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Chapter 661: Pursuing Extra Trials

When Da Fei shouted that he wanted to fight again, Ror solemnly said, "Warrior, your courage and fighting spirit are truly admirable, but the Demons have already realized our intentions, and their strong reinforcements outside the barrier will block our path forward. I suggest that you turn back and attack the Sealing Array from another direction. This way, the Demon army won't be able to mobilize in time."

Turn back? Damn, I'm even complaining that there aren't enough Elite Monsters. Da Fei hurriedly asked, "Garrison Officer, if I die in battle, will my Crusader qualifications still be valid? Where will I resurrect?"

Ror replied, "Of course valid. If you die in battle, you will resurrect in the Divine Punishment City, but your score will be reduced."

Haha, that's what makes playing games great, no worries at all. Right now, every Demon I kill is a gain, so I'm going all-in. Go big or go home, no way!

Da Fei immediately said, "I will try to destroy more Sealing Arrays while the barrier exists. I will keep moving forward."

Ror was even more impressed, "Warrior, your courage has shocked all the Demons. Go! May God's glory be with you!"

Oh, come on, glory my ass, you guys don't help out by chopping down monsters, fine. But could you send some Angel reinforcements to heal me? Why aren't these Angels helping fight the monsters? Anyway, given how the system usually works, it won't be this easy for players, so there's nothing to dwell on, just keep charging!

As Ror said, the target of Da Fei's actions had already been anticipated by the Demons, and a large number of Elite Demons surged from outside the barrier to block Da Fei's path. Yet, from Da Fei's perspective, they were all experience and essence, so kill them!

—System Prompt: You killed 3 Chaos Demons, gained 3000 experience, and 3 Demon Essences!

—System Prompt: You killed 4 Chaos Demons, gained 4000 experience, and 4 Demon Essences!

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Looking at the Elites falling one by one and the stream of notifications flashing by, and approaching the third Sealing Array, and his own life now less than half, Da Fei laughed excitedly. For him, even exceeding two missions was ridiculously easy!

Yes, I want the British to see that whatever you can achieve, I can do too, and even better and more awesome. No, they can't see it! Ha ha, wahahaha!

And right then, there was a violent disturbance outside the barrier where the Sealing Array was located, and a huge Flesh Demon all covered in blood appeared. The fresh blood on its body erupted into steam like boiling water under the barrier's golden light, it's a BOSS!

Da Fei's eyebrows raised, BOSS, can I handle it? There was no choice; Da Fei was now entrenched among monsters, he had to fight—flee? Maybe he could flee? In short, one word, fight when encountered! But since it's a BOSS encounter, no holding back, Little Fei must come out to fight too.

Da Fei checked Little Fei's attributes again:

—Reconnaissance Spiritual Eagle (Little Fei): Medium-sized leader creature, Attack 75, Defense 32, Damage 30-31, Life 314, Mana 167/235, Attack Speed 20, Magic Resistance 63%, Stamina 182/193. 4 spaces. 2 growth Skill Points.

Special Skill: Flying Creature, God-level Reconnaissance Technique, Plane Surveillance, High Altitude Flight, Long Sky Eagle Strike, Glide, Enhanced Dive, Enhanced Fierce Bird Suppression, Enhanced Petrification Aura, Enhanced Rapid Bite.

—Enhanced Dive: The Reconnaissance Spiritual Eagle can dive attack ground targets from high altitudes, causing 3 to 5 times normal damage, but will consume 20% stamina.

- Enhanced Rapid Bite: The attack speed of the Reconnaissance Spiritual Eagle increases by 50%, damage +10, with a 50% increase in stamina consumption.
- Enhanced Petrification Aura: Activating this spell forms a force field with a 30-meter radius, reducing enemy Move Speed and Attack Speed within it by 30%, with a certain chance of petrifying enemies. This spell consumes 2 Mana per second. The skill effect improves with the user's level.

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This was the final form Little Fei evolved into after personally killing 6 divine BOSSes in the Divine Domain Space, advancing from a weak little creature to a level 7 soldier, Da Fei's masterpiece poured with all his effort.

And in the earlier battle, it could be seen that the Flesh Demon's Defense wasn't high, presumably this little mountain of a BOSS wouldn't be much higher. Even if its Defense reached 75, offsetting Little Fei's Attack, with Da Fei's over 100 Attack bonus, Little Fei's 30-point damage was still enhanced by 500%, making it 180, then further boosted by the Master-level Attack Skill Leadership Skill, Little Fei's normal damage would be at least 300, much more powerful than Catherine's barely over 200 damage, a Dive could cause damage multiplied by five, that's 1500! That's amazing!

In short, since we're fighting a BOSS, then it's about crippling it in the first round, hit it with the Unicorn's charge, Little Fei's Dive, and my Lucky Hand all at once!

While Da Fei was calculating, Ror's loud voice came from behind, "Warrior, what you are facing is a Chaos Blood Flesh Demon with self-healing abilities and can devour corpses to restore life. Do not fight where there are corpses. Do not get splattered by its spraying blood. Its weakness is the bloody eyes on its body, attacking these will yield extra damage..."

—System Prompt: You gained information on the Chaos Blood Demon's weaknesses!

—System Prompt: You killed 2 Chaos Demons, gaining 2000 experience and 2 Demon Essences.

Damn, in the time you spoke, I already killed two Elites, and if you have time to talk crap from the back, can't you get up here and help me out?

In any case, having a weakness is even better, as for preventing it from eating corpses, with corpses all over the place, is that possible? I'm going all out on firepower, not wasting time with it!

Now, the Flesh Demon BOSS surged forward alone to meet the charging Unicorn, Da Fei, this is the moment I've been waiting for, Lucky Hand, activate!

With a rainbow light rising, the Blood Eagle, having hovered in the sky for some time, descended as a bloody bolt of lightning, while the Unicorn, with wind at its hooves, turned into a snow-white shadow charging forward!

—Bang bang!!! As the blood shadow and white shadow intertwined, a series of red damage numbers burst out!

—"Dive Luck Damage -3120!" "Dive Extra Weak Point Damage -3120!" "Dragon Slayer Strike Damage -1500!" "Charging Collision Luck Damage -6232!" "Charging Collision Extra Weak Point Damage -6232!"

Damn, 20,000 blood in one face-off, I'm too awesome! Let's see how many rounds of 20,000 blood this BOSS can take!

And after being heavily hit, the blood eyes on the BOSS started to swell and engorge with blood, like a water-filled balloon about to burst, while the BOSS's body began desperately rushing towards the corpses on the ground.

