

God level 561

Chapter 561: The Siege Defense is Critical

Staring at the mushroom cloud rising over Radiant City in the distance, Da Fei was utterly shocked! Is this even something players can directly contend with?

Just then, a green beam of light descended from the sky, covering the entire Radiant City. Within the light, countless Pegasi and Jade Dragons soared!

Da Fei suddenly rejoiced, the Elf Kingdom finally made a move, and it seemed quite high-end!

At that moment, Da Fei's notifications buzzed again. Da Fei hurriedly checked; it was the Goddess!

Bu Feiyan said, "Brother Fei, the Kingdom's reinforcements have moved out, with a big BUFF from Healing Rain. Let's take this opportunity and go big!"

Damn! I also want to go big! The problem is, the demons can mostly Instant Teleport. If one teleports onto my ship, won't they slaughter everyone on board? This kind of thing happened during the national war when that American almost succeeded. I need to observe the situation and choose the best time to intervene!

Da Fei verbally replied, "Understood, on the way back to the fight!"

Hmph, I'll first send Little Fei back to fight!

Da Fei then pulled out the Blood Eagle Flute to summon Little Fei. As Little Fei soared, Da Fei immediately noticed a large cluster of red dots overhead! Damn, those are tens of thousands of Spider Demons advancing toward Radiant City from over the horizon! This is an all-out assault by sea, land, and air!

Da Fei tensed up. God knows if the spiders in the sky or the water monsters underwater have set their sights on him! So the top priority now is to hide!

Da Fei immediately said, "Alicia, Catherine, prepare the Combination Skill for Mysterious Stealth Navigation!" I'll form the head again!

"Received!"

A mist quickly enveloped the Flying ship, and in the mist, its form rapidly blurred and disappeared. Now, Mysterious Stealth Navigation was no longer the skill it was when first developed. Whether it was Da Fei's God-level Navigation or the Stealth Mastery of the Primary Sentinel, they all greatly enhanced Mysterious Stealth Navigation!

Oh right, the Flying ship's own special skill, Dark Domain, can enhance Stealth effects by 10%. No need to say more, activate the skill!

A faint dark veil quietly rose from the mist. Even Little Fei in the sky could no longer see the Flying ship's existence!

That's right! This is true God-level Mysterious Stealth Navigation. With such a divine skill, that Flame Demon can only smell me out with his nose! Oh, I wonder if my Sentinel's divine skill Aura Shield would work on the ship? If it does, then that Flame Demon—Ugh, but there's such a thing as energy detection, which Elena can use to sense the presence of magical creatures in advance, so I still can't let my guard down!

Now Little Fei had flown to the green light-enclosed fiery Radiant City, and the scene before him stunned Da Fei!

Countless spiders were sliding down webs from the sky, landing in the city. Outside the city walls, hundreds of gigantic lobsters were crashing against the walls, each hit splashing enormous waves!

And the inner wall of the city's island defenses had already been smashed open, with a towering Flame Demon standing at the breach, laughing maniacally while swinging a fiery whip, battling the Elf Kingdom's Golden Armored Pegasus Knights!

Looking over the whole battlefield, Jade Dragons' crystal scales were scattered everywhere, blood mist from Spider Demons rose everywhere, and lightning bolts descended from the sky everywhere. The

Teleportation Array flashed white, with group after group of Star's members joining the battle, bathing in the green light of Healing Rain, forming ranks in a turtle-hedgehog formation to shoot down the Spider Demons from above!

The war had reached a boiling point!

The Flame Demon laugh maniacally, saying, "Little thing! You have quite the plan, but while you might escape the pot, you won't escape the garden. Your reinforcements won't last long! Nakasha, it's your turn!"

"Yes, my lord!"

A thick blood mist covered the battlefield, and from it emerged a gigantic spider silently!

Star's team erupted in shocked exclamations, "The enemy's hero has appeared!"

The appearance of a hero meant the full field of spiders would gain the hero's attribute skills, boosting their battle strength significantly!

Sensing the crisis, Star's commander immediately reacted, "Squad three, squad five, flank from both sides to block the little spiders, don't let them form a formation advantage, squad one, squad two, charge at the hero!"

Just then, countless strands of sticky mucus rained down from the sky, coating the entire Elf Army and players in Radiant City with slime, suddenly slowing their attack and move speed!

The Flame Demon laughed wildly, "Pathetic elves, is this your determination to resist? It's truly boring!"

At this point, with the Spider Demon Hero joining the fight, combined with the blood mist and web mucus nullifying the Healing Rain's buffs, the battle started to lean in favor of the Demon Race. One Jade Dragon after another fell with a crash, and player death white lights ascended one after another!

The battle became extremely unfavorable for our troops!

Just then, the Pegasus Knight besieging the Flame Demon shouted, "Warriors, for the glory of the elves, fight to the death!"

Only then did Da Fei notice he was our hero leading the troops! There's no choice, at this point, I must intervene! Otherwise, if we lose the city, then even if the city is recaptured, my position as City Lord might be in jeopardy! Just like in real life, if you don't mess up, you can get away with a lot of things usually, but if you slip up at a critical moment, you're done for!

Moreover, given the Flame Demon's enormous size, boarding the ship seemed impossible, okay! As long as it didn't board the ship, everything was fine! My Flying ship's 130,000 durability and 400 defense would withstand you!

As for how to fight, Da Fei immediately recalled the time when he blasted half-god Skira's clone. Back then, did he not rely on Mysterious Stealth Navigation to get behind it and fire? And now the Flame Demon was blocked by Pegasus Knights at the break in the city walls, wasn't this a chance for me to go all-out?

Okay! Go all-out on him! But appearing directly behind him would be too sudden. If space fluctuations gave me away, that wouldn't be good, so the old rule still stands, sneak into the city quietly!

Da Fei pointed to a section of the waterway on the city map, far from the breach in the city walls, "Alicia, teleport here! We'll sneak back and take out that Flame Demon!"

"Okay!" Alicia nodded, saying, "But Lord City Lord, to be foolproof, I think we could further disguise ourselves!"

Da Fei was surprised, "Further disguise?"

Alicia nodded, "Yes, we can transform the ship into a monster, so even if he sees through our Mysterious Stealth Navigation, what he sees is a monster, naturally lowering his guard."

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched, "Transformation Skill can still be used under Mysterious Stealth Navigation?"

Alicia smiled lightly, "Now I have the extra energy. The only downside is insufficient Magic Power and poor equipment, otherwise, the disguise would be even better..."

Damn! Can't we not talk about equipment right now?

Elena chuckled, "Lord Vice City Lord, I'll lend you my equipment!"

Alicia exclaimed joyfully, "Really? Quickly, quickly!"

Da Fei's jaw dropped! Vice Heroes could privately lend each other equipment? The problem was, Elena was the main striking force! Without her equipment, how could she attack!

As Da Fei lamented, Alicia, clad in two sets of new Divine Equipment, transformed with a silver shine, looking valiant. It seemed having beautiful heroes lend each other equipment was a good thing after all?

Alicia finally snapped back, hurriedly saying, "After the battle, this Vice City Lord will take you shopping for clothes!"

Elena sweetly smiled, "Thank you, Miss Deputy City Lord, for your care!"

Damn! Was she trying to curry favor with the Vice City Lord? Damn it! What favor, don't be fooled by her bet for clothes! Clothes are the least of our worries right now!

Da Fei, absentmindedly staring at Elena, said, "Alicia, once the equipment is changed, let's move!"

Alicia snorted, "Now that the body of the Flying ship is entirely black, disguising it as Leviathan is most appropriate!" Then she waved, casting a Demon Light!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia used God-level Arcane Magic "Leviathan Transformation Skill" on the Flying ship's hull!

Then Da Fei felt a spatial ripple before his eyes!

Did it transform? It surely did, but the Flying ship was in stealth mode and couldn't be seen clearly. Yet, speaking of Leviathan, why wasn't my Leviathan's Egg doing anything? Others are literally... doing unspeakable things on you! What's happening? Once more Da Fei felt anxious and exasperated.

Now Alicia reactivated the Teleportation Array, and with a slight tremor, the scene changed. A plume of light mist appeared in Radiant City's moat, the appearance of the Flying ship only gently rippling the water. And in the dense mist of Radiant City, the small amount of mist from the Flying ship was insignificant.

Excellent! Exactly the effect needed! Now with my Flying ship's double disguise, I'm going to make sure this Flame Demon's flower bursts like a sunflower!

Da Fei said gravely, "Sneak around quietly!"

Catherine whispered, "Acknowledged!"

....

At this time, the Elf Kingdom Staff Department was tense. Meanwhile, Eternal Star, waiting for orders, cursed Da Fei for fleeing suddenly!

"Elder! Lord Aries might not hold up much longer. We must continue to use the World Tree's reserves to dispatch troops!"

Eternal Star immediately interjected, "Elder, although the two City Lords of Radiant City have fled, our Star Commerce will fight to the last moment!"

The Great Elder's expression was stern, "No! Not yet the last moment!"

Just then, another officer exclaimed, "Report, Elder, around the Demon Camp, seismic reactions and powerful creatures' energy fluctuations were suddenly detected! But preliminary judgment is that they don't belong to Demon Race creatures!"

The entire Staff Department was astonished, "What is this?"

Chapter 562: Counterattack, Flame Demon Explodes Divine Artifact

Dragon Slayer Command Center. One side of the large screen on the wall was broadcasting the Thunder Fire Dragon team's progress in the World Tree Magma Space, while the other side showed the live battle situation in Radiant City. As for the players sending the live broadcast, they were some mid to low-level members of the Star Guild.

Indeed, whether it was Star or Dragon Slayer, it was very easy to buy off some mid to lower-level members of each other as spies. Enemies within us, and us within enemies, this was very normal and also a very troublesome matter. Thus, even in today's highly developed online gaming world, major guilds continued to manage their members in a dormitory-style, similar to internet café clubs. Of course, only top-level players would gather together, and real secret activities were only accessible to top-level players.

And evidently, the battle in Radiant City was no longer a secret, moreover, such battles that required players as cannon fodder didn't need the involvement of high-level players, some lower-level members playing from home could participate. It's imaginable that esports media and professional teams worldwide had already directly or indirectly obtained first-hand live videos by now.

At this moment, the Radiant City battle had reached an extremely intense moment, with the Elf Kingdom at a significant disadvantage, and casualties on the Star side were also severe.

While Dragon Slayer wouldn't think the battle would end so simply, the situation had developed to this extent, whether winning or losing, the battle had already seriously weakened the Elf Kingdom. Dragon Slayer had already secured an invincible position! Indeed, this war was destined for Dragon Slayer's victory from the beginning, as it was perfectly planned and successfully executed.

So at this moment, the Dragon Slayer Command Center was full of laughter, and every white light of a Star member's death earned a round of applause. Ma Yinglong even opened his second bottle of wine today, which was unprecedented. It must be said that he drank a lot these two days, and visited the restroom frequently.

...

At this time, in the Demon Camp on the shore of the Pool of Radiance, a few Dragon Slayer members left to guard were leisurely patrolling the camp and walls.

Although the Great Spider Commander had sent tens of thousands of Spider Demons out, the low-level Demon forces left behind were still tens of thousands strong. With such a huge number, even if they stood still for the enemy to kill, they would exhaust the enemy's stamina, leaving the enemy with no chance to turn the tables. Not to mention the enemy was suppressed at the front line, with no spare strength to counterattack!

