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Chapter 551: Responding to the Crisis of the World Tree Space

Amid the peculiar stares from players along the way, Da Fei swaggered to the barracks. The barracks of any city are always the busiest trading hubs for players, and Moradin, as the Dwarf Capital, was of course no exception. Da Fei first checked on his own troops and convoy—yep, they were all hanging out in the barracks. Oh well, they can stay there for a few days, then.

Then, without much else to do, he simply threw a few hundred thousand Gold Coins to the NPC purchasing agent, putting out an ad to buy Earth Elements for 1,000 Gold Coins each. This buying price was not too low nor too high for the 4th level troops that usually priced between 300 to 500 at the barracks. In short, he'd buy as many as he could get. It didn't matter if they couldn't be acquired, Da Fei didn't believe that players at the current phase could get many of such high-end troops, and even if they did, they might not be willing to sell. Well, that's all for this place, it was just to show off a bit, time to split.

With a flash of light, Da Fei teleported back to the World Tree Square in the Elf Kingdom. It's been quite a few days since he last visited the Radiant City.

Bro's back, wahahaha!

At this moment, the construction site in Radiant City was still bustling, and members of the Star Guild in groups and pairs were patrolling on the city walls and streets. Da Fei, flooded with emotions, couldn't help but shout in the city channel: "I'm back! Comrades, thanks for your hard work!"

All the Star Team members gazed uniformly towards Da Fei at the teleportation array and then turned their heads back to continue their own business.

Damn it! Da Fei was accustomed to being the center of attention among ordinary players with envy and jealousy. He suddenly found himself being cold-shouldered by high-end players, which was a bit hard to get used to, huh? Alright, this was the professionalism of a professional guild. Sure, I'm relieved to leave the city in your hands.

Right, where's the Goddess? Where's the legendary Star President? Bro wanted to take this opportunity to make friends and express his thanks. Otherwise, it would be awkward to borrow money later. Well, such important people must be busy leveling up, they can't always be hanging around here.

Just then, Anlicia, decked in splendid military attire, triumphantly stepped forward: "Lord City Lord, did you get any results for the assistance you were seeking?"

Humph! Little one! Da Fei proudly raised his thumb pointing behind him to Elena, who was also triumphantly boasting: "This is her. Let me introduce you. This is Miss Elena. Her spells are very powerful!" Then he turned his head to Elena with a laugh: "This is Miss Deputy City Lord, Anlicia. From now on, we're all one family, yeah!"

Humph, one family! Another member added to bro's harem!

Elena chuckled and stepped forward to salute: "Greetings, Miss Deputy City Lord. Please take care of me from now on!"

Anlicia looked up and down at Elena incredulously, then exclaimed in astonishment: "Lord City Lord, what... what's her background?"

Da Fei was secretly amused. Is it because you're both Elves, feel pressured that her chest isn't as big as hers, and her hair isn't as noble as hers? If I don't bring someone over to suppress you, you would soar too high, right?

Da Fei laughed and said: "It's not convenient to talk here. Where is everyone? Let's introduce each other first."

Anlicia replied indifferently, "On the ship!"

Da Fei declared with enthusiasm: "Let's go, we'll have a meeting on the ship. Plus, Miss Elena can see my great ship as well."

Elena also giggled flirtatiously: "My Lord is really rich!"

Humph, bro's got a city, a ship, troops, and Divine Artifacts, a super-rich and handsome tycoon indeed! Da Fei said proudly: "Of course!"

Anlicia just huffed in response.

Wahaha, that's the effect I want! Know the crisis now? Then hurry up and compete for favor!

Greeting the Star Team members as he passed by, Da Fei arrived at the Flying. At this moment, the entire Flying was aglitter, with thousands of Flower Demons flying up and down around the ship. Selvia was commanding the Flower Demons to charge the Charging Crystals in batches. It was a busy scene.

Da Fei chuckled: "Everyone's been working hard. Let me introduce a new friend to you all! By the way, where's Catherine? I've got an important matter to discuss with her!"

And so, Da Fei's bevy of beautiful Deputy Officers appeared and went through rounds of introductions and formalities.

Then Catherine asked, "What's the important matter for which you're looking for me?"

Humph, bro's got a new wife and won't forget the old one. Sweetheart, please be happy! Da Fei hurriedly pulled out a map and said solemnly: "I have good news for everyone. During my days out, I had an incredibly magical adventure. I reached the Eastern World through a Space Gate, and there I successfully inherited a mysterious Prophet's territory! We have a foothold in the Eastern World now!"

Catherine's eyebrows twitched, and she hastily grabbed the map to look, then shook her head with a sigh: "Captain, this territory of yours is basically deep into the Naga Sea Clan's hinterlands. It's going to be quite difficult for our fleet to safely reach there, don't you think?"

Da Fei nodded and said gravely: "That's a problem, but having a foothold is better than nothing. In any case, we can think of a solution slowly."

Catherine nodded and took the map to continue looking at it silently.

Wahahaha! Touched, aren't you? Fill up the loyalty bar quickly, and when the time comes, I'll bring the father-in-law over, and we'll carve out a piece of heaven in Lighthouse City!

Anlicia sighed with a shake of the head: "Lord City Lord, the matters of the Eastern World can be contemplated gradually, but we don't have the luxury of time here. We've received scouting reports about spatial disturbances. There's a possibility that a Demon Force may invade the World Tree Space, and all the troops stationed across the World Tree's spaces are on full alert. As for some unknown spaces that even the Kingdom is unaware of, Lord City Lord, we have to leave them to you to handle."

Da Fei was suddenly alarmed: "What's expected has finally come!"

Anlicia sighed: "So, let's leave the main battlefield to the Kingdom's warriors and troops here. The flanks will depend on you, Lord City Lord. Moreover, for this operation, we have also filled up the Charging Crystals in the past few days."

Da Fei's heart tightened—this was troubling! In order to rescue the dwarfs from prison, he had used up the life-saving branch given by the Habbit Village Chief. Otherwise, he could have teleported over with a large group of troops right away! What now? If something happened to Habbit Village, there'd be an Eight-Headed Snake in between! Does bro really have to wage war against the Eight-Headed Snake now?

Da Fei hastily asked, "Is this intelligence reliable?"

Anlicia shook her head and sighed, "I don't know, but so far the military forces stationed in each of the World Tree Spaces have not detected any enemy movements."

Damn it! If the known spaces with forces stationed have detected nothing, then it must be my unknown space!

For a moment, Da Fei was burning with anxiety. What should I do? Should I go over alone now? Damn it! What's the point, if something happens, going alone won't solve the problem, and the NPCs might even scorn me in their disappointment before they die!

I should just transport the entire Flying over! If the Vine Demon Space is in trouble, I could still provide artillery support from all sides in a pinch. Anyway, I can only hope that it's the Vine Demon Space in trouble! Damn it! I hope it's not the Vine Demon Space, those are my favorite beautiful troops, aren't they?

No, no, no! Stay calm, I still have preparations to make. I'll first go to the Lionheart Empire Bank to see if Hangeval has any good stuff, maybe even a Divine Artifact? And I'll stop by Makar's place to see if he has any tricks up his sleeve.

That's right, I need to stay steady at critical moments! Habbit Village has natural defenses with its swamp, and the Vine Demon has a fortress and can fly. It's not so easy to take down, is it?

Da Fei immediately instructed Anlicia, "Gather all the troops we can mobilize, prepare for the Flying's teleportation, and we'll leave as soon as I return."

Anlicia exclaimed, "Me too? But I am the Deputy— alright, I'll make some arrangements at work."

Da Fei nodded and hurried off the ship, heading straight to the Teleportation Array.

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Meanwhile, at the Star Command Center.

A team member reported below, "Da Fei has left again."

"Da Fei appeared in the capital of the Lionheart Empire, Lionheart City."

Eternal Star said impatiently, "Alright, no need to report his movements anymore."

Old Jiang sighed, "President, why are we avoiding him? Don't you really want to go to the city to defend it?"

Eternal Star shook his head irritably, "No, I don't want to see him. You go."

Old Jiang cleared his throat and said, "Let Little Deng go instead, to avoid him asking me for money the moment he opens his mouth."

Bu Feiyan chuckled and said, "Oh? You guys really... aren't you afraid that he'll ask me for money?"

Old Jiang laughed, "Little Deng, you're a Goddess, if you don't turn around and ask him for money, that's kind enough! No, we must ask him for benefits! So, we hand over an honorable mission to our Goddess; get benefits from him!"

Bu Feiyan scoffed, "You people... smiling to the face and scheming behind the back... forget it, this Goddess is not in the mood, it's tiring!"

Eternal Star quickly said, "Little Deng, speak with conscience, okay? I indeed schemed behind his back, but I never smiled to his face, didn't you see I don't even want to meet him?"

Everyone burst into laughter, "That's true!"

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With a flash of white light, Da Fei was teleported to the square of Lionheart City, the capital of the Lionheart Empire.

The Lionheart Square, pure and grand as white jade, featured a colossal statue of a Six-winged Angel, the iconic structure of Lionheart City. Also known as the city guarded by angels, it housed the headquarters of the Holy Court. Level 5 Human Monks and Level 7 Angels can only be recruited by completing church missions. The Holy Court itself also had some special and very powerful troops, such as Fanatics, Ascetics, and Holy Knights, which required Human players to put in a lot of effort to acquire.

Thus, for a Human player who wants to advance to high-end gameplay, there's an extremely long list of things to do.

But at this moment, Da Fei had a mixture of feelings. Being a Human hero, years had passed, and he had visited and settled in capitals of the Elf and Dwarf Kingdoms, but this was his first visit to the Human capital. He genuinely felt as if he had forgotten his roots.

After a moment of reflection, Da Fei went straight to the Imperial Bank. The layout of the Human capital's city could be said to be the most perfect, with the military district and the commercial district just a street apart. To the left of the bank was the barracks, to the right was the exchange, and the prosperity was unparalleled by any other city. Along the way to the bank, there were street stalls and hawkers everywhere, with incessant hawking on the current channel and city channel making it hard to catch a breath.

Da Fei was also beginning to understand why his classmate Shenlan who lent him the money was so wealthy. Should I also start a business here?

Da Fei entered the bank and handed his banknote to the teller.

The teller confirmed, "Grand Mage Isaac's S-class banknote, it has been renting a safe deposit box for thirty-five years, please pay the rental fee of 24.56 million Gold Coins for thirty-five years!"

— Ahem! Da Fei spat out a mouthful of old blood. Who the hell is Isaac? And what the hell is going on with this rent?

Chapter 552: The Great Use of Deciphering the Atlas

Well, being a smuggling gang, using your real name for a deposit was definitely asking for trouble, so Hangeval had to borrow a Mage's name from somewhere, which made sense.

The main issue was this rental fee! Holy crap, it meant that if players didn't have those 20 million or so, they couldn't even get this ridiculously frustrating reward? Damn, fortunately, the Prince lent me 30 million Gold Coins, otherwise where would I find this rental fee? Should I ask Shenlan for another favor?

Hangeval, damn it, this time you better not be bluffing. If the stuff in this vault isn't worth even the rental fee, do you believe I would let you starve to death? Anyway, trust the system's nature; as much as the system screws players over, it won't let them lose everything.

Da Fei let out a long sigh and paid the rental fee.

