happily, "Thank you for the compliment, Captain!"

Anlicia then said to Gurggle, "Gurggle Gurggle, now is the time for you to show your abilities, but don't worry, I don't need you to fight, just take the opportunity to steal the treasure. I believe this is what you Fishmen do best, shouldn't be hard for you, right? Do you have any objections?"

Gurggle Gurggle replied in a muffled voice, "Master, as long as we don't encounter a big electric eel, Gurggle Gurggle has no problem!"

Anlicia laughed heartily, "Good, as long as you perform well, you'll have fish and meat along with wine to drink every day! Do you know what wine is? A delicacy of the overland world, you'll never find it in the sea. You'll be the first Fishman in the world to drink wine, more honored than any Naga Sea Demon! They haven't had the chance to drink wine!"

Gurggle Gurggle hurriedly said, "Gurggle Gurggle knows wine, Naga Lord gets to drink wine! Gurggle Gurggle also wants to drink wine!"

Anlicia laughed again, "Good, just take your clan and find a place to hide, as soon as the electric eel leaves, transport the treasure to the sunken ship in the mist, got it?"

Gurggle Gurggle excitedly replied, "Master, Gurggle Gurggle understands!"

Now, under the call of Gurggle Gurggle, dozens of Fishmen on the ship went into the water, disappearing under the lead of Gurggle Gurggle.

And now, the crucial moment of casting the transformation spell has come! Da Wei immediately lit up the ship's searchlights and all the cabin lights. Once ready, Da Wei went to Anlicia for instructions.

Anlicia stroked the cabin wall of the Octopus and said in a deep voice, "Kid, ordinarily, with your conditions, the transformation spell wouldn't succeed in cooperation, but this ship has the sea soul of an octopus, and its size is also suitable for the octopus transformation spell, so the chance of success is very high, no matter what, it must succeed!"

Da Wei hurriedly said, "Captain, rest assured, I will do my best!"

Anlicia nodded, "Then let's begin!" As she spoke, a flash of demon light appeared in Anlicia's hand, and at the same time, Da Wei also activated stealth!

The demon light enveloped the entire ship, and the whole ship's scene fluctuated and distorted within the magic light, but in no time, the distorted magic light burst like a soap bubble, and the spell failed!

And at this moment, a system prompt appeared in front of Da Wei!

—System Prompt: You have gained information on Master-level Reconnaissance Skill!

Da Wei was suddenly startled and couldn't help but shout out, "Master-level! I've obtained information on Master-level Reconnaissance Skill!"

The dormitory erupted in excitement, "Is a Grandmaster that awesome?"

Da Bing's eyeballs almost popped out from his shock, "Nonsense! You can't just learn to be a Grandmaster directly, it requires an opportunity to realize it, currently, there aren't even a thousand Grandmasters among millions of players worldwide. Do you think it's impressive or not?"

Thus, the concerned Da Fei immediately received the message, "The spell failed, but Little Wei obtained the information of Master-level Reconnaissance Skill!"

Da Fei was utterly shocked, thinking, Holy s**t! He gained advancement information? Is teaming up with my Little Honey that beneficial? Damn, am I sending him a gift of opportunity here!

Da Fei shook his head with a laugh, "Alright then, keep it up, Little Wei persuade the team to salvage, regardless of success or failure, just consider it skill practice!"

"Roger that!"

The team channel was in an uproar!

"Holy s**t! Brother Wei is going to be rich! Advancing to Grandmaster!"

"Brother Fei, can we also practice skills? Can we also advance to Grandmaster?"

Damn, just knew this would happen. They really think Grandmasters can be mass-produced and wholesaled? Given Anlicia's temperament, having her use combination skills with outsiders besides me requires a bit of luck and the triggering of scenario plots, okay? This is a blessing from the system!