Damn, no way I'm letting you have your way, Da Fei, always shrinking behind to fawn, stepped forward to block the BOSS!

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The BOSS battle began, and Da Fei launched a preemptive strike, instantly inflicting 20,000 damage on the BOSS and then blocked its route to recover through Cannibalism. Just then, a red light exploded in front of Da Fei's eyes!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! The Chaos Blood Flesh Demon's Chaos Demon Blood Spray Skill has locked onto your Reconnaissance Eagle Xiao Fei, please dodge in time!

Da Fei was shocked. In battle, it's specifically the Reconnaissance Skill that alerts to the BOSS's moves, something that didn't even occur during the battle with the Hydra? Does that mean its blood spray skill, feared even by angels, is incredibly formidable?

Without much thought, Da Fei immediately controlled Xiao Fei to soar high and escape, and just as Xiao Fei flew screaming by, that swollen blood eye suddenly erupted a scorching, smoking black column of blood shooting up into the sky!

Da Fei's heart tightened!

— "Dodge attack!" "Scorching damage -88!"

Watching the blood column Xiao Fei narrowly dodged, Da Fei breathed a sigh of relief, yet was simultaneously terrified—how could it still cause 88 points of scalding damage even after a successful dodge? What kind of bizarre attack does this BOSS have?

The more bizarre it is, the less chance it has to turn the tables. Taking advantage of the deflated blood eye after the spray, Da Fei, amidst the assault from surrounding Elite Blood Demons, continued to fiercely stab at the BOSS's weak blood eye, while Xiao Fei returned to bite and attack. Under the combined assault of the two, a horse and an eagle, damage numbers like fountains sprayed across the screen: "-200", "Additional weak point damage -200" "-300!" "Additional weak point damage -300" "-600" "Additional weak point damage -600!"

Each move from Da Fei's team took almost 2000 life from the BOSS, and facing Da Fei's 'level 2 city wall-like defense' coupled with the Master-level Defense Skill, the BOSS's attacks only inflicted about 15 points of damage on Da Fei, which were quickly restored by the Healing Skill on Da Fei.

Now Da Fei could roughly calculate the attack and damage of this BOSS, roughly 100 attack, 100 damage, definitely strong attributes, at least stronger than the Unicorn, stronger than the Earth Element Giant Da Fei had enlisted under him. Unfortunately for the BOSS, Da Fei's defense had a staggering 150, a 50 point defensive difference which reduced the damage by 70%, leaving only 30 points of damage,

then further reduced by 50% through the Master-level Defense Skill, finally inflicting a pitiful 15 points of damage.

In the end, the BOSS isn't scary; what's scary is a powerful hero leading a BOSS. The stark difference between this Flesh Demon and the Unicorn is proof.

Under the concentrated fire and encirclement of Da Fei's team, the BOSS's blood eye didn't manage to recharge its blood second time nor did it come close to any corpses. It finally collapsed loudly and then transformed into a pile of blood maggots, which then turned to ashes under the scorches of the Flame Shield.

—System Prompt: You have killed a Chaos Blood Flesh Demon, gained 10,000 experience points, obtained 1 Chaos Essence, and 1 Demon Essence.

Da Fei raised his eyebrows, Chaos Essence? What is this thing? Anyway, it must definitely be good stuff that can be exchanged for something valuable. Now that the BOSS is down, the remaining weaker Elite monsters are nothing, just kept slaying!

When Da Fei's team's health was less than one-third, the third Sealing Array was once again breached!

At this moment, another burst of golden light appeared, Ror reappeared incredibly exhilarated and said: "Warrior, to quickly take down three Sealing Arrays within the limited time the barrier was open, your strength is exceptional, you have nothing left to prove, please return to the city and rest!"

Holy crap! If you are willing to increase reinforcements, brother would take down the fourth Sealing Array for you! But in Xiao Fei's vision, more and more BOSS Flesh Demons were starting to gather and encircle, Da Fei truly had no strength to continue forward—but, not being able to go forward doesn't mean can't retreat, right? Brother hasn't collected 500 Demon Essences, and that's really bothering me!

Da Fei asked, "How much longer will the barrier exist?"

Ror answered: "Warrior, there are three minutes left."

Three minutes, brother has only been fighting for like six or seven minutes since leaving home! Da Fei laughed heartily: "I want to fight again, this time I will heed the garrison officer lady's advice, this time I'll retreat in another direction, I believe the demons' main forces can hardly adjust in time, right?"

Ror praised greatly: "Warrior, you truly are the embodiment of courage and wisdom, may the glory of the gods illuminate the path ahead for you!"

Holy crap, all of you people, can't you offer something other than verbal encouragement? It was only now that Da Fei finally understood what this group of angels breaking the Sealing Array were doing, apparently they were using some golden boxes to collect the energy of the Sealing Array? No wonder they couldn't spare more people for reinforcements.

Now I can't manage that much anymore; Da Fei immediately turned back and charged towards another Sealing Array that was besieging Divine Punishment City. Since he avoided the main forces of the Flesh Demons, what blocked Da Fei were the weaklings with about 220 HP, completely negligible. Little Fei proved his remarkable land combat strength in the just-finished battle, and Da Fei made no more reservations, fighting all-out against the clock!

The white bayonet once again drew a trail of blood in the sea of demon remnants. In one minute and fifty seconds, Da Fei crossed half the field to reach the loosely defended fourth Sealing Array! At this time, Da Fei's team's health had not decreased but instead gained a chance to recover.

And the adjacent fifth Sealing Array was just around the corner!

At this moment, Ror's voice shivered with excitement, "Warrior, you have created a miracle. With one last minute remaining, if you can take down the fifth Sealing Array, I will personally recommend you to the senior officers for a direct appointment as 'Great Crusader'!"

Great Crusader? Haha, wahahaha! Just what I wanted!

Without concerning himself with what the Great Crusader really was, Da Fei relentlessly took advantage of the last moments and sprinted towards the final objective! Da Fei couldn't imagine how strong the Demons would get once the barrier disappeared. Anyhow, time is pressing, and many tasks await; if I can settle it all at once, I won't drag it out!

The battle seemed to replay itself; the Elite Flesh Demons outside the barrier began to charge into the barrier trying to encircle Da Fei, but they were too few in number, their main forces were still far behind Da Fei, farting around. Thus, the result of the last fight repeated itself, and in two minutes and forty seconds, the fifth Sealing Array was breached!

