

God level 541

Chapter 541: Luring and Killing Skyshattering Thunder_2

It wasn't until this moment that a portion of the dwarven prison guards, who remained vigilant at all times, sensed something amiss. They shook their heads vigorously and rubbed their eyes, then immediately pulled out megaphones, opened their mouths wide, but it seemed as though their throats were blocked by something!

"Charge!!!" It was at this moment that Hangeval's Dwarf Group burst out of the jungle with a unified shout!

The prison guards were petrified, struggling with all their might to raise a hoarse and strained shout: "Get~~up~~"

But even with the megaphones, their raspy voices were completely drowned out by the war cries of the Dwarf Group! The ambush was successful, victory seemed within reach!

What followed was bound to be a one-sided slaughter, and at this point, Da Fei felt somewhat reluctant to witness it. Not for any particular reason, just didn't want to look.

At that moment, a prison guard who appeared to be an officer threw down his war axe and shouted with all his might: "We surrender! We surrender! Hangeval, assaulting an officer is a capital offense! Please spare them, they all have families, wives, and children!"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched. Surrender? Were dwarves so quick to give up?

It was at that very moment that Hangeval's brows furrowed, and he waved his hand, "Take them alive!"

"Big Brother said, take them alive!!!"

Amidst the conversation, the Dwarf Group surged forward, toppling the prison guards to the ground, whether they were awake or unconscious.

Oh my! What a twist! This was truly unexpected! Not sure if he should intervene, Da Fei had Little Fei stay atop a tree branch to watch their conversation.

At this time, Hangeval approached the officer with a cold sneer: "Vali, Warden of the prison layers, I didn't expect to meet you under such circumstances!"

Panting, Vali said: "Hangeval, listen to me, don't kill everyone. The charges against you can still be cleared, but once you kill the guards, there will be no turning back for you!"

"Clear the charges?" Hangeval laughed loudly: "Are you saying wait for the Prince to fall? Aren't you one of the Prince's men?"

Vali replied in a grave voice: "You and I have one thing in common, we both know too many of the Prince's secrets, thus, eventually, we will both become the Prince's sacrifices. Maybe there's no saving us, but at least our brethren might have a chance, don't you think?"

Hangeval nodded, "You make sense. Can you hand over the keys to the prison carriage?"

Vali shook his head and sighed, "No problem."

Hangeval waved his hand, "Get them all into the prison carriage!"

The dwarves laughed heartily: "You finally got yours! Let's switch places for a change!"

Then, Hangeval glanced at the transport vehicle and his eyebrows shot up in surprise, followed by hearty laughter as he entered the forest to meet up with Da Fei.

Da Fei quickly went forward, elated, "Brother! You're amazing! Even without skills, you can still get the enemy to surrender!"

Hangeval snorted, "Don't be fooled by his righteousness, as if he's thinking of his subordinates' welfare; I know how rich he is, the richer he is, the more afraid he is of dying. And with the situation in the Dwarf

Kingdom, there are many who are like weeds swaying with the wind, only a fool would fight to the death."

Da Fei suddenly felt naive! Damn it, society is really complicated; I always thought dwarves were the kind to never surrender and have unyielding loyalty. How come they are now like humans one after another?

Hangeval smiled, "I've got good news for you, friend. I just checked their transport vehicle, it's carrying a payload of 20 units of food and water, an ultra-heavy model. Just a little overloading and you can even take your Forest Spring along."

Da Fei was ecstatic! Holy shit, a transport vehicle that can carry 20 units, that's a kind of special vehicle players could hardly get! The Prince really has some good stuff!

Hangeval laughed, "Alright, no effort needed for this battle, let's deal with their main force next, right in this forest! This time I'll give them another unexpected blow!"

Da Fei laughed, "Great! It's up to you again, brother, but don't hold back this time!"

Hangeval nodded, "No problem, I'm going to set up the battlefield."

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Now, Da Fei had his Blood Eagle circling above the Skyshattering Thunder, still demonstrating his superior skills, incomprehensible even to Da Fei himself, as he bombarded the BOSS.

Da Fei sneered inwardly, "You can only be so awesome, and that's it. Let me guess, if something goes wrong in the woods, you'd rush back first, right? And you're likely to take a straight path, aren't you? Going straight would mean passing by that pool you cleared earlier, right? Do you know that the Water Element BOSS there has been resurrected?"

While Da Fei was smirking to himself, a dwarf came over, "Friend, Big Bro says everything's ready to start fighting, asked me to tell you!"

Da Fei laughed heartily, "Good! Let's fight!"

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Star Command Center.

Tianlan Star was chatting idly with the Skyshattering Cannon while skillfully and intermittently taking down monsters.

Just then, a thunderous blare of horns and war cries erupted from the distant woods, the prearranged alarm signal with the Prison Guards! Tianlan Star turned to look and indeed, countless birds took flight from the treetops!

In an instant, Tianlan Star got excited, the Skyshattering Thunder thrilled, and the entire Star Command Center was shaken!

"Da Fei has appeared!"

Before Tianlan Star could react, Skyshattering Cannon bellowed over the voice chat, "Bro, it's Da Fei! The trash is here, at all costs, just get him within the range of the warrant! His trash account is done for!"

If the Skyshattering Cannon himself said so, what about Eternal Star? Tianlan Star turned anxiously, "Guild Leader?"

Eternal Star could hardly contain his excitement and waved his hand mightily, "At all costs!"

"Got it!" Tianlan Star immediately left dozens of Charging Dwarfs as rearguard to entangle the still-fighting BOSS, with the main force turning back to head for the woods.

The closer they got to the woods, the louder the blaring horns echoed.

Skyshattering Cannon, frenzied as if injected with adrenaline, couldn't stop chattering, "There are over 200 Prison Guards, the mobile force from the third level of the prison, one of them could take on four or five of these fugitives, holding the line is no problem, then we'll clamp in from both sides, activate the warrant any moment, and it's no problem to blast Da Fei on the spot!"

And sure enough, as Da Fei had predicted, the Skyshattering Thunder's troops, disregarding the BOSS's pursuit, followed the straight path passing the earlier cleared pool. Right when the main force was clattering across the water, there was a thunderous boom from the surface, and a giant Water Element burst forth!

Such a sudden change shocked everyone present!

"Don't care! Keep charging!" bellowed Eternal Star, full of excitement!

Without a second thought, Tianlan Star sent dozens of Charging Dwarfs straight at the Water Element to cover the main force's retreat. But how could these mere level 3 soldiers hold back such a formidable boss creature? So, the Water Element chased them down, bombarding the slow-moving Rune Mages.

At that moment, from a nearby forest came a high-pitched and spirited bugle call, "Slay them all! Hurry, chase them, don't let the ringleader escape!"

Hearing the bugle, Eternal Star was shaken, and with a grand wave of his hand, "Leave all the slow-moving Rune Mages as rearguard!"

Tianlan Star clenched his teeth, "Understood!"

At that moment, Da Fei, amused by the play being broadcasted through the horns and watching the troop shedding soldiers until only Bear Cavalry and a Magma Dragon at less than half health remained, headed straight for the pocket clearing in the woods, nearly bursting with laughter. Is this the depth of their feud?

They've arrived, the battle cries from the woods were earth-shattering, and Tianlan Star didn't hesitate to lead the last Cavalry troops straight into the channel previously cleared by the Magma Dragon, completely oblivious to the hazy smoke typical in many battlefields enveloping the woods.

As his forces entered the channel, the trees behind them crashed down in unison, creating a blockade that sealed their retreat. In front of them stood a huge Earth Element!

Just then, the earth-shaking horn sound from the woods suddenly ceased, and a voice cackled, "The performance ends here!"

In an instant, the entire Star Command Center fell deathly silent!

Chapter 542: Feeding the Magma Dragon with Fragments

Tricked?! The pros at the Star Command Center looked at each other, dumbfounded!

Now, Tianlan Star's troops were trapped in a narrow forest road with barricades in front and behind, surrounded by thousands of fully armed fugitives and hundreds of unknown troops. Even its main force, the Magma Dragon, had depleted health and faced the towering Earth Element still held no advantage. Tianlan Star was in a desperate situation with no way out!

—System Prompt: Warning! The wanted fugitive Hangeval has been tracked down by the Alliance! Be cautious in capturing him!

It was just that NPC, not Da Fei! The last hope was shattered, too!

Hangeval's voice echoed through the forest, "Little friend, I sense a power within you that doesn't belong to you. It belonged to me once, and now it's time to return it!"

The next moment, a barrage of flying axes, fireballs, and lightning instantly engulfed Tianlan Star's troops, plunging Tianlan Star into darkness!

—System Prompt: Unfortunately! You were defeated and died, losing all of your troops! You were plundered by enemy hero Hangeval of the item 'Hero Power Crystal'! Your level decreased by 30 levels!

—System Prompt: Unfortunately! Your mission 'Capture the Dungeon Fugitive' failed, and you'll face Prince Talberon's flaming wrath, proceed with caution!

With a scene change, the Skyshattering Thunder resurrected in the dungeons of the Dwarf Prison.

At this moment, the speechless Skyshattering Cannon coughed shyly and said to the half-hushed Skyshattering Thunder: "Bro, I only help in battles, as for the rest... it's up to you... I'm logging off..."

After that, he logged off without waiting for Skyshattering Cannon to respond.

At that time, Star Command Center was still dead silent. Finally—crack! With a crisp sound, Eternal Star smashed another headset...

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At this time, watching Skyshattering Thunder being beheaded and turning into light, Da Fei laughed so hard his jaw was about to fall off. Skyshattering Thunder, oh Skyshattering Thunder, you play the pig well, but against a true tiger like me, you just can't handle it, wahahaha!

As the commander fell, the last remnants of Skyshattering Thunder's troops, that Magma Dragon, also turned into a wild creature and fled.

Hangeval shouted, "Brothers at the back, chop down trees to block it!" Then raised a megaphone and shouted, "Bro, see that? I'm leaving this big guy for you, want to try your new skill?"

Da Fei was startled! Damn, this is big! This isn't a local divine story monster, it shouldn't have that annoying setting where a surrendered player loses power after being seized by a god, right? Damn, if I truly can recruit it, given its attributes, I'd be invincible!

Da Fei excitedly said, "Here I come!" Then grabbed his sweetheart Elena's hand and dashed toward the battlefield.

At this moment, the Magma Dragon recklessly crushed through the barricades to break out, while the dwarves frantically swung their axes to chop trees. But the Magma Dragon wasn't an Earth Element; the rolling lava on its body instantly ignited the obstructing woods. When Da Fei reached the battlefield, the entire barricade was billowing smoke and burning fiercely, with flames threatening to spread throughout the forest!

Da Fei's eyelid twitched wildly! This is crazy! Even its escape is so grand! If that Skyshattering Thunder hadn't fallen for it and settled outside the forest with full health and troops for a decisive battle, the outcome could have been anyone's guess!

Just then,

—System Prompt: Hangeval returned the items 'Governor's Badge' and 'Governor's Whip' to you.

—System Prompt: Hangeval returned 213 Forest Demon troops, 251 Flower Demon troops, and 1 Earth Element troop to you.

Hangeval gave a thumbs-up and said, "Bro, go for it! Regardless of success, it's bound to benefit you!"