The clerk bowed, "Thank you for using the Lionheart Empire Bank's services, we look forward to your next visit!"

— System Prompt: You received the Grand Mage Isaac's S-class deposit box item "100 million Gold Coins" and "Mysterious Gem Box"!

Da Fei was shocked!

million Gold Coins!? No kidding! It's really 100 million Gold Coins! Hahahaha! Hangeval, you really came through. Who wouldn't be tempted by a number like that? Damn system, was it necessary to extort me for over 20 million just to release this reward!

However, this really feels like bidding on a project. Everyone knows that winning the project would bring in billions, but if you can't come up with that tens of millions for a bid guarantee, you're out! Hahaha, what a thrill!

Hold on! What's so thrilling about this? Can money crush the Eight-Headed Snake? What about the Divine Artifact? I want the Divine Artifact! Da Fei's gaze landed on the Mysterious Gem Box:

— Mysterious Gem Box: Unknown item.

Damn! An unknown item, they actually dare to write that! Is this what Hangeval called "small things"? What the heck is this anyway? I bet Hangeval himself doesn't even know what it is, right? Oh, and why doesn't this box have a keyhole? Without a keyhole, even my God-level Lock Opening Skill is useless, right?

Forget it; this thing seems unreliable. Not much time left, better go find Makar.

Da Fei hurriedly left the bank, and just then, a player in shiny golden armor swaggered in with a group of followers. Damn! What are the chances? That person was none other than!

In my life, I hate two kinds of people most: those who borrow money and don't return it, and those who don't want to return it even when they have money! Even though I currently have over 70 million, there are so many places where I need to spend money. I genuinely don't want to pay it back now!

Shenlan waved and laughed, "Brother Fei? What a coincidence, meeting you here!"

Darn it! I believe it's a coincidence too, but the point is, every time you walked into a tavern last time with a crowd of followers, I let it go. But now you've brought a whole crowd into a bank too, are you afraid someone will PK and take your money? Oh right, you really reminded me, with such a large amount of money on me, if I die, I'd suffer a huge loss. I better turn back and store it.

Da Fei chuckled, "Oh, Brother Shenlan, what a coincidence indeed!"

Shenlan laughed, "I heard Brother Fei is advertising for Earth Elements in the Dwarf Capital. Our guild happens to have a few; do you want them? If so, just name a place, and we'll transport them to the Military Station for you!"

Darn it! This enthusiasm is overwhelming! The problem is I don't even know where I should transport the soldiers. This is the Human Empire, after all, and no matter whether I send them to the Dwarf Capital or the Elf Capital, it will take at least one or two months, and by then the opportunity's cold!

But as Hemorrhoid Ointment says, business must be done and friends must be made. If I hadn't met Star this time, would I have been able to shrug it off so happily?

Da Fei shook his head and smiled, "Brother Shenlan, how can I accept such generosity? Alright, then send them to the Dwarf Capital!"

Shenlan smiled, "Sure, the transport time might be a bit long. I hope it won't delay Da Fei's matters."

Da Fei laughed, "No, no, Brother, you're too kind."

"Alright, I know you're busy, Brother Fei, so I won't hold you up. Take care!"

"You take care too, Brother Shenlan!"

Leaving the bank, Da Fei sighed internally. Pro players from different worlds; just look at the Ninth Heaven. They lend money and send soldiers, using every possible means. That's what you call enthusiasm! Then look at you guys, Star. Sigh, fine, I owe you, right?

Through the teleportation, Da Fei returned once more to Saint Paul Port, heading straight again to Duke Makar's Mansion, waiting once more for Makar to appear in the library lounge.

Makar finally showed up with a hearty laugh, "I heard you scored a great victory at the Pool of Radiance two days ago. The entire Alliance knows about it, and the Alliance's opinion of you has greatly improved!"

Da Fei chuckled and bowed, "What others think doesn't matter to me. What I care about is that my teacher's opinion of my adventures improves as well."

Makar smiled with satisfaction, "Winning my praise isn't easy. Even though your adventurous talent has been recognized by me, the true test lies ahead in military combat!"

Saying that, he pulled out the map book Da Fei had given him before and said seriously, "I've successfully deciphered this map book. It records the distribution of various facilities of the Hell Race around the Pool of Radiance, including vital transfer stations. These facilities aren't on the frontline, so their defenses are relatively weak. This is where you'll launch a surprise attack to reverse the battlefield situation—hand over to me the Space Waypoint Mapper I gave you last time, and I'll input all the map book's information into it. This way, you can use the waypoint coordinate function to directly teleport your troops to any place on the map book. Moreover, many Demon facilities are by the lake, which is precisely where the Saint Anthony you equipped with the Teleportation Array can be put to good use!"

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped with surprise! Damn, so there was such an advantage! I was just thinking that having only two maps for the Space Marker was too few and not enough. This Military Governor really provided a big opportunity for me, hahahaha!

Greatly delighted, Da Fei immediately handed over the Mapper, "Then I'll trouble the teacher!"

Makar nodded and took the Mapper, starting to cast a spell. A series of Magic Arrays surrounded him, and the entire magic hall became brilliant and dazzling due to his spellcasting.

After a while, the casting ended, and a tired-looking Makar handed the Mapper back to Da Fei, "I've got nothing more to say—I wish you victory! Well, time is tight, and the battlefield situation changes rapidly, so go back and prepare for battle immediately."

After that, his entire body flashed with Demon Light, and his figure gradually blurred, ready to disappear completely.

Hey, hey! Don't be in such a hurry to leave, I have something to say, but Da Fei hurriedly said, "Teacher, I still have a question—"

Damn, he's gone!

The Vampire Butler stepped forward with a smile, "Sir, the lord is very tired. Please come another time if you have questions."

Da Fei could only sigh inwardly. Well, nothing to be done. System NPCs are like this; if you don't trigger the related task, begging won't help. I guess I must think of a way myself.

Oh right, let's take this gem box back to let Catherine and the others take a look. Anything that's kept in an S-class safe certainly isn't just coins, but this item must be the key.

Chapter 553: Theologian Isaac

Da Fei returned to Radiant City. At this moment, the dock was teeming with people, crowded with all kinds of Druids and Jungle Hunters. It must be the troops Selvia had assembled.

Da Fei couldn't help but sigh internally. Having become accustomed to leading Elite Armies, these ordinary soldiers no longer caught Da Fei's eye. However, common troops were fine too; it wouldn't be stressful if they died.

Anlicia stepped forward and said, "Lord City Lord, the troops have been assembled and ready to board the ship."

Da Fei nodded, "Then let's board."

Then he opened the attributes of the Flying to check, and after just a few days, its Durability had skyrocketed to 30,000!

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat! Damn, truly worthy of the results of fusing with the Holy Vine and greedily absorbing nutrients. A Durability of 30,000 already reached the standard of a medium-sized ship, definitely ready to be taken out to battle! If we wait a few more real-life days, wouldn't it have no problem recovering to the normal large ship's 100,000 Durability? Could I have a bit more time to let the Flying recover to optimal condition before battle? At the very least, let it fully fuse!

This damn dilemma! Da Fei then took out the Space Marker to check the status of the Blood Sea at the target location. Huh? The coordinates are wrong!

The map showed more hills than lakes; the Blood Sea tide had receded!

Damn! If the tide receded, then it would be impossible to find the exit of the Vine Demon Space! Does this mean I have to wait for the tide to rise on the other side? Could this be considered an inauspicious start? Either way, I've barely found a reason to let the Flying rest a bit longer.

Da Fei remembered the gemstone box in the bank and decided to have everyone recognize it. It was an S-class secured item; even if it wasn't a Divine Artifact, it must contain a lot of valuable things.

Thus, Da Fei called everyone together for a meeting again.

Catherine, of course, was the most enthusiastic about jewels, and she was the first to grab the box and look at it, exclaiming in surprise, "This craftsmanship is not ordinary! But the gemstones set in it don't seem to be very famous? And the arrangement pattern of these gemstones is a bit... well, it doesn't seem like the work of an authentic jeweler. The most important is—"

As she spoke, Catherine patted the box, "It's empty inside, nothing's stored!"

Da Fei was startled: "Really? Empty? An empty box kept in the bank for over thirty years?"

Selvia also curiously took the box for a look, and suddenly she was taken aback, "No, it's not empty! I feel the fluctuation of a soul inside!"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched: "Could it be that something has been sealed inside?"

Selvia frowned deeply, "It doesn't seem so, I don't sense any sealing Magic Power from the box."

It was then that Elena chuckled, "Master, ladies, have you heard of Necromancers?"

Necromancer?! Da Fei was instantly shocked: "Could this be a Necromancer's Life Protection Box?"

Elena nodded, "It's very likely because all these gemstones are Obsidian Gems specially used for imprisoning souls, and their arrangement is a very typical Soul Summoning Array. However, judging from the soul energy in this box, this Necromancer is not very strong, so the master can rest assured."

Da Fei suddenly realized. Damn, a Necromancer's Life Protection Box, something that a Necromancer would hide so meticulously, and yet Hangeval found it?

Necromancer is a very famous and powerful existence in the world of Western fantasy. Necromancers were once very powerful human Mages, obsessed with exploring the ultimate mysteries of Magic, but on their journey, they sadly discovered their lifespan was insufficient, which was the tragedy of being short-lived humans.

So they came up with a method, separating a part of their soul and storing it in a specially made, very sturdy box—this box is the Life Protection Box. As long as the Life Protection Box is not destroyed, their souls will exist eternally, hence indirectly gaining everlasting life. This is the original Necromancer, whose existence was purely aimed at continuing to explore Magic.

But the eternal life of the Necromancer attracted a lot of human Mages with ulterior motives, who went to all lengths to acquire the transformation method of the Necromancer. Consequently, the Necromancer became widespread, and of course, their power began to vary greatly. The existence of the Necromancer challenged the death order established by the Nether God and also desecrated the dignity of Mages. Of course, the most important thing is once one becomes a Necromancer, all ordinary human emotions will vanish; there is no essential difference between them and Undead Creatures. Necromancers would continuously devour the souls of the living to grow stronger, so they had become wicked and terrifying entities.

Of course, Necromancers didn't just attract humans, even the Dragon Clan was drawn to this power; the Necromancer Dragon Lord in the Nether Sea from the previous texts is exactly such an existence. Of course, a Life Protection Box of a Necromancer of that level is definitely hidden in some dimension's space, with formidable guards watching over it.

However, due to the indestructible nature of the Necromancers, even the gods had no way to deal with them, so the Nether God eventually had to acknowledge their status. Therefore, the level 5 soldiers of the Undead Race are Necromancers.

And there is a famous saying in the western fantasy setting: Whoever finds a Necromancer's Life Protection Box controls a Necromancer. So Da Fei was instantly thrilled!

Da Fei quickly asked: "How can we release him then?"

"You don't have to, I've heard everything!" Just at that moment, the box suddenly spoke.

"Wow!!!!" Everyone was alarmed.

Gosh! Although prepared, Da Fei was still shocked and hastily gripped the box while chuckling: "As expected of a Necromancer. You won't bite me, right?"

The box spoke in a muffled voice: "I am Grand Mage Isaac, Theologian Isaac! I'm not a bad guy, I'm just a pure scholar. The reason I became like this is to extend my life to keep up with my research in theology; please do not lump me together with the common Necromancers."