Amidst the shining golden light, Ror couldn't help but scream loudly, "Warrior! The Sealing Array is shrinking, please return to receive your rewards!"

Wahahaha! Yes, it's time for me to collect my reward! At this time, Da Fei, eager to return, didn't bother to chat with her and headed straight back to Divine Punishment City.

When the golden barrier once more shrank back into Divine Punishment City, the fortress's gates opened wide for the uncontrollably chuckling Da Fei; Da Fei saw the smiling Angel Girl on the fortress wall, and even the golden panties under the angel's skirt. As Da Fei entered the city gates, there were cheers from the Angel Girls, followed by an array of blessing lights falling on Da Fei's head!

Haha, wahahaha! Bring it on, I'm waiting for your hot kisses and hugs!

When Da Fei returned to the city, the once again humanoid Ror came up to Da Fei, extremely excited, "Warrior, your heroic achievements are so remarkable that I need not even recommend you. Angel Leader Sazer has already seen your outstanding performance on the battlefield. You have gained the qualification to be directly promoted to Great Crusader!"

"That's right!" A deep voice descended from above in the square, "Warrior, while you were on your campaign, I was watching you from the sky. You truly deserve to be a Great Crusader!"

Then, two golden lights enveloped both Da Fei and Catherine in their entirety.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You and your Vice Heroine, Katelina have outstandingly completed the Crusader trial mission, obtaining special promotion to "Great Crusader," with your Attack +22, Defense +22, and gaining the Professional Skill "Heresy Extermination." Your reputation in Divine Punishment City has risen to "Respected"!

—Great Crusader: Every two levels increase grants one point of Attack and Defense to the hero, Professional Skill "Heresy Extermination": increases land Move Speed by 10%, increases land transport capacity by 10%, and increases spoils of war by 10%. Skill effects stack with Logistics and War Plunder Skills.

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Well... So this is the Great Crusader? Compared to the lesser Crusader, it just adds one Defense every two levels, overall it means each level up adds a single attribute point, not much stronger than my part-time job as a Master-level Ranger Navigator, but what's awesome about this position is the potential for further promotion. Above it is the Temple Crusader. Anyway, I'm more awesome now, haha, wahahaha!

Just then, the golden-armored Angel Commander who had spoken from the sky spoke again, "From now on, you are a glorious Great Crusader. You have earned the privilege to freely travel between the mortal realms and Divine Punishment City, but Divine Punishment City does not have much resources remaining. The cost of teleportation through the Teleportation Array needs to be covered personally by you. However, since you've destroyed 5 Demon Sealing Arrays, we have collected a large amount of energy. To show our gratitude, we can offer you a one-off chance to teleport an army with a 500 Command Value to the mortal realm. Of course, we do not recommend you to transport the troops out - we still hope you continue to earn merits here in Divine Punishment City. All right, I must always guard the city's Barrier Array, ask Ror about the rest, she will assign you missions."

After speaking, the golden-armored Angel Commander disappeared again in a flash of light.

Holy crap, playing with Instant Teleportation in such a small territory. Well, it doesn't matter, I don't feel like talking to male angels anyway. It's enough knowing I can come here at will.

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Chapter 663: The Divine Punishment City of the European Union Zone

The Mercenary Guild Leader popped up a list, and on the list were angel icons with different weapon types: the sword-and-shield wielding Power Angels, the double-handed war axe wielding Strength Angels, the magic wand wielding Intelligence Angels, the authority staff wielding Power Angels, and the flame spear wielding Blazing Angels. These angels had different weapons and their roles and skills were also clearly divided into Tank types, Reaper types, Healing and Support types, and Ranged Attack types.

But regardless of the type, basic Healing Skills and Resurrection Techniques were something all angels knew.

For a player who started from scratch, the first Angel Soldier you gain in Divine Punishment City is absolutely crucial to the subsequent development of the player; thus, this reward must be chosen with care by Da Fei. But compared to a normal trial player, Da Fei isn't starting empty-handed—Da Fei already has a Vice Hero, the Unicorn Boss, and the Blood Eagle Xiaofei, capable of petrifying the whole field with a Petrification Aura that rivals level 7 troops. Hence, Da Fei doesn't lack Attack, doesn't lack Tanks; what Da Fei is short on is support; thus, the Intelligence Angel wielding a magic wand caught Da Fei's eye.

—Elite Intelligence Angel: Large-sized Light Spiritual Elite Creature, Attack 35, Defense 45, Damage 40-65, Health 950, Attack Speed 12, Mana 1500, Command Value 100, Special Skills: Flying Creature, Holy Body, Resurrection, Strong Healing, Strong Meditation.

Holy Body means an angel is immune to any Dark Curses or Mind Control Magic. Meditation is to recover mana, which Da Fei deeply realized its tremendous importance in the previous battle, ensuring Little Fei's ongoing Petrification Aura, which consumes 2 Mana per second, never broke. The reason why Da Fei was able to charge like a tiger into a flock of sheep was greatly credited to Little Fei's Petrification Aura; it can be said that, without the Petrification Aura, Da Fei wouldn't have been able to achieve such brilliant results.

Without the mana-recovering Intelligence Angels, Little Fei's Petrification Aura wouldn't have been so brazen; hence, Da Fei's first choice would definitely be the Intelligence Angel.

However, it must also be said that the offensive, defensive, and damage attributes of this Elite Intelligence Angel are really too weak. Thrown two streets behind by the Strength and Power Angels, it wasn't much different from that of an ordinary angel. Fortunately, her health seemed somewhat elite, ensuring her survivability was guaranteed. Alright, she's the one.

Wait, didn't the recovery state just now also include Stamina recovery? Speaking of which, would I have been able to keep up with the Unicorn's speed without stamina recovery? Would I have fallen behind and gotten surrounded to death? Even if I didn't fall behind, that would have slowed down the Unicorn's speed, preventing us from achieving the glorious feat of destroying 5 Sealing Arrays.

In the end, Stamina recovery is also a very important skill, as the common tactic of the Undead Race involves surrounding enemies with a sea of skeletons to wear down their stamina. As long as I have the Divine Skill that restores stamina, I'll never fear being surrounded by a sea of weaklings again.

Upon searching, Da Fei discovered it was the Power Angel's special skill, "Strong Vitality," and the attributes of the Power Angel were just as weak as the Intelligence Angel, darn it!

In any case, no need to be indecisive anymore, first take out the Intelligence Angel, and when there's enough money later, get the Power Angel. Although their attack and defense attributes are relatively weak, in front of my abnormal attack and defense skill bonuses, when they need to fight, their power truly won't be weaker than Catherine's.