Exactly! These are the remnants of the defeated and scattered enemy army! When a player's commander is beheaded, the remaining troops have three options: 1, the majority flees and scatters, 2, a small fraction with high morale continues to fight, 3, a few surrender. Of course, if there's a vice hero in the party, the troops directly under the vice hero's command won't immediately scatter, but the vice hero will still assess the situation and decide whether to fight or retreat.

And these scattered troops have no fighting spirit, as long as you don't provoke them directly, they might not retaliate, making it the perfect opportunity to reclaim them!

War Intimidation Skill, activate!

—System Prompt: You have used the War Intimidation Skill, the skill will continuously consume your Stamina!

Damn! I thought this skill worked like Diplomacy, a passive one! Turns out it tanks Stamina! Meaning, did Hangeval use up a day's Stamina fighting the Forest Demon in a dream?

Boom! A flash of cold light in the sky, Elena launched an Ice Pillar crashing on the Magma Dragon, shattering ice fragments everywhere! "-2610! Elemental Chain Damage -1150! Immunity to Frost Slow!"

—System Prompt: Your War Intimidation Skill failed, you gained information on God-level Leadership Skills! Your Vice Hero Elena gained information on God-level Leadership Skills!

Da Fei's brow twitched wildly, God-level information appeared!

Absolutely necessary! This Magma Dragon is a level 7 unit BOSS, totally incomparable to my level 4 unit Earth Element BOSS! Level 7 means it's on par with Angels, already close to being godlike, recruiting such a creature justified unlocking God-level information!

Elena raised her hand again, bang! As Thunderstorm echoed in the sky, "-4200! Immune to Lightning Paralysis!"

—System Prompt: Your War Intimidation Skill failed, you gained information on God-level Leadership Skills! Your Vice Hero...

More info appeared! Damn, this thing's showing up just to level my skills! No more talking, all ranged Forest Demons, keep shooting!

As hundreds of Demon Light projectiles whistled and slammed into the Magma Dragon, dealing single-digit damage, Da Fei's screen exploded in hundreds of system prompt notifications, while Da Fei's Stamina also rapidly drained to zero!

Holy shit! Out of Stamina at the key moment!

Astonished, the ground trembled violently, and with a thunderous roar, the Magma Dragon spewed out a massive amount of lava, instantly melting through barricades, and charged out like a Fire Meteor, its fiery momentum intimidating everyone present, no one dared block its path!

Da Fei's jaw dropped to the floor!

Damn! This prime siege opportunity let it escape, just how formidable is this Magma Dragon? Da Fei couldn't possibly conceive.

Hangeval chuckled, "Bro, it's alright, that was Lava Rock Fury, the Magma Dragon's berserk state, losing its mind, fearless of death, and under such circumstances, never able to surrender. Let it go. It will likely rely on survival instincts to head to the volcano to heal, becoming a local Overlord, which will, in turn, pose significant trouble for the Prince in occupying this territory later on."

Da Fei shook his head and sighed, "Is that so? Well, I also doubted I could subdue such a powerful creature, but getting so much God-level information isn't a small gain."

Just then, Elena solemnly said, "Master, there's another way we could try, but it requires using one of your Fire Attribute Divine Artifact Fragments! Not many creatures in this world are qualified to use a Divine Artifact Fragment, yet this Magma Dragon is considerably qualified, even more so than any leader creature we've encountered here! A berserk and mindless creature is easiest to influence with an external will, presenting a superb opportunity!"

Da Fei's brow arched, "Will it become my subordinate after consuming the Divine Artifact Fragment?"

Elena shook her head and sighed, "I don't know if that creature named Douglas was absolutely loyal to you, and this Fire Attribute Fragment is merely a sixth of its personality. So, the loyalty could be just a sixth—forget I mentioned it."

I see! Given how high-end the fragment is, even if I want to use it, I couldn't find the opportunity, so why not use it!

Da Fei made a decisive call, "Let's gamble! Even if that Magma Dragon doesn't become my subordinate, at least it recognizes me, won't immediately turn against me, and by consuming the Divine Artifact Fragment, it will grow stronger, becoming an Overlord, giving the prince a difficult time, right?"

Hangeval laughed heartily, "Exactly! You're indeed my bro, no matter how you slice it, it's a win-win!"

Great, that's decided!

Da Fei hurriedly summoned Little Fei down, using a collection command to place the Divine Artifact Fragment in its claw, then Little Fei soared to chase the Magma Dragon.

Indeed, the Magma Dragon now resembled a burning giant tank, racing across the desert with a trail of smoke and flame, its direction heading straight for the volcano.

As Little Fei appeared at low altitude in front of it, the Magma Dragon's gaze was instinctively attracted to the Divine Artifact Fragment under Little Fei's claw! This was promising!

Little Fei immediately tossed the fragment in its path, the Magma Dragon excitedly, like wind-blown embers, pounced and swallowed it whole with sand and fragment! Then it sped up and charged the volcano, leaping into the Lava Pool, and never resurfaced.

Da Fei waited for a moment, dumbfounded, "That's it?"

Elena frowned, "The Divine Level Fragment needs time to integrate into the body, the duration is uncertain."

Da Fei chuckled, "Alright! It's like I planted a chess piece here. We've finally fended off the pursuers, time to receive the convoy and hit the road, first let's transport the Forest Spring back!"

Hangeval laughed heartily, "Brothers, escort the convoy back to the old place for cargo!"

All dwarves shouted enthusiastically, "Victory!"

Now, Da Fei received 15 special vehicles packed with water and supplies, and of course, he saw the more than three hundred Prison Guards locked in the prison car.

Hangeval shook his head and sighed, "Friend, in the past, I would have killed them without hesitation, but now..." then chuckled, "Friend, do what you see fit!"

Looks like he's really planning to hand over everything to me for the aftermath, alright, I've gained three hundred more strong men, gotta have a good talk with them.

Chapter 543: Arriving at New Oriental Ahead of Schedule

Amidst the victorious cheers of the dwarves, Da Fei returned to the Forest Demon Forest with a convoy full of water and provisions. Now the dwarves finally had plenty of food, and they could go all out on a big meal at last.

The Forest Demons started busily carrying buckets full of leaves filled with Forest Spring water out from the Otherworld space in the forest, piling them up into small hills. It must be said, without the Forest Demons personally transporting the goods, players could dig three feet into the ground and still wouldn't dream of finding their inventory.

Now that everything was ready, they just needed to wait for everyone's injuries and stamina to recover before loading up the vehicles and hitting the road. And hitting the road meant that the convoy would have to pass through the territory of the scene BOSS. If Da Fei was new here, this issue would have really given him a headache. But the situation was now completely different, with the tank having 10,000 health, extremely high defense and self-healing Earth Element, and the firepower from Elena dealing thousands of damage with a single shot, not to mention the additional numbers in troops. Da Fei had full confidence in passing through.

So you see, although brother doesn't have those awesome and obscure Skyshattering Thunder operations, brother has high-tech might to crush all the way—why the heck do I need fancy maneuvers!

However, crushing the way still causes anxiety and stress. It's better to avoid unnecessary battles as much as possible, so let's try to pass through the boundary between two scene transitions where encountering the BOSS is least likely.

Now, the forest scene is far from the island's exit scene, and the scene has been refreshed for such a long time. To avoid any awkward incident of the convoy being ambushed by a freshly spawned scene halfway, better wait for the next system refresh.

Now that there was some downtime, Da Fei decided to have a talk with the Prison Guard locked in the cage.

Da Fei and Hangeval came to the front of the prison cart. Hangeval chuckled, "Vali, our friend here wants to have a word with you."

Vali glanced up and immediately understood, saying, "Being a human, yet being able to infiltrate the Dwarf Prison and break prisoners out successfully, your background isn't simple."

Da Fei chuckled, "Now that your mission to capture us has failed too, I'm afraid the Prince won't give you any more chances, right?"

Hangeval laughed heartily, "So, since you've surrendered already and have no way out, why not just surrender completely and start working with us first?"

Vali's eyes flashed with a sharp light, "If I'm not mistaken, you were sent by the Second Prince, right? Can the Second Prince guarantee our lives?"

Hangeval roared with laughter, "Once he becomes the King, everything will be just a word away, won't it?"

Hey hey hey! Brother just came to rescue the Dark Elf and replenish the Divine Artifact. Don't just talk about fighting for the throne at every turn; if you trigger an Epic Quest, it's going to be so troublesome for me!

Da Fei motioned with his hand, "Let's not talk about royal affairs for now. It's more important to save our skins. Mister Vali, we don't have time to flee with a prison cart, are you willing to join us? Just say the word, according to the dwarves' rules!"

Vali immediately nodded, "No problem. I hope to perform well enough to impress the Second Prince."

Hangeval laughed heartily, "Actually, I'm not close with the Second Prince either. Not just not close, but I used to make trouble for him on the Prince's orders all the time. Anyway, let's perform and improve together!"

Vali nodded excitedly, "Great! Please let me out, I want to start anew as a warrior!"

Da Fei grinned, "Well, we were all prisoners or guards, but now we're brothers working together. Let's have a drink to celebrate, shall we?"

Both men were delighted, "Good! A drink together, and we become brothers!"

And so, the cage was opened wide, Hangeval distributed the small amount of beer they had, and then they began a simple yet grand celebration with singing and dancing.

All in all, the team had gained another 300 people. Da Fei felt extremely gratified. Alright, brother's business is growing bigger and bigger. But why does everyone think brother is sent by the Second Prince? Although it's true, it's currently nothing to do with fighting for the throne, is it? Why are you all so eager to join in? Alright, do whatever you want, just don't pop up any tasks.

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Meanwhile, in the Moradin Prison in the Dwarf Royal City.

Skyshattering Thunder sat wooden-faced in the interrogation room, being questioned by the Deputy Officer sent by the Prince. At this point, Skyshattering Thunder's splendid equipment had been returned, his level reduced back down, having experienced the feeling of going from nothing to everything, then back to nothing—it felt like life was a dream.

The Deputy Officer, with a sullen face, flipped through the Sealing Order returned by Skyshattering Thunder, "Is this the result of your mission? Is this what the Prince supported you with so many resources and troops for? Not a single escapee caught, the whereabouts of the more than three

hundred Prison Guards that followed you are unknown, even the precious Hero Power Crystal has been taken—"

At this, the Deputy Officer slammed the Sealing Order down in anger, "Even the most dimwitted drunkard could do better than you! You have failed, and you have caused irreparable and vast damages to the Kingdom's troops and reputation—all your responsibility! The only thing you can do is compensate for the Kingdom's loss. You must pay back a whopping sum of one hundred million Gold Coins to the Prince within a year, or else, the Prince has the right to confiscate your assets for the grievous loss of personnel!"

At that, Skyshattering Thunder's screen exploded with red light!

— System Prompt: Warning! Please respond positively to the Prince's trial immediately, or you will face an unbearable massive penalty!

Confiscate assets? Skyshattering Thunder leaped up in shock, "My lord! It's not that I have gained nothing. I've pacified 6 areas in the World Window for His Highness, areas that form a vast territory when connected. Whether for resource development or fortress construction, there's great potential! I have made significant contributions!"

The Deputy Officer's eyes flashed with a glint, "You claim to have pacified 6 areas?"