In short, the battle's outcome would be decided at this moment, and after three consecutive days and nights passing without rest, it was time for a break.

Just then, the members seemed to feel a slight tremor from the ground. Being professional players, they immediately became alert, looking around and then bending down and listening intently to the ground—yes! The vibration was strong, and its direction seemed not to come from the Pool of Radiance. Was this a God-level teammate sent by the Elf side to turn the table?

The movement at the Demon Camp was, of course, immediately connected back to the command center via video, and the entire command center was suddenly astonished: "What on earth is it?"

"Sure enough, the Elf side won't end so easily!" Ma Yinglong drained his tumbler of wine and immediately instructed the on-site members, "Now that the commander is not at home, you must immediately notify the officers of each unit to prepare for battle. Even if the attack comes from a god, we shall rally a hundred thousand men to crush it!"

"Roger that!"

Ma Yinglong chuckled, "Crush the Divine Artifact too!"

...

In Radiant City, the continuously descending army of Spider Demons had successfully formed into a battle formation, splitting the Elf Kingdom's NPC reinforcements and the Star players' corps into two! The situation had reached its most critical moment!

At this moment, the ethereal mist-like Flying approached the break in the wall where the Flame Demon and Pegasus Knights fought.

Da Fei began to anxiously calculate how much damage his round of volleys could inflict on this target!

Crossbow Cannon damage = player's or gunner's Basic Attribute Points × Crossbow Cannon Basic Damage, with Master-level Crossbow Cannon having a 7-8 Basic Damage. Da Fei's Attack and Defense were both over a hundred, deducting the attribute points from equipment still left him with 200 total attribute points, making his Crossbow Cannon damage as high as 1400-1600!

Even if this Flame Demon's Defense reached over 100, with the Master-level Crossbow Cannon having 35 Attack, the Attack-Defense difference was over 70 points, according to the damage formula, with a damage reduction as high as 80%, his final shot damage would shrink to 280-320!

And with his Grandmaster-level skill controlling two Crossbow Cannons for a triple volley, that totaled 1700-1900 damage output! Damn! After witnessing Elena's single shots of 3000, 4000, 5000 total firepower, Da Fei felt his proud Crossbow Cannon damage was simply unbearable to watch!

Then he calculated the Artillery Emperor's long-unused damage:

—Artillery Emperor: Elite-level low-sized Demon creature, Attack 30, Defense 20, Damage 15-23, Life 320, Attack Speed 11, Fire Resistance 75%, Magic Resistance 50%, Command Value 6, Special Skill: Flying Creature, Charming Technique, Chain Shooting, Master War Machine Science, Crossbow Master.

Their total Basic Attributes Points were 50, only capable of a double shot, with each Master-level Crossbow Cannon shot doing 300-350 damage! This damage would have no equal among Crossbow Cannon Shooter troops worldwide, but with the Flame Demon's expected 100-point high Defense reducing damage by 80%, it would be an unremarkable 60-70 per shot, and 14 Artillery Emperors synchronously double shooting would total 1680-1960 damage!

Shit! This damage value surprisingly matched mine! I, with two guns, equaled the power of all 14 Crossbow Cannons on one side! And adding them up only reached three to four thousand, still not matching Elena's single lightning!

Weak! Too weak! After witnessing a series of high health, high defense BOSS in the Divine Domain Space, Da Fei finally felt for the first time that his proud large ship's firepower was woefully insufficient! Ultimately, the Crossbow Cannon, being a machine, did not benefit from hero attribute bonuses, with Crossbow Cannon Attack forever around 30 or so, effective against small monsters in the early to middle stages, but totally ineffective when facing late-stage BOSS with over hundred Defense!

Yet, even so, the role of the Crossbow Cannon couldn't be entirely replaced by magic, for the Crossbow Cannon possesses a knockback feature. With 16 Crossbow Cannons firing simultaneously, it would definitely knock back! If it knocked back the Flame Demon, disrupting his stance and interrupting his attack, the Pegasus Hero in front of him would inevitably find his weak point to deliver a powerful blow!

Indeed! This is the significance of this surprise attack!

But, since I've brought this big ship over, if all these cannons can't defeat a BOSS, what will I do facing the Demigod Eight-Headed Snake in the future, with strength defiantly not weak, Blood Defense certainly won't be low, and no NPC hero to help then! I must take down this BOSS!

Da Fei cleared his throat and said to Anlicia, "Miss Deputy City Lord Anlicia, could you return the weapons to Miss Elena when the battle starts?"

Damn it! As a commander, having to request permission from the vice hero to change equipment, if I casually recruited some tavern heroes, would I have this kind of difficulty?

Anlicia glanced sideways, "No problem, otherwise how could Lord City Lord command the battle with peace of mind?"

Oh, there's a hidden meaning in those words, huh? Fine, with battle imminent, I won't say more!

Closer, ever closer! Now, the Flying shut off the Magic Energy Wind Sail, drifting silently like a stalking alligator to the Flame Demon's rear, soon to drift into range, with the Flame Demon eagerly opening his weak point to Da Fei!

I'll satisfy you! Da Fei, both tense and excited, started raising his arm!

At this moment, the Flame Demon suddenly laughed wildly, "Little friend, I knew you wouldn't run away on the battlefield, so I've been waiting here for you. You didn't disappoint me!"

Da Fei's heart jumped, was he discovered? Was he stationed at this break to lure me?

Just as the words fell, a flame shockwave swept over—BOOM!!!

—System Prompt: Your Flying took -1000 points of damage from the flame shockwave, Mysterious Stealth Navigation effect dispelled!

Under the flame's impact, the massive body of the Flying appeared from the void, no, a giant black monster emerged!

Da Fei was astonished, "The monster's disguise hasn't faded?"

But there was no time to think; at this point, the Flame Demon's shockwave had simultaneously repelled the encircling Pegasus Knights. He immediately turned back, and in his hand brewed a massive rolling black flame like a vortex!

Tamilia's terrified voice echoed in the cabin, "Lord, it's Abyss Demon Flame! Under no circumstances be hit!"

Da Fei was horrified on the spot! I'm without a magical tank, and there's no time to teleport, how do I dodge this flame thing!

Just then, the rear-facing Flame Demon Balroque was stunned suddenly! Clearly, when he saw there was a monster instead of the anticipated ship, he froze too! And this hesitation made him not unleash the Abyss Demon Flame in his hand immediately!

But the battlefield is ruthless! Any distraction or mistake leads to downfall!

In that brief stupor, a thick tree root suddenly broke through the stone from under his foot, instantly entangling and binding him!

The Pegasus Knight shouted towards the monster, "Warrior! Let's eliminate this demon together! Go all out!"

Da Fei snapped back into reality, waving a big hand, "Fire!!!"

—Boom snap! Boom snap! Boom snap!!! In an instant, a massive volley of Crossbow Arrows was fired from the monster's flank, and at the same time, an Ice Pillar crashed down from the sky!

"-3400!" "Elemental Chain Damage -1200!" "312!" "74!" "76!" "Shattering Strike -164!" "Dragon Slayer Strike -116!" "Lucky Strike 170!"...

In a moment, a string of diverse red damage numbers exploded from above the Flame Demon's head!

"Petty tricks!!" The Flame Demon roared angrily, flames burning fiercely all over, trying to burn away the roots binding him.

But the Pegasus Knights wouldn't let him be, with more roots breaking the soil from beneath him!

The Pegasus Knight Hero further exhilarated, like injected with adrenaline, rushed onward chopping fiercely, "The demon cannot escape, warrior, eliminate him with full strength!"

Da Fei laughed skyward, also high on adrenaline, "Blast! Bombard him with everything!"

The Flame Demon, attacked from both sides and unable to escape or counterattack, was doomed to defeat under the deluge of damage output!

Anlicia smugly remarked, "Do you know why Leviathan's disguise wasn't broken earlier? It's because, boosted by high Magic Power equipment, illusions of monsters materialized with God-level arcane have lots of Life Value, not so easily dispelled by a mere casual spell!"

So that's it! Indeed, equipment is key! Da Fei laughed heartily, "Rest assured, I'll definitely get you a good set of equipment in the future!"

Anlicia laughed, then said solemnly, "Two sets!"

—Ah spit! Can you not compete? You still have a Divine Artifact in your hand! Though, those artifacts are only useful for entering and leaving the Nether Sea.

Just then, the Flame Demon flared black flames all over, "Mortal! The dignity of High-level Flame Demon Balroque can't be trampled, even in death, you won't have it easy!"

"Careful, he's going to self-destruct!" The Pegasus Knight shouted, immediately casting a golden flame shield to protect himself!

—BOOM!!! Following his words, the Flame Demon's entire body exploded, a sweeping black flame engulfed everything!

The Flying quivered violently, completely revealing its true form, while the whole of the Flying's sail and body burned fiercely in the black flames!

—System Prompt: Warning! Your Flying is affected by Abyss Demon Flame's corrosive curse!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You defeated the replica of Hell's Gate Guardian, High-level Flame Demon Balroque, gaining +4 million experience! Obtained Divine Artifact "Flame Shield"!

Chapter 563: Leviathan Approaches

Along with the Flame Demon's explosive self-destruction, black flames enveloped the Flying's hull and sails, burning fiercely in the dark fire.

Catherine immediately shouted, "Firefighting! All crew members, put out the fire quickly!"

Tamilia's panicked voice echoed in the cabin, "My lord, this is Abyss Demon Flame. Only the Water of Light can purify it. Hurry and use the pool water to extinguish it!"

Water from the Pool of Light? It's right here! With no time to celebrate the victory, Da Fei quickly grabbed a bucket from a sailor and personally started dousing the flames.

But the dozens of buckets of water instantly turned into steam, merely a drop in the bucket. Not to mention, the effectiveness of the Pool of Radiance water had diminished due to contamination!

Damn it! Could it be? Is this Divine Fire?

Just as Da Fei was in shock and despair, a squad of Pegasus Knights and the remaining Jade Dragon flew over the Flying, and the Pegasus Hero shouted, "Warriors, let me lend you a hand!"

The knights circled above the Flying, waving their hands to cast a spell. The city-wide green Healing Rain of Radiant City shrank, concentrating above the Flying. The raindrops fell like a waterfall, extinguishing the black flames ravaging the ship. In the cascade, the Life Value of the Pegasus Knights and the Jade Dragon soared rapidly, and the thousands of Flower Demons, just dust moments ago, were resurrected under the baptism.

Da Fei was thrilled! Oh my gosh, the effect was astounding! Such valuable resources should indeed be concentrated for the main forces!

Anlicia respectfully bowed to the sky, "Thank you, Lord Aries!"

Da Fei was taken aback. Was this the first time he saw Anlicia like this—the admiration? Surely, a Pegasus Hero commanding high-level troops and contending with Flame Demons had to be a legendary hero!

Da Fei quickly followed suit and bowed, "Thank you, my lord, for the rescue!"

Aries laughed heartily, "Now that we've recovered, warriors, let's wipe out every enemy who dared invade!"

Da Fei was delighted, "Absolutely!"

Meanwhile, the Star Army at the city's Teleportation Array was engulfed in a wave of Death White Light. They were all cursing in unison, "This sucks!" "Our healing effects are gone!"

Ha, Da Fei couldn't help but laugh! Indeed, it sucks, but comrades are meant to be taken advantage of!

The Healing Rain vanished completely after the final downpour, and the fully recovered Pegasus Knights began assisting the Star team in flanking Nakasha's Spider Demon Army, reversing the situation in an instant!