Just as Da Fei was helplessly thinking about how to respond to everyone, Da Bing timely roared in the channel, "All of you focus on running the instance and leveling up! Take a good look at yourselves in the mirror with that kind of behavior, and you're dreaming of becoming a Grandmaster! In my opinion, you all look like Grandmasters in your dreams, don't cause trouble for Brother Fei!"

The team immediately fell silent, "We got it!"

Da Fei had no choice but to painstakingly reassure, "Advancing to Grandmaster is not that easy..."

Everyone chimed in, "Yes, yes, Brother Fei is right! We'll definitely train earnestly and diligently!"

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Although the octopus transformation spell failed, Da Wei was still incredibly excited and said, "Captain, failure is the mother of success, let's keep trying!"

"Wasting mana is all!" Anlicia said coldly, "Do you know why it failed?"

Da Wei cleared his throat and said, "Because I am incompetent!"

Anlicia retorted, "It's good that you understand, but just knowing you're incompetent isn't enough; you also need to find the reason for the failure!"

For a moment, Da Wei's dorm was in an uproar, "We've never even seen this spell, how can we know why it failed?"

Thereupon, Brother Fei instructed again, "Try again when it gets dark!"

Da Wei suddenly had a revelation and quickly said, "It might be because it's daytime now, and the ship's lights aren't bright enough! Let's try again at night!"

Anlicia chuckled, "If we do it at night, won't the guildmaster be terribly anxious?"

Da Wei quickly shook his head, "No rush, the guildmaster already said there's no rush! Salvaging treasure is a big deal, how can we rush?"

Anlicia laughed heartily, "Since they're not anxious, let's wait for nighttime. But the failure wasn't because the lights weren't bright enough, it was because the daylight was too strong, making it unfavorable for the ship's stealth. Kid, there's so much more for you to learn!"

"Yes, yes, yes, the Captain is right!"

Anlicia was in a good mood, "However, repetitive practice is still necessary, so even though it wastes mana, it's worth it."

Da Wei wiped his sweat and said, "Yes, yes, yes, I'll keep practicing diligently!"

"Then, let the practice begin!"

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Now, there were about twenty real-world minutes left until night in the game, a time that seemed utterly tormenting to Da Fei. For Da Fei, currently, whether the instance task was A-level or S-level, as long as it could be solved with force, it probably wouldn't be an issue. The fear was it becoming some impossible salvage task.

All in all, after clearing everything along the way, the last captain zombie in the sunken ship fell with a crash under the team's assault, and a faint human silhouette appeared again.

"Thank you, successors of the Chamber of Commerce. I was once the captain of the Jade Dragon. On the day of the disaster, our ship was transporting a particularly important cargo. That cargo is in the Magic Energy Safe on the ship, along with other important items. I know that our disaster must have dealt a huge blow to the Chamber of Commerce's reputation, and we could only sink into self-reproach and regret for our negligence. But you've come, and I hope you'll find that safe and restore the Chamber of Commerce's reputation! May the glory of the gods bless you in completing this impossible task!"

—System Prompt: You have obtained the key to the Jade Dragon's Magic Energy Safe.

—System Prompt: You have completed the senior sailor Old Lay's A-level commission "Clearing the Ghost Ship in Fog Reef Bay." You receive 800,000 experience, and you receive the follow-up quest "Jade Dragon's Magic Energy Safe." You can inquire about the safe-related information from the surviving sailor, Old Lay.

—Guild Channel: The Chamber of Commerce has completed an A-level commission "Clearing the Ghost Ship in Fog Reef Bay." The entire team receives a reward of a C-level strategic treasure, Honorary Seaman Medal. The reputation of Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce +50,000.

—Honorary Seaman Medal: C-level strategic treasure, accessory, Command Power +50 points, can only carry one.

"Done!" Amidst a shower of golden growth as newcomers leveled up, the entire team cheered loudly.

And Da Fei, staring at the shining magical key in his hand, couldn't help but have his heart race! It turns out this commission itself wasn't that difficult; the trouble was it had a follow-up!