Skyshattering Thunder immediately presented the map, "Yes, my lord. This is my achievement. After I pacified them, no more monsters appeared in these places!"

The Deputy Officer scoffed coldly, "Fool! You think you pacified them? It seems your failure is inevitable!"

Skyshattering Thunder was taken aback—what did that mean? In an instant, he recalled the suspicions after killing the Unicorn, thought about the sudden surge of the Water Element, could it be that all of this was Da Fei's scheming? That he had been played like a fiddle?

The Deputy Officer shook his head gravely, "Actually, even the modest achievements you have obtained were anticipated by His Highness. No, to be precise, they are a bit better than he expected. Connected

territories are much more valuable than scattered ones. As long as we can successfully establish a fortress and secure our footing there, we can gradually spread to surrounding areas and achieve full regional conquest. It seems like you're beginning to understand His Highness's intentions after all. You're not hopelessly stupid."

Skyshattering Thunder immediately said, "My lord, please give me another chance to make up for my mistakes!"

The Deputy Officer nodded and took out a sparkling document, "Very well, I'll give you one more chance!"

At that instant, Skyshattering Thunder's breath was seized! The legendary Sealing Order! Usually, only players at level 50 could receive one when they venture into the New World! As expected, the Prince plans to build a city here! And I am the undisputed City Lord! Skyshattering Thunder was instantly thrilled!

The Deputy Officer, with a shaky Japanese notebook in hand, spoke gravely, "This is the Prince's own Sealing Order. With this order, you can construct and develop territories in the World Window. Naturally, the territories belong to the Prince, but the Prince is willing to transfer 49% of the shares to find someone to co-finance the city building. You are that 49%! Do you understand?"

I'm going to be a City Lord! Skyshattering Thunder was so excited he was beside himself, "Understood, I will definitely build a grand city for His Highness the Prince!"

The Deputy Officer nodded soberly, "Listen carefully, the only convenience the Prince has granted you is the right to freely access the 5th floor of the prison. All materials and manpower required for city construction must be borne by you personally!"

Skyshattering Thunder, thrilled, nodded vigorously, "Understood! Understood!"

The Deputy Officer said sternly, "However, the Prince is clear with rewards and punishments. Rewarding you with city-building is one thing, but the punishment for failing the pursuit is another. You cannot escape the punishment. Therefore, your penalty will be a 10% cut from your blacksmith shop's profits every month until the city is built!"

Damn! Skyshattering Thunder cursed this NPC in his heart countless times, but now he could do nothing but bow his head and smile obsequiously, "Yes, I will compensate for this by working to atone for my errors, and am willing to accept the punishment!"

—System Prompt: You have obtained the Epic Quest [Building the World Window Fortress], and have been appointed as the City Lord of World Window City.

—Task Hint: Prince Talberon, brimming with ambition, wishes to build a fortress in the World Window space that can reach any corner of the world. However, the mighty and divine immortal creatures within the World Window space are the greatest obstacle to the mission.

Immortal creatures? Skyshattering Thunder finally had a vague understanding.

The Deputy Officer waved a hand, "Very good, get to work quickly."

Skyshattering Thunder, surprised, asked, "Sir, why don't you give me the Sealing Order?"

The Deputy Officer replied irritably, "How can the Prince's belongings be given to you? You are merely a steward appointed by the Prince. If you don't do your job well, the Prince can remove you and appoint a new City Lord!"

Skyshattering Thunder jerked his eyebrows in shock and nodded obediently, "Understood."

Skyshattering Thunder let out a long sigh of relief. Despite the heavy price for failing the pursuit, he had still successfully become a City Lord. I may not be great at fighting, but when it comes to business and construction, I won't lose to anyone. This time, come what may, I have to do it right.

But just relying on my own blacksmith shop and the large fleet that trades commercially, there's no way to build a city. I need to do as I discussed with Star earlier and look for them to co-invest!

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At 5:30 in the afternoon, waiting for the scene to refresh, Da Fei, who had eaten his takeout dinner early out of sheer boredom, gave Little Li a call saying he had to work a "night shift" that evening, and then logged back into the game.

The scene refreshed once more. This time, fortune was once again on Da Fei's side; the Forest Demon's forest scene refreshed on the edge of the map, which was also conveniently close to the exit of the island scene—only three scenes away.

Hahaha, when luck is on your side, everything goes smoothly! Let's get moving! Da Fei gestured grandly, "Brothers, let's set off!"

The dwarves, already geared up and ready, cheered, "Here we go!"

Now, the overloaded caravan moved slowly along the edge of the scene under the tight protection of the dwarves. Earth Element opened the way at the front, while Flying Eagle circled above in the sky.

Getting closer, the journey was peaceful and without incident. Seeing the mirror-like, picturesque island scene on the edge of the map, a huge, pulsating Space Gate opened up for Da Fei!

Finally, finally, it was time to leave! Da Fei felt a deep sense of sentimentality. The only regret here was that the Magma Dragon had still not been dealt with. Well, let it be.

Entering the Space Gate, everything turned dark!

—System Prompt: Loading scene, please wait for the players...

After a brief wait, familiar sounds of waves reached his ears, and then the view in front of him suddenly cleared. We've arrived!

An island lush with trees, green grass like a carpet, mist-laden sunlight, and a haze enshrouded the island. All the people and the caravan appeared on the beach grassland of the island.

No one cheered; everyone looked around and whispered to each other, "Where is this?"

Indeed, the key is to know where this is. Otherwise, how will I sail here to pick them up in the future?

Da Fei looked around. The mist veiled the sea, and even with his Demon's Eye reducing the impact of the mist, he couldn't see the specific scenery on the distant sea, only faintly making out what seemed to be another island across the sea. Was this an archipelago?

It was then that the dwarves at the front of the procession seemed to discover something on the beach: "Hey! Look, what is this creature's skeleton?"

Da Fei, Hangeval, and Vali went forward to take a look, and indeed saw the remains of a creature with a dragon's head, a snake's tail, and human arms left on the beach!

"It's a Naga!!!" The three of them exclaimed in unison!

Vali immediately pulled out something resembling a pocket watch from his person, held it up to the cloud-shrouded, obscure sun in the sky, and was instantly shocked on the spot, "The longitude here is from the Eastern World! We're in the Eastern World!"

Da Fei's jaw dropped. Holy moly! Arriving early at New Oriental!

Chapter 544: The Connected Islands Underground

After repeated measurements with Vali's pocket watch, it is confirmed that this is the legendary Eastern World where Naga rampage and criminals hide, the other side of Earth.

Hangeval also quickly took out the map crumpled by Elena to check, but unfortunately, this mysterious eastern region remained a blank on his map.

At this moment, everyone looked at each other, and Da Fei's face was a mix of happiness and anxiety. He was glad that he had planned to pioneer and expand in the New World, and now he could start his work ahead of schedule! However, he was worried about the troubles in the Eastern World, wondering

if his group of over a thousand could make a stand. Damn! They must hold their ground, since if even such a strong team couldn't stabilize here, wouldn't more people from him be sent to die later?

The Eastern World, the legendary Eastern Marsh Country with thousands of islands, has countless unknown small reefs. If compared with a real-world map, it would probably be similar to the Southeast Asia region, with a subtropical climate.

But in the game, the Eastern World does not have those large land areas found in the Malay Archipelago; even an island the size of a town's territory is considered a large island here. Due to the limited land area, the scale of the various tribal forces here is not very large. The real rulers here are the Naga Sea Race, as only they can unite these fragmented land tribes.

All tribes must submit to the Naga and tribute their products. Tribes favored by the Naga can even send people to serve as priests in the Sea God Temple. The Naga also do not refuse criminals fleeing from the Western Continent, of course, under the condition that they must submit and pay tribute to them. Only in this way can these fugitives possibly find a place to settle among the countless islands. However, the Naga will not protect these people. Thus, it is quite normal for these fugitives to kill each other to finish their tribute tasks or even attack native forces.

Life here is like hell, with endless chaos within the order defined by the absolute power. The so-called order is that no tribal force may own more than two large islands of territory; otherwise, it would challenge the rule of the Naga and be punished.

The information about the Eastern World available from the official website is just this much, and even less was available during the public test. After all, this place is only accessible to players stronger than level 50, and level 50 players are more interested in the resource-rich New World, having no interest in crossing oceans to come here. High-end players who make it here would definitely not disclose any discoveries on forums.

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At this moment, Hangeval let out a wry smile: "It's said that this place hides ferocious fugitives; our arrival here really seems like fate."

Vali spoke in a deep voice: "I heard that as long as we pay tribute to the Naga, they will accept all comers; survival shouldn't be an issue for our group."

"Paying tribute? That's worse than being in prison!" Hangeval's face darkened, and he turned to Da Fei and asked, "What do you think, my friend?"

Damn! What is there to think, bro? Haven't you already escaped through two maps, and shouldn't you be giving out the Little Jin's task rewards by now?

Da Fei shook his head and sighed, "Let's first scout the island, and I'll check the surroundings!"

Hangeval nodded: "Good, that's what we need to focus on right now." Immediately, he waved his hand and ordered, "Bazak, take some people and search the whole island. Steel Hammer, organize the defense immediately..."

"Yes, boss!"

The dwarfs got busy at once, and Da Fei commanded the Blood Eagle to scout the islands around. However, the entire sea area was enveloped in fog, making the scouting ineffective. That puzzled Da Fei, wondering how there could be such heavy fog on a clear day? What would have happened if it was cloudy? This definitely isn't scientific!

The Blood Eagle soared over the foggy sea and discovered countless red dots swimming in the water, which were numerous water elements of various sizes! Meanwhile, the dwarfs' continuous shouts of discovering another Naga skeleton here and there kept coming.

Now, Da Fei was starting to feel the strangeness of this place. Generally, like humans, a high-end intelligent sea race like the Naga would not allow their people's skeletons to be exposed to the wilderness. The current situation with Naga skeletons everywhere could only mean one thing: this sea area dominated by water elements was not under Naga rule! If that was the case, doesn't it mean his team wouldn't be threatened by Naga? Damn, where else could you find such a good and coincidental situation?

The Blood Eagle had now reached the island Da Fei initially saw with a blurry outline, which had similar landscape to Da Fei's island with woods, grasslands, and beaches with Naga and unknown sea beast skeletons. Just then, Da Fei spotted a building—it was a lighthouse!

—Lighthouse: A neutral facility in the wilderness. After a player visits, it will light up the surrounding area, increasing the speed of that player's fleet in that sea area by 5%. (The effect of the lighthouse increasing fleet speed can be stacked; visiting more lighthouses benefits fleet navigation. Players from the same camp visiting a lighthouse will not affect other players who have visited, but once an enemy camp player visits, the visiting effect for all players of the friendly camp will disappear.)

Da Fei raised his eyebrows; it turned out to be a nu

At this moment, seeing a lighthouse in such a mysterious sea area truly gave Da Fei, who had been roughing it in the wilderness for a long time, a hint of the comforting essence of civilization. However, the issue is with so many Water Elements below the sea surface, how could a ship dare to navigate this area? If ships can't come in, aren't these dwarves essentially no different from being in prison? So-called early pioneering is completely empty talk.

Da Fei felt troubled again. Damn it, does this mean I can't go back to guard the city?