Just then, Da Fei's communicator buzzed—it could only be the Goddess!

Bu Feiyan laughed, "As expected of Brother Fei! You took out the BOSS with a single move. Did a Divine Artifact drop?"

Da Fei laughed boisterously, "It was the NPCs who did it, haha! It's not that easy to get Divine Artifacts, right?"

Bu Feiyan laughed, "Alright, now it's our turn to counterattack. Brother Fei, let's work together!"

"Let's do it together!"

Hahaha! Getting a Divine Artifact sure was easy! Da Fei finally breathed a sigh of relief and eagerly examined the dropped Divine Artifact!

—Flame Shield: Divine Artifact, off-hand weapon slot, troops Defense +50, troops Magic Resistance +15%, Flame Shield special effect, troops reflect 3 points Flame Damage back to attacker after melee attacks.

This is the Divine Artifact Shield!

Da Fei was stunned by the staggering 50-point attribute! For a mere Divine Artifact Shield, having only physical resistance without magic resistance made no sense, so the +15% magic resistance was a blessing for low-level cannon fodder soldiers who naturally lacked magic resistance. More importantly, when combined with Elena's 6-set Divine Equipment special skill Elemental Domain, the troops' additional magic resistance reached a shocking 45%. High-level soldiers with naturally high magic resistance soared to the 95% anti-magic limit!

Moreover, the unexpected rebound melee damage Flame Shield special effect, though seemingly small, was reminiscent of the Lizardman's Staff acquired during the competition! Meaning, my troops would no longer fear super creatures like rat swarms?

Good stuff! Truly deserving of the title Divine Artifact! Ha, hahahahaha!

Without further thought, he quickly equipped it! It's a pity the recently acquired Spear of the Dead hadn't even been used yet, all strategic reserves, yet there's a slot conflict. No worries, let Anlicia use the Spear of the Dead, since she's always whining for gear!

Just then, Tamilya appeared, her expression grave, "My lord, although the Abyss Demon Flame was extinguished immediately, the curse's corrosion effect persists, and our Holy Vine's growth is inhibited!"

Da Fei was shocked, quickly checking the Flying's current attributes, and indeed, a new line appeared in the current status bar: "Cursed by the Demon God"!

—Cursed by the Demon God: The newly born Holy Vine struggles against the curse of the Demon God's Flames, and the growth of the Holy Vine is now completely inhibited.

Oh, goodness! My Flying truly was the Ship of Misfortune, plagued with constant trouble! Since taking ownership, it had never ceased being cursed!

Da Fei exclaimed, "Does that mean the Flying's self-healing ability is gone?"

Tamilia shook her head, "No, the self-healing ability remains, but the Holy Vine cannot grow further, nor can the Holy Vine Space expand. If growth remains stunted and the Flame Demon returns, our Holy Vine will be even more defenseless!"

Da Fei was stunned! Could it return again? Could slaying it again drop more Divine Artifacts? Goodness, what am I thinking! Without the Pegasus Knights, could I have defeated any demigod?

Looking at the Flying, now reduced to a mere 120,000 durability cap after incineration, Da Fei lamented, "Does this mean our ship's attributes will no longer improve?"

Tamilia shook her head again, "I don't understand ships, but surely they can no longer rely on the Holy Vine's power to enhance attributes. Clearing the curse from the Holy Vine is necessary, and how to do that, I don't know. This realm involves Divine Power; I am powerless!"

Then Anlicia spoke, "Lord City Lord, your original plan was to restore Flying by purifying the Pool of Radiance, right? Perhaps once the Pool of Radiance is fully restored, a solution will naturally emerge. Plus, Flying can still upgrade without the Holy Vine, maybe after upgrading, it will naturally enhance the Holy Vine's resistance."

Catherine echoed, "Exactly, the Holy Vine is the Holy Vine, and the ship is the ship. The ship can upgrade without the Holy Vine, and as it stands, Flying is already incredibly powerful. There's not one large warship across any nation that can compare, so Captain, no need to worry!"

How could I not be anxious? Experts play team tactics; my game is pioneering. Just the thought of my advanced advantage being suppressed discomforts me! And knowing that while my Flying is grounded, the British's colossal Ark flaunts around, makes me wonder how advanced they've become! This

patriotic spirit, simmered under poverty for 30 years, now finally awakened in affluence, drives me to engage in national wars to glorify my country! Sigh...

Da Fei nodded helplessly, "It seems that's all we can do!"

Anlicia added, "The Flame Demon is now dealt with, the city is in the hands of Lord Aries and our kingdom's warriors; our target is to repel the sea monsters from the outer wall!"

Elena laughed, "Leave it to me!"

Da Fei nodded, "Alright, let's head to the wall!" Although Da Fei wanted to instantly teleport Flying outside the walls to bombard those sea monsters, seeing their lobster-like bloody red armor and terrifying numbers, he immediately abandoned the crazy thought.

Better let Elena's heavy firepower coordinate with the wall defenders to bombard!

However, with all the meteor showers and wall bombardments, such a spectacle in the water, why hadn't Brother Mao's Leviathan appeared yet? Da Fei sighed; no movement was better since I didn't fully rely on it in the first place. Also, hundreds of water monsters here, what effect could a newborn tiny Leviathan possibly have?

Helplessly Da Fei opened the "Leviathan's Anger" task to see what the matter was.

—Task Hint: Warning!!! The terrifying cry for life from the juvenile Leviathan feeling a tremendous threat, as the angry Leviathan Mother approaches!

—Task Hint: Warning! Leviathan is an Ancient God-level Giant Beast; an adult Leviathan possesses abilities beyond mortal comprehension.

For a moment, Da Fei was paralyzed on the spot!

Approaching? Oh my goodness, last time was urging me to prepare early, now it's outright saying it's coming! Damn, God-level beasts truly aren't limited by geographical constraints?! If Leviathan comes, what to do? These water monsters will surely meet an ugly end, but what about our city? Won't it be implicated and torn apart in rage? Damn, having just dealt with a demigod, now there's a Divine Beast. Who can withstand such torment?!

Da Fei urgently called to his companions, "There's a new situation; everyone ignore the water monsters, Leviathan is coming! Think of something!"

Everyone was in an uproar!

...

The Dragon Slayer Command Center. The scene of the Flame Demon's self-destruction shocked the room. Although the distance made the footage unclear, it was confirmed—the Elves had reversed the situation!

Everyone in the command center was sighing regretfully, "Was this Flame Demon some clown invited by the Spider? Out of action so soon, at least it should have lasted until the sea monsters breached a wall."

"It's Da Fei steering the ship, with so many cannons firing in volleys; even a deity couldn't withstand several rounds!"

"What level was this Flame Demon? If it were a God-level BOSS, a Divine Artifact would've dropped, right?"

"Are you kidding, boss? Shouldn't we be dropping some Divine Artifacts too? Da Fei is over there, arrogantly boasting with his dreadnought, collecting Divine Artifacts all over, who can bear that?!"

"Don't panic, don't panic, the commotion at the camp is intensifying, and the Divine Artifact is beckoning us too!"

Were Divine Artifacts really beckoning to us? At this moment, Ma Yinglong felt a vague sense of unease. With the Flame Demon slain and the Spider Demon forces trapped, his own army no longer had the advantage! However, if sacrificing ten thousand defenders could off a single divine entity and drop a Divine Artifact, it would be absolutely worth it, and the advantage would still be on his side.

While contemplating and observing the battle, the team members onsite before the camp were exclaiming, "It's floodwater! There's floodwater coming down on the ground!"

Chapter 564: Breaking the Flood

The Demon Camp at the Pool of Radiance rumbled as the ground quaked, and a thunderous roar echoed through the underground space. A gale carrying icy water vapor howled throughout! Everything felt as if a dam had released its floodgates!

The guarding team immediately raised the alarm, "Flood incoming!"

Flood! The entire Star Command Center rose in shock! Was this flood caused by magic or a world event? If it was magic, the power was horrifying! If it was a world event, then from today, the game map would have to be rewritten!

Of course, now wasn't the time to think about this issue. If the flood truly came, not even a hundred thousand demons, let alone a million, would escape being washed away like ants! This battle would see the Dragon Slayer Guild utterly defeated!

Ma Yinglong's face turned green as he trembled, "Quick! Notify all units to climb the city walls!"

"Understood!"

There was no need to announce; all the demon soldiers instinctively sensed the danger and scrambled up the walls in a frenzy!

The deafening noise grew closer, the gale intensified, and finally, it appeared!

From behind the lava factory in the Demon Camp, a white water dragon roared downward, its massive wind pressure raising a storm of sand and dust, instantly darkening the view!

The demon army atop the first line of walls panicked, shouting together as they desperately squeezed to either side of the walls!

—Boom!!! A massive crash, and the lava factory standing before the flood instantly crumbled!

The entire Dragon Slayer Command Room erupted in shock!

The flood demolished the lava factory, sweeping away building debris and silt as it flattened the Demon Camp, then roared towards the city wall!

At this moment, Ma Yinglong helplessly closed his eyes! The scene must've been beautiful, but Ma Yinglong dared not look!

—Boom! Crash!!! With a sound of utter destruction, the first dozen sections of city wall collapsed! Hundreds of demon soldiers who couldn't escape were swept into the lake by the massive waves!

At this moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Room fell deathly silent!

And just then, an immense roar echoed underground as a colossal beast resembling a battleship, with the shape of a giant crocodile but wings on the side, appeared!

"Wow!!!" The Dragon Slayer Command Center exploded again, "A monster is coming!"

This massive beast emitted an engine-like roar, vibrating its giant wings as it approached with unimaginable speed, ignoring the dense crowd of demon soldiers on the walls, charging directly through the gap in the flood-breached wall, into the Pool of Radiance, and vanished from the monitor's sight!

Watching the behemoth's elegant figure, Ma Yinglong was stunned, "Is this, a seaplane?"

But a team member quickly reacted, "It's Leviathan! President, this is the legendary Leviathan! Ultimate sea divine beast!"

"Leviathan? If it's Leviathan, it couldn't possibly be reinforcements from the Elf Kingdom!"

"President, we haven't lost yet! If Leviathan charges in, the Elf Kingdom is definitely doomed!"

Hopefully! Ma Yinglong sank back into his seat.

At this moment, the surroundings of the entire Demon Camp were submerged in water, all supplies and military equipment washed away by the flood, the hundred thousand demon army trapped on a narrow island in the middle, isolated without help, survival hanging by a thread!

Ma Yinglong couldn't fathom why their advantageous position had suddenly turned into such a mess. If this battle was lost, the loss for the Dragon Slayers wasn't just colossal money; it was the first opportunity to enter the New World! If they lost this first opportunity, the consequences were unimaginable, the China Region would be bashed by other regions!

They couldn't lose! Even if it meant mutual destruction, they couldn't let Dragon Slayer lose alone! In case of mutual destruction, Dragon Slayer could still unite with Star to fight valiantly in the New World, but once Star rose too high, alliance would be impossible, and Dragon Slayer striving to make a name in the world would be challenging!

At this moment, Ma Yinglong gritted his teeth and placed all hope on the mysterious Leviathan.

...

In the Elf Kingdom Staff Department, their victory over the Flame Demon didn't prompt much celebration as the advance of an unknown powerful creature left all officers solemn.

"Report to the elder, our army secured a major victory, the Spider Demon troops began retreating!"

The Great Elder said in a deep voice, "Very well, their retreat is inevitable, immediately notify Lord Aries, there's no need to chase the remnants, focus fully on countering the powerful creature threat!"