Having made up his mind, Da Fei chose the reward.

The Guild Leader nodded, "A wise choice, under normal circumstances, the exchange price of Intelligence Angels is extremely high."

Then, in the guild hall's Teleportation Array, a flash of golden light appeared, and an angel holding a Dual-Handed Mace, wearing a silver chestplate and a blue skirt, appeared.

—System Prompt: An Elite Intelligence Angel has joined your team.

Da Fei could not help but laugh heartily! I finally have an angel, I can sunbathe under her skirt every day, haha, wahahahaha!

It was at this moment that Ror spoke again: "Warrior, congratulations on obtaining your first Angel Soldier. However, I must remind you that the Chaos Demons surrounding Divine Punishment City were specifically devised by the Hell Race to counter our Angel Race as Angel Killers. They deal 50-300% extra damage to Angels, and even more formidable are the Chaos Blood Flesh Demons you've just defeated. Once hit by its Chaos Demon Blood, there is a 30% chance of an instant death effect, and an Angel Spirit killed by the Demon Blood will not be able to return to Heaven and will henceforth become one of the Fallen Angels. Therefore, you must use the power of your Angel Soldiers cautiously."

Da Fei was startled; darn it! As expected of the system's trick, having an angel soldier doesn't mean I can swagger around; instead, they're targeted by monsters right from the get-go? Can you open the Teleportation Array and let me bring over a batch of level 8 Necromancer Dragons? I could wipe out these weaklings with a row of plague poison clouds to save the headache!

In any case, it's better to understand the story background of this scene first, otherwise, I'll ignorantly become part of the Great Crusade without really knowing what I'm doing.

Da Fei then asked, "Miss garrison officer, what exactly is Divine Punishment City? The Angel Leader said this is the border between Heaven and Hell, but to me, this seems more like Hell's domain?"

Ror shook her head solemnly and said, "Divine Punishment City is a super fortress that descended into Hell during Heaven's assault on Hell ten thousand years ago. There are a total of seven cities, each located in one of the seven planes of Hell. The war from ten thousand years ago may have ended, but the seven Divine Punishment Cities have held their ground, serving as a bridgehead for the next assault. In any case, as long as the stronghold of our Divine Punishment City still stands, we absolutely do not recognize the surrounding land as the territory of Hell."

Da Fei suddenly realized! I thought it was the Divine Realm; turns out this is Hell? But what's the deal with there being 7 Divine Punishment Cities? Is it that there are 7 in the China Region, or are there 7 in the seven game zones around the world, one in each zone? If it's the latter, then—

Da Fei hurriedly asked, "Can these 7 Divine Punishment Cities communicate and teleport with each other?"

Ror nodded seriously and said, "Of course, it was possible ten thousand years ago. However, after ten thousand years of siege by demons, the energy consumption of Divine Punishment City has been massive, and it's no longer able to get replenishments from Heaven. We must kill demons and collect their essence energy to properly activate the teleportation array. The Angel Soldier you just obtained was sent over from Heaven, so your current task is to continuously kill demons, collect demon essence to strengthen yourself, and to fortify our fortress. When you reach level 50, we will have important tasks to assign to you, even possibly sending you to assist other Divine Punishment Cities."

Da Fei was startled, so that's how it is! These seven Divine Punishment Cities are definitely one per region, which means I can cross regions through the Divine Punishment City to reach other regions! Damn, who said that cross-region play is the exclusive right of players from the Hell Race, I can do it too

when I go high-end! And speaking of which, what should I do after crossing regions? Heal other regions? Obviously, an Internationalist Soldier with such noble sentiment as myself must heal the whole world!

Da Fei then asked, "Must I reach level 50 before I can take on tasks?"

Ror smiled and said, "Yes, you are still too young and need more experience and accumulation. From now on, you're free to come and go from the fortress gates, and head to the Despair Plain below to hunt demons. I suggest that if you have spare Skill Points, learn the War Plunder Skill to its max, or you can learn it directly from me. This skill, combined with the Crusader's Heresy Extermination, can obtain extra energy essence from the demons. However, we won't activate the barrier anymore; without its weakening effect, the demons on the plain will be much stronger. But you are so exceptional, you'll surely handle it with caution."

So it's tasks after level 50 again! After all, I wonder if that Angel Brother from the Nether Sea has anything to do with them?

Anyway, no matter what, I've got plenty of Skill Points and don't even know what to spend them on, so let's go for War Plunder.

—War Plunder: Gain additional spoils of war rewards after winning a battle. Basic skill +5% extra spoils of war. Each level up increases it by 5%.

So a Master Level War Plunder Skill means an increase of 25%, plus another 10% from the Great Crusader, making it a decent 35% bonus, right? But essence drops aren't the same as Gold Coins, so would this mean an extra 0.35 essence? Or perhaps bosses that drop high-quality goods could drop a few more low-quality goods?

Wait, speaking of high-quality goods, Da Fei immediately thought of the Chaos Essence he got from killing the Boss. He took out the crystal glittering with Demon Light and asked, "Miss garrison officer, I got this from killing a Chaos Blood Flesh Demon, what's it for?"

Ror's eyebrows twitched, and she couldn't help but exclaim with joy, "Warrior, this is a very rare essence, which not every Chaos Blood Flesh Demon would drop. This essence may hide the secrets of Chaos Demons countering our Angels, its strategic value is incomparable to that of regular demon

essence. You can directly exchange for a standard Angel Soldier from the Mercenary Leader with this Chaos Essence!"

Da Fei suddenly rejoiced, damn, so this one essence is equivalent to 500 demon essences? Are Demon Bosses really so lucrative? Am I not being forced to find ways to kill Bosses? Haha, wahahaha, in any case, another Angel is now in my account, time to choose based on beauty.

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At this moment, in the Divine Punishment City of the European Union Zone.

Members of the British Royal Ark Team, including Bedivere and Lancelot from the Twelve Knights of the Round Table, who were defeated by Da Fei yesterday, were drinking in the tavern in the city, oh no, drinking Holy Water to treat their bodies corrupted by the Chaos Demon Blood. So far, the Royal Ark Team had a head start in the Divine Punishment City.

And why is there a tavern in Divine Punishment City? It was established by players triggering a management quest.

Why can players take quests in Divine Punishment City before level 50? Because the leader of the Round Table Knights, the Captain of Noah's Ark, Lancelot, is no ordinary player. He was born a 7th-level Angel Soldier. As an Angel, managing something on the territory of his own kind is nothing but normal.