Just then, Da Fei spotted a new development: there was a clearing in the forest on the island, and suddenly, it was the entrance to an underground staircase!

—Underground Staircase Entrance: A neutral facility in the wilderness, allows players' troops to instantly reach the Underground World through this entrance.

Another facility in the wilderness! This Underground Staircase Entrance acts like a short-range Teleportation Gate connecting to the underground, allowing any troops that are inconvenient for burrowing due to their enormous size to easily enter and exit the Underground World. This means there's a hidden realm beneath this island!

Startled, the dwarves on the island immediately began to shout: "An entrance to the Underground World has been discovered!"

Understood! Although the waterways between the two islands are blocked, they are actually connected through an underground sea tunnel! If that's the case, this is definitely not Naga territory; the Naga would never allow the islands to connect, thus forming a unified military threat against them.

So, who owns this sea area?

Now, Da Fei, Elena, Hangeval, and Vali were gathered at the entrance of the underground staircase in the forest clearing.

Hagval said solemnly, "I've been to many places in the world and seen many such underground entrances, but without exception, those who can construct such pathways are extremely powerful entities. I also feel a threat coming from underground, and if we dare to enter this entrance, we will definitely be attacked!"

Elena added seriously, "This is an exit of the Divine Domain Space, and to some extent, it has also received Divine Power from the Divine Domain Space, so this area is filled with power. Naturally, it attracts some powerful beings to reside here, this fog, these Water Elements, and the underground passage are surely the masterpieces of this powerful entity."

Hangeval nodded, "Correct, and powerful beings will not pay tribute or submit to the Naga."

Vali sighed, "It's also possible that this is the work of that Demigod who escaped from the fifth layer of the prison. If it's him, he would definitely hate us dwarves to the bone!"

Da Fei suddenly remembered the black-figure man mentioning the origin of the Otherworld escape route at the tavern, which was a permanent spatial rift left by an escaping Demigod forcibly tearing the space.

Da Fei exclaimed in shock: "Can it be such a coincidence? Are we on the same escape route as him?"

Hangeval bitterly smiled, "If it were me, my first reaction would also be to run towards the island; otherwise, running towards the mainland could be very troublesome if it happened to be in some kingdom's territory."

Vali chuckled, "I knew you would think that way. If it were me, my first instinct would also be to pursue the island."

—Ah pu! Da Fei sprayed out old blood! And here he thought running to the island was a unique and unexpected approach; turns out they were thinking the same? No wonder they all supported it so readily!

Da Fei quickly asked, "Do the officers know who that Demigod is?"

Vali shook his head, "I don't know; I know too little about the fifth layer, and moreover, that was many years ago."

Hangeval shook his head, "No matter who the owner here is, our crisis has not ended. We need to settle down first, but this island is too small, not suitable for so many of us to settle and develop. We must find a larger island."

Da Fei nodded, "I'll continue to scout the surrounding conditions, everyone wait for my results."

Hangeval nodded with satisfaction, "Truly worthy of being a brother. Without brothers, we wouldn't know where to go in this fog."

Vali also sighed, "Totally convincing."

Chapter 545: Tunnel Warfare in a Sea of People

Blood Eagle searched the entire sea area, resting twice to fully recover Stamina. As the hazy sunset descended, Da Fei's Reconnaissance Skill mapping feature had fully explored the island distribution in the Mist Sea Area. Beyond the Mist Sea Area, the normal layout of myriad islands still prevailed. This Mist Sea Area was indeed a special existence here.

Now, everyone was gathered around the map drawn by Da Fei, marveling in astonishment.

There were a total of twenty-three islands in the Mist Sea Area, with the largest island located in the center. Each island had a stairway entrance leading underground. No buildings suitable for a Hermit's

dwelling were discovered on any island. There were only six lighthouses present, and the layout of these lighthouses formed a very regular hexagon.

Seeing this, Elena immediately understood, "These six lighthouses are not ordinary lighthouses. They form a huge Hexagram Formation, possibly with some summoning or control function, or perhaps a defensive function. Considering that this powerful being might have escaped from the Dwarf Prison, this place might be intended to fend off pursuers or defend against the Naga, however—"

At this point, Elena frowned and said, "As a Mage, I can sense the fluctuations of Magic Power in space. Nearby, I should feel the presence of a particularly powerful force, but here, I don't sense that a strong being resides in this area, which makes it questionable. To unveil the mysteries of these islands, we have to start by visiting these six lighthouses underground."

Hangeval nodded, "It's even better with no powerful beings around. Regardless of who this Array is meant to defend against, the underground passage will definitely be very dangerous. We just need to send a few people down, and the rest can stand by here."

Vali immediately volunteered, "Count me in!"

Hangeval laughed, "Let's each contribute 10 particularly capable fighters, and counting the friend's Earth Element, over twenty people should be enough."

Da Fei was taken aback, "Twenty? Isn't that too few?"

Hangeval shook his head, "The underground terrain is narrow and not suitable for large troop combat. More troops would be useless, and various collapses and traps can easily cause unnecessary casualties." He paused, then added, "Let's just go down and see first. If the situation isn't right, we'll come back and reinforce!"

Da Fei nodded, "That sounds good. By the way, can I bring my Crossbow Cannons?"

Damn it, I assembled two Crossbow Cannons out of sheer boredom in the forest and have yet to find a chance to use them, how pitiful this Master-level situation is!

Alina chuckled, "Since the team can't move fast in the unknown underground anyway, it's good to bring them along to compensate for the team's lack of long-range Attack capabilities."

Everyone nodded, "Alright! Let's do it this way!"

Haha! My Crossbow Cannons are starving for action! Since the corridors are narrow and unsuitable for large troop combat, it's the perfect place for Crossbow Cannons to shine. One shot might kill who knows how many weaklings.

Now, the selected elite team was assembled, and to handle the cart and load ammunition, Da Fei also brought a few Flower Demons.

"Depart!"

At the entrance staircase, a flash of light, and the Earth Element vanguard entered first. The scene switched, and the team appeared in a dim underground passage. But before they could take in the surroundings, Da Fei's screen exploded with red light!

—System Prompt: Warning! You have entered the alert range of the Underground Guardian, battle begins!

Damn! Really a blockade!

The Earth Element Boss who entered first was already blocked in front and battling the opponent.

Boom! A bolt of lightning tore through the darkness, and immediately following Elena's move, amidst the electric light, a dozen dusky tall figures in the dark passage simultaneously surged up showing a barrage of "-200!" damage!

This damage sharing is unbearable to witness! With such high Magic Resistance, what about physical resistance?

Without a second word, Da Fei waved his hand to fire, and the two Crossbow Cannons that had been loaded blasted six consecutive sounds of "Bang!" — "-453!" "-440!" "-450!"...

With a crisp bang, the frontmost large figure collapsed thunderously!

"So, it's also an Earth Element!" Without another word, Elena conjured a ball of flame in her hand, and boom! A Fire Wall erupted in the passage ahead, turning the entire passage into a sea of fire!

Indeed, within the sea of flames emerged the tall figures of a dozen Earth Elements. Though they weren't as large as Da Fei's, they were at least Elite-level fighters. At this moment, these fighters in the fiery wall continuously emitted various "-300!" "Elemental Chain Damage -150" "Defense Reduced"!

—Fire Wall Skill: Creates a wall of flames on the battlefield, and any unit passing through or near the wall will take damage. Prerequisite for learning: Advanced Destruction Magic. Grandmaster-level Fire Wall Magic damage = $20 + 20 \times \text{Magic Power}$, consumes 100 Mana.

For Alina, who possesses two sets of Divine Equipment and has a Magic Power of up to 170 points, the power of the Fire Wall Skill was non-trivial to behold. Elemental Chain Damage represents the additional damage caused by fire countering earth, a unique feature of Dark Elves. Reduced Defense is a special effect from the Flame Master. The fighting style of Dark Elves involves using the right magic against the right enemy.

At this moment, in the narrow passage, Da Fei's high Defense Earth Element blocked all opponents, forcing them to continuously bear massive damage in the flames until defeated.

And these Earth Elements aren't just clumped together in useless melee; those at the rear of the team will throw stones, and the narrow terrain does not affect their combat capabilities—that's the advantage of Earth Elements. Fortunately, Da Fei's Earth Element, being tall, blocked the passageway, single-handedly taking all the stone attacks, perfectly fulfilling the role of a meat shield.

Finally, the last Earth Element fell thunderously under the barrage of fiery lightning crossbow cannons. At this moment, Da Fei's Earth Element's health was less than one-third. But no worries, with its heaven-defying 1% per second recovery rate, it would be fully healed in a minute.

—System Prompt: The battle is over! You have gained 170,000 Experience.

"Victory!" The dwarfs burst into excited cheers.

Hangeval, however, gave a wry smile: "Friend, do you still think 20 people are too few?"

Vali sighed: "It was all this lord's team fighting; we were squeezed in the back without a chance to intervene."

Da Fei chuckled: "It's not that people are few, I just feel the experience gained after the battle is too little."

Elena solemnly said: "Master, these Earth Elements aren't actually dead; they are the same as the creatures from the Divine Domain Space."

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, and he immediately took out a shard of the Earth Attribute Divine Artifact and placed it on a fragment of an Earth Element. Sure enough, a wisp of pale yellow smoke was sucked into the shard.

Hangeval laughed: "Sneaky enough! When we think they're eliminated and move forward, they would resurrect and ambush us."

Vali shook his head: "If that's the case, then those Water Elements in the sea must also be immortal, right?"

Da Fei suddenly gasped, then bitterly smiled: "Do I have to use the Divine Artifact shard to eliminate all those thousands of Water Elements?"

Vali suddenly realized: "Sir! That's not possible! The reason these islands exist in Naga territory is because of those Water Elements. Once they're completely eliminated, the Naga will take over, and we'll have no place here!"

Hanwagner was also stunned: "So, you mean we can't completely eliminate the Earth Elements here? Their existence is meant to fend off the Kingdom's pursuers?"

Da Fei suddenly enlightened, immediately withdrawing the Divine Artifact shard and stopped absorbing: "Right! We are planning to settle and develop here; we can't eliminate them, that would be like cutting off our own escape route!"

Elena said gravely: "Master makes sense. If the island's Lighthouse Array is used to control these Elemental Armies, as long as we take control of the Array, these Elemental Armies could potentially be used by us."

Da Fei excitedly said: "So many troops can be recruited by us?"

Elena shook her head and smiled: "If that powerful being is still on the island, then it's completely uncertain. If that powerful being is not on the island, then to maintain such a large force, control of the Array is a must; otherwise, these Elemental Armies will disperse before long."

Da Fei thought, right! If a player leaves troops stationed in wild locations without proper facilities and neglects them, the number of troops would decrease until none are left. And there are no buildings here; it's the wild!

Hangeval frowned: "However, if we do not completely kill these Earth Elements, our troops are very likely to be attacked from both front and rear, which would inevitably cause casualties."

Vali immediately declared righteously: "If sacrifices are unavoidable, then let me take on this arduous task, I'll call some more brothers down!"

Oh my gosh! I know you want to show off, but don't treat the sacrifices of your subordinates so lightly, okay? That's typical officialdom, you never change, do you? I care even if you don't! It's a problem, needs fixing!