"Report, Great Elder, the latest monitoring report shows that the powerful creature instantly opened up the underground lake of Nimya and the channel of its underground river, a large amount of lake water has entered the Pool of Radiance, all demon factories have lost operational reaction, they may have been flooded!"

The entire command post erupted in shock, "What kind of creature has such power?"

"It means the siege by the demon army was neutralized by the flood?"

"If conditions allow, our army should take advantage of this opportunity to counterattack, slaughter the demons swept away by the flood!"

Eternal Star on the scene was in utter disbelief! Was this a map-changing event? This was definitely not done by us, and certainly not the Dragon Slayers either. Was this Da Fei's doing? Had he planned this breakthrough method from the start by being lackadaisical in the defense? Is this Da Fei's level? While our guild battled like fools in the city, this is how it turned out? At this moment, Eternal Star was full of mixed emotions and deep-seated resentment.

The Great Elder said in a deep voice, "Wait and see, do not act rashly!"

...

At Radiant City, the Spider Demon Legion, without the aid of the Flame Demon, was no match for Legendary Hero Aeris, the Spider Demons scrambling along silk paths up towards the top, retreating, with countless caught in retreat becoming the sacrificed rear guard.

At this moment, Radiant City was strewn with the corpses of Spider Demons and Jade Dragons, and as the final victors who could revive their army without loss, that was the victor's right, the penalty for failed sieges!

Da Fei's mind was naturally not on this destined victory. He was manipulating Little Fei to monitor the far distance from Radiant City!

Finally, it arrived! A huge red dot on the radar rushed towards Radiant City with incredible speed!

This was the adult Leviathan! Da Fei's heart shook, immediately shouting to Alicia, who donned Elena's divine equipment once more, "It's here, attack!"

Alicia downed the Mana Potion in her hands, took a deep breath, and then waved!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia unleashed God-level Arcane Magic "Summoning Mist"!

The water vapor on the lake surface began to rise, instantly enveloping the entire Radiant City! Indeed, Alicia's magical power approached 200 points with the two sets of divine equipment she wore, plus the elemental domain special effect, adding 30% spell power, the mist effect was incomparable to before!

Of course, the purpose of releasing mist was merely to prevent Radiant City from standing out and enraging Leviathan into destroying the city immediately. Da Fei had a second tactical move, that was to assist Leviathan in battling the Demon Clan Water Monster, and show it that "we are allies"!

If this divine beast were intelligent, Da Fei would try to pin all on the Demon Race, telling it that they brought the egg to assault the city, and it had nothing to do with him, he was a good guy!

In summary, this was the emergency response devised by Da Fei's think tank. How reliable was it? Not a question worth asking. Did Da Fei have any other choice?

Chapter 565: An Unreliable Gamble

Pool of Radiance, Leviathan Mother's massive body, echoing like a black battleship, thundered into Little Fei's sight! In that instant, Da Fei's breath hitched!

This was a mature Leviathan, its size nearly one-fifth the size of Radiant City! It even had wings! Da Fei could easily imagine that whether it was ramming walls or leaping over, the so-called Level 10 city walls of Radiant City simply couldn't stop such a monstrous creature akin to Godzilla! More importantly, this

was not any clone, this was the real deal! This was, up to now, the second largest sea monster Da Fei had seen apart from Calubidis. Faced with such a being, how could players stand a chance?

Now, the retreating hundreds of Demon Clan Water Monsters were about to encounter this island-like colossal creature! In front of the Leviathan, the size of these water monsters was like a soccer ball under the feet of an athlete!

Originally, Da Fei's second step in the plan was to use Instant Teleportation to take Flying out and provide assistance while Leviathan slaughtered the demons, but after seeing the Leviathan's vast size and formidable power, Da Fei hesitated!

Using Instant Teleportation now, his ship would stick out more than any water monster, and might just be the first to court death! But if he didn't go out, once the Leviathan ignored the illusions and mist and charged straight into Radiant City, wouldn't Flying still inevitably court death then?

He couldn't just sit and wait for death; time to take a bet!

Da Fei then said to Anlicia: "Continue transforming into Leviathan! Then, depart!"

Anlicia responded solemnly: "Understood!"

With a flash of Demon Light and a ripple in vision, Flying transformed once more into Leviathan. That's right, even if Leviathans are ferocious, they wouldn't just kill one of their own kind on sight, right? Even if they do kill, it should be after everyone else, right? As long as we maintain distance and assist in taking down a few water monsters, earning some favorable impressions is always right, isn't it?

At this moment, a horse's whinny sounded from the sky, and the Pegasus Hero, Lord Aries, landed on the deck.

Anlicia hurriedly stepped forward and respectfully saluted: "Welcome Lord Aries to our ship!"

At this moment, gazing at Aries, a dazzling sight human and horse clad in full shiny silver armor, one couldn't help but feel awe. However, this further confirmed that flying mounts could indeed be

equipped with Battle Armor. He must know the secret to training flying mounts; an opportunity to befriend him must not be missed!

Da Fei also immediately stepped forward to salute: "May I ask if the Lord has any guidance?"

Aries approvingly said: "Warrior, despite your young age, you have mastered such high-end Illusion Techniques, which I deeply admire! Just now, I also received orders from the command center to find a way to deal with the incoming giant beast, but to be honest, I have no clue, nor do I know where to begin. On the contrary, your deployment has piqued my curiosity. I want to see how the warriors handle it, so please take me along to observe the battle!"

Da Fei's jaw dropped! Oh my goodness, it has always been NPCs fighting hard battles, while players on the sidelines push the plot along with light involvement, but now it becomes NPCs being the onlookers? Am I breaking through the skies with high-end tactics, beyond what NPCs can handle?

Anlicia quickly said: "It's an honor for the Lord to join us in observation. However, we're not entirely confident, so... please bear with us."

Aries laughed: "No matter, even if this city falls to the giant beast, your display of such astonishing talent will ensure I advocate strongly for you at the Kingdom. When it's time to rebuild Radiant City, you will still be the undeniable choice for the City Lord!"

Oh my goodness! This is definitely a bigshot! As long as I can keep the position of City Lord of Radiant City, I really don't mind if I smash up every pot and jar in the city!

Da Fei ecstatically said: "Thank you, my lord!"

Aries laughed: "I've long heard of the warrior's reputation; you've proven yourself before with your abilities, and now you're proving yourself once again. Please don't worry and give it your all!"

I'm overcoming racial prejudice with my capabilities! Da Fei was touched! Okay, no more words, with a wave of his hand, let's depart!

Anlicia, even more motivated, energetically said: "Received!"

With a flash of light and a changing scene, Flying, now transformed into Leviathan, appeared on the battlefield of the Pool of Radiance. During the time Da Fei and Aries spoke, a massacre had already begun on the battlefield!

Amidst the huge waves of blood, one after another Demon Clan Water Monster was turned into minced meat under the gargantuan jaws and sharp teeth of the Leviathan, painting the waters blood-red!

Seeing Leviathan's one-bite kills, Da Fei's legs began to tremble! Is this the damage of Leviathan? Each bite seems to inflict tens of thousands of damage! With such terrifying damage, it would be easy to break down the walls, not only players can't withstand it, but NPCs might not have a way to deal with it either?

Aeris couldn't help but be moved, saying, "As expected of the Leviathan, these formidable Blood Abyss Demons at the front line of the Suvalna Fortress are so easily defeated by it! However, Blood Abyss Demons grow stronger at the sight of blood, and as the number of dead Blood Abyss Demons increases, when the entire lake is stained red with Demon Blood, the overall combat power of the remaining Blood Abyss Demons will not decrease, and may even become stronger. In the end, it all depends on how far these Demon Clan creatures can fight!"

Anlicia gritted her teeth and said, "It would be best if they both suffer heavy losses!"

Aeris sighed, "That would indeed be the ideal outcome. However, as long as we can use the Leviathan's power to eradicate these Blood Abyss Demons, it will be of great significance to our Suvalna Fortress in the New World. I just hope these Blood Abyss Demons realize their situation; escape is impossible, and their only choice is to fight to the death and to not retreat!"

Da Fei's heart skips a beat, that's right! I should keep my hands off for now and see how the situation unfolds!

And just as everyone had hoped, despite the massive gap in strength, the Demon Clan Water Monsters were undaunted and launched a relentless surround attack with their numerical advantage!

The slaughter continued, and over a hundred shattered corpses of Blood Abyss Demons were now drifting on the lake surface, completely staining it red. As Aeris had predicted, the remaining Blood Abyss Demons began to swell in size, becoming significantly larger than at the start. Both their Attack Speed and resilience had qualitatively improved, they were no longer so easily vanquished in one bite, and the Leviathan's pace of slaughter had slowed.

At that moment, Aeris, with an eagle-eyed gaze, immediately spotted a new development: "The Leviathan's Attack Speed has decreased, a sign of its Stamina depletion!"

Da Fei was suddenly thrilled, is there a chance?

Anlicia asked in amazement, "My lord, why is the Leviathan's Stamina so poor?"

Hey hey hey! How could you ask such a basic question? The creature came from far away, crossing mountains and rivers—wait a second! In that instant, Da Fei suddenly realized that Anlicia's gaze towards Aeris was off; it was clearly that of a young girl towards her idol, full of admiration, worship... and affection!

—Ah pfft! Da Fei sprayed out a mouthful of old blood! No wonder this girl was so well-behaved and honest at their first meeting, it turns out, it turns out—ah pfft! Da Fei spewed another bout of gastric acid! Darn it! They're at the point of making small talk! This isn't how the game is supposed to be played! His Vice Hero should look at him with eyes full of admiration!

While he was feeling heartbroken, Aeris spoke in a serious tone: "It's said that this Leviathan instantly opened up the underground waterways of the Nimya region. Even for a shocking and horrifying Divine Beast, such an act of moving mountains and filling seas wouldn't have been easy, a considerable amount of Stamina or Magic Power would have been inevitably drained, so perhaps we are not without a chance!"

Hearing this, Da Fei felt a spark of inspiration! That's right, this Leviathan isn't just some wild Demigod monster, it's the clearly stated quest "Leviathan's Anger" issued by the system! Since it's a quest, there should be a chance for players to complete it, right? Just like the Eight-Headed Snake in the World Tree Space, the system also issued a quest to kill it, but to give players a chance, it set a weak point with the dumb Ice Head.

But this quest doesn't provide any tips about the Leviathan's weakness, and under normal circumstances, how could there be such a convenient occurrence where so many Demon Clan Water Monsters act as cannon fodder to drain its Stamina? And considering the general intelligence of Sea Monsters, with its astonishing speed, couldn't it escape if it loses the fight? Not to mention, like a regular Sea Monster that could simply dive deep into the water, nobody could do anything about it! And in comparison with the Eight-Headed Snake, the system placed it directly in a channel space, so there was no possibility for it to flee, hence the issuance of the kill quest!

So is the actual way to complete this quest truly by killing it?

Da Fei eagerly asked, "My lord, under the current circumstances, to what extent do you think these Demon Clan Water Monsters can fight against it? Can they both be severely wounded?"

Aeris shook his head and sighed, "This is a Divine Beast after all. Even if it's low on Stamina, it's not necessarily something that these Demon Clan Water Monsters can handle. If these Demon Clan creatures had the strength to fight with it to a mutual defeat, the Demon Race would have already conquered the world. In any case, Warrior, proceed with the plan you've set, don't let my opinions sway you. Moreover, as long as you can use the Leviathan's strength to kill these Water Monsters, that means, Warrior, you've indirectly contributed a great Merit to the New World's Suvalna Fortress. Even if Radiant City is destroyed, you'll still receive a high commendation! I endorse you!"