As for why build a tavern? Because a normally operated tavern will refresh heroes. What kind of heroes would a tavern in "Angel City," the Divine Punishment City, refresh? In theory, it should be heroes of the Angel Race. But in reality, since the tavern was built and opened for business, it's been completely empty, not even a single customer or dog has been refreshed. This has greatly troubled those professional players who were brave enough to try something new.

Now, it was time for the tavern to refresh heroes again. Lancelot, Bedivere, and even Prince George, watching on the big screen, waited calmly.

And once again, not a single person or dog was refreshed. Everyone couldn't help but feel disappointed.

Prince George shook his head and said with a laugh, "Lance, give it up, focus all your energy on fully managing Noah's Ark instead. How could the tavern possibly mass-produce heroes from the Angel Race? It would be too imbalanced for the game, the system will definitely not allow such an absurd thing to happen. Moreover, the background setting of Divine Punishment City is that of a secluded star city, perhaps it simply doesn't support refreshing heroes."

Lancelot sighed deeply, "The current version has entered an era of fully training Vice Heroes, of course I want to provide the team with the best possible Vice Heroes. Moreover, I want to equip the most powerful Deputy Officer for Noah's Ark, which can only be fully controlled by Angels. I believe there must be a problem somewhere."

Bedivere said in a deep voice, "Being cut off from the world should not be the problem; we encountered a Wandering Mercenary Tavern in the desert during the open beta and it refreshed heroes just fine. Maybe we should change our approach. If Divine Punishment City's tavern doesn't support normal heroes, why don't we aim higher and try to attract Epic Level heroes? Lance, you must know a few of the Epic Heroes from the Angel Race that don't hold official positions, right?"

Lancelot's eyebrows shot up, "It's absurd, but worth a try!"

Chapter 664: Scouting Behind Despair Plain

Da Fei once again came before the Mercenary Leader, proudly presenting the Chaos Essence: "Leader, Miss Ror said that this item could be exchanged for an Angel Soldier here."

The Mercenary Leader was taken aback and then showed his respect: "Truly a brave Warrior rarely seen in a thousand years, to obtain such rich spoils of war on your first battle! In fact, we not only purchase Demon Essence here, but also Energy Crystals and various Energy Crystals dropped by powerful Demons are urgently needed by us. However, you are still too young, and I wouldn't recommend you to venture deep into hell to challenge more powerful Demons. Alright, now pick a common Warrior." Having said that, the list popped up again.

Hahaha, who recommended me not to challenge more powerful Demons? The gameplay here is all about slaying powerful Demons. No need to say more, I'll exchange for a common Power Angel.

— Power Angel: A large-sized Light Spiritual Creature, Holy Hall level 7 troop, with an Attack of 30, Defense 35, Damage 40-65, Life 350, Mana 500, Command Value 10, Attack Speed 13, Special Skill: Flying Creature, Holy Body, Resurrection, Healing, Vitality.

— Vitality: The Power Angel restores a small amount of Stamina to the troops every few seconds, and the more Power Angels there are, the more noticeable the recovery effect.

It must be said that the attributes of this Power Angel aren't much different from the Angels recruited by ordinary players in the city, and it might even be a tad weaker. However, its value lies in the additional "Vitality" special skill! If it were an Elite Power Angel, then it would have "Strong Vitality."

However, players now don't even have a large number of level 4 troops, let alone recruiting level 7 Angel troops. So, Da Fei playing solo in this city where only Angels can be recruited is quite a feeling of superiority, isn't it? In any case, all issues regarding the team's lineup are resolved, and the next step is to go down the mountain to hunt.

Da Fei now needs to test the strength level of the mountain's Demons without a barrier—are they still the trash that was harvested along the way just now?

Da Fei came to Ror again: "Garrison Officer Miss, I have finished resting and would like to continue to strike."

Ror nodded in approval: "Warrior, your fighting spirit and courage are admirable. Without the barrier, the Demons' power will be much stronger, so you must be cautious. At the same time, because there is no barrier weakening them, ordinary Demons may also drop Demon Essence. Therefore, you must use the advantage of the Great Crusade to obtain as many victories as possible."

Da Fei was suddenly delighted—so there are also benefits to not having a barrier? Does it mean I can keep collecting essences by repeatedly farming the trash mobs at the bottom of the mountain? If even the trash mobs drop essences, wouldn't Elites and Bosses drop even more? Hahaha, exciting!

As the fortress's gates opened again, Da Fei's elite squad boldly went down the mountain once more.

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Meanwhile, not just Da Fei was feeling high-spirited.

When Fleeting Blossom dragged Da Fei's borrowed Sandworm Machine to the bustling canal excavation site, and then, with great excitement, added raw materials, the system prompt chimed in!

— System Prompt: The Sandworm Mining Machine already has 6 units, a total of 36 Refined Crystals. There's no need to add fuel.

Little Fang was flustered on the spot: "Refined Crystals as fuel? That's just... way too extravagant, right?"

Okay, Little Fang was also happy to take advantage of this convenience and immediately started the machine. Amid the roaring sounds, the Sandworm Mining Machine's big mouth extended a circular sawtooth 'drill' turn, and as the 'drill' penetrated and excavated, the hard riverbed stone walls crumbled into sand and soil, followed by a barrage of system information scrolling across:

— System Prompt: The Sandworm Mining Machine is mining, no minerals found!

— System Prompt: The Sandworm Mining Machine is mining, 5 stone materials obtained!

— System Prompt: The Sandworm Mining Machine is mining, 3 Crystal Ore obtained!

— System Prompt: The Sandworm Mining Machine is mining, 2 Crystal Ore obtained!

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Little Fang's jaw dropped in shock! This Sandworm Mining Machine not only far surpassed manpower in digging progress but also could sift through minerals! Little Fang had been digging at this site for so long and had never discovered that there was such a thing as Crystal Ore! While it seemed that this material, which seemed to be just for making glass, was not valuable, it was better than nothing! This meant that digging the canal could actually unearth something after all—it was simply that she hadn't realized it before!

Strong, this machine is just too powerful!

Being too excited to contain herself, Little Fang couldn't help but pounce onto Little Li's bed and vigorously shake her: "Wifey wifey! Get up, come see the good stuff! Ha ha, wahahaha!"

Little Li struggled to murmur in a daze: "What time is it? Is it daylight already?"

Little Fang laughed heartily: "Yes, it's bright, the future is so bright!"

When Little Li saw the power of this machine, she too was astonished: "This is the machine Da Fei lent you? Did he set any conditions?"