Da Fei immediately waved his hand: "I have a plan. We have many people! I've seen Elemental Lives resurrect; it needs a slow process, and they are extremely weak during resurrection, very easily killed again. So, if we station several brothers at each fallen Elemental, they won't be able to rise again!"

The three joyfully exclaimed: "Truly a brother!" "Truly a lord!" "Truly a master!"

Hahaha! Da Fei let out a hearty laugh, feeling too clever and awesome! That's right, we have one thousand four hundred people; not just 20 should do all the work! We need to mobilize everyone in critical moments!

Saying no more, everyone immediately returned to the island to organize and mobilize everyone.

And since Vali's foolish idea was not adopted, he seemed very discontent, thus after a moment of contemplation, he suggested again: "Sir, considering possible sudden changes in the underground environment, it's not just about stationing a few brothers at each section; we also need to maintain communication, perhaps even form several mobile patrol teams to work front and back to ensure any anomalies can be reported via loudspeakers, and our patrol team can arrive to reinforce immediately. My men can undertake this task."

Oh my gosh, worthy of being a long-term Prison Director! You're capable! Da Fei gladly said: "Makes sense, leave it to you!"

Vali was overjoyed: "I will not let you down, Sir!"

Oh my gosh! I'm really not the envoy of the Second Prince, your enthusiasm is too much to handle!

Chapter 546: Invading the World Tree Space

Personnel grouping completed, Da Fei's vanguard squad once again entered the underground. Just as they entered, they saw those Earth Elements secretly gathering their bodies for resurrection.

Da Fei burst into laughter and immediately said, "Let's leave this task to the stationed brothers, let them try their hand!"

Vali volunteered eagerly, "Let our patrol team go first!"

Da Fei waved his hand, "Go!"

"Charge!" The vanguard's members fervently found the opportunity to serve their country, charging in and slashing fiercely as if crushing bones into dust, making Da Fei's eyelids twitch repeatedly!

Holy cow, it's really the team that wiped out monsters on the 4th level of the prison back then, they definitely have combat strength! If we hadn't used the fog and directly fought them in the forest back then, we might have really lost!

Good, since they are so enthusiastic, I must make good use of them and develop them into my confidants. After all, people from Hangeval ultimately recognize him as the big brother, not me. There always seems to be a barrier, and if Hangeval really bites the dust, who knows if these people will follow me religiously?

So, I need a balancing force. To be precise, these two groups of people need to check each other, otherwise, I wouldn't sit comfortably as this nonchalant big brother.

Now, the path is cleared again, and the squad continues forward.

At the Earth Element BOSS's—wait, this Earth Element BOSS has made such a great contribution, I should give it a name, right? Otherwise, it's all 'Earth Element' here and there, who exactly would that refer to? And this one is not your ordinary Earth Element, but a hero among BOSSes—OK, it has a name now, Tycoon!

Da Fei immediately opened the attributes and renamed its original name "Earth Altar Guardian" to "Tycoon!" Haha! Wahahaha, my naming prowess is incredible! My naming ability is just terrifying!

Leading the way upfront, with the Earth Tycoon on ahead, and Elena and Da Fei Master-level Crossbow Cannon bombarding from behind, the squad once again effortlessly took down a team of blocking elite Earth Elements.

Da Fei heaved a great sigh of relief, not because of the victory in battle, but because these elite Earth Elements will soon be of use to me, haha! Wahahaha!

Then, Da Fei realized something was wrong, this group of blocking Earth Elements were guarding a crossroad!

Damn! What the hell! Aren't these tunnels supposed to connect the islands? Just dig a straight line; why bother creating a crossroad, to facilitate an encirclement by the guards?

"Something's off!" Hangeval also quickly noticed: "No matter which road of these three, none are leading to Lighthouse Island, and is there a need to build three roads here?"

Da Fei waved his hand, "Let me scout a bit!"

After saying that, he again summoned the Blood Eagle to fly towards one passage. Very soon, they discovered another crossroad, guarded by a small team of Earth Elements! Damn it!

Da Fei exclaimed: "Could it be a labyrinth?"

Elena said solemnly, "I feel the same magic power here as in the Divine Domain Space, it's perhaps not as simple as just a labyrinth. If this powerful being has obtained the method to create Divine Domain elemental armies from there, then this labyrinth might shift and misplace just like the Divine Domain Space after a certain period."

Da Fei was astonished: "So, are you saying this is forcing me to go on a killing spree?"

Vali immediately said: "Sir, we have many people; we can station brothers at each crossroad. We don't believe that a labyrinth of this sea area's size can trap anyone!"

Da Fei gritted his teeth: "Correct, we have many people! I refuse to believe this! By the way, has everyone brought enough water and food?"

Vali responded right away: "You are indeed wise, sir, everyone has prepared for a prolonged battle, let's ensure every person has enough food!"

Prolonged battle my ass! I'm now dying to settle down and finish up the work! Now that I've got the hang of these Earth Elements, no need for splitting into small teams. I'll bring over my entire remote Forest Demon Army to enhance remote fire support for rapid clearing. I want to advance irresistibly!

Plus, with Little Fei here, the shifting of the Divine Domain Space won't trouble me, and neither will it here!

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Radiant City.

Eternal Star stands silently on the city wall looking towards the distant lakeshore. The failure to capture Da Fei this time completely shattered Eternal Star's hopes for conquest.

In a particularly bad mood, that bastard Skyshattering Cannon proposes a request for a joint city-building. Bloody hell, all these regular players are becoming City Lords one after another, then what am I, Eternal Star? A street-sweeping laborer? A pitiful fool who lends money and effort as a partner?

But if I don't agree to Skyshattering Cannon's request, he will definitely team up with Ninth Heaven. So I have to do it whether I like it or not? Key question is, is the World Window worth developing? The answer is definitely yes, there has never been a scene guarded by so many powerful BOSSes, and the more powerful the BOSSes, the better the loot.

From the video analysis, this Da Fei has at least subdued an Earth Element BOSS, meaning there's a chance to subdue the BOSSes there!

Even Da Fei, a barebones commander, can start from scratch and subdue BOSSes; we, the professional gamers of Eternal Star, surely have no reason not to be able to do the same. This business is indeed viable, not to mention Skyshattering Cannon also has the Prince's background, able to get strong support from NPCs.

But still, the feeling of not being in control of the situation made Eternal Star very uncomfortable. What made Eternal Star even more irked was the presence of Ma Yinglong on the opposite side.

Ma Yinglong's Undead Force was steadily advancing while both the Beastman and Hell Power were blossoming at both ends. If he couldn't take this opportunity to squash his arrogance, it's probable that even an alliance between Star and Ninth Heaven wouldn't match him in half a year.

It seems that as a worker in Radiant City, he had to do the job, and it was a must-do now. Gritting his teeth, Miss Deputy City Lord Anlicia also came tottering up the wall.

Eternal Star had always been annoyed by her, but he had never been as annoyed as he was now! But there was no choice, why bother with an NPC? Just treat her like a slime monster!

Eternal Star calmed his depressive mood and took the initiative to greet: "Greetings, Vice City Lord!"

Anlicia was in a great mood and chuckled: "Do you know? Yesterday's great victory shook the entire Alliance! The whole Kingdom thinks very highly of you!"

Eternal Star responded indifferently: "That's also thanks to the proper leadership of Vice City Lord."

Anlicia chuckled: "How about becoming a City Lord?"

City Lord?! Eternal Star doubted if he misheard! But words from an NPC, no matter how unreliable, are still system messages!

Eternal Star exclaimed in shock: "Of course I'd like that! But that's completely against the Kingdom's system, isn't it?"

Anlicia laughed heartily: "Where are your thoughts going? Not the lord of this city! Provided your guild successfully wins this battle and accumulates enough merit, the Kingdom plans to hand over the land in Emerald Bee Forest to your guild for management. Despite the presence of Beastmen there, it shouldn't be a problem for you who have been tempered by this battle. Are you tempted? This is an opportunity that I strongly advocated for you!"

So it was a misunderstanding! Besides, what value does Radiant City, plagued by barren mountains and dangerous waters, hold compared to the resource-rich Emerald Bee Forest?

Eternal Star joyfully said: "Thank you for the referral, Miss Deputy City Lord. How much merit is needed then?"

Anlicia pointed towards the lakeshore and laughed: "Just completely taking down their city walls will do!"

Damn! Are you kidding me!

However, regardless, he wasn't working for nothing anymore, Eternal Star once again found the meaning of life, exhilarated, and immediately said to Tianlan Star: "Tell the Skyshattering Cannon, our Star agrees to cooperate with him!"

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At the lakeshore of the Pool of Radiance, in the Demon Camp square.

The space cipher expert sent by the Demon King arrived, not just anyone, but the former superior of Lei Huolong, the former Execution Officer of the Demon Camp, the once fiery Siriel.

Life is full of unexpected reunions, only now Siriel had no Hero Aura beneath his feet, and the flames around his body were not as fierce as before, he was no longer a hero.

For NPC heroes, once weakened to a certain extent, they would lose their hero status. His debilitation was due to his burning his own fire core to recruit Fire Elements for the players, unfortunately, all his efforts fell short. His return to the scene was for one reason only: the Demon King penalized him to make amends and also to accompany Lei Huolong's team as a space guide into World Tree Space.

Nakasha chuckled somberly: "Ah, the well-known hero instructor, Lord Siriel, it's an honor. This spatial operation would trouble you."

Siriel solemnly advised: "Lord Nakasha, I advise you not to underestimate your current opponent, otherwise, your desire for revenge for your race will become increasingly distant."

Nakasha sneered coldly: "The failures of my predecessors are a constant warning. Time is pressing, please proceed, Lord Siriel!"

Siriel grunted and remained silent, beginning to direct the array of Mages setting up the Array in the square, this familiar scene reminiscent of the initial invasion into the Wisdom Ancient Tree Space, filling Lei Huolong's team with confidence in him.

Indeed, Siriel did not let them down, after the Array operated for a moment, Siriel excitedly said: "I clearly see through the spatial rift of the World Tree, having captured a Hell Magma in the World Tree Space, which is precisely the source of my power. I feel it calling me, if we infiltrate there, the success is guaranteed!"

Upon saying this, flames around his entire body erupted as he shouted: "Rise!"

The entire square's Array burst forth with Demon Light!

Nakasha expressed satisfaction: "Lord Siriel is indeed best suited for this kind of task. Well then, warriors, let's set out!"

Lei Huolong's team immediately entered the Array, and then with a flash of red light, the scene changed, and Lei Huolong's team appeared in a land of rolling lava.

The group was astonished: "Is this the World Tree Space? Are you sure?"

Just then, Siriel also appeared following them: "There's no mistake, and moreover, there's a powerful being here! It will be the first stumbling block to witness our merit!"

Chapter 547: The Astonishing Discovery of the Dragon Slayer Guild

Mist Islands Underground Maze.

Da Fei's troops advanced like a hot knife through butter, with the following Dwarven "Corpse Guard" also keeping up. It had to be said, the maze's defense was overly simplistic, hardly able to withstand such a large-scale invasion, right? Of course, it might also be because Da Fei's tanks and damage output were too strong, so the strength of the guards wasn't quite felt yet.