Damn! A Theologian! Even though I don't know what that is, it sounds really awesome! Seems like I'm going to gain another high-end talent!

Da Fei excitedly said: "Are you a friend of Hangeval?"

The box replied in a muffled voice: "Hangeval? Dwarf?"

Da Fei laughed: "That's right, that's right!"

The box said indignantly: "No! They are a gang of dwarf robbers! They suddenly burst into my lab, chopped me down, then stole all my research achievements, and imprisoned me for who knows how many years!"

Da Fei was stunned for a moment. He then remembered that Hangeval did indeed mention the source of Douglas! Da Fei hurriedly said: "Your lab is underground at that Ancient God Battlefield in the New World?"

The box replied gravely: "Correct."

Da Fei was pleasantly surprised, then took out a fragment of a Divine Artifact gemstone: "Is this the Douglas fragment you've been researching?"

The box exclaimed: "My God! Exactly! Well, I have nothing to say now that I've fallen into your hands."

Da Fei burst into laughter: "Not only do you have something to say, but you also have a job to do. Now, I am your boss—well, just call me boss. From now on, you will work for me and continue researching this fragment, how about that?"

The box immediately said: "No problem, boss!"

Everyone laughed heartily!

Chapter 554: Killing Two Birds with One Stone Research

Got another high-end talent in the bag! Not for his combat skills, but for scientific research, Theology! Wow, that's spooky, and this is exactly the type Da Fei values most now.

Is this Hangeval guy decent or not? Chopped up the guy, stole his stuff, and in the end, used his identity to open a bank account, plus held him captive for decades, that's constantly lowering the bar for humanity! But, I like it! Wahahaha!

Da Fei laughs and says, "I happen to have an Alchemy Laboratory too, so I'll leave the research to you. Got any other requests?"

The box hastily replies, "Thanks, boss. I need a body too. Nothing too demanding, just get me a Skeleton Soldier for starters so I can take over it."

Skeleton Soldier? Is that even a problem? Da Fei laughs and says, "No problem, I'll prepare a few Skeleton Soldiers, use one up and switch for another."

"Thank you, boss. What research topic do you want me to tackle? Although I'm known as a Theologian, my progress after so many years isn't great, but I know some of the stuff those common Mages know."

Know some? That sounds really modest, doesn't it? Must be at least Master Level Alchemy! He's got into Theology and looks down on the mundane matters.

Research topic, right? Theology's too airy-fairy, let's not rush it. Didn't I accept the Lamp God's offer to build an Alchemy Laboratory in the sewer to research Slime Monsters, to address the pressing issues with sewer creatures for practical combat needs? Great, then focus on the Slime Monster. Ah, Makar kept a card up his sleeve, I'll just develop it on my own!

Right, Slime Monsters and Suture Monsters are staple products of Undead Alchemists. Since he could assemble a Douglas Suture Monster with a Divine Level Fragment, maybe he could make a Super Slime Monster with a fragment?

Holy moly! Da Fei is instantly shocked by his fantastic idea! If I really make a Super Slime Monster with this fragment, the situation in the Pool of Radiance is going to turn around in no time! Feasible, this plan

is absolutely doable, it must work! How can I focus on the battle in the Eastern World if I don't finish this fight here?

Da Fei immediately pulls out the recipe for the Dual Core Slime Monster and says with seriousness, "This is a Slime Monster I've developed before, but I still feel it can go further. I've seen your Douglas Suture Monster too, and I greatly admire it. So, your task is to develop this Slime Monster into something outstanding like Douglas!"

The box responds in shock, "Boss! That's amazing, this Slime Monster is a genius creation. I've never thought a Slime Monster could have two Life Cores. This way, the performance upgrade is more than double!"

Wahahaha! You've got taste alright! But, just flattering won't do, results matter!

Da Fei laughs, "Then do you have the confidence to research it?"

The box immediately says, "Boss, I've already got a plan! The principle of this Slime Monster is actually not complex, it's just that ordinary people don't usually think of this. It has two Life Cores, one light and one dark, with perfectly equal energy, reaching a delicate balance. Adding any common attribute core would disrupt its balance, leading to a failed development. So, if you want to assemble a Divine Artifact Fragment, you must drain its energy."

Da Fei wonders, "Drain it?"

"Yes, drain it! Divine Artifact Fragments are crystalline forms of Divine Power that Ancient Gods have accumulated over eons. It contains seven core elements: light, dark, wind, fire, water, earth, and spirit. This Fragment contains spiritual element, which is the residual consciousness of Ancient Gods after death. This consciousness can't be drained and won't upset the balance of the two Life Cores, because it is above ordinary elements. It can bind the naturally combined light and dark cores together even more tightly, and the performance upgrade will then be beyond imagination!"

Feasible! I knew it'd work! Wahahaha! Da Fei is thrilled, "Then how can we drain this fragment's energy?"

The box says in a muffled voice, "This... might require specialized equipment. Such equipment definitely isn't available on the market, I need time to adapt one. Please give me time to make a list..."

Da Fei is dumbfounded! Holy cow, we were having a good talk, and you suddenly drop this on me, are you trying to annoy me on purpose? Where can I find such equipment? Continue to buy it from the Lamp God? But they're not selling stuff to me now, should I ask Makar? Will he flip out or get suspicious over such a trivial matter?

Right then, Elena chuckles, "Master, draining this Divine Level Fragment is simple, your ship can do it!"

Da Fei suddenly perks up, "My ship can?"

Elena says with a smile, "Yes, when master wasn't here, Miss Deirdre showed me around your ship, and I realized that master is indeed extraordinary. You could transplant such incredible plants onto the ship. And now, this plant has definitely hit a bottleneck in its growth. Absorbing regular energy might not lead to a qualitative leap, so it desperately needs some special nutrient catalyst, and the divine energy of the Divine Artifact Fragment is unquestionably what's needed right now. And undoubtedly, the best fitting fragment is one with the Dark Attribute."

Da Fei's brows twitch! That makes sense, the Holy Vine does need Divine Power fertilizer, don't I collect so many stones from the Holy Vine Space? Wait! That's not right either, this Divine Artifact Fragment absorbs so much energy, who's consuming whom?

Da Fei asks in shock, "But the thing is this Divine Artifact Fragment also absorbs energy, won't it pose a threat to the Holy Vine?"

Elena shakes her head, "The strong thrive, the weak perish. This Divine Artifact Fragment will not be the match for this plant."

The box spoke solemnly: "Indeed, although the attributes of the Divine Artifact fragments seem powerful, they will be absorbed by any divine presence that is stronger than them. This is why Divine Artifact fragments are coveted by some powerful divine entities, making the world of gods even crueler than we imagined!"

Da Fei suddenly realized: "So that's how it is, but how do we actually do it? Just place it on the deck?"

Elena hesitated for a moment before answering: "Perhaps we have no choice but to place it on the deck. After all, the entire ship has been infiltrated and fused with the roots of plants. However, if we place it where the Holy Vine Heart was planted, it will most likely be the first thing the Holy Vine senses and absorbs."

Hahaha, exactly what I was thinking! I'm so lucky to have so many knowledgeable hero subordinates. It's like having an in-game advanced encyclopedia! Da Fei said joyfully, "Let's go to the cargo hold!"

The group arrived at the cargo hold, and Da Fei clearly remembered that Vine Demon Gardener Tamilia had placed the Holy Vine right in the center of the cabin. So Da Fei treasured the Dark Attribute Divine Artifact fragment and carefully placed it in the original spot.

Then everyone quietly observed, but after a long while, there was no movement at all.

Holy moly! What's going on? If the NPC says it works, it should work. There must be something we're not doing right!

At this moment, Anlicia chuckled: "Miss Elena, as an Elf, you should know that even the best fertilizer can't be absorbed by plants if it isn't melted into a liquid state. That's why this ship can absorb the Dark Energy from the water but not directly from this crystal."

Da Fei said anxiously: "No way, we can't melt the crystal!" Holy moly, it's bad enough that you're giving bad advice, but what's with that sour tone of yours?

Elena smiled faintly: "Please enlighten us, Miss Deputy City Lord."

Anlicia laughed: "Of course, we should chisel a hole in the deck and bury the crystal in it. This would increase the absorption surface area, wouldn't it?"

— Ahem! Da Fei sprayed out a mouthful of water, I'm convinced! How is this any different from just placing it directly on the deck?

Huh! Wait a minute, Da Fei suddenly remembered Little Fei sipping soup with crushed ice. So it's about pecking at the resurrecting BOSS to enter battle, and then the energy on the BOSS turns into mist and enters the fragment, right? So that's how it works!

Da Fei then gripped the tail end of the fragment firmly, as if holding a dagger, and stabbed down toward the deck—thud! There was a sharp sound as the tip of the fragment pierced the deck and stood upright on it! Then a line of red text "Durability -1!" popped up from the deck.

Indeed, with Da Fei's formidable 100 Attack and inherent damage, dealing a modest -1 damage to the ship with a bare hand was really quite modest!

At that moment, another message "Durability +1!" popped up on the deck.

Da Fei's eyelids twitched in surprise, this was clearly self-healing! Damn, this must be one of the Holy Vine's innate skills! And just then, the expected event finally occurred. From the crack in the deck, many fine roots grew at a visible speed, looking like hair. These fine roots quickly entwined around the crystal, completely enveloping it like a cocoon! At the same time, the "cocoon" glimmered with Black Light, an obvious sign of energy absorption!

Anlicia cheered: "Ice Fruit! We did it!" then said smugly, "Some problems might seem complex, but they are actually very simple to solve!"

Elena smiled: "As expected of the Vice City Lord!"

Anlicia proudly said: "Of course!"

Ahem! You dare to act all smug? Are you sure this isn't just a fluke? But no matter what, it's good that the problem is solved!

Da Fei laughed: "Everyone is amazing. This is the result of all of us working together!"

Deirdre said with a wry smile: "Master, I just stood by and did nothing, I really can't take the credit."

Da Fei laughed: "Who says that? You showed Miss Elena around the ship! Didn't that help us find the solution to the problem? You made a great contribution!"

Immediately, Catherine called out: "Hey hey, I am the First Officer of this ship, which indirectly means I also showed her around. I contributed too!"

Hahaha! This is the feeling of rivalry! Awesome, too awesome! I love it! Not only did we solve the Slime Monster problem, but we also got to give Flying a boost before setting out. Two birds with one stone, so timely, so thrilling, hahaha!

Chapter 555: Spending a Fortune on a Skeleton

Now the roots of the Holy Vine completely wrapped around the Divine Level Fragment and slowly absorbed its energy; it seemed like it was not something that could be finished quickly.

Waiting idly has never been the style of experts, so Da Fei handed the box to Anlicia: "Keep this for me. It seems like it will take some time to drain the energy. I'll go buy some Skeleton Soldiers to serve as its body."

"Understood."

Da Fei directly teleported to Farolan City, then headed straight to the military district's barracks. Within a day, Brother had run around the three major capitals of the Alliance – who could be busier than him? No more talking, straight to advertising in the city channel: "Buying Skeleton Soldiers, 300 Gold Coins each, come directly to the barracks for the trade."

To the cannon fodder-level Skeleton Soldiers that cost about 30 Gold Coins from the factory, Da Fei was offering ten times the price for convenience. Right, about to head out on a campaign, his beloved treasures haven't gotten their equipment yet. Strategic equipment was not necessary, it was Blood Defense personal equipment that was really crucial.