And at this time, amid the cheers, everyone wondered aloud, "Brother Fei, could the treasure Da Wei is salvaging be the same as the safe mentioned by the Ghost Captain?"

Da Fei raised his eyebrows but shook his head with a smile, "It'd be nice if it were that coincidental!"

Although he said that, Da Fei's heart was pounding like waves crashing in his chest; was this deep and difficult task really that treasure?

Chapter 458: Fierce Giant Electric Eel

As the instance mission ended, the entire ship cabin scene began collapsing, then the scene switched, and Da Wei's team reappeared in waist-deep water on the reef shelf. The gigantic wreck of the Jade Dragon ship transformed into scattered fragments among the rocks, and the instance disappeared as well. Instance missions are usually such one-time scenarios.

Now, the team members could only soak in the water waiting for Da Wei's results, while excitedly discussing the rewards of this event.

In this event, practically every newcomer had reached above Level 10, ready for job transitions upon return. Each BOSS had dropped three or four decent personal equipments, including one C-level strategic gear. After defeating seven or eight BOSSes, plus the infamous ones blasted at the harbor, basically all newcomers were fully armed.

Compared to the happy lot, Da Wei's alt was in a mess. Earlier during the instance, the sound of ghostly wails and godly howls had already filled his headphones.

Now, switching over to check, surely enough, it seemed Dragon Slayer had deployed their main Undead squad to respond. However, they too teleported over and couldn't bring soldiers; thus, they resorted to Phoenix Feather-style harassing Mage tactics, casting a Death Ripple or Great Corrosion Skill and then fleeing, aiming to wear down Bloodrose's troops.

But Bloodrose was unyielding—tough in style, unafraid of sacrifices, resilient till the end. Their confidence lied in each of them mastering Master-level Light Magic; no matter how many died, they could simply resurrect after the battle. Moreover, their opponents were legendary professional players famed for valuing time—who could outlast whom?

Of course, Da Wei understood, Bloodrose's real objective was probably to reach the Blood Barbarian Tribe to rendezvous with Ouling; using revenge as an excuse here for a dead-end battle was just a diversion, aiming to weaken the opponent's morale. Seemingly brainless, but in fact, their profound and meaningful tactics showed these women were not simple.

However, this made Junxiang's alt suffer, still stuck at level 4 and never leveled up again. Well, it didn't matter anymore—it was just an alt. Might as well let them fight until the sky darkens.

Finally, as dusk approached, the entire team became agitated: "Da Wei, Da Wei, it's all on you now!"

Just then, the sound of waves surged, a roaring rumble in the distance.

Everyone was stunned—what was this?

Watching the water level rising, Da Wei suddenly realized: "Crap! It's high tide!"

"High tide?!" The whole team was astonished: "Oh my god! High tide? Will we drown?"

Isn't that obvious! Damn it! Why is it high tide tonight! Last time Brother was on Miracle Island, it was low tide. If only I knew, I wouldn't have finished the instance so early, should've just stayed inside—the instant Da Wei felt devastated!

The timing of high tide and low tide runs on a 15-day cycle, making some nights high tide and others low tide. The operation of tidal cycles was also realistically integrated into this game, and mastering these cycles was an essential skill for a proficient Navy General; clearly, Da Wei wasn't adept enough.

Now, all eyes once again turned towards Brother Fei, with a faint sympathy in their gaze. Sure, their deaths were just that, nothing remarkable. But for Brother Fei, losing these 150 stylish Secret Archers and Storm Druids was a massive loss! Secret Archers weren't ordinary like Jungle Hunters; they could only be obtained from special mission scenarios!

For Da Wei, losing soldiers was secondary; the key was reputation loss upon their deaths! NPCs weren't as generous as players; who knew how much reputation would drop? And wasn't the salvage operation planned to meet with the Fishmen here? If people died, God knows what consequences there might be? Perhaps the entire Fishman Tribe could scatter!

In anxiety, Da Wei asked, "Can you ask Da Wei if they can come back soon?"