A flash of gold, Alina had risen to level 14, and her nearly depleted Mana Value was instantly replenished. Of course, the Mana refilled by leveling up only restored the Magic Power corresponding Mana. The double effect of the Divine Artifact's Mana and the double effect of the Dark Ceremony wouldn't be fully replenished. But it didn't matter; when she used up this Mana, the day would be over, and the Mana Source would provide double Mana again.

Now, Elina wasn't worried about Mana issues at all, using double Mana to cast enhanced magic spell without restraint. This ensured her continued powerful output, allowing Da Fei's team to battle all the way to the exit of the underground stairway of the first Lighthouse Island.

No matter how the maze's location changed, the positions of these 23 island stairway exits remained unchanged. That was the weak point of this maze.

The squad ascended the mist-covered Lighthouse Island. Just as Da Fei excitedly approached the lighthouse, Alina suddenly stopped him, "Master, there are guards at the lighthouse! I can feel the fluctuation of elemental power!"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, no way? Was his God-level Reconnaissance Skill useless?

Alina laughed softly, "It's wind elements, wind is countered by earth elements; keep letting Master's earth elements stand guard."

Da Fei nodded, wind elements? Where? In the sky?

The earth elements rumbled with every step towards the lighthouse, and at this moment, the mist above the lighthouse suddenly condensed into a thunderous dark cloud, and only then did Da Fei's screen start flashing red, with the Reconnaissance Skill triggering an alarm!

System Prompt: You have entered the alert range of the Lighthouse Guards, the battle begins!

What the heck! Alarm just now? What a scam!

At this point, hundreds of whirlwinds descended from the dark clouds, indeed wind elements! This three-dimensional defense by air, land, and sea! Given the number and the open terrain, it wasn't going to be as easy as before.

But Alina was prepared; with a wave of her hand, the ground around Tycoon shook, and a row of sharp stones emerged from the ground! Hundreds of "-190!" "Elemental Chain Damage -120" damages erupted!

Rock Spikes: Causes massive earth attribute damage to a selected area. Master-level Destruction Skill
Rock Spike Damage = $70 + 8 \times \text{Magic Power}$. Consumes Mana 30. Learning Prerequisite: Intermediate Destruction Skill.

Area magic damage is only shared by all targets in that area, not the entire tactical position, so area magic is usually the kind of spell that truly threatens the enemy army. However, area magic's damage is generally low, and the Mana cost is high, making it unsuitable for harassment tactics.

At this moment, the dwarf squad charged forward with a yell, and hundreds of Forest Demons' elite magic bullets also whistled forth.

System Prompt: Battle Ended! You gained 650,000 Experience!

System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Alina has risen to level 15! Gained 1 free attribute point...

Da Fei shook his head and sighed inwardly. In the end, it was still too easy. With Alina's current two sets of Divine Equipment, she could blast away at least 300 archers of ordinary players with one shot. Even if this scene was intended for players above level 50, it was sincerely not challenging enough.

He had always been ahead, never getting left behind, ha ha ha!

Now, Da Fei approached the lighthouse and lit the beacon.

System Prompt: You have visited a mysterious lighthouse, and you gain visibility of the surrounding area; your fleet's speed in surrounding waters increases by 5%.

System Prompt: You discovered an inscription engraved on the tower.

Sure enough, this tower had some depth! Da Fei quickly checked the inscription:

"Visitor, no matter where you come from, when you can see this line of text, it means you are quite strong and qualified to inherit my legacy. Light all six lighthouses, then go to the bottom layer of the underground. — Prophet Velen."

Da Fei burst into loud laughter—it turned out to be a prophet! Inheriting a legacy, such things, he loved the most! Indeed, players encountering prophets in the wild should receive rewards; this was the first time he heard of a prophet with such a high profile.

Da Fei laughed and asked, "Who is Prophet Velen?"

Vali's eyebrows twitched, quickly answering, "He's said to be a madman who prophesied the end of the world, later captured by the Human Kingdom, and for some reason, he was extradited to our Dwarf Prison. Perhaps he escaped from the 5th floor!"

Da Fei said in surprise, "He's already a demigod; did they really dare to capture him?"

Vali shook his head and sighed, "Who knew he was a demigod back then? They only found out afterward..."

Well, Da Fei was somewhat immune to world-ending rumors; inheriting a legacy was proper. No, inheriting a fortune; the inscription never said he was dead, this was probably just something he got tired of; ha ha ha!

Now, nothing more to say, just steamroll ahead! The prophet's defensive lineup was truly weak. Well, given its look, it was most likely meant to fend off the Naga with all those water elements.

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World Tree Space, somewhere in the Lava Land.

The Thunder Fire Dragon Team swept through wandering scattered fire elements exploring this space, and now they arrived at a lava-filled Lava Pool.

Fire Element Altar: An army building that can recruit Fire Element Soldiers. (Warning! The building is guarded by powerful creatures and must be defeated to gain control!)

"Another Fire Element Barracks!" At this moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center burst into exclamations. This was the second Fire Element Barracks discovered by the Thunder Fire Dragon Team in this scene!

It indeed confirmed Ma Yinglong's assumption—where there was one, there'd be a second! Judging from the distance between these two barracks, there might be a third, fourth, or even more in this map! Such dense placement of level 4 troop buildings in one scene even made giant guilds like Dragon Slayer unable to keep calm.

To recruit level 4 troops and above in a city, players need to accumulate a lot of prestige in that city. To recruit more troops, they need to further increase prestige. Additionally, the Recruiting Skill under Leadership Skill is ineffective for troops above level 4.

A city's production of level 4 troops is, of course, unable to meet players' combat needs, so players need to start over in other cities building prestige, which is very troublesome, resulting in a specialized profession during public testing: "Soldier Farmer!"

Soldier Farmers, much like "Gold Farmers," don't level up, do missions, fight, or trade; they're solely focused on accumulating prestige and hoarding troops for sale. Naturally, large guilds like Dragon Slayer

have specialized Soldier Farmer studios. At present, however, High-level Soldier Farmers haven't matured yet, as recruiting level 4 and above requires the Soldier Farmers to also have strong abilities.

Currently, level 4 troops' production across various regions in the world is in its initial stages. And Dragon Slayer Guild's discovery of at least two level 4 Fire Element Altars in one scene was undoubtedly a major discovery.

As mentioned in the earlier Pool of Radiance battle, although Elemental Soldiers are level 4, their attributes have reached level 5 standards, with each Elemental Soldier having unique features. The Fire Element and Water Element are known as the strongest wild troops that players want to avoid, with Fire Element being the strongest long-range level 4 troop and Water Element possessing Ice Pillar Magic. As for Wind Elements, they are the fastest troops on Hero Continent, with Earth Elements being melee nemeses.

The power of Fire Elements was also experienced by players in the last National War, a benefit brought to everyone by Siriel's sacrifice.

Ultimately, there's no argument; these barracks must be occupied! But not now. As a professional team, in an unfamiliar map environment, the first task is always to scout.

Ma Yinglong, in high spirits, waved his hand broadly, "Scout further!"

Now, the Thunder Fire Dragon Team continued to clear the map, and at this moment, Siriel, who was with the team, said seriously, "I sense a Space Gate nearby; we are about to discover a passage to another space. Everyone must stay alert. If this space is guarded by elves, our appearance will alert them!"

They found a passage! What Siriel said also made sense, what to do?

Ma Yinglong was in a good mood and decisive, "Scout! Ignoring reality is not the style of professional players; if we can't figure out what's next door, what are we even playing for!"

"Yes, boss!"

The space entrance was reached, and Thunder Fire Dragon dispatched the member with the highest Reconnaissance Skill to go stealth into the space. At this moment, the attention of the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center was focused on that recon member.

The scene in the space tunnel was a landscape of a black forest. Only then did Thunder Fire Dragon believe fully that it was indeed World Tree Space, otherwise, he still suspected he had returned to hell or the elemental realm.

As the scene changed, the recon member appeared next to a lake with a mirror-like surface, surrounded by a dense black forest.

And at this moment, the member's Life Value began to drop continuously—"Mercury Poisoning!"

"Boss, it's Mercury Poisoning! I need to retreat to the tunnel to avoid it."

In a split second, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center erupted in shock: "It's a Mercury Mine!"

"Oh my god! Never thought a Mercury Mine would be found exposed and ownerless in the old world!"

"Wrong! This is a rich Mercury Mine! Regular Mercury Mines are red Chensha solids that need refinement. This kind of liquid Mercury Mine that poisons players might not even exist in the New World!"

Ma Yinglong was so excited he was trembling all over, "Keep scouting! We need the most detailed info!"

At this moment, though Thunder Fire Dragon hadn't slept for days and nights, and today only took a two-hour nap during lunch, he was now as energized as if he had been injected with pure adrenaline, "Boss, I have boiling blood with nowhere to expend it!"

Now, Siriel had also passed through the space tunnel to the Mercury Mine, and his first reaction was a change of expression, but his words were, "There are unimaginably strong beings in the lake; retreat!"

Chapter 548: The Prophet's Property

The richer the mine, the stronger the monster guarding it; this is common knowledge among any ordinary player. But when Siriel, an NPC, speaks of an "unimaginably powerful being," it takes on a whole new meaning.

Thunder Fire Dragon hurriedly asked, "What do you think the powerful creature in the lake is?"

Siriel said solemnly, "I sense a powerful Undead presence. In any case, retreat before alerting it!"

Everyone quickly retreated to the tunnel.

Thunder Fire Dragon continued, "Do you have confidence in dealing with it?"

Siriel smirked, "A Lava Space that can produce Fire Elements must possess pure, even divine, flames; likely, this explains why the World Tree's roots have reached here. In hell, territories like these are occupied by those formidable high-level Flame Lords, which to some extent, limits my power growth. But it's different now. As long as we pacify this Lava Space, I can cultivate here, and then, with your help, it's entirely possible to defeat the strong creature in the lake. By then, the merit of discovering a rich mine will be enough to receive huge rewards from Lord Demon King—"

At this point, Siriel's tone shifted, "Of course, if you have greater ambitions, you could use this place as a base and build a city!"

"I see!" Thunder Fire Dragon realized. "Thank you for the guidance!"

At this moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center engaged in a heated discussion.

First, regardless of the mine-guarding monster, at least the rank one to four troops of the Hell Race in Thunder Fire Dragon's team cannot fight in Mercury Lake; the mercury poison can easily eliminate them. Thus, a change in troop type is inevitable, and the next target naturally becomes the Fire Element Altar. Elemental Soldiers are immune to any poison.

The NPC's final words were indeed tempting. Building a city in this Lava Land with the purest flames means fortress facilities could increase Fire Element output and secure the most significant share of this Mercury Mine. Besides, even the NPC expressed confidence in capturing the Mercury Mine with player cooperation. So what else could Dragon Slayer say?

Therefore, Ma Yinglong immediately decided, "Capture this Lava Space, even if it involves losses!"

Thunder Fire Dragon responded enthusiastically, "Yes, boss!" Enduring losses was easily understood since their current troops were useless for attacking the Mercury Mine.

Now, the Thunder Fire Dragon team began to act again.

Ma Yinglong was in high spirits. Who would have thought the most considerable gains would come from the flank battlefield? By the way, we made a breakthrough here; what is Eternal Star doing? Will they receive a task to thwart our invasion? If so, can we still play together happily in the future? It seems necessary to urge someone in the camp to prompt the NPC to act and put some pressure on the Pool of Radiance on the main battlefield.