Da Fei continued to advertise: "Buying a full set of high Blood Defense personal equipment, don't come if it's not top-notch!"

Before long, various sellers of Blood Defense equipment flooded in. Da Fei thought, holy crap, it wasn't even as good as the Blood Wolf King set granted from the Dragon Slayer mission! A full set that adds about 100 health was already considered good – is this the standard for the ordinary street player? Hey, Shenlan mates, did you see Brother's ad? Couldn't you send a few sets of equipment over to give a lift? Damn, if this goes on, I'm too embarrassed.

Da Fei could only reluctantly pick out the tallest from the dwarfs, slowly filtering through. Fortunately, the stuff wasn't too expensive, just a few hundred or eight hundred Gold Coins, just let it be.

Soon Da Fei collected several sets of Blood Equipment, but no signs of Skeleton Soldiers for half a day. No way? These lousy soldiers often die off in droves, how could there be no stock?

At that moment, Da Fei suddenly remembered: although Skeleton Soldiers were trash among the level 1 troops, this place was the heartland of the Elf Kingdom's capital, where would players get Skeleton Soldiers? Even if they went out leveling and subdued Skeleton Soldiers from wild monsters, Elf players wouldn't fancy them due to their weak combat strength and slow movement, it also lowers the team's Morale! And even if they subdued them, who would bother to transport them to the capital?

Damn! Da Fei suddenly realized he was stumped by the simplest thing!

Da Fei gritted his teeth, Brother doesn't believe it, Brother will offer a high price! There are so many players in our China Region, and the Elf Kingdom is so flourishing, Brother refuses to believe no oddballs would have Skeleton Soldiers, there must be one or two dirt-poor players who treasured their Skeleton Soldiers and couldn't bear to throw them away!

Da Fei immediately shouted in the city channel: "Buying Skeleton Soldiers, 30,000 Gold Coins each, come directly to the barracks for the trade. You read it right, 30,000 Gold Coins each, even for those trashiest Skeleton Soldiers!"

Instantly, the entire city was in an uproar!

"It's Da Fei!"

"30,000 for a Skeleton Soldier, is this a joke?"

"Da Fei made a big joke at Elorin Harbor too!"

"With 30,000 Gold Coins, you could casually buy a few hundred at the borders of the Dark Alliance!"

"Haha, the problem is the border is the border, here is here! In the desert, even with money, you can't buy a bottle of mineral water."

"Hahaha, Brother Fei should just buy them from the border and slowly transport them here."

Looking at the mockery in the city channel, Da Fei was utterly frustrated! Damn, even with money, you can't buy a bottle of mineral water in the desert?

Da Fei got angry: "Buying Skeleton Soldiers, 100,000 Gold Coins each! Hurry to sell, once this chance is missed, there's no shop left, Brother will slowly transport them back from the border!"

The city channel was again in an uproar, immediately followed by laughter: "Brother Fei, if you offer 1 million, definitely someone will sell!"

Crap! Da Fei finally experienced what "money isn't omnipotent" means. How about asking the Goddess for advice? Damn, isn't it embarrassing, just for a tiny Skeleton Soldier to ask for help? Fine! It's just delaying the Little Witch Demon's research progress for a few days, Brother isn't short of that time, after all, this research progress was an unexpected joy, not in Brother's current plans anyway.

Still old rules, just go to the barracks to find the NPC intermediary to buy, there will always be players who travel long distances to transport the troops here.

Just as Da Fei was about to leave, someone nearby the barracks was yelling: "Who's buying Skeleton Soldiers?"

Oh! Da Fei suddenly cheered up, Brother said, in our Great China Region we have all kinds of peculiar people, how could we not handle a Skeleton Soldier? Very well, your fate has come!

Da Fei met this player named "Blood Slaughter," a level 43 Elf Ranger. But when Da Fei looked at him, he always felt he was somewhat different from the other Rangers on the streets? Okay, not thinking too much, Da Fei directly approached for the trade.

Blood Slaughter shook his head: "No stock right now, need to go to the instance outside the city to fetch directly, if you're in a hurry then forget it, if not in a hurry, follow me for a trip to get the goods."

What the heck! Da Fei said surprised: "Fetch directly, what does that mean?"

Blood Slaughter said sternly: "It means Soul Summoning Technique, the legendary Da Fei doesn't know this little matter, a bit unusual, right?"

Da Fei eyebrows twitched in shock! Holy crap, Soul Summoning Technique! It's the signature Professional Skill of Undead Race players!

— Soul Summoning Technique: Undead Wizard or Death Knight can convert the killed creature-type enemies into Skeletons. The number of Skeletons is related to the level of the Soul Summoning Technique.

So, an Elf Ranger also has a side job as an Undead Wizard? How did he manage it? Well, Brother being a human still has a side job as a Ranger, then it's not unusual. I must say, our China Region truly has talents.

Da Fei simply said: "Then why do you want me to come with you?"

Blood Slaughter said unhappily: "What if you disappeared? What if someone else sells to you? Should I run like an idiot for nothing? If not going, then forget it, I'm also busy!"

Da Fei was amused and said, "Alright, let's hurry then."

The two headed out of the city directly, into a dense forest outside the capital. The nearest instance was in the forest, the Thief Secret Cave. Without further ado, the duo entered the instance, where right at the start, 4 elite thieves were on patrol.

Blood Slaughter didn't say anything and directly drew his bow to shoot. A black arrow whistled out, -200!

The thief screamed tragically and fell to the ground with a thud.

Damn! 200 damage, one arrow and it's a kill! This high damage made Da Fei's eyelids twitch uncontrollably!

Brother here has 100 Attack, generating nearly 20 points just under the basic damage. 1 point of Attack adds 5% damage, so 100 points of Attack would be fivefold, that's 120 damage, and with the Expert Level Attack Skill adding 40%, it would only be 160 damage—and that's not even accounting for the target's Defense! Damn, Brother is actually a multi-classed Ranger and Sentinel focused on boosting Attack, but even I can't hit that hard? How awesome must his equipment be? He can't possibly have more jobs than me, could he? Wait, he's a Ranger, he has the Hate Strike skill, maybe that skill targets these thieves?

With the fall of the first thief, the other thieves immediately charged forward with their knives. But just then, the fallen thief's body exploded with a bang, splattering the other thieves with flesh and dealing a sudden -50 Damage,

Their momentum was suddenly stalled!

Da Fei's jaw dropped, Corpse Explosion Skill! The unique professional skill of the Undead Wizard!!

But was this, his arrow came with built-in Corpse Explosion Skill, without even needing him to cast it?

—Corpse Explosion Skill: Undead Wizards can detonate a corpse, causing indiscriminate damage to a small area around the corpse and slowing down the targets. The slow effect can stack. The maximum Damage Value equals the Life Value of the corpse, and the damage gets distributed among all targets in the range.

But it didn't end there. As the body exploded, a Skeleton Soldier leaped out!

—Ah spurt! Da Fei spewed out a mouthful of blood! Damn, this one arrow included Corpse Explosion and Skeleton summoning all-in-one!

As Da Fei watched in shock, Blood Slaughter shot a second arrow, another elite thief fell, another explosion occurred, and another Skeleton Soldier leaped out! The remaining two thieves, splattered with flesh and blood, moved as slow as turtles and couldn't even reach Blood Slaughter before they collapsed into two more Skeleton Soldiers.

—System Prompt: Battle over! You gained team Experience +1200 points, obtained Gold Coins +4.

Da Fei finally came back to his senses and clapped continuously: "Impressive! Eye-opening!"

Blood Slaughter spoke in a deep voice: "4 Skeleton Soldiers, 400,000, trade!"

Damn! Can I just buy one? Alright, a deal must be made, and friends need to be made—the player is awesome enough for Brother to befriend.

Da Fei shook his head and smiled, "This is the most expensive Skeleton Soldier I've bought, but also the most thrilling one I've bought. Interested in adding each other as friends?"

Blood Slaughter nodded, "Whatever, I was going to block you anyway."

Block me? Da Fei chuckled bitterly, "Is that necessary? Is my reputation that bad?"

Blood Slaughter then asked, "Is the trade confirmed?"

Da Fei smiled, "Confirmed, let's return to the city."

Blood Slaughter spoke solemnly, "Let me escort you back to the city!"

—System Prompt: Player Blood Slaughter has left the team!

Huh? Leaving the team? Da Fei chuckled, "Brother, you really are cold on the outside but warm inside, no need for formalities man."

Blood Slaughter clapped his hands on the Black Bow and coldly smiled, "No need for politeness! I've received another deal too, I get 500,000 Gold Coins if I kill you once, though I'll compensate you with 4 Skeleton Soldiers!"

Da Fei was dumbfounded on the spot! Damn, so the whole point of luring me out was to kill me? Is there no basic trust between people anymore? But you, as a ranged archer, you're standing right in front of me and talking about PKing me; either you don't have common sense, or you're damn sure about it?

At that moment, Blood Slaughter flashed with a black light, and his form became blurry and indistinct!

Da Fei's mind raced, this is the Grandmaster-level Ranger's Divine Skill "Sword Dance"! No wonder he dares to shoot Brother at close range! Damn, a real pro! Okay! Brother also has a Grandmaster Skill, Brother's 80 points Defense Master-level Defense Skill, I bet you can't kill me instantly!

Da Fei shouted, "Alright! I'll let you turn red (become a criminal)!"

—Pa pa! Double Shot, two arrows straight at his head, -130! -140! Just as expected, not a quick kill!

—System Prompt: Warning! You have been maliciously attacked by player Blood Slaughter, you are entitled to retaliate legitimately!

"My turn now!" A rainbow light ascended above Da Fei's head, his spear shot out like a dragon!

In that instant, seeing the rainbow above Da Fei's head, Blood Slaughter showed an incredulous expression! That's right, in front of someone blessed with Luck, all evasion is futile!

—"Lucky Strike -280!" "Paralysis Poison Damage -1" "Crushing Strike -32!"

A white light ascended! Oh yeah, I'm the real quick killer!

Chapter 556: The Expedition is Imminent, Crazy Leveling Up!

—System Prompt: Battle ended! You killed the player Blood Slaughter who maliciously attacked you, obtaining the spoils of war: C-rank treasure "Telescope," C-rank treasure "Courage Medal," A-rank treasure "Silencer's Dagger," and Gold Coins +44000.

Oh yeah! Three in a row droppin', that's the legendary red name big drop! How many people did this guy kill and loot? Whoa! There's even an A-rank! Da Fei was so thrilled that he rushed to check:

—Silencer's Dagger: A-rank strategic equipment, dagger, off-hand weapon slot. Hero Personal Attack +10, Hero Personal Damage +10, Soul Summoning Technique effect +10%. (Component of Silencer Set).

Da Fei was shocked, raising an eyebrow, "Holy crap! What a high-end set! Personal Damage +10! No wonder his damage was insane. This attack damage attribute is no different from my unusable Titan's Grasp, right?

Well, the higher the stakes, the more fun! I'll gladly accept it! Wahahaha!"

In high spirits, Da Fei took the initiative to message him: "Brother, there's something I don't understand."

After a while, Blood Slaughter replied: "My own bad luck, nothing to say."

Da Fei laughed: "I want to know why you didn't wait for me to get further away before ambushing me from behind?"