Little Fang's laughter paused for a moment, then she shook her head: "No, he didn't ask for anything. But now's not the time to think about this. Such a mysterious machine from the future, once seen by other players, will definitely cause a huge commotion. If it's discovered by players who are displeased with us, it would be really bad. So, from now on, we must use the saved manpower to set up construction fencing and also gather all the archers to form a second human wall!"

Little Li nodded repeatedly: "Yes, we must resolutely prevent anyone from having the opportunity to destroy or even approach the worksite, not even letting others get a glimpse..."

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Beijing Time, 6:00 AM sharp, one hour before the fourth round of the international competition.

At this time, in Bloodrose Studio, Big Sister Zhou Qing gracefully appeared, and the night shift beauties greeted her one after another: "Big Sister, good morning!"

"Thanks all for your hard work during the night shift." Zhou Qing adjusted her slightly disheveled hair, nodded in greeting, and then, as usual, asked: "Was there any special situation last night?"

"Yes, there was!" Bloodrose Xiaoyu eagerly reported: "Big Sister, Da Fei with his female pirate Vice Hero appeared in our Saint Paul City, then headed straight for the Knight Order, and entered the backyard. Now, it's been over half an hour, and they haven't come out yet."

The other beauties said in unison: "This situation is quite unusual, everyone is guessing that Da Fei might have received a hidden class change quest."

Zhou Qing furrowed her brows, then responded lightly: "Is Da Fei's whereabouts really worth the news? Let him do whatever he wants to, don't take him too seriously."

Little Yu sighed: "I'm not taking him seriously, I just thought he might come to us asking about the Banshee Hero."

Zhou Qing gave a cold laugh: "Well, I'd like to see how he's going to ask!"

The beauties laughed and said: "Who says Big Sister isn't paying attention? Big Sister is just waiting for this opportunity to take revenge!"

Zhou Qing snorted: "Alright, alright, those who need to switch shifts should switch, those who need to rest and eat should do so."

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Divine Punishment City, Despair Plain.

Da Fei didn't rush in recklessly, instead, he relied on the narrow stone steps downhill for retreat and fought in and out among the Demon horde, becoming so absorbed in the battle that he forgot himself.

By now Da Fei had tested the strength of the Flesh Demons without the barrier, 300 Health, close to the strength of a regular Angel. Which meant, the dense swarm of Flesh Demons in front of Da Fei were all close to the standard of level 7 troops. Truly befitting a Divine War tier, even the front-line cannon fodder are so profound.

However, even after the Flesh Demons greatly strengthened, they were still just trash that changed from being one-shot to two-shot. Of course, they were no match for the steady and focused team led by Da Fei. As the beautiful Angel said, these strengthened ordinary Flesh Demons indeed could drop

Demon Essence, and now Da Fei was just a few dozen essences away from the goal of exchanging for an Angel with 500 essences. After slaying a few hundred more, he should be able to collect them all.

For now, Da Fei's team pulled back to the stone steps to secure a position and rest. Da Fei waited for the two Angels to recover their Mana under the Meditation Skill.

But Da Fei wouldn't just wait aimlessly, nor was he interested in the trash before him. Da Fei's gaze turned towards the depths of the Despair Plain. The Mercenary Leader had said, the deeper into hell, the stronger the Demons, and Da Fei wanted to see just how strong that was.

Thus, Little Fei entered the stealth mode, flew over the plains teeming with Flesh Demons, and towards the distant depths of the plains. It seemed like an endless stream of Flesh Demons were moving towards Divine Punishment City, clearly to replenish the losses at the front.

There's a play! As the Angel Girl had said, these Flesh Demons were crafted by Demons specifically to combat Angels, which meant there must be some kind of factory nearby, right?

Alright, let's have big brother take a look at the rear workshop—sabotaging deep within enemy territory is something big brother loves doing most.

Blood Eagle flew along the direction from which the Flesh Demons came, passed over the Despair Plain, and arrived at a land of Lava Land with lava flying about. And within this Lava Land, there were several Blood Lakes bubbling and boiling, from which Flesh Demons of various sizes crawled out one after another.

Da Fei was instantly stunned! Oh my gosh, it isn't a workshop, what can I do with such Blood Lakes? Surely I wouldn't be expected to fill them with dirt and bury them? Moreover, Blood Demons and Fire Demons have always been two separate branches, so it seems highly odd and out of place for a Blood Pool to be situated in a Lava Pool, right?

Anyway, it was only possible to scout out the situation first, then go back and report to the Angel Girl for recognition.

When Little Fei flew closer, a large yellow dot suddenly appeared in one of the Blood Lakes. Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, a yellow dot, a neutral creature? Look again!

Approaching closer, a large glowing body could be vaguely seen in the waters of the Blood Lake, which must surely be something like a Blood Nest, right? Oh my gosh, there is totally nothing I can do with a target that's submerged in water like this; surely I'm not expected to dive into this scalding Blood Lake to take out the nest?

In any case, I can only go check out the other Blood Lakes, at the very least, as a scout, I need to know the number of Blood Lakes.

Just as Da Fei was painfully circling the field for a look, the water level of a Blood Lake suddenly dropped.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched again, ebbing tide? That's right, whether it was the previous Abyss Blood Pool or the subsequent Demigod Turtle Blood Pool, it seemed the Blood Pools all had this habit of rising and falling. Heck, this habit is a must, otherwise, how could a large Water Monster play with the player?

As the water level of the Blood Lake dropped, Da Fei finally saw a large but indescribably weird creature and his jaw dropped in astonishment. What on earth is this thing?

Chapter 665: The Captured Thunder Angel

As the water level in a certain Blood Lake lowered, Da Fei saw that at the bottom of the lake, a vast black creature, similar to a giant griffin, was bound by thick iron chains and a colossal Array.

Da Fei was taken aback, his brow twitching. It wasn't a Blood Nest? Then what in the world was this creature?

Thus, Da Fei controlled the Blood Eagle to fly lower for a closer look. Aside from having three pairs of wings, the creature looked just like a griffin. However, it was only when the Blood Eagle circled to its front that Da Fei discovered this "griffin" had a huge human face on its chest! Good grief! Was this some mutant version of the Sphinx? But having a face on the chest was rather... odd, right?

At that moment, the human face suddenly opened its eyes, and its blood-red gaze met the Blood Eagle's directly. Then, the face began to speak, "Warrior, I am a Thunder Angel captured by Demons, save me!"