In his complacency, Ma Yinglong suddenly recalled Da Fei. What was Da Fei doing?

When he witnessed, that afternoon, Da Fei's Vice Hero single-handedly turned the tide, Ma Yinglong, as a leading professional player, for the first time truly appreciated the meaning of "hero." The shock in Ma Yinglong's heart was imaginable. It was then that Ma Yinglong began to regret lending Da Fei that ten million.

However, with Da Fei's strength at that level, any casual video or advertisement would attract sponsors in droves, so why borrow money? What was he thinking?

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At 7 p.m., the equivalent of a day in the game had passed. Da Fei's maze sweep was nearing completion, and now the vast underground maze was guarded by hundreds of Dwarf Corpse Guard at every intersection. In the face of massive, absolute power, resurrection and scene changes were trifles.

But Da Fei felt no sense of achievement, only worry. After all, this would be his territory in the future; these mazes were meant to defend against potential dwarf pursuers. The enemy could also fill the maze with sheer numbers. In short, relying solely on this maze was no guarantee of peace, and self-management was essential.

Now, Da Fei lit the final lighthouse with immense excitement.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You have lit all six lighthouses on the Lighthouse Islands, gaining ownership of the Prophet's bequest. On the island, the Earth Elemental Guard, Water Elemental Guard, and Wind Elemental Guard's attitude toward you has changed from "hostile" to "neutral." You have obtained complete visibility of the Lighthouse Sea Domain and Underground Maze. Please proceed to the basement on Lighthouse Island's underground level to claim the Prophet's property.

"Victory!!!" Hangeval, Vali, and other dwarves erupted in jubilant cheers.

So this place was called the Lighthouse Islands! What a name the Prophet gave it! Staring at the long-awaited system message and then at the many Water Elements turning into yellow names in the opened sea view, Da Fei was stunned for a long while! Damn, wasn't I supposed to inherit his property? Why can't I also inherit these Elemental Soldiers? With their neutral stance, I can't even command them!

Well, if inheriting so many Elite Elemental Soldiers were possible, my army strength would be terrifyingly high. As uncharacteristic as the system might be, it wouldn't be so generous, even if a bug occurred. Not being hostile is the biggest reward. Doesn't matter, the real reward is just beginning.

Da Fei and his crew hurried into the underground. Now, the entire underground maze turned a deep blue, with visibility opened to Da Fei. At the large island's central underground stairs in the mini-map, an unexpectedly appeared basement was indeed present.

Treasure? Gold Coins? Divine Artifact? Various hidden Skill Books and Recipe Books?

Da Fei, burning with restless excitement, quickly approached. The basement only contained a simple stone bed, a few water-drinking pots, and a letter on the stone bed.

Da Fei was stunned again! Is this it? Where's the treasure? The Divine Artifact?

Alright, how could a released Demigod Prophet possess these mundane items? Da Fei pinned his last hope on the letter! Damn it, if it's not a treasure map or some godlike hidden skill, it's a disservice to me!

—"To the hero who arrived here, I am Prophet Velen. I foresaw the end of the world! When? Of course, it's when you read this letter! Can you grasp the meaning of my words? I am old, and the task of saving the world is now yours. This is the greatest wealth I leave to the world."

Huh? That's it? What kind of wealth is this! Are you kidding me! At that moment, Da Fei's mind flooded with countless exclamatory obscenities!

"Damn damn damn!" Da Fei frantically turned over this pot, looked at that cup, tapped the stone bed with his ear, and then randomly knocked on the walls and corners of the basement.

For a moment, Hangeval and others exchanged bewildered glances.

Ultimately, Da Fei surrendered. If a treasure existed, his Treasure Appraiser radar should have reacted, right? Damn it, it's just a madman playing with gamers, isn't it? Impossible! There's no way the system would be that crude. I don't believe it, the letter must have a magic code! On the surface, it appears to be a letter, but as soon as magic disperses, it should reveal a treasure map!

Da Fei handed the letter to Elena: "Sweetheart, see if anything's off with this letter. I refuse to believe a Prophet capable of such a massive project has nothing! It's got to be a magic letter, right?"

Elena took the letter, looked it over, and was equally puzzled!

Da Fei sighed inwardly! It was entirely hopeless, what the hell is going on! Well, at least it's providing everyone a secure haven, moving forward let's settle on the central island, Lighthouse Island.

Just then, Elena casually shook the letter and chuckled, "Master, the back of this letter has tiny ant-sized words. In this poor light, they're not easily noticed without a close look."

Da Fei was shocked, then overjoyed, as he took the letter back to examine it closely: Dig under the staircase outside!

Wow, there's more to this! Damn you, worthless Prophet!

Da Fei hurried out of the basement; beside the steps leading to the central island, he immediately started digging! With my God-level Reconnaissance Skill and God-level Luck Skill, knowing the location, digging up treasure isn't guaranteed luck?

Sure enough, a ding-dong sound soon followed!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You have uncovered a mysterious box!

Da Fei sighed with relief; oh, please, keep teasing me! If you dare, put another letter in this box saying 'just kidding!'

Da Fei opened the box, and as it opened, a golden glow emerged! A golden book, which was unmistakably a Sealing Order!

—System Prompt: You have obtained a Sealing Order for the Lighthouse Islands, and you have become the Lord of the Lighthouse Islands!

—System Prompt: You have also received a letter personally written by Prophet Velen.

Da Fei laughed aloud! Now, this feels like inheriting property! It wasn't easy, wasn't easy; teasing me was fun, wasn't it? Haha! Fine, let me see what nonsense you have to say this time!

—"Hero, upon reading this letter, I think I understand your feelings. I hope you also understand my utmost reluctance and conflicted feelings, after all, this is a Sealing Order, and even someone enlightened like me finds it hard to let go. If it were you as the lord, would you easily give away your territory? So, this is the final test, finding this proves you are an excellent candidate for saving the world..."

Hah! Da Fei spat a mouthful of saliva. What do you mean, "finding this"? It's child's play, okay! All your mechanisms are child's play to me! But you were right, if it were me, I wouldn't give away my territory either. Alright, I admit you're impressive!

Da Fei continued reading:

"Believe me, the end of the world is coming, though you may not believe it, it's okay. Quietly develop your power, and when that time comes, you will stand out, though you won't have a choice. Also, a word of advice: the Naga outside the islands are very strong, I was overwhelmed and couldn't develop, so I left impatiently. Anyway, it's up to you now, do well. —Prophet Velen."

Wow, I thought you were genuinely generous and detached!

Chapter 549: Return

In the old world, becoming a truly independent Lord seems only possible in the Eastern World. However, so-called independence is only relative to the Kingdom forces, as Da Fei still has to face threats from the Naga. Should he fail to cope, he might still keep his title as a Lord, but then he'd be no different from those local forces who submit tributes and get exploited without any power to develop.

Thus, Da Fei quickly snaps out of his euphoria of becoming a City Lord and starts to inspect the city's attributes.

- Lighthouse Islands City: Level 13 city. (Each building construction or upgrade increases the city level by 1. Higher city levels are beneficial for attracting population and talent growth.)
- City Lord: Da Fei.
- City Officials: None.
- Radiated Territory: Entire Lighthouse Sea Domain.

- City Population: 0.
- City Funds: 0 (Warning: The city has no funds to pay workers' wages; you must acquire city funds through trade or by initiating territorial wars.)
- City Supplies: 0 (Warning: The city has no food and cannot sustain any population; you must solve the food problem by constructing a supply warehouse.)
- City Military: 1000 Elite Earth Element Guardians, 1000 Elite Water Element Guardians, 10000 Water Elements, 600 Elite Wind Element Guardians. (Note: This army is a neutral army under the Elemental Contract, the City Lord cannot command it; Contract duration: 3 years. Once the contract expires, the Elemental army will automatically disband.)
- City Diplomacy: Sea Spear Naga Empire (Hostile), Wailing Sea Demon Tribe (Hostile), Angry Scale Fishman Tribe (Hostile), Raging Scale Fishman Tribe (Hostile), Blood Scale Fishman Tribe (Hostile).
- City Facilities: Level 1 City Hall, Level 1 Earth Element Altar, Level 1 Wind Element Altar, Level 10 Water Element Altar.
- City Health Rating: 64 points (Your city environment is beautiful, but the piles of leftover skeletons have impacted the city's health rating.)
- City Safety Rating: 70 points (Your troops are very strong, capable of dealing with threats outside your territory.)
- City Cultural Rating: 0 points.
- City Prosperity Rating: 0 points.

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Holy moly! Dirt poor! So this basement with only a stone bed is the City Hall? And this Elemental army is just a temporary mercenary force? And these hostile diplomatic relations have completely dazzled me!

The Elemental Contract lasts another 3 years, which is about over a hundred days or three months in real time. That's neither too much nor too little time, still enough to make some difference. Fortunately, he's not entirely empty-handed; there are three altars left, especially a Level 10 Water Element Altar, which is really high-end!

For every level up in the barracks, the output of troops increases by 1, and higher level barracks have a chance to recruit slightly stronger enhanced types of normal troops, which are most likely to be promoted to elites. But upgrading barracks consumes a tremendous amount of resources, especially after Level 4; the cost of upgrading could probably build two or three more barracks.

So, unless it's a particularly rare type of barracks or the player is an extremely wealthy tycoon, there's usually no need to upgrade ordinary barracks. And this Prophet must have been crazy to upgrade the Level 4 Water Element Altar to Level 10! No wonder there are so many Water Elements here. Did he have money to burn? If so, why not leave some city funds for me!

Alright! I was just worried about "Tycoon Lord" clapping alone without anyone to share the Magic damage; let's recruit a few Earth Elements and add some city funds. Yes, Lord Players can open their barracks to other players to recruit troops, generating city funds. This is also an important way to convert personal funds into city funds.

— System Prompt: You have spent 2150 Gold Coins to recruit 4 Earth Elements from the Earth Element Altar.

Man, that output! Well, might as well recruit all the rest too; this way, there's at least twenty thousand in city funds. Although everyone has been prisoners for many years and doesn't really need money, handing out a wage of 1 Gold Coin per person makes it feel a bit more acceptable, right?

Next up, appointing a Deputy City Lord. The great thing about being an independent City Lord is appointing whoever you want without having to listen to the Kingdom's nagging.

— System Prompt: You have appointed Hangeval as Deputy City Lord of Lighthouse Islands City. The Deputy City has all the rights of a City Lord except for the transfer of territory rights.

Da Fei then said to Hangeval, "Bro, now that things are finally sorted out here, I have to go back to the Kingdom for some urgent matters. I'll leave this place in your hands, and get everyone integrated into the city. I'll figure out a way to transport resources here after a while."

Hangeval also let out a long sigh of relief, "It hasn't been easy. We've finally escaped and earned a new life, but it also brings new challenges!" He then pulled out a note and laughed, "Bro, oh no, Lord City Lord, we can finally spend our money where it should be spent. This is for you, my lord!"

—System Prompt: You have successfully completed the mission "Smuggler Crime Group's Request for Help," and you will receive the reward "Lionheart Empire Bank Safe Deposit Box S-Class Renter's Deposit Receipt," and you gain 1 million Experience.

At the same time, a golden light flashed above Alina's head!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Alina has leveled up to level 20!...