Da Bing hurriedly replied, "Brother Fei, they've already started their action! They'll return immediately once finished!"

What if they can't finish? Damn it! How long can Brother hold on? Water, slow down! Slow down!!!

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In the Andria Sea, as dusk fell, lights shone brightly from the Octopus, illuminating the surrounding sea area.

Anlicia finished her last blueberry fruit for mana replenishment, clapped her hands, and seriously said, "Kid, after so many practice rounds, you've pretty much become skilled; if not now, then you really don't have what it takes."

Da Wei anxiously responded, "Captain is right, please act quickly, Captain—the tide has risen, and there's nowhere to land!"

Anlicia cut him off tersely, "Didn't they say there's no rush? Is there still time to go back? Anyway, make it successful in one try!"

It was then Da Wei understood her earlier saying about being anxious at night; she knew the tide would rise! Damn, Brother Fei's Vice Hero was really a pitfall. With no other choice, Da Wei nodded resolutely: "Understood."

"Then begin!"

Demon Light once again enveloped the ship, with light distorting around it, the body of Octopus gradually blurred, then merged with the twisted rays of light, and then, the moment to witness the miracle—a massive octopus, with shimmering light and soaring tentacles appeared!

The Spell was successful! So, this was the unheard-of Transformation Skill! And at this moment, a delightful System Prompt chimed!

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You have successfully mastered the Grandmaster-level Reconnaissance Skill!

In that instant, Da Wei's eyes widened and he suddenly stood up, roaring loudly in the dorm: "Grandmaster! I'm a Grandmaster! I've made it! I'm successful! Roarrr!!!"

The entire dorm erupted in cheers, and the whole team exploded with excitement: "The spell worked, Da Wei is a Grandmaster!"

One Sword Eastward laughed heartily: "Congratulations! Congratulations! Brother Wei has soared to the sky and joined the ranks of the masters."

Yet deep down, One Sword Eastward felt a tad bitter. For him, who had long achieved Master-level Reconnaissance Skill, the struggles to reach Grandmaster and the experience accumulated from his previously deleted account weren't easy. How did this Da Wei, a blessed fool, become a Grandmaster so easily?

Meanwhile, Da Fei, watching the sea level almost rise to his chest, felt like crying without tears: "Has the Sea Monster taken the bait yet?"

Da Wei then snapped back to reality, suppressing his euphoric emotions and hurriedly said, "No movement yet, I'll keep watching!"

Damn it! It's better to rely on oneself! Maybe there's only one last option!

As Da Fei looked at the scattered wreckage of sunken ships among the rocks, he opened Anlicia's Sea Soul Staff, which, after absorbing a large number of deceased Fishmen and various troops, had gained over 3000 more Mana points. Stored within the staff were a Mid-level Sea Soul of the Narwhal King and a High-level Sea Soul of the Leviathan. It seemed he had no choice but to use the Narwhal Sea Soul here. I wonder if this shipwreck's debris could be combined into a new ship? It should be possible, right? Like when entering the Nether Sea in Frostwind Bay, Skira's Ghost Fleet was indestructible and kept reforming from the wreckage, right? Anyway, I just want to survive, even assembling a small boat would be fine!

While pondering, Da Wei suddenly roared in the channel: "It's coming! A huge one, with bright lightning!"

The whole team cheered: "We did it!!!"

Da Fei couldn't help but sigh in relief, no matter what, they had seen it through to the end. As long as it was successful, it wasn't in vain to prepare to use a precious Sea Soul here to support the Fishmen!

At that moment, like a thunderclap in the sea, the shocking blaze of Thunder Light illuminated the waters around the "Octopus," and it was then that Da Wei and Anlicia could clearly see this aggressive giant beast resembling a Jiaolong!

Anlicia was stunned speechless: "Is this the huge Electric Eel Gulu was talking about? It's massive, doesn't it know how to use words properly?"

Da Wei urgently said, "Captain, it's too strong, we'll definitely get wiped out!"