Blood Slaughter replied: "One, such a video wouldn't please the boss, so no extra reward. Two, I didn't think I could one-shot you with high defense. Once you escape the instance, there are too many people outside, and being red-named makes it inconvenient to chase you. But I didn't expect..."

Da Fei chuckled: "Didn't expect my attack to be so high too, huh?"

Blood Slaughter sighed: "Nothing to say."

Da Fei grinned: "Really nothing to say? Don't want your gear back? It's a set! Missing one piece would drive you crazy!"

Blood Slaughter immediately said: "Would you return it?"

Ha! I knew you'd dream on! Am I such a coward? If I return it to you, everyone will come after me in the future. Can I guard against everyone?

Da Fei's face turned serious: "No way! This trend cannot continue!"

Blood Slaughter angrily shouted: "Are you f***ing kidding me!"

Da Fei laughed wildly: "If you were me, you'd understand how I feel. If you're able, ask your boss for compensation?"

Blood Slaughter didn't reply again. And Da Fei, after a brief victory, came to his senses, staring at his own health reduced to just a third, and his mood became heavy. Alas, between people, there's really not even a basic sense of trust anymore. If I hadn't sacrificed 350 health to Blood Eagle's Blood Sacrifice, I'd have nearly 800 health now, who would care who's sneaking up on me? Ultimately, it's because I'm not strong enough, there's always some self-proclaimed expert wanting to take me down.

Alright! Tomorrow afternoon is the international tournament elimination round, right? I'll make a name for myself and show the world what I, the world's number one amateur player, can do!

Da Fei opened up his attribute panel; he was level 42 and his attributes were as follows:

Hero Talent: Luck Skill, increases luck effect by 5% every 2 levels. (Currently +105%).

Strategic Attack: 105 (20 points added, Basic-level Ranger +42, Primary Sentinel +42, Captain's Sword Land +1).

Personal Attack: 114 (Silencer's Dagger +10).

Strategic Defense: 77 (62 points added, Captain's Sword Land +1, Spider Demon Armor +10, Spider Demon Boots +1, set +3).

Personal Defense: 101 (Blood Wolf King Set +23).

Magic Power: 0.

Knowledge: 6 (Wisdom Ancient Tree quest +1, Mercury Wood Discovery Achievement +5).

Damage: 26-28 (Starting 1-3, Anemone Enchantment +1, Lonely Hero Achievement +3, Level-up +8, Captain's Sword Land +1, God Slayer Army +1 troop damage, Silencer's Dagger +10, total 25-27. Basic-level Ranger increases damage by 5%, making it 26-28).

Effect on Entire Army's Life: +10 (Lonely Hero Hundred Victories adds +2 to entire army's life, Spider Demon Armor set +4, Unlimited Vitality +2, "God Slayer" Achievement +1, "Dancing with Gods" Achievement +1).

Life: 387 (Starting 10, +2 per level, totaling 82, Lonely Hero Personal +45, Eight Glorious Victories +160, "God Slayer" Achievement +50, "Dancing with Gods" Achievement +50, "Mercury Wood Discoverer" Achievement +50, 2 Great Life Books +100, 3 Life Books +60, "First Ally" +20, Swan Lake +10, "Beyond Mortal Limits" Achievement +100, Reconnaissance Spirit Eagle -200, Three Blood Sacrifices -350, Base Life Total 187).

Blood Wolf King Set adds 150 (Overriding the life effect of Spider Demon Armor), Plague Achievement adds +15%, final Life is 387. Additionally: Sea Monster Hunter continues to add 20% life at sea.

Attack Speed: Fairly Fast 12.5 (Base 10, Captain's Sword Land +2, A-rank Treasure Speed Cloak +10%, Corpse Demon Achievement +5%).

Move Speed: 13 (Base 10, Captain's Sword Land +1, A-rank Treasure Speed Cloak +10%, Corpse Demon Achievement +5%, Basic-level Ranger +5%).

Morale +13 (Hero born +1, Lonely Hero Hundred Victories +1, Master-level Leadership Skill +6, "God Slayer" +1, "Dancing with Gods" +1, Basic-level Minstrel +1, Grand Marshal Medal +1, Courage Medal +1).

Luck: 14.4 (God-level Luck Skill +7, Luck Skill special ability bonus +105%).

Command Power: 2007.

Stamina: 126.

Tactical Position: 6 (Chamber of Commerce President +1).

Remaining Skill Points: 3, Dwarf Prince rewards 10 Skill Books.

Remaining Attribute Points: 25.

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That's my stats! Well, the expedition is near, so I'm not holding back!

I have plenty of attribute points and skill points, so I'm going all-in! 25 attribute points, all added to Defense! My Strategic Defense is now over 100! Wahahaha, my Attack and Defense both break 100, and once I get a set of Divine Equipment, I'll break 200 for sure!

As for skill points, nothing much to say, I'm maxing out all combat skills!

Da Fei pulled out the Attack Skill Book, and there was a continuous flash of golden light!

—System Prompt: You spent 2 Skill Points, upgrading your Attack Skill to Master-level! Your melee damage increased by 50%.

—System Prompt: You spent 1 Skill Point to learn the Attack Skill's sub-skill "War Maniac," increasing your troop damage +1.

This War Maniac, the compulsory skill of the Attack Skill! I'm so unprofessional, learning this so late! But it doesn't matter, I never ruled the world with melee before anyway. Plus, my Divine Artifact Necklace Brutal Tooth boosts Attack Skill +1, now I have a Master-level Attack Skill; this gear is definitely meant to push me to God-level Attack Skill, wahaha!

Well, now that both my Attack Skill and Leadership Skill are Master-level, the combination skill "Morale Strike" is a must-learn. And the textbook skill of the Master-level Leadership Skill is also a must-learn.

—System Prompt: You used two Skill Books, obtaining 2 Skill Points.

—System Prompt: You spent 1 Skill Point to learn the combination sub-skill of Attack Skill and Leadership Skill "Morale Strike."

—System Prompt: You spent 1 Skill Point to learn the Master-level Leadership Skill sub-skill "Cooperative Combat."

—Morale Strike: For every point your army's morale exceeds the enemy's, the total damage dealt increases by 5%, with a maximum increase of 50%, meaning the morale difference can be as high as 10 points.

—Cooperative Combat: When units from the same faction or neutral faction are mixed, army morale doesn't decrease. When mixed with units of the Enemy Camp faction, the morale decrease effect is minimized.

Wahaha! I'll never worry about my mixed-hero troop having low morale again! Now my morale is as high as 13, and I'll figure out more ways to level-up morale-boosting Minstrel classes. Who can withstand me now?

Right, I've been focusing on offense, but defense should not be overlooked. Da Fei again pulled out the Defense Skill Book, and with another flash of golden light!

—System Prompt: You spent 1 Skill Point to learn the combination skill of the Defense Skill and Luck Skill "Anti-Magic Luck."

—Anti-Magic Luck: When suffering a magic strike, there's a 5% chance that your hero's army will suffer no magic damage at all!

I considered learning this skill back when I chose Luck Skill as a specialty in the Nether Sea, but Skill Points were precious. Now it's different, now I have a level 42 Luck specialty with a Luck Skill effect bonus of 105%, so a 5% chance becomes 10.3%, meaning out of a hundred soldiers, 10 would suffer no magic damage!

Wahaha! Now both my combat skills and adventure skills are Master-level, meeting the requirements for advancing to Master-level Navigator. Should I rush it? Maybe this fight—

Da Fei gritted his teeth; rush it! Even if my Habbit Village cannot be saved, I must command my ship to teleport to the Demon Race's rear in the atlas for a kill spree and revenge! Not being a God-level Navigator, how could I torment the Demon Race to their breaking point? Nothing more to say, rush it!

—System Prompt: You used the achievement reward of "Beyond Mortal Limits," gaining an opportunity to upgrade Master-level skills to Master-level. Please choose any Master-level skill to upgrade to Master-level.

Master-level Navigator! Confirm!

A golden light descended from the sky!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You've met all the promotion requirements for Master-level Navigator, upgrading successfully to Master-level Navigator!

—Master-level Navigator: The speed of the hero's ship is additionally increased by 60% at sea, and the effect stacks with Sailing Skill. The hero receives one extra free attribute point for secondary professions every level, and one extra attribute point every 5 levels. The hero, and the hero's Vice Hero, gains 1000 experience every day at sea.

—System Prompt: You gained 8 extra attribute points from the Master-level Navigator reward.

Holy crap! Master-level was achieved so easily! But it's not over yet, there's the God-level! Da Fei immediately pulled out the long-sealed "Odyssey Sailing Experience"!

Wait, this is the promotion to God-level! Secretly advancing in an instance alone is too tasteless; I have to do it in front of all of my beautiful crew, especially making Catherine worship me to the core, completely devoted!

Yes, return to town! Wahahaha!

Chapter 557: Flying Reborn!

Da Fei stealthily returned to the city with 4 little Skeleton Soldiers after activating Phantom March. Well, there's no helping it; the world of gaming is full of dangers. Speaking of which, is there any fun left when you play the game like this? There is fun! But the game is Da Fei's career after all, so fun is not the main concern.

With a flash of light, Da Fei and the 4 little Skeleton Soldiers reappeared in Radiant City. At this time, members of the Star Team on patrol were giving Da Fei, who was accompanied by Skeleton Soldiers, peculiar looks.

What the heck are you looking at? Speaking of which, do you guys already know about my Skeleton Soldiers purchase? Hmph, scared, aren't you? This is what I'm capable of! But where is the Goddess? Why can't I see the Goddess as soon as I return? This leaves me, who just faced the coldness of the world, with nowhere to heal my soul, sigh.

Da Fei brought the Skeleton Soldiers to the dock, where the whole ship of the Flying was now gleaming like black steel. It was hard to distinguish it from the Radiant Wings that Renior had possessed!

Da Fei rushed aboard the ship, where the beautiful ladies were still quietly waiting in the cargo hold.

Upon seeing Da Fei's arrival, Elena and Deirdre immediately came forward to greet him: "Master, you've returned!"

Wow hahaha! Now that's what I call enjoyment! Da Fei proudly said with his arms around them: "I've brought back a few Skeleton Soldiers. Mr. Isaac, please feel free to use them."

Anlicia snorted and tossed a box over: "Enjoy!"

"Wow!!!" Da Fei and the box in mid-air exclaimed at the same time!

Oh my god! Left with no choice, Da Fei had to let go and catch the box with both hands!

Anlicia burst into laughter!

Damn! Kiddo, your way of vying for favor is really not cute at all!

Da Fei shook his head with a smile and said helplessly: "Mr. Isaac, please take your time."

The box replied with a hollow voice: "Boss, please place me in front of the Skeleton Soldier's eyes! Right here—" As soon as it finished speaking, a light flashed on the box, and a Demon Light Beam shot out, hitting the pale red fire in the Skeleton Soldier's eye sockets, causing it to burst apart, nearly collapsing the form of the Skeleton Soldier. At that moment, a pale green flame arose from the Skeleton's skull,

and the Skeleton Soldier immediately regained vitality, stabilizing its swaying form. At this same moment, the name of the Skeleton Soldier changed to Isaac, and a troop type just like that became an NPC!

"Wow!" The female Vice Heroes couldn't help but exclaim in surprise.