Da Fei's jaw dropped in shock. Holy smokes, this was an Angel? It could actually detect the Blood Eagle in Stealth State?

Alright, with the Blood Eagle present, it's as if I am personally there. Last time that Douglas could talk to me even after detecting the presence of the Blood Eagle, the issue now is I'm just a Blood Eagle. With so many sturdy chains binding him, how could I save him?

Right at this moment, the lakebed flashed red, and a group of tall Demons with goat heads and holding long whips appeared, cursing and swearing, "Who are you talking to?"

Then without a second word, the Demons surrounded and furiously lashed at the Angel's human face, causing the Angel to wail in anguish.

The Demons laughed heartily, "The purpose of a mouth is to howl miserably! Hahaha..."

Good grief! Da Fei found it hard to watch any longer. I genuinely can't save him! I'm powerless even against one chain, not to mention the ever-present Demon guards.

After all, I was too advanced, discovering something that under normal circumstances shouldn't be discovered. If I really wanted to save him, perhaps I would have to wait until I assembled a massive Angel Army to break through the encirclement.

Regardless, it was still a discovery, so I might as well go back and report to the Angel Girl for some credit. Da Fei took out the Blood Eagle Flute to recall Little Fei, no longer in the mood to farm monsters and head back to the city. Right, farming monsters is a job for noobs and power-levelers; how could someone as busy as I am spend precious time on such a boring task, even though the feeling of monster farming is indeed very thrilling.

When Da Fei returned to the city gate, he was greeted with warm blessings from the Angel Girls on the castle wall, his body flashing with golden light.

Ror also greeted him, "Warrior, welcome back."

Da Fei got straight to the point, "Miss garrison officer, I just scouted a Blood Lake on the outskirts of Despair Plain that spawns Chaos Demons. When the lake water receded, there was a Thunder Angel at the bottom claiming to be captured by Demons and asking for help. How can he be rescued?"

Ror's expression changed, "You actually managed to scout the situation behind enemy lines?"

Da Fei chuckled, "Yes, I am a Primary Sentinel, and I have very powerful Reconnaissance Eagles."

Ror said earnestly, "The Thunder Angel you mentioned must be an Ancient Angel who fell during the war between Heaven and Hell ten thousand years ago. The fact that he could ask you for help means he hasn't completely fallen. We are deeply saddened by his plight, but we lack the power to save him now. Perhaps, it might be possible once you, Warrior, grow stronger."

So I was really too advanced? A sense of melancholy filled Da Fei, and he couldn't help but wonder, "What is an Ancient Angel?"

Ror shook her head and said seriously, "Legend has it that when God was creating the world, He used His own form as the blueprint and created seven Creator Angels to assist Him in creating the world. Then, these seven angels, in order to better complete God's mission, created some functional angels to assist them. Angels of that period, with multiple eyes and hands, were endowed with great power and physical bodies, and usually were not human-shaped. Those are Ancient Angels, not the same concept as our current generation of angels whose power is limited and who don't have real bodies. Ancient Angels are the closest to God in terms of power and the most likely to become gods. Currently, in Hell's 72 pillars, there are quite a few who were once Ancient Angels."

Da Fei nodded: "I see!" Indeed, current angels indeed do not have physical bodies, and when killed, they turn into a beam of light and disappear.

Ror continued: "Also, because Ancient Angels are powerful and have physical bodies, when demons capture Ancient Angels, it is possible for them to find a way to defeat us angels. Therefore, Warrior, when you become strong, even if you can't rescue him, you must find a way to kill him. That would be the best release for him."

Holy moly! The one captured isn't you, you're talking about it so lightly! But don't worry, beauty, if you get captured, I will save you at all costs no matter what.

I have to say, it's quite relaxing and enjoyable to chat with a beauty like Ror in such a dim and dark setting, so Da Fei, who was just making conversation, asked, "By the way, the Thunder Angel I just saw looked like a huge Griffin. Is there any connection between Thunder Angels and Griffins?"

Ror smiled and said: "You are truly a Warrior. Griffins are actually descendants of Ancient Angels. You should know the status of Griffins in the Human Kingdom, right?"

Da Fei suddenly realized! No wonder some Griffins in the wild giving treasures reward angels, and the defenders of Griffin Castles are also angels; they really are one big Griffin Angel family.

Da Fei continued to ask: "Since Griffins are descendants of Thunder Angels, do the oldest Griffins release lightning?"

Ror shook her head and laughed: "Warrior, I think you have many other things to do, it's not the time to discuss Griffins, right? Griffins, as creatures of this mortal realm, are unable to play a role here. It would be better to think of a way to rescue that Thunder Angel."

Da Fei smiled sheepishly: "I am currently collecting information on the Thunder Angel to plan for the rescue!"

Holy moly, I'm so busy, I'm going to New Oriental to save Catherine's father soon, when will there be a later?

Wait a minute, all of a sudden, Da Fei remembered something, this Thunder Angel, just like Douglas before, was communicating with me through the Blood Eagle. Do they have something in common? Yes, they are both divine beings! Especially Ancient Angels, the closest to God, calling them Demigods wouldn't be an overstatement, right? If that's the case—

Da Fei immediately took out a Douglas Wind Element Divine Level Fragment from his bag and asked: "Miss Ror, if I feed this Wind Element's Divine Level Fragment to that Ancient Angel, can it be rescued?"

"Divine Level Fragment?!" Ror's face changed dramatically, shocked: "Warrior, how do you possess such a thing?"

Hahaha! That's the expression I'm looking for, raising my coolness in an instant!

Da Fei asked with a smile: "Would it be effective if the Thunder Angel consumed it?"

Ror let out a long sigh: "I think... if it fails, it would be a huge waste! However, if it succeeds, we could gain the alliance of a powerful Ancient Angel and perhaps we could change the passive situation of Divine Punishment City. Either way, it's worth a try!"

Oh yeah! If the NPC says it can work, then it will!

Chapter 666: Rescuing Thunder Angel

As a world-class master, it's the most prudent strategy to accumulate troops and then push forward in a straightforward assault, but for Da Fei, who is accustomed to playing ahead of the curve and who also has busier things to tend to, this strategy is simply too inferior and time-consuming. Therefore, as long as there is an opportunity to get ahead, Da Fei will definitely seize it without hesitation.

Divine Level Fragments, such high-end items, truly don't have much use in the Mortal World, so as long as there's a chance to make use of them, the sooner the better, to get rich quickly and be done with it so they don't mold in hand. As for the method of use, it's quite simple—last time in the Divine Domain Space, Da Fei sent the Blood Eagle to air-drop the fragment directly in front of the fleeing Magma Dragon. This time, he might as well just directly drop it into the mouth of that Thunder Angel.