Anlicia snapped back and shouted loudly: "Octopus, Emergency Acceleration, full speed ahead to escape!"

—Boom!!! With a huge tremor, splashes flew as the Octopus suddenly raised its bow, its fish-like form collapsing back into a ship shape, and zipped away like a speedboat!

Is this Octopus just a form? Da Wei turned back in shock. The water beast, shimmering with lightning and measuring tens of meters long, was just less than a hundred meters away from the ship, causing him to exclaim in horror: "Too fast, it's still going to catch us!"

— "Mist Summon!!!" "Illusion Army!!!"

Anlicia, working swiftly with both hands, launched her powerful attacks and simultaneously yelled, "Quickly, kill the lights!!!"

"Received!"

The mist instantly enveloped the sea surface, and a brightly lit Illusion Octopus emerged at the same time. Anlicia immediately directed this glowing illusion to deviate from its course, attempting to lead the Sea Monster away. Simultaneously, Da Wei also frantically turned off all the lights on the Octopus.

At this moment, in the murky mist-covered sea, only that brightly lit Illusion Ship was the most dazzling entity in the ocean!

The giant Electric Eel took the bait and immediately chased after the Illusion Ship!

"We did it!" Anlicia laughed heartily and waved her hand, the Illusion Ship suddenly accelerated—since the Illusion Ship was unaffected by water resistance, its speed could not be measured by normal standards.

Yet even so, the giant Electric Eel's speed was astonishing, still closing the gap with the Illusion Ship quickly, then with a flash of lightning, a thick bolt instantly blasted the Illusion Ship to annihilation!

A Plasma Cannon? At this moment, Anlicia and Da Wei were shocked pale! What on earth was the rank of this Sea Monster? And the Plasma Cannon's Thunder Light illuminated the dark sea, spotting the real

Octopus which was escaping far away. Thus, this dragon-like Electric Eel chased after them with crackling sounds!

Anlicia turned pale with fright! However, thanks to their earlier delay, the Octopus had gradually picked up speed and was not easy to catch. If they continued to escape like this, there was a high chance of evading pursuit.

However, the Octopus, focused solely on escaping and not choosing its path, was getting increasingly farther from Fog Reef Bay, and didn't dare to risk slowing down by turning, making it impossible to go back for a rescue.

Da Wei had no choice but to report in the channel: "Sorry, Brother Fei, we can't make it back in time."

At this moment, with water rising to his chest, Da Fei finally let out the rest of the breath stuck in his throat: "As long as you guys are fine, that's good. Don't worry about me, I'll pull off a grand move just for fun."

Chapter 459: Ship Summoning Technique

Brother Fei is unleashing a big move? At this moment, the team members, who were only sticking their heads out bathing in the sea, once again unanimously turned their eyes towards Brother Fei. Could it be that Brother Fei still had the power to turn the tide?

At this time, Da Fei, with Selvia in tow, swam to the area where the wreckage from the collapsed ship instance was most dense and used the Sea Soul Staff's special skill "Ghost Ship Rebirth"!

—System Prompt: Are you sure you want to use "Narwhal King", a Mid-level Sea Soul, to reincarnate on these sunken ship remains? Due to the uncertainty of reassembling remains, this transformation will consume all the Mana stored in the Sea Soul Staff.

—Note: Mid-level Sea Souls can be reincarnated onto medium-sized ships or small ships. The higher the grade of the Sea Soul, the more dilapidated the ship, the better the reincarnation effect will be. The characteristics of the Sea Soul determine the attributes of the Ghost Ship; when the target of reincarnation is incorporeal wreckage, the initial Durability and Defense of the ship will be low, but it will have a higher growth potential.

Hahaha! Transformation is possible! We're saved! Overjoyed, Da Fei immediately clicked confirm!