So Merit could also be obtained like this? Alright, with your words, I'm reassured!

Since the preferred way to complete this quest is probably not by killing, then I should stick to the original plan. I must believe that it has intelligence, that it's possible to communicate! This is a completely unreliable gamble! If I lose the bet, I'm just a fool!

Da Fei immediately responded, "Thank you for your recognition, my lord! Then, I shall take action!"

Da Fei gestured to Catherine, "It's our turn to make a move!"

"Roger that!"

Now, transformed into a Leviathan, the Flying ship entered the battlefield. It was at this moment that a mist of blood-red vapor rose from the Water Monster carcasses on the lake surface and drifted into Selvia's Sea Soul Staff!

Da Fei's heart trembled! Damn, these are the souls of hundreds of major Water Monsters! With their level, should these monsters be converted into Mana or into Sea Soul? If it's converted into Sea Soul, that's hundreds of them, which means a huge fortune!

It's a bet!

Chapter 566: Diplomacy of the Entire Group

The Flying silently sailed into the blood-churning battlefield, with more and more water monster corpses floating on the lake having their souls absorbed by the Sea Soul Staff. Meanwhile, Vice Hero Alicia maintained her spellcasting stance in front of the Teleportation Array, ready to act at a moment's notice in case of unexpected developments.

Now the Flying targeted a large water monster that was attacking the Leviathan, as Elena's Thunderstorm struck thunderously, and the 16 crossbow cannons in the gun cabin fired all at once, with a massive row of damage numbers erupting!

"-3700!" "Elemental Chain Damage-1600!" "-362!" "-85!" "-81!" "Shattering Strike-184!" "Dragon Slayer Strike-116!" "Lucky Strike 210!" "-81!" ...

Da Fei's eyelids twitched! It wasn't dead! This round of over ten thousand damage output didn't kill it! Although it was already estimated that these water monsters had over ten thousand HP as bosses, confirming it now left Da Fei unable to contain his excitement!

These forces were definitely the ace main force of the Demon Race, hundreds of them! Once they were taken down using Leviathan, who knew how high his merit would reach? Would he get promoted? Be granted a title? Moreover, such strong bosses would surely be converted into Sea Souls by the Sea Soul Staff—wow, he really might get hundreds of Sea Souls!

"Haha! This gamble was worth it, even if the entire Radiant City was lost, I might not suffer a loss!" Da Fei waved his hand in high spirits, "Continue firing!"

Boom! Boom! Boom! Another volley, and the water monster finally perished dramatically. At this moment, Leviathan's window-sized, blood-red eye, akin to a searchlight, suddenly swept toward the Flying! Red light exploded on Da Fei's screen!

System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill Warning! You have entered the alert range of the extremely dangerous powerful creature Leviathan and are about to enter combat!

"Oh my God, this is ominous! Stay away!" Da Fei was so shocked that his hair stood on end, hurriedly raising an arm to signal Alicia to teleport away. Just then, a row of system prompts appeared on the screen:

System Prompt: Your Master-level Leadership Diplomacy Skill is attempting to neutralize the hostility of the powerful creature!

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Elena's Master-level Leadership Diplomacy Skill is attempting to neutralize the hostility of the powerful creature!

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Deirdre's Master Leadership Negotiation Expert Skill is attempting to neutralize the hostility of the powerful creature!

...

Da Fei froze in astonishment, a system prompt for Diplomacy Skill? This was unheard of!

Diplomacy Skill always worked silently in the system's background. It was not like Reconnaissance Skill, used for alerts—it was either engage or surrender, but he had never heard of a situation where a system prompt appeared when Diplomacy Skill was at play! What was happening?

Obviously! A special situation in the quest scenario! Perhaps this was the key to completing this task! Right, communication between people is through language, but communication between humans and gods is through strength and skill!

In this moment of Daze, Leviathan transferred part of its attention and bit at the attacking water monsters again. Simultaneously, as the Flying charged in, a group of water monsters broke off to pounce on the Flying!

This meant they weren't attacking me!

In the warning from the Reconnaissance Skill, a buffer time allowed players to respond between "about to engage" and "entering combat." In the situation where they hadn't immediately attacked him, either the skills had neutralized some hostility, or they were too busy being attacked to pay attention!

Da Fei seemed to find the trick in this instant! He immediately dismissed the idea of teleporting away, shouting, "Target, the next water monster attacking Leviathan!"

As for the oncoming water monsters, Da Fei decided to withstand and ignore them! The Flying had a blood defense of a level 10 city wall and an inherent 1% durability regeneration every 10 seconds. These water monsters couldn't breach the city walls of the Radiant City in half a day and wouldn't pose a threat to the Flying in the short term. The immediate task was to stabilize Leviathan and delay the buffer time of entering combat!

And just now, having three system prompts in a row, and including Deirdre's Master Leadership among them, indicated that negotiating with Leviathan required at least Master Leadership, so was there any need to question what to do now?

Da Fei immediately checked Alicia's hero attributes, feeling pity! This child was the lowest level among the harem, level 35, from initially being level 33, likely leveling up from a previous wave of Demon Race's air drops.

Her current skills were:

Advanced Ranger, Master-level Meditation Skill, God-level Magic, Intermediate Navigator. Then there's Intermediate Attack Skill, Intermediate Arrow Skill, Basic War Machine Science, Intermediate Leadership Skill, Intermediate Defense Skill, Basic Logistics Skill, Basic Reconnaissance Skill, Basic Navigation Skill, Intermediate Luck Skill.

Skill Points remaining: 7.

Oh my God, apart from God-level Magic, nothing stood out! Compared to Elena, this was completely a trash hero! Yes, when he first saw her, if not for her beauty, he'd have firmly labeled her a trash hero—sigh, truly a moment as if they only met for the first time, ultimately blaming himself for not cultivating her well.

But fortunately, she still had 7 skill points left, nothing to say, it's your turn!

Da Fei pulled out the Leadership Skill Book, the golden light flashing continuously!

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia used 3 skill points, Alicia's Leadership Skill level was raised to Master-level!

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia used 1 skill point to learn the Leadership sub-skill, Diplomacy Skill!

Oh yeah! One down, next is Catherine.

Catherine was currently level 39, her skills are: Master-level Pirate, Master-level Navigation Skill, Master-level Attack Skill, Basic Navigator.

Then there's Advanced Leadership, Basic Luck Skill, Basic Arrow Skill, Basic War Machine Skill, Basic Defense Skill, Basic Logistics Skill, Basic Reconnaissance Skill. Remaining skill points: 2.

Da Fei sighed inwardly, even the earliest follower, his dear, hadn't been well cultivated either! Her remaining 2 skill points were only enough to raise Leadership to Master-level, but no worries, Da Fei still had 7 skill books!

After settling Catherine, next was Little Nun Serbia.

She was level 39, Master-level Light Magic, Master-level Meditation Skill, Master-level Nun, Master-level Navigation Skill, Intermediate Leadership, Basic Luck Skill. Remaining skill points: 3.

This is truly the strongest hero Da Fei nurtured firsthand! Nothing to say, level up Leadership to Master, then use a skill book to learn Diplomacy!

Having swiftly dealt with all his cherished ones, Da Fei felt a sense of exhaustion akin to that of an overly large harem draining one's soul.

At this moment, another water monster was obliterated under focused fire, and then a grand series of system prompts appeared:

System Prompt: Your Master-level Leadership Diplomacy Skill is attempting to neutralize the hostility of the powerful creature!

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Elena's Master-level Leadership Diplomacy Skill...

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Deirdre's Master Leadership Negotiation Expert Skill...

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Serbia's Master Leadership...

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Catherine's Master Leadership...

System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia's Master Leadership...

Da Fei couldn't help but laugh heartily—this was precisely the desired effect! A team of two master-level and four masters—is it still impossible to alleviate your anger? May I call you dear mother?

At this moment, watching from the sidelines, Aeris suddenly understood, "I see! Facing such a powerful creature, the best approach is to turn hostility into friendship. Although I do not know if success is likely, please allow me to lend you a helping hand!"

System Prompt: Legendary Hero Aeris used the Master-level Leadership Diplomacy Skill to attempt neutralizing the hostility of the powerful creature!

Indeed, a move by a legendary hero already utilizes a master-level skill!

Da Fei and Alicia exclaimed with joy, "Thank you, sir, for your assistance!" Oh my gosh! This little girl, why so excitedly invigorated?

With Aeris's addition, Da Fei's confidence soared. Even a legendary hero had merely a master-level skill, showing that the highest task difficulty in the game was no more than master-level. Even if facing a divine beast required god-level, wasn't a combination of three masters and four masters comparable to one god-level? Didn't the legendary "Mysterious Stealth Navigation" require three god-level skills to barely piece together using various additional effects from master-levels?

It had to work! Otherwise, this mission couldn't be completed!

Since the Leviathan was temporarily stabilized, there was no need for the Flying to fight head-on with the water monsters attacking it!

With a flash of light, the Flying's teleportation was initiated, appearing on the other side of the battlefield, successfully eluding the attacking water monsters. With just these two teleportations, one Magic Charging Crystal's 10,000 reserve mana was entirely depleted. But it didn't matter, the Flying's deck had eight slots in total, one occupied by the Teleportation Array, and seven by Magic Energy Crystals, with three more lying in the warehouse, enough for the Flying to teleport ten more times—not to mention there were so many revived Flower Demon chargers on the Flying!

This was the result of high technology boosting combat power, the ultimate pursuit Da Fei had tirelessly aspired to! Why was the US Empire strong? Because their core gameplay was high tech, which preceded financial play and real estate! Even if finance and real estate went bust, their core remained intact, continuing as a strong nation! Without revitalizing national technology to follow suit by playing finance and real estate, wouldn't they be played dead?

So, keeping the Flying or the Radiant City? The answer needed no reply; my core gameplay wasn't real estate!

As another water monster fell, a line of system prompts appeared:

System Prompt: Legendary Hero Aeris used the Master-level Leadership Diplomacy Skill and successfully neutralized part of the Leviathan's hostility!

Holy crap! Success! No one could rightly claim a legendary hero's power—could it be because he was at a higher level, making it more negotiable?

For a moment, the whole ship was filled with cheers!

Chapter 567: Have a Good Talk with Leviathan

Radiant City, shrouded in fog.

Amidst the scorched earth filled with corpses and smoke, the golden light of the resurrection army rose and fell. The battle temporarily ended, but new challenges had just begun, as the Star Guild still faced the onslaught of unknown monsters. Naturally, the Eternal Star had already set its sights on new territories, knowing it was hopeless to replace them, and dealing with monsters seemed absurd. In fact, they hoped the unknown monster would trample the city to ruins, so as not to benefit Da Fei.

But as time passed, the legendary monster still didn't arrive. In the foggy surroundings, the undercover team members Dragon Slayer planted in the Star Guild couldn't capture any monster videos. It was easy to imagine how restless Ma Yinglong was, as if sitting on pins and needles.

In contrast to the concerns of the two presidents, Da Fei was full of spirit and enthusiasm at that moment.

Meanwhile, at the Pool of Radiance, one water monster after another was eliminated. Leviathan's attack speed had slowed considerably, and its damage was reduced, making it difficult to easily crush water monsters. Yet, its attitude became more amiable. Following Aeris' success in eliminating part of Leviathan's hostility, both Da Fei and Alina received messages indicating they had successfully reduced animosity.