Damn, a safe deposit receipt! Finally, a reward! Are you like that Prophet who won't let go until the very last moment?

Da Fei smiled and asked, "Bro, could you reveal what's exactly in that treasury box?"

Hangeval shook his head and laughed, "What else can people like us have? Just some bits and bobs and some Gold Coins. Although not many, if you add a zero when bragging about it, even the Prince would be tempted. Anyway, bro, you'll know when you go there. That money and stuff are all yours to use however you like!"

Da Fei laughed heartily, "Truly like a bro, so generous. Don't worry everyone, I'll definitely spend the money where it benefits everyone!"

Just then, Vali stepped forward and volunteered, "Lord, Lord City Lord, I also want to contribute to the city-building efforts!"

Da Fei nodded, "Excellent! That's what I was waiting to hear. You'll be the Security Captain of our city!"

Vali was overjoyed, "It's always best to stick to what I know! I will not let Lord City Lord down!"

Da Fei nodded, thinking of what else needed to be mentioned. The security can hold up for 3 years, but food might be a problem as the current convoy's food and water is not enough for these fifteen hundred people for long. After all, the appetite of NPCs can't be measured with the usual troop's consumption.

Da Fei then handed over the shipyard blueprint given by the owner of Elorin Shipyard to Hangeval, "Bro, we don't have any buildings in our territory right now, and I can only build a shipyard. Luckily, there are forests on the island, so let's build some simple small fishing boats and move around nearby to sort out the food issue."

Hangeval nodded, "Good stuff! Now that we have a shipyard, our food supplies can last even longer!"

There's nothing much left to say, unload the food and water from the transport vehicles, then I can use the Legion Transmission Scroll to return home with 500 units of Forest Spring and my troops. Since it's a Legion Transmission Scroll, the fully loaded troops and convoy are of course within the transmission range. It's undeniable, that's the powerful one-time magic of a Legion Transmission Scroll.

While Da Fei was busy unloading, several senior mages came over, "Lord, are you returning now?"

Da Fei grinned, "Yes, but don't worry, it won't be long before I return."

The old men then pulled out small notes and handed them to the old man dubbed "Bishop Guardian," who stepped forward and said, "Although it's a bit embarrassing to bother you, Lord, we still feel somewhat uneasy, and would like to request that you notify our families and friends that we're safe. Here are their addresses. Of course, it doesn't matter if they have passed away."

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped, Fuck! This isn't just some simple errand, right? Who knows how their families and friends, excited and delighted, might react, and what kind of tasty or fun things they might send my way?

Da Fei immediately grabbed the notes and patted his chest, "Don't worry everyone, I can understand your feelings. No matter how busy I am, I will find them!"

The old men were thrilled, "Thank you, Lord City Lord, we wish both you and our beautiful Miss Alina a safe journey!"

Alina laughed heartily, "When the lord is not around, you guys better work hard to defend the territory!"

The old men replied in unison, "We definitely will not disappoint Lord City Lord and Miss Alina!"

Now, everything is ready. Da Fei gathered all his troop convoys together, then pulled out the Legion Return Scroll, and with a flash of light, the fluctuating Demon Light enveloped the troops. At this moment, Da Fei's emotions were a mix of many feelings!

The scene changed, and he was back in town.

Chapter 550: The Prince's Reward

Scene switch, Da Fei's troops and caravan appeared in a fountain garden plaza filled with statues. The sky above the plaza was flashing with thunder.

Da Fei was taken aback, "Is this the Second Prince's villa? Indeed, it's quite grand!"

Just then, the guards at the plaza teleportation point immediately said to Da Fei, "Please, both heroes, enter the garden hall for a seat!"

Da Fei laughed heartily and said, "Well then, I won't be polite!"

Come on! It's time for the Second Prince to reward me. My demands aren't high, just a five-star grand hotel would suffice.

When Da Fei entered the luxuriously furnished garden hall, all the guards closed the doors and windows and instantly left, plunging the entire hall into darkness.

It really looked like a scene ready for discussing secret matters. Don't be like this, my heart is a little excited, wahahaha!

After a short while, a shadow appeared in the hall, and a familiar voice rang out: "You certainly didn't disappoint his Highness!"

The same shadowy figure from the tavern. Da Fei chuckled, "This time it got a bit loud, it was really unavoidable."

The shadowy figure sneered, "Not bad, when the big boss suddenly intensified security, we all thought you might fail, but we didn't expect you to achieve such an astounding, unexpected result. Overall, his Highness is very satisfied! However, his Highness can't leave the palace right now, so I'm still the one giving you the rewards."

—System Prompt: You completed Prince Alberon's mission "Rescue Prisoners in the Royal City Dungeon." You receive experience reward +5.44 million, you receive Gold Coins +544,000, you receive Skill Book +10, Alberon's liking for you rises to "Trust"!

Then Da Fei and Alina's heads were shining with continuous golden light!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You've leveled up to level 42...

—System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Alina has leveled up to 21...

—System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Alina has leveled up to 22...

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Only at this point did Da Fei suddenly realize that his mission was "Rescue Prisoners" and not just to rescue the Dark Elf! No wonder the mission experience was so high! Was this extra reward? 10 Skill Books, damn! This is like the reward for completing the Abyss Blood Pool Epic Mission back then, wahahaha, I like it!

Now my adventurous battle skills are all at the master level, directly pushing to God-level Navigator! And there's still extra Skill Points to push for Lord-level skills, it's simply irrational for me as a Lord of two territories not to have a Lord-level skill, wahahaha!

Da Fei excitedly saluted, "Thank you, Your Highness, for your generous reward!"

The shadowy figure smiled faintly, "This little reward counts as generous? You're underestimating his Highness. The other day, you mentioned you plan to open a tavern in the city, and His Highness says it's worth considering. After all, when you have business with His Highness in the future, it's impossible to casually come here, and even more so to the palace, so having a contact point is necessary. His Highness gives you a bidding slot for a tavern! Three days later, His Highness will auction a tavern under his name. As long as your bid successfully reaches the top 10, His Highness can sell it to you under the reason of attracting foreign investment. This is specially auctioned for you by His Highness."

What the heck! Sell to me? Not give? What the heck! What kind of generosity is this!

Da Fei cleared his throat and said, "This, this, with His Highness's wealth, a mere tavern is just a small matter, isn't it? Does it have to be so troublesome?"

The shadowy figure shook his head, "Even if he's a prince, he still has to follow the rules. However, considering you might not have enough money to bid, the prince will lend you 30 million Gold Coins. You can slowly repay this 30 million through the tavern operations afterward!"

—System Prompt: You received a Moradin Auction Entry Ticket, and you received a loan of 30 million Gold Coins from Prince Alberon.

Damn! Lending me money to buy it? This is blatant inside operation! Damn, it's a scam! It's too much of a scam! Wahahaha, I love it!

Da Fei laughed, "Thank you for your generous gift, Prince!" The only slight imperfection is that this tavern still needs players to pay for it, but with the nature of the system, there's never such a good thing as a free gift, most players wouldn't even have a place to buy it.

The shadowy figure glanced at Alina again and smiled faintly, "There's still some time left, do you have any other requests?"

Of course, I have requests, as expected with higher status, no need to ask, others will voluntarily help me out!

Da Fei understood and said, "My Vice Hero here is a Dark Elf, it's not convenient for her to show up in the Alliance, I'd hope sir could help."

The shadowy figure nodded, "Dark Elves and Forest Elves actually don't have much difference in appearance, mainly just hair color and eye color, so disguising her is very simple!"

After saying that, the shadowy figure emitted a dense black mist, enveloping Alina in an instant.

Suddenly, Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, "Sir, can you change the appearance according to my request?"

"You speak!"

Haha, it can be customized privately? Da Fei laughed, "The eyes need to be golden, and the hair needs to be golden as well!"

The shadowy figure said in a deep voice, "Are you an angel fan? The Elf Clan doesn't have that kind of appearance!"

—Ah, spit! Da Fei sprayed a mouthful of saliva! Oh right! You did remind me, I really am just short of an Angel Race hero! But that kind of hero is really beyond a player's imagination now.

Da Fei was stunned, "Can't it be?"

The shadowy figure mumbled, "Of course, it can, as long as others can't recognize she is a Dark Elf."

Da Fei nodded repeatedly in excitement, "Yes, yes, as long as she isn't recognized."

The black mist gradually dispersed, and Alina, like a bride unveiling the cover, instantly made Da Fei's eyes widen! That's right, this is the effect I wanted, Catherine's fiery body, Anlicia's tall appearance, Selvia's golden hair, along with Deirdre's seductive allure, this is like the combination of my four wives! Haha, wahahaha, this is my angel!

The shadowy figure said faintly, "Disguising her is much simpler, so her disguise can last for a month. As for after a month, you'll have to figure out how to settle her. Alright, I should be leaving now, remember the auction in three days. As for your troops, they've been transferred to the barracks, you can pick them up when leaving. Until we meet again in three days."

After speaking, he disappeared again into the shadows.

Da Fei was immediately stunned! Hey, hey, hey, you really put my troops in the barracks? I was still thinking of borrowing your military teleportation array to go back to the Elf Kingdom! Now what? Transporting troops back from the Dwarf Kingdom is a long journey that will take no less than a month!

Da Fei couldn't help but shake his head with a wry smile. It's expected, after all, I haven't triggered a dwarf battle mission, where can one use the military teleportation array just because they want to? Oh well, let's see in three days if there's any way. After all, my Radiant City has so many Star experts guarding, it won't miss these troops. Moreover, after buying the tavern in three days, I'll see how to handle the Forest Spring.

As for now, it's time to return to the city and check on things, I'm going back to properly console the Star experts.

And I can finally report to the Goddess that I raised the funds! Wahahaha! I also have to go to the Lionheart Empire Bank to get things, I'm still busy after coming back, busy counting money, wahahaha!

The doors and windows of the hall were opened again, and the guards reappeared: "Guest, please!"

It's a farewell, ah, dealing with important figures is indeed such a pain. Unlike us ordinary folks with fake solicitations, "Stay a little longer!"

Right, speaking of influential individuals, Da Fei remembered the Demon Eye Governor map he gave to Makar before departing, wonder if it's been deciphered yet? I should stop by to check.

Led by the guards, Da Fei returned to the garden plaza teleportation point, in a flash of white light, Da Fei returned to the Moradin City Teleportation Array Square.

Da Fei's appearance undoubtedly drew the attention of the surrounding players, specifically, it was Alina who caught their attention!

"Wow! Beautiful Hero!"

"It's Da Fei! Da Fei has appeared again! Another Beautiful Hero of Da Fei's! How many Beautiful Heroes does Da Fei have?"

"This Female Hero is insanely beautiful, isn't she?"

"Are you kidding! I've yet to see a Female Hero in the tavern!"

Da Fei laughed heartily! People, when they finally succeed, love to flaunt in front of acquaintances, flaunt cars, money, beauties, my only acquaintance in this city is Skyshattering Thunder, wonder how he's doing now? Anyway, I'm doing great!

Feeling spirited, Da Fei directly shouted in the city channel: "Buying a large amount of Tier 4 troops Earth Element, I have enabled automatic purchase function at the military NPC agency!"

Instantly the whole city roared: "Da Fei has appeared again!"