Anlicia marveled: "I've heard that Necromancers can possess the bodies of other creatures just by being inside a Life Protection Box, and it's true!"

Isaac hurriedly said: "That's something only very powerful Necromancers can do. For someone like me, who isn't that strong, it's absolutely impossible with living creatures. I can only possess weak beings like Skeleton Soldiers, and it must be from a very close distance. So please, boss, and ladies, rest assured, I am a good person and I will work hard!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Great! My laboratory was purchased at great expense from the Seven Cities Alliance, it's very high-end. You must work really hard!" Hehe, indeed it was a hefty sum!

Isaac saluted: "Yes, boss! By the way, boss, I've noticed that the Skeleton Soldiers appear to be unique. Do you know their origins?"

Da Fei's brow twitched. Could it be that these Skeleton Soldiers are more than they seem? Da Fei quickly asked, "It was summoned by a Ranger friend of mine who part-times in Soul Summoning. What's different about it?"

Isaac suddenly realized: "Ah, a Dark Ranger!"

Dark Ranger? A hidden profession? Da Fei hastened to ask, "What's that?"

Anlicia spoke gravely: "Some Rangers who died have been transformed into Undead in some way. Even though they've become Undead, they have not forgotten their professional skills. Thus, a type of Ranger could learn Undead skills, known as a Dark Ranger. They have the ferocious traits of Undead creatures but also inherit their previous missions, remaining committed to fighting against forces of darkness. Therefore, the Kingdom has a very ambiguous stance on their existence. In short, because the Undead

identity of this kind of Ranger is very sensitive, they are not officially recognized by the Kingdom in public, and even discussing them is taboo."

—System Prompt: You have obtained information about the hidden profession Dark Ranger.

Da Fei suddenly understood: "I see!"

Looks like this Blood Slaughter is more awesome than average! Speaking of which, that Resentful Spirit Ranger who taught me Ranger skills back then, was he a Dark Ranger?

At this moment, Isaac saluted: "Boss, with all the tools and materials ready, developing the Super Slime Monster is a piece of cake for me. Thus, I'd also like to develop some challenging projects. I wonder if the boss is interested in the skills of this Dark Ranger? Perhaps I could reverse-engineer the Dark Ranger's skills from these Skeleton Soldiers. That way, boss, you could also benefit."

Da Fei was startled: "Skills can be reverse-engineered?"

Isaac nodded: "Yes, boss. The formation principle of this Skeleton is actually a kind of Enchanted Arrow—by imbuing the arrow with Dark Magic, it eliminates the need for additional casting, which is very convenient and fast. Therefore, I want to develop this kind of Darkness Enchantment Arrow."

Da Fei's brows shot up! Damn, Enchanted Arrows, isn't that similar to the Phantom Crossbow Cannon's principle? Only the Phantom Crossbow Cannon's arrows are imbued with Cold Ice Magic and tracking magic!

Good, Makar, you secretive guy, refusing to continue unlocking Phantom Crossbow Cannons for me, then I'll just develop my own!

Da Fei immediately responded: "Agreed! Your goal is not just to develop Enchanted Arrows, but to also make them usable in Crossbow Cannons!"

Deirdre clapped her hands and laughed, "Master, my Crossbow Cannon's ammunition now has the alchemical effects of Incendiary Bombs and Poison Gas Bombs. If we add Dark Magic to it, the power of the Crossbow Cannon would be unimaginable!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Right! That's exactly the effect we want. Mr. Isaac, are you confident? Speak up if you need any materials or equipment!"

Isaac said excitedly, "The more difficult the research, the more it ignites my passion to take on the challenge. Boss, I'll give it my all!"

Hahaha, talent is so precious!

At this moment, Selvia coldly interjected, "Captain, I think Mr. Isaac's appearance is quite unsightly, he should put on some clothes."

Isaac awkwardly replied, "This..."

Damn it! All you ever talk about is putting on clothes, that's really not cute at all! But she's right! When I think of the damage from that Blood Slaughter, I can't help but shiver. That kind of damage could take down an Elite Troop with a single arrow. If someone were hiding and taking shots at us from behind, who would survive?

Da Fei then remembered the heaps of Blood Defense equipment he had purchased in the market. Alright, distribute them all.

Anlicia was the first to jump out, "No, ugly, I won't wear it! I have military uniform!"

Catherine also chuckled, "Well, I have a military uniform too, a proper navy female uniform. So I'll pass as well."

—Ahchoo! Da Fei spat out a mouthful of saliva! What's the use of military uniforms? Do they have high Defense? A lot of health? You women! What about the stockings, will you wear them?

Selvia also shook her head, "It's better to give it to Mr. Isaac."

Deirdre laughed as well, "The Dwarf King Set I'm wearing is quite nice."

My goodness, that set was a gift from India! The attributes aren't even that great! Da Fei sighed inwardly. It's not easy to get a Female Hero out of her clothes, and it's just as hard to get them dressed. This is a real headache!

And then Anlicia sourly said, "However, Lord City Lord, if you're willing to give us the equipment Miss Elena is wearing, of course we'd have no objections!"

Elena immediately retorted, "This was given to me by the master!"

For a moment, the entire scene fell silent, with the atmosphere uniquely awkward.

Ahchoo! Da Fei spat out another mouthful! Damn it, even competing over equipment! Indeed, Selvia and Anlicia had fought over equipment before! If this competition isn't handled properly, it could even decrease their loyalty. Damn! So this is the discordant pain of having too many beautiful female heroes. But as a dignified Lord, a career-focused man can't always be fussing over skirts and thinking about equipping you all, right?

It seems that the current plan is to somehow forge a Divine Artifact for everyone to stabilize the harem and the army's morale!

Just as Da Fei was caught in his vexing thoughts, a Black Light flashed in the cargo hold!

Isaac, who was putting on leather armor, suddenly got excited, "Boss, the absorption is about to complete!"

Everyone hastily gathered around to see. Indeed, the root "cocoon's" Black Light gradually faded, indicating that the energy absorption was coming to an end.

Finally, there was no more light emanating from the roots, and they quickly receded into the deck at a speed visible to the naked eye, revealing a transparent glass-like shard of a Divine Artifact! Damn! It sucked it up so clean and thoroughly!

Isaac exclaimed joyfully, "Boss, this shard is exactly what we needed!"

Just then, the Flying vibrated thunderously, and the cabin was illuminated with a flash of light!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Flying has completed its integration with the Holy Vine Heart, raising the Ship Level to 10! Ship Durability +100,000, Ship Defense +100, Ship Mana +1,000. Special Skill acquired: Architectural Spirit, Holy Vine Space, Self-Healing, Dark Domain.

—Architectural Spirit: Your Flying has been reborn and will now receive bonuses from your Hero Attributes.

—Holy Vine Space: The Flying has an additional Otherworld space that can store an extra 1,000 Command Power worth of troops or 1,000 units of cargo. This space will continue to expand as the Holy Vine grows.

—Self-Healing: The Flying can recover 1% of its Durability every 10 seconds.

—Dark Domain: Aura Skill, the Flying has grasped the essence of darkness. Activating this skill will cast a veil of darkness within a 100-meter radius centered on the Flying. Within the domain, the effects of Dark Magic and Stealth Skills are enhanced by 10%. This skill consumes 1 Mana point from the Flying every second. The effects of the domain will continue to strengthen with the growth of the Holy Vine.

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Da Fei was stunned and speechless! Rebirth, the Flying was finally reborn! Attributes were significantly boosted, and it could even receive bonuses from Hero Attributes - this is truly worth being a living ship; it's simply heaven-defying! My original dream has finally come true!

At this moment, Da Fei couldn't help but be moved to tears!

Chapter 558: High-level Flame Demon Baroque Attacks

Da Fei calmed his excited emotions and began to inspect the Flying's attributes:

Ship Name: Flying (task reward, bound to player, non-transferable)

Ship Level: Level 10.

Captain: Da Fei

Ship Special Skills: Divine's Blessing (sailor luck +2), Ship of Misfortune (luck -3 for both friend and foe), Architectural Spirit, Holy Vine Space, Self-Healing, Dark Domain.

Ship Type: Large four-masted, three-deck high-speed sailing ship.

Ship Cargo Capacity: 500 units

Ship Gun Cabin: 32 gun slots. (16 on port side, 16 on starboard side)

Minimum Sailor Capacity: 30 people

Ship Durability: 138400/138400

Ship Mana: 1000.

Ship Speed: 12

— Ship Armor Defense: Port side 412 (base 310), starboard side 412 (base 310), bow 387 (base 285), stern 388 (base 286).

Ship Room Configuration: 1 Cockpit, 1 Captain's Room, 6 Deputy Officer Rest Rooms, 1 staff room, 1 accounting room, 2 Treatment Rooms, 1 Kitchen, 1 Special Room, 1 Entertainment Room, 2 Sailor Dormitories (capacity of 200 people)

Ship Auxiliary Equipment: White Shark Ship's Figurehead, Space Transfer Array, Wind Energy Magic Sail, 4 Landing Crafts, 3 Magic Charging Crystals.

Sea God Insurance Level: 0 (the ship is not protected by the Sea God, and if it sinks, it will be lost forever)

Current Ship Status: Growing.

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Looking at Flying's durability of 130,000 and its Defense of over 400 points, Da Fei was once again thrilled! That's right, the 100+ strategic defense attribute bonus had been added to the Flying, this is the Architectural Spirit, this is the same existence as the Anemone King!

Defense, over 100,000 durability, at this moment, the Flying was undoubtedly a moving Level 10 city wall. Apart from Siege Machines and heavy magic firepower, ordinary physical damage truly had nothing on it, and after resurrection, the Flying even had a Mana attribute—this was the mark of a powerful creature!

The only slight disappointment was that his achievement of adding life could not work on its durability. No way, although durability is the life of a structure, durability is durability, life is life, they are the same thing but cannot be mixed!

In any case, it's truly amazing that the Flying made such a great leap before the expedition! At this moment, Da Fei suddenly had the confidence to challenge the Eight-Headed Snake! That's right, this could be ultimately like a Level 10 city wall, as long as Flying could hold on, he could blast it to death with the 16 Crossbow Cannons below and Elena's cannon above!

Indeed, Da Fei suddenly remembered the exquisite North Sea equipment set on the Radiant Wings, like the Unicorn Horn, Leviathan Armor, and Six-headed Sea Demon Ship's Figurehead! Yes, since the Radiant Wings was sleeping at the harbor, it was wasted just sitting there unused! They should be removed and installed on the Flying!

Damn! But that's not possible! Ship equipment is not like the equipment worn on players; it must be installed and removed at a shipyard. There is no shipyard here, and he had given the shipyard diagrams to New Oriental! But even if he hadn't handed them over, building a shipyard would still take at least ten or twenty days, and there wasn't enough time! The problem was that if he didn't give them the shipyard, they might starve to death!

Oh boy! Da Fei suddenly felt a pain in the neck, his life was really just covering this without covering that, repairing the east wall without being able to take care of the west wall. But at this time, it's crucial not to mess up; specific issues need specific analyses, and it's important not to lose his head. During the public test, it wasn't new that Godzilla-level monsters directly blasted through the luxurious city walls of poured molten iron in the New World!