It was easy to imagine the baby in the egg exclaiming, "Mama, it's that group of water monster uncles scaring me! These ship-sailing brothers and sisters are protecting me!"

Haha, hahaha! Yes, the brothers and sisters are good people!

As the battle progressed, hundreds of Blood Abyss Demon souls were continuously absorbed into Selvia's Sea Soul Staff until the staff turned completely crimson. Heaven knows what this battle would end up doing to the Sea Soul Staff! Haha, hahaha!

Finally, with only a few water monsters left, Da Fei prepared to give it his all. No amount of assists and fancy dribbling would matter if they didn't result in victory; everything came down to this one strike!

At this moment, the Flying began retreating from the battlefield. Anlicia was fully focused, waiting beside the flashing demon light of the teleportation array, ready to slip away at a moment's notice!

With the last wave of blood flying into the air, the final water monster fell! And at that moment, Leviathan's spotlight-like gaze focused once again on the Flying!

In that instant, the entire Flying fell silent! Everyone held their breath, tensely watching Leviathan's reaction, while Da Fei's heart pounded nervously. Would they enter a battle?

One second! Two seconds! Time seemed to drag on endlessly, with Da Fei's heart pounding up to his throat, ready to burst. He felt as if he were under a gigantic magnifying glass, its murderous glare capable of setting the entire Flying ablaze!

Finally, Leviathan blinked, and the spotlight's glow vanished! Da Fei clenched his fist, wondering if he had succeeded or failed. Would there be a system prompt?

When Leviathan reopened its eyes, the spotlight faced forward! Boom! A massive wave surged skyward as Leviathan's gigantic body surged toward Radiant City with the force of mountains and rivers!

"Whew!!!" Without a battle ensuing, everyone aboard the ship let out a long breath, nearly collapsing in relief!

And then, a slew of system prompts filled the screen!

—System Prompt: You successfully eliminated the animosity of the powerful creature Leviathan, and you received information on God-level Leadership Skill!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alina successfully eliminated the animosity of the powerful creature Leviathan, receiving information on God-level Leadership Skill.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Deirdre... received information on Master-level Leadership Skill.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia... received information on Master-level Leadership Skill.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Catherine... received information on Master-level Leadership Skill.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia... received information on Master-level Leadership Skill.

.....

Darn it! I wasn't dancing on the edge just to boost my skills!

Da Fei immediately said, "Let Selvia take some time to clean up the battlefield, and then head to Radiant City!"

Anlicia anxiously said, "Lord City Lord, Radiant City's safety is unpredictable; there's no time for battlefield cleaning!"

Darn it! Although what you say makes sense, could you not embarrass me in front of other people's wives and argue with your husband?

Aeris sighed while shaking his head, "We've done our best. If this can't calm it down, we have no way of preventing it from destroying the city!"

After saying that, Aeris patted Da Fei on the shoulder seriously, "But don't worry; although the city might be destroyed, the losses on the Demon Army's side would be immeasurable. Leviathan's appearance this time caused a flood that turned the Demon Camp into an ocean. Tens of thousands of Demon Army troops became stranded, with no hope for survival. More importantly, the loss of the main force, the Blood Abyss Demon, broke the balance in the New World Suvalna War Zone, forcing the Demon Army to shift their strategic focus back to the New World. I believe the Demon Army no longer has the strength to attempt anything at the Pool of Radiance again. This battle is sure to be once and for all! Warrior, you will be the most honorable hero of the Alliance. All right, the city's residents have already evacuated. Mentally prepare for the city's destruction; I'll go ahead now. See you later!"

After saying that, he mounted a Pegasus, let out a long neigh, and soared into the sky.

Indeed, even though I messed up with Leviathan's egg, I gained significant merit by leveraging Leviathan's power. If this turns out to be a once-and-for-all victory, my future rebuilding efforts will be much less worrisome—it would be worth it! However, letting the city I painstakingly built be destroyed by a monster still fills my heart with immense reluctance. Da Fei, filled with reluctance, controlled Little Fei to follow immediately to see what would happen.

At that moment, Da Fei suddenly noticed Anlicia, staring into the sky in a trance, not snapping out of it even after the silver light vanished into the underground darkness!

Darn it! You've been daydreaming while Selvia has absorbed three souls. Could you stop troubling me?

Following the trail of Leviathan's waves, Little Fei caught up with Leviathan, and the foggy silhouette of Radiant City appeared before them!

At this moment, the last thing Da Fei could do was probably to take a picture of Radiant City as a memento, as it was the culmination of Da Fei's initial gaming efforts.

And then Leviathan submerged, its massive body heading straight toward the underwater spot where the egg was placed outside the city wall!

Indeed, it's natural for both humans and beasts. The first thing it would do is to check whether its baby was harmed, right? And if it found the baby unharmed and plump, would it spare me out of relief?

Darn it! Even if it's an unreliable idea, Da Fei's only hope now is for the egg not to have been scratched by those water monsters! Otherwise, Radiant City's doomed!

Now, Leviathan's enormous body fully submerged beneath the water, its giant mouth making zero-distance contact with the city wall's foundation! At this moment, Leviathan seemed like a guest poised to "push the door" and enter at any moment.

Once again, the entire Radiant City fell silent!

As time ticked by, Leviathan lay quietly at the bottom without surfacing for a long time—was it? Hatching an egg? Was it having a mother-child reunion and sobbing, "Mama will never leave the baby again?"

Da Fei quickly opened the mission tab to check the mission description!

—System Prompt: Leviathan has arrived, and you should respond with all your might!

Respond with all your might! Damn it! How else was I supposed to respond? Did it mean I had to go to the scene and face it directly? It was the only option; it didn't attack me last time, and hasn't destroyed the city either, so there must be room to talk! Damn it, there must be room to talk, or how else can this mission be completed?

At this point, Selvia's Sea Soul Staff had absorbed all the water monster souls from the lake surface, and Da Fei took a deep breath, "Return to the city!"

Already anxious, Anlicia immediately activated the teleportation array, and in a flash of light, a splash of water, the Flying returned to the city's moat dock.

At this moment, the fog over the city gradually dimmed. Looking around, the city was riddled with scars and wreathed in thick smoke. Da Fei opened the city interface and saw that, fortunately, besides the demolished clinic, other major buildings were only slightly damaged, losing some durability, and could be repaired without any issue. However, the Bell Tower Netherworld Vault under construction became a half-finished project, with project progress at about 50% and requiring additional resources for completion. Fortunately, I have plenty of resources.

Damn it! Why bother with additional construction for now! Let's get past the Leviathan hurdle first, then we'll talk!

At that moment, Aeris descended from the sky again, landing on the Flying's deck with an incredibly serious expression, "Warrior, the situation is extremely troublesome now. As soon as you approach Leviathan's area, the Reconnaissance Skill will sound the alarm, and it might attack. What is your response strategy?"

Da Fei was shocked suddenly, "Didn't we help it just now, and it let us off the hook?"

Aeris sighed, "That was then, this is now. Perhaps, considering Leviathan's usual vicious temperament, it didn't pursue us as a nod to human sentiment."

Anlicia chimed in, "This Leviathan is definitely guarding its young, and for any mother beast, they become extremely dangerous when guarding their young. Even the normally gentle hen would peck at an owner who approaches recklessly."

Aeris nodded, "Reasonable!"

"Excuse me!" In that moment, Anlicia's face flushed blissfully with redness!

Darn it! You're lovesick over what, exactly! Da Fei groaned, "Are we supposed to wait until it hatches the egg?"

Aeris sighed, "Who knows? Perhaps, we won't have to wait for the egg to hatch. We might only need to wait until it recovers its stamina and injury, and in a good mood, it will easily destroy the city. Or in a bad mood, easily destroy the city! If it actually destroyed the city and left, that would save us trouble. But if it stubbornly clung here, not leaving, that would be problematic. Construction couldn't progress, and even the future restoration of the World Tree becomes a significant difficulty!"

Da Fei said in a deep voice, "My plan is to try having a conversation with it!"

Aeris was surprised, "Do you know the language of the Sea Race?"

Da Fei was suddenly alarmed. Does communicating with a Divine Beast require language skills? Isn't it just a matter of strength and skill? Darn it, isn't this creating a problem for me? Now Leviathan switched to mother hen mode, so how could I still perform strength and skill-based tricks before it?

At that moment, Anlicia's eyebrows twitched, "Don't we have a Sea Race member? The Fishman Gulu Gulu?"

Chapter 568: Stones from Other Hills Can Be Used to Polish Jade

.....

Yeah, there's still Gulu Gulu! Da Fei hurriedly said, "What about the fishman? Is he okay?"

Anlicia nodded, "He's placed in the sewers, it's probably the safest place in the city now."

"I'll call him over right away!"

As the City Lord, he didn't need to go into the sewers to find him. Da Fei opened the city control panel, clicked a few times, and soon, Gulu Gulu crawled out of the sewer trembling.

At this moment, Gulu Gulu was dressed in a ridiculous clown costume. Da Fei couldn't help but wonder, "Gulu Gulu, why are you walking like this? Is this the new circus act your teacher taught you?"

Gulu Gulu trembled and said, "Master! Gulu Gulu, scared!"

No way! You dared to steal from the Electric Eel BOSS and you're still scared? Da Fei was astonished and said, "The battle is over, there's no need to be afraid! I have something for you to do. There's a Leviathan outside the city, go and tell it that we mean no harm—"

Before he finished speaking, Gulu Gulu knelt down immediately, utterly terrified, he said, "Master, Gulu Gulu scared... scared..."

Da Fei suddenly realized, he was afraid of the Leviathan! Damn, could he feel the presence of the Leviathan's aura even down in the sewers?

Aeris immediately said, "Warrior, forgive me for being blunt, but this fishman is not suitable for this mission, otherwise he might defect on the spot when he sees the Leviathan, as to my knowledge, Leviathans enslave fishmen and other lower intelligence sea races to hunt and build nests for them."

Gulu Gulu fearfully said, "Master... Gulu Gulu... won't betray..."

Da Fei was suddenly alarmed! Yes, back in the giant dragon skull dungeon, wasn't it a large group of fishmen and the multi-headed snake guarding its eggs? And I did promise this Gulu Gulu not to make him face the sea race, otherwise, with his bizarre command value, he would definitely defect.

Da Fei sighed, "I understand, I won't force you!"

Gulu Gulu kept kowtowing, "Master, it's not Gulu Gulu's place... to... to... speak!"

Gosh, he's so scared he doesn't even dare to mention its name!

Aeris shook his head and sighed, "As expected, a lower intelligence sea race like the fishman indeed doesn't have the right to speak with a top-tier sea race like the Leviathan."

Anlicia urgently said, "We've worked so hard to this point, is there really no chance of remedy? Not even a sliver of hope?"

Aeris remained silent. As an NPC unrelated to the mission, he provided so much information that it already counted as a kindness. In the end, it all depended on oneself.

Da Fei furrowed his brows, his mind racing. Impossible, no chance at all? Ever since we encountered the Leviathan, we've been in mission mode, otherwise, diplomacy wouldn't have given a system prompt.

Even if the Leviathan is now in brooding mode, it doesn't necessarily mean that all diplomatic efforts have failed. A little bit of goodwill and trust should still be accumulated. Even if the trust level is zero, it's still a trust level, but if this Leviathan doesn't even have a "trust level" attribute option, is that possible? How can we complete a mission without any friendship or trust level? They might as well give a mission to "Kill the Leviathan!"