In that instant, the Sea Soul Staff emitted a thick smoke, and this smoke swirled and gathered above the shipwrecks. Then, the debris started to converge, compress, shatter, and wriggle, with more debris joining in, continuing to gather, compress, and shatter, all accompanied by a thunderous roiling as if an invisible giant hand was furiously kneading and crushing it!

Such a bizarre scene once again shocked the entire team!

By now, the team members who had seen Brother Fei's miracles several times wouldn't ask the naive question "What is Brother Fei doing?" anymore. Everyone knew that salvation was assured, that Brother Fei, akin to a god, was once again employing a Divine Skill! At this moment, Brother Hao was stunned speechless and began recording the whole process of the Divine Skill being cast, his eye glued to the video feed.

And how could Da Fei himself not be shocked? Now Da Fei finally understood why the more decrepit the ship, the better the effect of rebirth—it was clearly facilitating the "reforging" process.

In just a few seconds, the smoke-covered sea area transformed into a viscous pulp pool made of wood chips, emitting steam as it churned violently, and gradually solidified into shape. This reminded Da Fei of the production process for the furniture material, particleboard.

Finally, as the smoke dissipated amidst the team's exclamations, a medium-sized, slender and low dual-masted and oar-driven ship steamingly emerged! Its appearance was strikingly similar to the Sail-Powered Impact Ship used by the Demon Race in the Pool of Radiance National War. Well, this ship model really matched the Narwhal perfectly, didn't it?

—System Prompt: Ghost Ship Rebirth has ended, you have successfully reincarnated a "Medium-sized Sail-Paddle Ghost Impact Ship".

—Medium-sized Sail-Paddle Ghost Impact Ship (Unnamed)

Ship Level: 0.

Captain: Da Fei

Ship's special skill: Shattering Strike (There is a certain chance to deal additional shattering damage to collided ships, this chance increases with the ship level.)

Ship Model: 2 masts, 30-row medium-sized sail and oar-powered ship.

Ship cargo capacity: 100 units

Gun Cabin: None

Minimum sailor capacity: 32

Ship Durability: 9000/9000

Ship Speed: 13 (13 meters per second)

—Ship Armor Defense: Portside 20, Starboard 20, Bow 50, Stern 10.

Ship room configuration: Observatory.

Ship Auxiliary Equipment: Ghost Spear (Siege Weapon, Current Attack 100, Basic Damage 1000, +100 Extra Damage for every +1 in ship speed, with additional attack damage increase as the Ship Level goes up).

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This is the Sail-Powered Impact Ship, with just a single slot, devoid of any structural rooms; the oldest, simplest, and fastest type, it's also the greatest threat in naval combat! It is the favorite of

technologically backward pirates, the AK47 amongst warships! Truly fitting for being assembled from sunken shipwrecks—simple and straightforward indeed!

However, for a close-combat assault vessel, its Durability is only 9000, and the Defense on both sides is merely 20 – was it really assembled from three plywood panels? Well, it was said that Ghost Ships born from sunken ship scraps have low initial attributes; what matters is the growth potential.

But, none of that is important now. Survival is the only game right now!

Da Fei swiftly lifts Selvia onto the ship, then clammers aboard himself, and laughs heartily at his stunned teammates: "What are you all doing? Get on the ship!"

The team bursts into amazement: "Brother Fei, you're a god! What kind of skill is this?"

Da Fei laughs: "A hidden skill—Ship Summoning Technique!"

"Wow! Brother Fei is amazing!"

"We're saved!"

Da Bing yells angrily: "What's the jostling about? No queuing means death, let Brother Hao and Brother Fei's troops board first!"

"Right, right, let Brother Hao and Brother Fei's troops board first!"

Brother Hao laughs heartily: "Then I won't stand on ceremony!"

"Please don't stand on ceremony with us, Brother Hao!"

Da Fei can't help but laugh heartily as well.

At this moment, watching his teammates and troops board the ship systematically, Da Fei feels immense satisfaction. Brother's brilliant and mighty image has once again been preserved! No, no, no, it's not just a brilliant image anymore. After battling through PKs, recruiting bosses, sweeping through instances, and topping it off with the so-called "Ship Summoning Technique," Brother's performance is nothing short of perfect. In their eyes now, Brother must be a god, right?