And honestly speaking, according to the damage calculation formula, 300 Defense, 400 Defense, and 500 Defense only differed by 93%, 95%, and 96% in damage reduction, respectively. Having one more Leviathan Armor wouldn't make a significant difference. At this time, health was the key. And under unclear enemy circumstances, using the Flying to withstand such a massive mountain of flesh might not be the right method.

Thinking of this, Da Fei suddenly calmed down, and the pain in his neck vanished. Wahahaha, yes indeed, what was he fussing about? Now, there's nothing more to say; it's time to celebrate!

Da Fei once again pulled out the golden Odyssey Sailing Experience scroll, chuckling: "Dear treasures, do you remember this item? This was the reward we got while playing games with the Vortex Sea Demon at the bottom of the ocean ten thousand meters deep. Now is the moment to witness the birth of a God-level Navigator!"

Sure enough, except for Deirdre, who wasn't present initially, and Elena, who was new and unfamiliar with the situation, the other three were startled and exclaimed, "Finally able to reach God-level?!"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Our journey is the Star Sea!"

A golden light descended from the sky, while the entire cargo hold of the Flying became magnificent under the golden glow!

- System Prompt: You used the Odyssey's Navigation Experience, inheriting the demigod hero Odyssey's ten years of continuous sailing experience at sea. You successfully comprehended God-level Navigation! You obtained the God-level Navigator sub-skill "Survival Will"!
- God-level Navigator: The speed of the hero's ship on the sea increases by an additional 70%, stacking with Sailing Skill. The hero gains one free attribute point for every 1 level in additional secondary profession, and one free attribute point for every 4 levels. The Hero, as well as the hero's vice hero, gain 2000 experience points every day at sea.
- System Prompt: You gained an extra 2 attribute points from the God-level Navigator bonus. (The Master-level Navigator had already provided an additional 8 points)
- Survival Will: On the sea, the hero and hero's troops gain +50% to life and stamina. Additionally, if the troops fall due to combat, fatigue, illness, etc., they will remain in a 1 life near-death state, which lasts at least a day. This state is also applicable on land.

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Ha ha! Wahahaha! Da Fei let out a long laugh, truly worthy of the Odyssey's God-level Scroll, besides comprehending God-level Navigation, it also granted a super savvy sub-skill!

This effect completely beats the Sea Monster Hunter's 20%! Now, on the sea, his life with stamina was additionally increased by 70%, which directly translated to a 70% increase in combat power at sea! This was equivalent to a 70% increase in the capability to withstand magic bombardment! This was guaranteed a God-level leap!

As for this 1 life near-death state, was this an enhanced version of Extreme Survival? A playing-dead skill? Quite good, I'm more fond of sly skills like this! Da Fei couldn't help but laugh heartily: "I finally understand how Odyssey managed to endure the seas for ten years! Truly remarkable!"

Selvia's eyes widened as she pulled out the Sea Soul Staff, shaking her head: "Captain, this near-death state not only solves medical rescue problems, but more importantly, the Sea Soul Staff won't indiscriminately absorb allies anymore!"

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched in shock, indeed! Near death wasn't the same as dead, doesn't this solve the biggest headache with the Sea Soul Staff? Good! Too good indeed! Is this challenging me to go bombard the Eight-Headed Snake? Wahahaha! Calm down! Haha.

Da Fei said excitedly: "Alright, now that our Flying has been reborn, it's time for us to embark. Bring all our 10 charging crystals, as soon as one is used, swap it for another. By the way, Mr. Isaac, I'll leave this crystal to you, and hope to hear good news of your progress when we return!"

Mr. Isaac promptly saluted: "I will not let the boss down!"

At this moment, the cargo hold shifted with a spatial ripple, and a shimmering black Space Gate appeared!

Da Fei was joyful at heart, it must be the long-lost appearance of Vine Demon Gardener Tamilia!

Sure enough, long-lost Tamilia flew out from the Space Gate, but her expression was very solemn: "Lord City Lord, firstly, we should celebrate the rebirth of the Holy Vine, but now is not the time for celebration. Lord City Lord, do you remember the Flame Demon that sent us back to the city at that time? He is the Holy Vine's great enemy, now the Holy Vine has already formed and unexpectedly grown stronger, this will surely draw his attention and pursuit, please make ready for the defense!"

Da Fei's heart trembled, only then did he remember his quest log had a troublesome task event for "High-level Flame Demon Balroque's Attention"!

Da Fei asked in shock: "When will he come?"

Tamilia said solemnly: "You have seen his strength, he could come at any time!"

Damn! Won't he let me go on an expedition? Can I hide in the Vine Demon Space? Hide my ass, there are plenty of soldiers in Radiant City, face him when he comes! Anyway, the consultant had said that while his power matched that of a god, being a gatekeeper of the Gate of Hell he couldn't leave his post, might just send an avatar, not afraid of an avatar! Skira's avatar had been knocked over by him!

Da Fei hastily instructed Anlicia: "Quickly notify everyone, prepare for battle at once!"

Anlicia said solemnly: "Understood!"

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At the Demon Camp by the Pool of Radiance lakeside,

To support the flank's offensive, Ma Yinglong instructed several members who hadn't participated in the incursion to the World Tree space to encourage the giant spider to deploy its troops on the front line, putting pressure on the Elf Kingdom and Star.

But the giant spider remained unchanged: "Ridiculous! It's always the flanks that support the main force, never has the main force supported the flanks. Besides, our frontline has no effective tactical offenses against them, needless casualties are just futile!"

At that moment, a red cloud enveloped the Demon camp, the entire dark underground space was lit with fiery red light!

Everyone was startled and looked up to see, as a voice boomed from the clouds, "Nakasha, have you been scared senseless by your tribesmen's deaths? Now that your nemesis has developed even more powerful weapons, are you just going to sit and wait? Not fighting now is waiting for death!"

Nakasha was startled and immediately prostrated on the ground: "It's Lord Balroque! But this is the battlefield the Lord Demon King assigned to me... I..."

The red cloud laughed, "I'm not overstepping my authority, I also have my mission, I'll lead the charge, do you dare to come with me?"

Nakasha immediately made up his mind: "I dare not disobey!"

Such changes caused the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center to jump up in shock! What plot was triggered again?

Chapter 559: The Final Assault Begins

Star Command Center, various orders to recall personnel to the city were being issued quickly and frequently.

Farolan World Tree Square, the teleportation array's light sparkled as Star team members who were busy leveling up and completing tasks in the field hurriedly returned to stand by.

At this moment, in the Elf Kingdom General Staff Department, the magic maps on the walls and tables were fully activated, and all the command personnel were tense, with the sound of order reports and dispatches filling the air constantly.

"Report to the elder, a unit suspected to be the Demon God's avatar has appeared at the Pool of Radiance!"

"Report to the elder, the Pool of Radiance has detected another large-scale space teleportation from the Demon Race!"

"Report to the elder, emergency magic transmission news from Suvalna Fortress in the New World, the main force of the Demon Army Blood Abyss Demons in front of Suvalna Fortress has suddenly moved and disappeared! The General Staff Department should be prepared for defense!"

"Suvalna Fortress!" The Great Elder was involuntarily startled!

At the same time, Eternal Star and others in the command center also had a change of expression! As a high-end team that participated in the beta test, they certainly understood what it meant for the Demon Race to deploy troops from the New World! More importantly, the gem-rich Suvalna had always been a

focal point of tension between the Elves and the Demon Race, home to Demons with strong naval capabilities. There was no doubt, this time the Demon Race meant serious business!

This time, it was going to be big! Although the Star team had no idea what was going on, it was certain to be related to Da Fei! Should they let Little Deng ask him?

At this moment, information came through to Eternal Star, and it was indeed from Ma Yinglong! "Darn it, are you here to gloat again?" thought Eternal Star.

Ma Yinglong: "Brother Long, what are you guys up to? This lineup is quite intense. Honestly, when I go all out, I even scare myself!"

Eternal Star responded irritably: "The dead NPC won't affect you, what are you scared of?"

Ma Yinglong laughed: "I heard you guys developed a secret weapon, and now our NPCs can't sit still. Is it an atomic bomb or a tea egg? Care to share?"

Eternal Star sneered: "It's horse crap, go ask Da Fei! I'm busy, don't bother me!"

Ma Yinglong laughed again: "Alright, just make sure to wash your backside clean first!"

"Darn!"

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At the Demon Camp square at the Pool of Radiance, hundreds of Demon Mages were casting spells around the giant teleportation array, teleporting batch after batch of Demon troops, clad in heavy armor like dragons and shrimp.

Indeed, following the death of the Demon Eye Governor last time, the Demon King was furious, but was calmed by Lei Huolong in time, resulting in the unexpected benefit of the Demon King transferring troops from other battlefields to avenge. Now was the time for Nakasha to utilize this batch of troops.

Nakasha was confident in the power of High-level Flame Demon Baroque, even though it was just an avatar, it was a force mortals couldn't reach. In reality, even the Demon King couldn't deploy this high-level Flame Demon guarding the Gate of Hell, because the so-called Demon King was only the mortal agent jointly selected by the seven Demon Gods, equivalent to the Pope in human terms.

Therefore, Baroque's unexpected participation in the battle made Nakasha ecstatic. Even if they couldn't win—well, failing was fine as long as they could severely damage the Elves; after all, the Elves couldn't afford such losses.

Now, these massive water monsters called Blood Abyss Demons slowly assembled at the city gates, waiting at the lakeside of the Pool of Radiance.

Blood Abyss Demon, a giant Demon Race water monster born in the Blood Sea Abyss, possessed formidable combat and self-healing abilities in the Blood Sea. Each newborn had the standard of Level 7 Soldiers in other races, and adults were independent expedition-leading boss-level entities with unmeasurable combat power. However, their drawback was a strong dependency on blood, not suitable for prolonged combat outside the Blood Sea, generally serving as defensive units and thus unknown to outsiders.

But in the fiercely contested New World, these defensive units embarked on a journey, greatly compensating for the Demon Race's naval shortcomings. When Blood Abyss Demons were deployed, they usually used the Blood Clan Demon's high-end skill "Blood Domain," which turned the entire water red, otherwise their status would continuously decline, affecting combat power.

Under normal circumstances, the lake water of the Pool of Radiance was deadly to the Demon Race. Even though the lake's waters were massively polluted, reducing its effectiveness, it was still unsuitable for long-term underwater combat for the Demon Race, hence this battle was still only considered a raid.

At this moment, the large screen at the Dragon Slayer Command Center was live streaming this NPC-led war mobilization by the stationed members in the front lines, bringing a solemn silence to the entire command center.

As high-end professional players, no one dared to underestimate the NPCs' strength. When the war escalated to this level, what cards would the Elves play? What did this sudden battle have to do with Da Fei? Whatever the relationship, he deserved to be weakened a bit, or better yet, just finished off!

Now, the Demon Race's war mobilization quickly fell into place, thousands of spiders climbed onto the land, the hundreds of Blood Abyss Demon shrimp waited by the lakeshore began to submerge in the lake, and the red clouds in the sky spread over the Pool of Radiance with maniacal laughter, the war began!

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Radiant City.

Da Fei dismantled all four lifeboats on the Flying deck, installing them as magic charging crystals. Meanwhile, all the three thousand Flower Demons in the city swirled above Flying; they served as meat shields against the meteor shower!