And now, Gulu Gulu has already given a hint, saying he doesn't have the qualifications to talk to the Leviathan! Qualifications, huh? In that instant, Da Fei vaguely thought of something!

That's it! The Sea God priest! Damn, this cursed Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce! The mayor said the former president of the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce stole the Divine Artifact from the Sea God Temple, but when I encountered the Mermaid Saint in the North Sea, she said they kidnapped the Sea God Temple priest! To dare rob the Sea God's woman, such a big grudge!

The Sea God priest can directly communicate with the Sea God and surely have the qualifications to speak with the Leviathan! Thinking of this, Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, maybe he could take this opportunity to push the Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce quest forward a bit? I can't always be on the defensive, right? Even if I am the unbeatable God-level Navigator, my members still need to engage in trade, don't they?

Da Fei immediately had an idea and paid a deep respect to Aeris.

Aeris asked in surprise, "Warrior, why are you doing this?"

Da Fei replied seriously, "Gulu Gulu said he doesn't have the qualifications to talk to the Leviathan, but I know someone in the Elf Kingdom potentially has the ability to do so! Therefore, I can only ask you to mediate somehow."

Aeris was taken aback, "Talk to the Leviathan? Even the great Druids don't have that capability! So, Warrior, please tell me, who has that ability?"

Da Fei said, "This concerns the infamous Dragon Cavalry Chamber of Commerce received the Sea God's curse. The kingdom might know the cause of the curse, but when seeking answers at sea, I met a Sea Race Mermaid Saint who told me the real truth—"

At this point, Da Fei said to Selvia, "Show the token the Mermaid Saint gave us to Lord Aeris."

Selvia obediently took out the harp and handed it to Aeris.

—Mermaid Harp: S-rank strategic treasure, enhances Poetry Chant skill +1, task item.

Aeris took the harp in surprise, studying it repeatedly while listening to Da Fei finish explaining the truth, his expression changing.

Finally, he shook his head, returned the harp to Da Fei, and let out a long sigh, "I am merely a general in the New World, this is beyond my authority, I feel powerless!"

Da Fei was shocked, does this mean NPCs unrelated to the task won't help? Or is this Chamber of Commerce mission too deeply rooted?

Anlicia immediately said, "But sir, you have enormous prestige in the Elf Kingdom, even the Chief Elder of the Staff Department would take your words seriously! This concerns the safety of the World Tree. If this Leviathan occupies here, siphoning the Divine Power of the World Tree, it would be an unsolvable public hazard!"

Aeris promptly shushed her with a finger to his lips, and then whispered mysteriously, "Miss Deputy City Lord! Do not mention siphoning Divine Power becoming a public hazard, otherwise, your merits as City Lord might be undone, with fierce opposition, you could even be accused of having no merit, just faults, that's the art of governance! I give you this friendly advice because I see great potential in you two!"

Da Fei and Anlicia were at a loss on the spot!

What the heck! The biggest role I've ever taken was "brother," and the only person I governed was my sister, and I couldn't even do that properly, what do I know about the art of governance! But, is his so-called friendly advice a way to bring in newbies? Seems like he's from the New World, hoping that eventually, when I go to the New World, I will follow him? Well, that's easily said! I should begin fostering goodwill right now!

Da Fei hurriedly saluted and said, "I only know how to fight for the Alliance's interests and really have no idea how to handle things, still need your guidance!"

Aeris shook his head and laughed, "First, you need to minimize factors that might be against your merit. Initially, I thought destroying a city would be the least, but now, with this sticking around and ulterior motives problem, it's much more troublesome. So, tell me, how do you shift the responsibility?"

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat! Shift responsibility? Damn, isn't that exactly what I wanted to say to the Leviathan? Aren't I trying to convince it wasn't I who stole the egg, but the Demon Race? Problem is, that's obviously unreliable, deceiving NPCs is like deceiving the main system; isn't my hand played out in front of the system? That is direct suicide, the game cannot be played like this, so all I can talk about is goodwill, offering to help with nurturing costs or something.

So how do I answer the Elf Kingdom? Say this Leviathan wasn't summoned by me, but by the Demon Race? Isn't that deceiving NPCs and committing suicide again! So how do you explain the killing of the Blood Abyss Demon? No need to explain, it's not even gonna count for my merit!

In short, this Leviathan must be invited by me! There's the egg as evidence!

Da Fei's mind raced and suddenly had an idea, so he said, "Sir, I'll state that this Leviathan wishes to have discussions with the Elf Kingdom, wouldn't that be acceptable?"

Exactly, I am not deceiving the system; the Leviathan doesn't kill and destroy hence showing negotiation posture! The key issue is the Kingdom must find someone who can talk to it, so now all the trouble has nothing to do with me. If the Kingdom doesn't take action, and then the Leviathan goes berserk, that's the Kingdom's problem!

Aeris burst into laughter, "As expected of the warrior, the same thing, but flipped in expression, totally different effect. Now you say it, I dare report it for you!"

Hahahaha, there's hope! Da Fei rejoiced, "Thank you, sir!"

Anlicia was also encouraged, "As expected of the lord, thank you for your guidance!"

Aeris smiled, "Not at all, in the past, I too solely focused on fighting, as a result, suffered many losses, naturally drawing lessons from them!"

Aeris then resumed a serious tone, "The crisis is urgent, I will personally return to the city and report this matter for you, but Warrior, remember, the matter concerning the Sea God priest is but one side of the story from the Sea Race, do not disclose further, the depths of this matter run deep, this is also why initially, I didn't dare help you on this!"

Da Fei couldn't help but be moved. The depths within this Chamber of Commerce mission are indeed significant! But no depth could compare to the pool of Radiance! Damn, perhaps this almost unsolvable task could be solved in such a bizarre way? Haha, wahahaha, the other hill's stone, can polish jades indeed!

Da Fei joyfully exclaimed, "Thank you for the guidance, sir!"

Aeris patted Da Fei's shoulder, smiling, "Alright, now the Leviathan is in rest mode, should not be active, and indeed there is a large number of Demon Army caught in the water by Radiant City's shore, this is a heaven-sent opportunity for you to strike and expand your victory, do not miss it!"

Da Fei's heart surged, indeed, wasn't this shore's wall just his pocket possession? Haha, wahahaha!

Chapter 569: Receiving the Lakeside City Wall

With a flash of light, the Flying teleported to the shore of the Pool of Radiance. As far as the eye could see, the lakeshore city walls were indeed a vast ocean, and Da Fei was astounded by the densely packed masses of the Demon Army surging on the walls.

What does this resemble? Like ants huddled together on twigs in a flood! How many would one cannon shot pierce through? Damn, that's all experience points!

Haha, Wahahaha! Da Fei burst out in a hearty laugh as he instantly began reaping experience!

Under the roaring unison of the Crossbow Cannons, the panicking Demon Army on the walls either died on the spot as flesh targets or jumped into the water in terror. The only resistance for Da Fei came from the solitary Arrow Tower on the wall. That's right! What makes the Crossbow Cannons powerful is not just the firepower but also their range!

Although Da Fei, when facing a target with 100 Defense, sees a sharp decrease in damage from the Crossbow Cannons—according to the Artillery Emperor, one shot only delivers 60-70 points of damage. The main reason is that, as mechanical units, the cannons' attacks don't benefit from hero Attack bonuses. Compared to ordinary troops, Da Fei's 100 Attack negates the target's 100 Defense, so commanding 6 Jungle Hunters can deliver the damage equivalent to one Artillery Emperor's Crossbow Cannon. As Da Fei's Attack increases, the damage disadvantage of the Crossbow Cannons will become increasingly more apparent.

But that's just a disadvantage in damage. The ultra-long range of the Crossbow Cannons and their heavy artillery piercing and repelling attributes will not be replaced by any unit type for a very long time. However, this also served as a reminder to Da Fei that his next goal must be to improve the Crossbow Cannons. The most direct way to improve them, of course, is to continue upgrading the Cannon Empress—although their total attribute points of 50 seem remarkable compared to ordinary player troops, they are far inferior compared to the Dwarf NPCs on ships like the Flame Lord's.

Thinking of this, Da Fei's eyebrows twitched; perhaps the most suitable operators for the Crossbow Cannons are indeed those exaggeratedly attributed NPCs?

The next question is, can a unit type be transformed into an NPC? Deirdre once could! She knows Transformation Skill, and once she transforms, she becomes an NPC able to use the Teleportation Array! Little Witch Demon Isaac could too; after his soul possessed a Skeleton Soldier, the Skeleton Soldier became an NPC!

So, theoretically, is there a possibility for the Cannon Empress to convert into an NPC? However, comparatively, those already turned into bosses, like Charming Emperor Didi and Lili, are more likely?

As Da Fei was deep in thought, he suddenly saw a group of Level 4 Banshee troops on the city wall! Da Fei's brow twitched, suddenly recalling the special skill discovered during the competition—the Sea Soul Staff's Banshee Demon Soul transformation, absorbing the souls of 50 regular Banshees at sea to transform into a low-level Sea Demon Soul!

Oh my god! To encounter the Banshees of the Hell Race at sea, such good fortune would likely only be found now! Otherwise, it would only be from absorbing the souls of one's own dead Banshees, or perhaps encountering top players of the Hell Race at sea for a duel, though the latter's likelihood is nearly zero.

So this tremendous opportunity to study the Banshee Sea Soul must not be missed!

Da Fei immediately ordered: "All Crossbow Cannons in the Gun Cabin, target the Banshee Army on the city wall at once, do not let a single one escape!"

Deirdre laughed, "Yes, master, shall we use the Incendiary Bombs and Poison Gas Bombs? That way we ensure not a single one escapes!"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, that's right, the second method to increase Crossbow Cannon damage is to utilize these bombs, though admittedly, they are a bit pricey and materials are harder to buy.

Da Fei waved a big hand: "Use them! We seek a quick battle to not give the Demon Army a chance to breathe!"

"Received!"

—Boom! Bang bang bang!! Another volley of synchronized Crossbow Cannon fire with trails of flames and eerie green smoke howled towards the city wall—Boom! The flames exploded, the poison fog soared, and extensive damage numbers splashed across the entire segment of the wall! Facing such spectacular damage effects, those Level 1 Demon Children with only 5 Health points burst on the spot in heaps!

Da Fei's eyelids twitched uncontrollably in shock! My god! Brother has progressed directly from the age of cold weapons to the age of firearms! The difficulty in obtaining these materials sure makes sense!

Okay! Now it's all about the thrill!

Da Fei laughed out loud: "Catherine, steer the ship closer to the wall so the Sea Soul Staff of Selvia can fully absorb the Demon Army's souls!"

"Received!"

And as the Flying got closer, the arrow tower on the wall stopped firing, seemingly because the gunners inside were poisoned to death?

Da Fei shook his head and sighed: "How pitiful!"

To tell the truth, considering the current state of the Flying, even if I didn't flood, I'd still have the capability to harass it along the coast, huh? But now it's not just harassment, brother is here to take over the wall! With such a vast ocean acting as a natural moat for the city, defense becomes no issue once brother takes over the wall; a super large city of over a hundred levels is waving me in, thank you! Haha, Wahahaha!

Amidst Da Fei's unrestrained laughter, the Flying cruised along the lakeshore, bombarding everywhere it went, rolling up dust and smoke. This is the experience, this is the harvest of souls and territory! What language should brother use to express my exhilaration at this moment? It's simply unstoppable!