That's the effect I wanted! From now on, all of you just focus on doing the Chamber of Commerce tasks obediently, pay your dues of 75% diligently, and spread the tales of Brother's divine might to attract more men to the cause! Following the god ensures safety! Wahaha!

Meanwhile, although Brother Hao is laughing on the surface, words could not describe the shock in his heart! The wand used to summon the ship must be a Divine Artifact! How many Divine Artifacts does Da Fei have? When a player is full of Divine Artifacts, it's indeed appropriate to call him a god!

Facing such a god-like figure, should Japan rethink its strategy of using him? Utilize? How to utilize? What's the biggest issue he faces now? Right, even as a god, he is a lone god—his members are too weak and cannot play a role in creating divisions and chaos in the China Region. So, what should I do? Ono falls deep into thought.

Now, with all the members safely aboard the ship and having escaped certain doom, their mindsets have changed, forgetting all the cursing at the heavens, the sea, and the game they did just moments ago. While praising Brother Fei, they also couldn't help but express awe at the beautiful tide and the round moon tonight.

With the ship secured, there's no need for Da Wei to come back for the rendezvous, just waiting for the Fishman's news now. Speaking of which, with the intelligence of those Fishmen that can't even open a latching door, can they handle such a difficult task? Even if they fail, it's fine as long as we are safe.

While anxiously waiting, a golden dot suddenly appears on the edge of Da Fei's radar mini-map—a treasure! Da Fei excitedly stands up—the Fishmen have successfully returned! They really managed to salvage it!

Seeing Brother Fei stand up, the members of the group also promptly stand up and look in the direction Brother Fei is gazing. Indeed, under the moonlight, waves are churning on the sea surface, as a cluster of Fishmen swarm around a glowing treasure chest swimming towards them!

"Master! Gurgle gurgle, we've returned!"

The whole team erupts into cheers! Da Fei, overjoyed, laughs heartily to the sky! (To be continued. If you like this work, you are welcome to support it with recommendation tickets, monthly tickets at qidian.com. Your support is my greatest motivation. Mobile users, please visit m.qidian.com to read.)

Chapter 460: "Clever" Escape

Now, the fishermen clumsily lugged the heavy chest onto the boat. And at this moment, the whole crew was dumbstruck in astonishment! Because the name of the chest was actually "Mysterious Insurance Box"!

— Mysterious Insurance Box: Quest item, cannot be carried around, will disappear if forcibly destroyed.

The whole crew was an uproar!

"Brother Fei! Could this be the Magic Energy Insurance Box mentioned in the instance just now?"

"Holy shit! Do you even need to ask? It's definitely it since we've found it not far from the sunken ship!"

"Exactly, ordinary chests turn to dust when forcibly destroyed, this one disappears, it's definitely powered by magic energy!"

"So, does this chest have the important items that the Ghost Captain mentioned? Could it be a Divine Artifact?"

"Nonsense, it has to be a Divine Artifact!"

"Wow, a Divine Artifact! That's freaking awesome!"

And how could Da Fei not be thrilled and ecstatic! Da Fei hurriedly and quietly took out the Magic Energy Key, and sure enough, there was a lock hole that matched the shape of the key perfectly! Damn! What a coincidence? Could it really be so coincidental? This is like a pillow handed to a sleepy head, just when Brother was busy with no time to play another tedious salvage, and now I can't even avoid it?

Open it and see? Damn! Opening the chest in front of everyone is not my style! What if there are loads of treasures and Divine Artifacts inside, could I really hog them all? Sure! But anyway, to hog them, this chest can't be opened here.

At that moment, Da Wei once again shouted in the channel: "Brother Fei, the Electric Eel suddenly turned its head and stopped chasing us, it seems to be heading towards Fog Reef Bay where you guys are!"