Though Flower Demons had a base health of only 2 points, Da Fei's equipment and skill achievements allowed him to add 10 health points to the entire army, then the three great plague achievements added 15% health, Sea Monster Hunter added 20%, and the newly upgraded God-level Navigator added 50%, finally raising the Flower Demons' health to a terrifying 22.2! The health enhanced more than tenfold!

And the total health of the three thousand Flower Demons was 66,000! They could withstand 66,000 magic damage for Flying! Not to mention Elena's divine equipment Elemental Domain had mind-boggling effects: 30% casting speed increase, 30% magic resistance increase, 30% mana recovery speed +, 30% spell power effect increase, the 30% magic resistance increase in the domain meant the Flower Demons could withstand 100,000 damage!

Even if Baroque was a demigod, so what? Dealing 100,000 damage was no easy feat, and once the battle was critical, Da Fei could also use Flying's teleportation array's limitless teleportation to escape everywhere.

Indeed, this war was not aimed at protecting the city, but the ship! Compared to the reborn Flying, these vases and jars in the city were not worth mentioning. Even if they smashed into pieces, even if the bell tower under construction, the Netherworld Gold Coins were lost, it didn't matter; after all, he had blueprints to rebuild. Even if the entire city was taken, it mattered not, as the Elves' vengeful nature meant they would go mad and take it back.

If Flying was done for, then he would suffer a huge loss, for no one would reimburse him!

At this moment, all construction sites in Radiant City halted. All workers evacuated through the teleportation array, while Star team members arrived through the teleportation array, making Radiant City a bustling hive of activity.

Now, Da Fei wanted to say, these single-player players lacked minions to share their damage; one meteor would definitely take out a large chunk, but, forget it, he better not say it. As a City Lord, should he really nitpick the volunteers helping him? Was he that terrible a person? Moreover, being high-end players, they didn't need him telling them what to do.

At this moment, Da Fei's information buzzed, and it turned out to be the Goddess!

Bu Feiyan asked, "Brother Fei, this battle looks like a major offensive, what's your plan?"

Plan? Of course, you guys hold the line, and I hightail it out of here! Da Fei sighed, "Of course, I will fight to the end. But doesn't the Elf Kingdom have any moves? This level of battle can't possibly be resolved by us players, right?"

Bu Feiyan replied, "The Elf Kingdom will dispatch Pegasus Knights at critical moments, but we players need to cooperate."

Da Fei was surprised, "What are Pegasus Knights?"

Bu Feiyan chuckled, "It's obviously the Pegasus Meteor Fist!"

Da Fei suddenly realized! A mythical unit in the Elf Kingdom, Pegasus! A winged unicorn, a Level 5 Soldier, fundamentally different from regular unicorns by being airborne instead of terrestrial!

Very good! As long as the Elf Kingdom had stock, he could retreat with more gusto! Da Fei immediately said, "Thanks, Goddess, now I'm more confident and will go all out!"

Then, Da Fei thought for a moment, deciding to give a reminder, "Oh, everyone be careful of the Meteor Shower, it's terrifying if it's a boss-level one."

Bu Feiyan suddenly panicked, "Oh my! A boss that can cast a Meteor Shower! What do we do!"

My gosh! I thought you were confident!

Da Fei could only chuckle awkwardly and said, "How about this, I'll open the sewers for you guys to hide in? Let's conduct a guerrilla warfare!"

Bu Feiyan hastily said, "Then thank you, Brother Fei!"

Da Fei chuckled, "Don't mention it, I should be thanking you!"

At this moment, the entire underground space of Radiant City was illuminated by red light like dawn! Here it came, a large red cloud in front! Meanwhile, Da Fei's radar also showed a red cloud!

Da Fei's eyes almost popped out! Darn it, he's a cloud! Is he planning to rain fire? I thought he was a flaming monster or something! How can we fight this? Shoot him down with anti-air missiles? Darn it, there's no such high-tech stuff in the game!

Meanwhile, the Star team members busy digging tunnels couldn't hold back an exclamation! Not only that, everyone in the Star Command Center involuntarily jumped to their feet! Eternal Star could no longer remain calm, "Is this doomsday? How can we fight this crap! All team members hurry and burrow underground!"

Chapter 560: The Power of the High-level Flame Demon

Red clouds swooped down, covering the skies above Radiant City. Neither Elena's magic nor the magic cannons on the city walls could reach that distance. This reminded Da Fei of the Demon Race's last airborne attack, but this time, it wasn't troops that were dropped, but a relentless barrage of meteor showers.

Da Fei couldn't help but feel a heaviness in his heart. Could they withstand this?

The space filled with the wild laughter of Flame Demons, "Little thing, you prepared a nice flowerpot for the weeds, good job! My favorite thing to do is smashing flowerpots!"

As soon as the words fell, the sky lit up with a red glow, and countless fiercely burning meteors plummeted down from the red clouds. The entire Radiant City was within the strike zone of the meteor shower!

Holy shit! They really threw meteor showers into my city! Although Da Fei had already mentally prepared to be smashed to pieces, when the moment actually came, Da Fei could no longer keep his composure!

Where are the Pegasus Knights? Where is the Meteor Fist? What are you guys doing?

Without much thought, seeing a huge meteor ablaze hurtling down towards him, Da Fei clenched his teeth, gathered all the Flower Demons on the deck of the Flying, forming a seemingly flimsy wall of flowers!

—Bang bang bang bang! The booming sound of explosions happened on the flower wall, the city wall, the streets, and the buildings. In an instant, the whole world was bathed in red light, and the whole Radiant City turned into a sea of fire! In this inferno, the meteors that hit the ground rose abruptly, and one by one, towering Flame Demons engulfed in flames appeared!

But Da Fei had no time to watch all this, as he was only focused on the burning flower wall above him!

He observed for one second! Observed for two seconds! The flower wall didn't lose a drop of blood! Yes, not a single drop of blood was lost! No, it's not that there wasn't any blood loss; it's just that the game doesn't display damage less than 1,3000 Flower Demons were sharing the magical damage. If they were to lose 1 point of health, the damage each Flower Demon took must have at least been 3000! So, this means that this meteor's damage wasn't 3000! Then, how much was its magic power? Was it 200?

What's more important, this "meteor" intercepted in mid-air wasn't really a meteor after all. Once intercepted and not hit the ground, it wouldn't produce a Flame Demon Giant!

At this moment, Elena beside Da Fei solemnly said, "Meteor Shower is a very peculiar magic. It belongs to Fire Magic in the air, but once it hits the ground, it transforms into a part Earth Magic, and no doubt the ability to spawn Flame Demon Giants from Earth Magic is a Demon's ultimate skill!"

Finishing this, she waved her hand, and a pillar of Ice Pillar smashed down, "-1000"! It split open a Flame Demon Giant that emerged from a crater in the nearby city wall!

So that's how it is! At this moment, Da Fei had a rough estimation of this Baroque's strength! His magical power level was roughly the same as Elena's; each of his Flame Demon Giants had the durability of 1000 HP equivalent to level 8 troops. His main lethal method wasn't just these meteors, but the continuous stream of level 8 troop grade Flame Demon Giants that landed!

That is to say, if he lets his meteors hit the ground, the entire Radiant City will be filled with level 8 troops everywhere, which would be the real fatal airborne attack!

At that instant, Da Fei immediately planned the battle strategy: "Catherine, have Flying patrol around the city. Elena Dierdel, bomb all Flame Demon Giants within range, focusing on protecting the Arrow Towers. Selvia, make sure to heal the Flower Demons!"

"Roger!"

As for Da Fei, what else would he do but keep looking up at the sky, making the huge Flower Demon Army spread into a gigantic flower net flying around catching meteors!

—Bang bang bang bang! The blasting meteors continued to explode within the burning flower net, -1! -1! -1! Damage numbers rose. At this time, Selvia's Healing Golden Light enveloped the entire flower net, the +1 green numbers, -1 red numbers interwoven, dancing into a spectacular scene of text!

Haha! Wahahaha! Let you bomb, let you bomb enough!

It must be said, at this moment Da Fei further understood the incredible potential of level 0 Flying Flower Demons when in large numbers, and it seemed that the formidable-looking meteor shower was

indeed not as effective as a round of ordinary arrow rain. Thus, no matter how high-end a spell might be, it cannot replace the role of basic troops.

Red clouds burst into laughter, "Kid, you seem to be having a lot of fun! Let's see how long you can last?"

Da Fei fiercely raised his middle finger to the sky, "My Flower Demons have 22 HP! Can handle at least 40 of your stones at a time! Brother will withstand it until you are sick of it!"

And just then, Anlicia shouted through a loudspeaker across the city: "Warriors of Star Commerce, if not now, when? Quick, slay every one of the Flame Demon Giants ravaging our city!"

Under the Deputy City Lord's call, the members of Star team surged out of the sewers, beginning to surround and shoot those Flame Demon Giants that couldn't be reached by Flying.

Apu! Da Fei couldn't help laughing out loud! How could he be so cheeky? He was too embarrassed to call them himself! Alright, comrades, keep up the good work!

Now Da Fei was even more confident. Is this all the High-level Flame Demon could do? If so, why would the Elf Kingdom need to send troops? Just with player power, he planned to exhaust them to the point they couldn't even demolish one of his bathrooms!

Just then, Da Fei's radar detected something new, suddenly, hundreds of big red spots emerged from the water at the city wall!

Da Fei's eyelids twitched, damn, they really dared to come from the water? Hey hey hey! Leviathan buddy, your territory is being invaded hey! Time to wake up hey!

Just at this moment, the red cloud in the sky laughed wildly again: "Kid! Playtime is over, time to smash some pots, catch this!"

Da Fei was shocked, only to see the red cloud in the sky swiftly condensing together, turning into a blazing sun!

Holy moly! Was this the real deal coming into action? Such an astonishing aura completely stripped Da Fei of any courage to resist!

Da Fei hurriedly shouted: "Anlicia, teleport now! The faster, the better!"

"Understood!" Anlicia, who had been ready for a long time, immediately began casting around the Teleportation Array!

At this moment, the sun in the sky began to fall! With a roaring sound echoing from the depths of the earth, a burst of high-pressure hot wave swept through instantly, and in that instant, Da Fei's Flower Demon Army in the air shook violently, a slew of "-22!" damage numbers burst out, and three thousand Flower Demons screamed in unison, turning into sparkling flower dust as they plummeted!

—System Prompt: Your Flower Demon Army was hit by the high-pressure oscillation shockwave attack from the High-level Flame Demon Balroque, completely annihilated!

—System Prompt: Your survival will skill has put your annihilated Flower Demon Army into a near-death state unable to fight; please treat them promptly.

Wiped out! Three thousand Flower Demons wiped out! Watching the flower wall in the sky collapse in that instant, Da Fei stood stunned, eyes wide open! Shock wave! Was that some high-end physical attack? Like a Barbarian's sonic attack? Ignoring my physical Defense?

Fireball laughed wildly: "Kid, only the strong can fight the strong, so your little tricks are over!"

Da Fei looked to the sky in horror, at this moment, a bright red glow in front of Da Fei, so bright he couldn't even open his eyes!

And just then, at the sound of Anlicia's loud shout, Flying shook violently, and suddenly, it all went dark in front of Da Fei!

Instant Teleportation successful!

—Boom!!! A loud explosion came from afar!

Da Fei quickly turned his head to look, a mushroom cloud was rising from the location of Radiant City!

Holy moly!