And just then, Little Fei spotted something up ahead. On the city walls ahead, several players were crowded together. Weren't these players from the Dragon Slayer Guild? Oh dear! This really gives Da Fei a headache!

That city wall was built by the Dragon Slayers, right? After fighting with Star and Dragon Slayer for so long, they should know I'm the City Lord of the Radiant City, right? When you Dragon Slayers attacked me, not even a heads-up, probably too embarrassed to face me, huh? Honestly, it's awkward for me too. How should I even face you, Boss Ma? After all, Boss Ma, you did lend me 10 million Gold Coins when I was in need!

Ah, well, large guilds have the style of large guilds, not swayed by personal feelings. But I'm not part of a large guild, I still have to give some face, diplomacy before actions.

Da Fei then opened his friends list and sent Ma Yinglong a message: "Boss Ma, there's something really, really unfortunate, but I can't help it!"

At this moment, the Dragon Slayer Command Center was dead silent, time seemingly frozen in waiting.

Ma Yinglong, who seldom smoked, kept lighting one cigarette after another.

Everything today came so unexpectedly. If not for that annoying Flame Demon messing up the Demon Army's arrangements, if not for the inexplicable Leviathan causing a flood, the situation might have still been stable. But now, the Spider Demon army has retreated to who knows where, the entire battlefield is a vast ocean, all the troops have turned into leaderless wild monsters, it's beyond salvation now.

No, there's still a chance! The only hope now is for the Leviathan to rush in and flatten the Radiant City too!

Finally, good news came from the front, the Leviathan had arrived! But it was just lying outside the city wall, doing who knows what!

Ma Yinglong's heart suddenly felt cold, thinking could Leviathan really be Da Fei's reinforcement!? How did Da Fei manage to establish contact with Leviathan? Everything has gone beyond what a professional player could understand! Just then, Ma Yinglong's message notification buzzed—it was from Da Fei!

Faced with Da Fei's message, Ma Yinglong's expression was wooden, his heart filled with mixed feelings! What the hell is this? But at this point, a loss is a loss, and it's a terrible loss! What more could he possibly say? Wait, there's still something to be said.

Ma Yinglong sighed: "Brother Fei, I'm utterly ashamed! Actually, it's not your fault, I feel bad towards you too, but as the Guild President, I must prioritize the guild's interests. I hope Brother Fei won't blame me, let's do what needs to be done."

Da Fei sighed: "Got a mission on me, factional strife and all, bro, it's really hard on me too! I'm so sorry to Boss Ma."

Ma Yinglong chuckled bitterly: "Brother Fei, our Dragon Slayer Guild really suffered an extreme loss, especially at the crucial time when every country is rushing to level 50, entering the New World. With this defeat, we can no longer establish ourselves in the New World. Other powers will surely take advantage of us, like Japan, definitely not giving us any chances. Anyway, I'm shamelessly asking for a favor from Brother Fei, when we get to the New World, please look after us, nothing else I can say."

Holy crap! This is a matter of national pride! I took such advantage of him, and he still doesn't turn against me, what a true bro! After all these years, the Ma Yinglong who hogged bosses in internet cafes isn't the same anymore!

Da Fei felt deeply moved: "Boss Ma, you really know how to let things go. Alright! Bro guarantees, once we get to the New World, I'll smash those guys from Japan and even their American godfathers! Anyway, Boss Ma has helped me a lot, I won't make things difficult for you!"

Ma Yinglong perked up: "With Brother Fei's words, I'm relieved! Since Brother Fei said so, let's consider future developments. Now that our battle at the Pool of Radiance is known worldwide, they're all laughing at the infighting in China Region. Once our Dragon Slayer's failure is exposed, other countries will widely publicize it. So, bro, I have an awkward request!"

Holy moly! Already focusing on international issues! I'm still worried about my own little patch of land!

Da Fei coughed and said: "Please tell, Brother Ma. If I can do it, there's absolutely no problem."

Ma Yinglong seriously said: "After this incident, foreigners will definitely think Brother Fei and our Dragon Slayer have deep enmity and are irreconcilable. So, let's intentionally display deep animosity, making foreigners think we are still engaged in infighting, then at the critical moment, unexpectedly join forces and turn the tables!"

Da Fei exclaimed: "Can we really do that?"

Ma Yinglong nodded: "So, I'd like to ask Brother Fei to bear with us. After this battle, we'll have people post in forums declaring a vendetta, all just for show. Brother Fei, are you interested in playing along with us?"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Interesting, I'm interested! Anyway, I'm already used to being verbally attacked, not feeling wronged at all!"

Ma Yinglong let out a long breath: "Thanks, Brother Fei!"

"No worries, no worries!"

Chapter 570: Super City

World Tree Magma Space. The Thunder Fire Dragon Team, still expanding its territory, had to face a severe problem.

Lei Huolong approached Siriel and said seriously, "My lord, news from the front lines at the Pool of Radiance has arrived; we have been completely defeated. What should we do?"

Siriel was taken aback, "Defeated so quickly?"

Lei Huolong said gravely, "Yes, the Elf Kingdom enlisted the monster Leviathan."

Siriel couldn't help but sneer with schadenfreude, "Just a lower species of spider demons. It's only gotten this far thanks to its ability to climb walls. Now that it has failed, I am curious to see how it will face Lord Demon King's wrath! In fact, when the Star of the Demon World, Agarlon, inexplicably perished at the Pool of Radiance, it already pushed the Demon King's patience to the limit. Had this spider won the battle, the Demon King might have allowed it to fill the vacancy left by Agarlon. As for failure, heh!"

At this point, Siriel's mood improved greatly, "Warrior, what are your next steps?"

Lei Huolong could only say, "I will carry out the mission to the end, but I would like to hear your opinion, my lord."

Siriel laughed heartily, "Exactly! That's the talent Lord Demon King appreciates most. Those who fail, those who give up, they are all trash! Now that the main battlefield has failed, perhaps the Demon King will pin his hopes on us, or perhaps he will shift his strategic targets and forget about us. But in either case, as long as we achieve merit, we will give Lord Demon King a pleasant surprise, and the rewards will be unimaginable. Perhaps none of this matters anymore. What's important is that this place allows me to grow continually stronger. When I grow stronger, it is the time for all of you to grow stronger as well. Do well!"

Lei Huolong sighed quietly, "Yes, my lord."

Honestly, Lei Huolong now deeply understood the feelings of the great spider at this moment, even though it was only an NPC. With the defeat in the Pool of Radiance battle, as the leader of the Dragon Slayer Hell Group and the planner of the entire strategy, causing such huge losses to the guild, what responsibilities would he bear, what punishment would he receive? A shared misery indeed.

Thinking of this, Lei Huolong felt empathetic and asked the team member staying at the Pool of Radiance, "How is the big spider doing?"

"Reporting to the team leader, we were blasted back to the city by Da Fei, and we have received no news of the big spider."

Lei Huolong said irritably, "How are you conducting your intelligence work? When did the spider retreat? And when were you blasted back to the city? What the hell have you been doing during such a big time gap?"

"Reporting to the team leader, we really didn't see the big spider pass over us!"

Lei Huolong, in no good mood and looking for someone to vent on, somehow couldn't muster the energy and could only sigh helplessly, "Even the undercover agents on Star's side saw that the large group of spiders had retreated. How come you didn't see such a big troop?"

"Team leader, we truly didn't see it. Maybe it deserted?"

Desertion! What a thought—wait a second! Maybe it's actually possible? Siriel had just said, with this failure, it's definitely in for a bad outcome!

And just at that moment, the telephone on Lei Huolong's office desk rang; it was the command center, "Team leader Lei Ren, please go to the meeting room at the command center on the fifth floor, the Guild leader wants to see you!"

Lei Ren's heart shook. Is it my turn now? In an instant, a tremendous feeling of exhaustion and emptiness surged through his body, Lei Ren's vision began to blur, and all his strength seemed to be drained in a flash.

Yeah, after staying up for three days and nights in a row, Lei Ren barely slept for less than an hour in between, entirely fueling himself by overdrafts of excitement, unaware of his limit until now. But now that he's failed, the support pillar of his spirit has collapsed in an instant.

Crash! The phone slipped from his hand and he slumped unconsciously into the seat.

"Hello? Team leader Lei Ren? What was that sound just now? Hello? Hello?"

...

At the Pool of Radiance, Da Fei continued to clean along the shore. After coordinating with the Dragon Slayer side, Da Fei felt exceptionally relaxed and happy.

After all, it's all thanks to his own strength, otherwise, how could such good fortune come his way? Though it's just for show, who's to say it won't become real? In any case, personal relations aside, one must always be vigilant. They are a large guild, they can withstand a fall, but I'm a lone wolf, a fall for me could mean the end.

As the cleaning operation proceeded, the morale of the troops on board the Flying soared like a rainbow. And just then, the battle took a sudden new turn!

— System Prompt: 39 Demon Child Generals request surrender due to fear of your military force, do you accept?

Holy crap, such a vast army and there are still those who surrender? Indeed, these defending troops and wild monsters are indistinguishable, they meet the conditions for surrender, hahaha! This is the soft power of my Grandmaster-level leadership diplomacy and my beauty team's diplomacy!

But really, what do I need you for? If you surrender, won't you be wiped out by the surrounding troops who didn't surrender?

But then again, what's the point in killing them? Troops without a hero's command are no different from wild monsters; even if you kill a million, it won't add to battle achievements, let alone it's just low-level soldiers. A Demon Child is worth only 5 experience points and a Military Governor is worth only 10 experience points; would wiping out tens of thousands even net a million experience? And for Da Fei who's raising five Vice Heroes, a million experience points might just level up the lowest, Elena, by one level at best. Compared to completing big missions for millions of experience points, it's nothing for Da Fei.

Fine! I'll accept the surrender, it'll save me some ammunition—I'm starting to wonder if I'll run out of ammo in the Gun Cabin after this barrage.

— System Prompt: You have accepted the surrender of 39 Demon Child Generals, and you have successfully occupied a section of the enemy's city wall.

Da Fei was amusedly surprised, why didn't I think of it, they've got a big use for occupying the city wall!

No more to be said, Da Fei immediately directed the surrendered Demon Child Generals to flee from the surrounding Demon Race troops and occupy the Arrow Towers along the cleaned city walls. Meanwhile, the Flying provided fire cover, preventing them from being slain by the Demon Army. Once these Demon Child Generals held the Arrow Towers, they could defend themselves.

Now, the surrender of the Demon Child Generals marked a good start, with more scattered low-level troops surrendering wherever the Flying went. Da Fei, of course, immediately moved the surrendered troops to safety below the occupied Arrow Towers. Then, with more troops surrendering, Da Fei's forces grew like a rolling snowball. The gap in military strength continuously narrowed until at one point, a staggering 200 Demon Child Generals surrendered at once—an entire section of the city wall's demons had laid down their arms without a fight!

Holy crap, worthy of the Demon Children, they sure know the score, hahahaha!

An hour later, after the Flying made a round, it accepted the last batch of surrendered troops. At this time, the number of Level 1 Demon Child Generals Da Fei had recruited was nearly 10,000, and a historic moment finally arrived:

— System Prompt: You have occupied the enemy's city wall, and your territory is surrounded by the wall, reaching the condition for upgrading to a city area. Please repair the missing sections of the city wall to complete the city upgrade!

Da Fei laughed heartily, my superb Radiant City, I've been waiting for you for so long!