Da Fei suddenly shuddered. Could the Electric Eel have the ability to track Divine Artifacts? He quickly said: "We can't stay here for long, quick paddle away!"

Da Bing immediately barked: "Everyone get to your positions, grab a paddle seat, hurry, fast!"

The whole crew cheered: "Roger that!"

Thus, under everyone's paddling, the Narwhal swiftly sailed out of Fog Reef Bay, well, now officially naming this ship Narwhal. As for Da Fei, he stopped being pretentious and continued to serve as the captain of the Narwhal, since it was night, his own vision couldn't really go far, not enough to scare a few people to death.

Now, the Narwhal entered the Andria Sea amidst chaotic paddle strokes, though the paddlers were insufficient and coordination was lacking, and there wasn't much wind, the basic sailing speed was only 7 points, but with Da Fei Master-level Navigation Skill's 120% boost, and Master-level Navigator's 25% boost, the Narwhal still reached a speed of 17 points, 17 meters per second, 61 kilometers/hour. This is the speed limit of a car in urban areas, quite fast for a ship, but when compared to sea monsters, it's uncertain, after all, the great white sharks in the sea can reach speeds of 70 kilometers/hour.

Therefore, Da Fei dared not be careless at all, and immediately summoned Blood Eagle to be on patrol and alert in the waters where the Electric Eel might appear, preparing to avoid it in advance.

Meanwhile, the team members were both feeling the thrill of speeding and merrily paddling while excitedly discussing the new ship.

The computer department's Da Meng B exclaimed excitedly: "I always thought Sailing Skill was just a trading skill, now seeing this ram, I realize I was totally wrong, Sailing Skill is completely a super combat talent for sea battles!"

Yiye Wuchang laughed: "Then you should delete this account and start a new one with Sailing Skill as your talent, absolutely unbeatable in ship collisions."

Da Bing's brow twitched, disdainfully saying: "Meng B, if you want this ship just say it upfront, but if we're talking about seniority, even Little Sword doesn't come before you!"

One Sword Eastward shook his head: "This ship is too open, can't block wind nor rain, not to mention lacking privacy, forget it..."

Everyone burst into laughter! Da Meng B seemed to see a glimmer of hope, his face showing excitement!

Damn! I haven't even warmed the seat of my new ship and you guys have already started eyeing it, huh? Typical behavior! Da Fei chuckled: "I think, what about giving it to Brother Hao? Wonder if Brother Hao would like it?"

The whole crew immediately applauded: "Exactly, give it to Brother Hao!"

Brother Hao laughed loudly: "Then thanks Brother Fei! Little Sword, do you know why a convertible is cool for picking up chicks? Because it's open!"

The whole crew roared in agreement: "Brother Hao is so right, we should invite female gamers to join and accompany Brother Hao!"

Da Fei couldn't help but laugh loudly: "As long as they are beauties, no one would be rejected, the task of attracting beauties is up to you guys!"

Everyone laughed loudly: "Awesome!"

Although this sounds like a jest from Brother Fei, it blew up in two dorms!

"Hey, hey, hey, Da Bing, we are the authentic registered eSports team of Shendong Normal University after all, it would be a waste not to utilize the many beautiful school beauties we have here!"

"Yeah, which university eSports team doesn't have a few show-stopping eSports school beauties? Just need to promote Brother Hao's generosity and Brother Fei's badass style on the school forum, and beauties will surely flock to worship Brother Hao and Brother Fei!"

At that moment, a student laughed: "Right, Da Wei, how about bringing in your wife Little Li?"

Da Wei's face instantly changed: "Brothers are brothers—"

Da Wei's temper is well known to Da Bing, how could he possibly invite his wife to accompany the tycoons? So he quickly waved his hand to interrupt: "Brother's wife can't be joked about lightly, beauties are everywhere, right, isn't the president of the Economics Department called Tang Yan? I heard she plays games well, who has the guts to pull her in?"

The dorm went into an uproar!