Speaking of which, was there any effect from feeding the Magma Dragon that Fire Element Fragment last time? There must have been an effect, but at that time, the motivation was purely impulsive, possibly harmful to others and not necessarily beneficial to oneself. Nonetheless, this time it has to be successful to reap great benefits!

No sooner said than done, Da Fei once again summoned the Blood Eagle, and then the Blood Eagle, clutching the Wind Element Divine Level Fragment in its talons, became invisible and flew toward the Despair Plain.

At this moment, on the Despair Plain, as far as the eye could see, there were densely packed Flesh Demons everywhere. The 5 Sealing Arrays that Da Fei had just disrupted seemed to be operating again, emitting flashing red lights as if nothing had happened. It seems that the plot here can only be advanced by players making some truly earth-shattering moves.

Now, the Blood Eagle once again reached the Blood Lake in the center of Lava Land, where the Blood Lake imprisoning the Thunder Angel still didn't show any rise in water level, except there were now a group of Demon Mages, their bodies ablaze with flames, surrounding the Array next to it.

Da Fei furrowed his brows—there's simply no chance of getting through, is there? Even if he forcefully fed it the fragment, as soon as the other Demons sensed something wrong, they might just instantly kill it on the spot, mightn't they? What to do? Should he wait for these Demons to leave?

Just then, Da Fei noticed another Blood Lake nearby had ebbed to its bottom, and within it, there was a huge creature, dark red like a stingray, bound inside. However, this creature was no longer the neutral Yellow name but a big Red name, and there were no Demon Mages casting spells on it. To use Ror's words, was that an Ancient Angel that had already fallen?

Holy sh*t, that is to say, if he couldn't rescue this Thunder Angel, its fall was probably just a matter of time. And since others had fallen long ago, while it alone has endured ten thousand years without falling, that indicates it must be the strongest one, and therefore even more worth rescuing!

How to rescue it? Perhaps there is only one way—to wait for the lake to rise. When the water rises, the group of Demons surrounding it has to leave, right?

So the Blood Eagle circles overhead, quietly waiting for the opportunity.

Time passed minute by minute, and the Blood Eagle's Stamina continued to decline, making Da Fei grow more and more anxious. When will this Blood Lake rise? Besides, why does this Blood Lake need to rise and fall? Is it like changing the water in a fish tank to add fresh nutrients? This was the only plausible explanation, as only fresh and nutrient-rich Blood Lakes could continually produce Flesh Demons.

Finally, a rumbling sound came from the bottom of the lake, and those Demon Mages casting spells around the Thunder Angel also ceased their magic ritual, turning into firelights and vanishing one by one.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched—here was his chance!

However, it wasn't the best moment yet. He needed to wait for the water to flood deep enough, for example, just to the Thunder Angel's mouth! By then, if he made his move, he believed the Demons would be too slow to react, and even if they did, the Thunder Angel would have already been submerged, so what could the Demons do?

Now, from the dozen or so springs at the bottom of the lake, boiling, scalding blood gushed out, filling the lake bottom with a dense blood mist!

Da Fei couldn't help but laugh—what great mist! Wasn't this just delivering the opportunity?

The blood filled the lake bottom and rose swiftly, engulfing the Array beneath the Thunder Angel, then the Thunder Angel's massive lion-like feet—it was almost time!

The Blood Eagle immediately took advantage of the thick blood mist and dove downwards, and just at that moment, the distorted human face on the Thunder Angel's chest, drawn out of flesh, once again opened its eyes, staring unblinkingly at the invisible Blood Eagle, its gaze juxtaposing a silent confrontation!

Holy crap, scared of getting hit, huh? Open your mouth!

Now Da Fei is really screwed, thought of everything except whether this guy knows the goods and if he'll cooperate. Damn it, even the backwater BOSS in the Divine Domain Space knows to come from a distance to snatch, aren't you, as an Ancient Angel, supposed to be all-knowing and experienced?

Seeing the water level of the Blood Lake about to reach its chin, Da Fei couldn't help but feel anxious. My Blood Eagle isn't a duck, it hasn't learned the Osprey swimming skill, has it? At this point, the only choice is to show myself and let it see the goods.

Da Fei deactivated the Blood Eagle's invisibility, and at that moment, the Divine Level Fragment clasped in the Blood Eagle's claws flashed with light! And just in that instant, the Thunder Angel's eyes bulged wide!

Finally, the Thunder Angel spoke with trembled excitement, "Warrior—"

Warrior my ass, open your mouth wider. If you make me miss this toss and waste one precious fragment, I'll end you for sure!

Da Fei directly controlled Little Fei to dive right into the Thunder Angel's wide-open mouth, and sure enough, the Thunder Angel, getting the hint, immediately opened its garage-door-like big mouth!

Damn!

As Little Fei released its grip, the Divine Level Fragment turned into a streamer and fell into that Blood Pool-like gaping mouth, flashing once before vanishing!

"Thank you—" As the Thunder Angel closed its big mouth, the rising blood water swiftly submerged it.

Oh yeah! Success!

And at that moment, Little Fei's screen flashed with red light as dozens of fast-moving red dots suddenly appeared on the radar!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! Your Reconnaissance Blood Eagle Xiao Fei has entered a powerful enemy's alert range and is about to engage in combat!

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat, spotted less than two seconds after becoming visible in the fog? Can't let my guard down for even a moment here! Little Fei, just having deactivated invisibility, was in Skill Cooldown and couldn't immediately go invisible again. Now, the only choice was to run. If he could avoid combat and shake off the alert status, he could directly use the Blood Eagle Flute's recall command to call Little Fei back.

At the same time, with a surge in the Blood Lake, the Thunder Angel seemed to realize it had alerted the guards, quickly shrank its limbs, and plunged into the Blood Lake to happily hide.

Holy crap! Worthy of being an Ancient Angel, such slyness. That puts me at ease then, I'll wait for your moment to shine!

Now, Little Fei was cutting through the fog, soaring high and fleeing far while dozens of goat-headed, cloven-hoofed, bat-winged Demons with giant scythes gave chase from behind!

Psh, mere humanoid Demons, at least they're not even streamlined in shape, how could they possibly catch up with Little Fei, a genuine Flying Creature? Not to mention Little Fei has the "High Altitude Flight" skill, how high can such large beings fly?

Thus, as Little Fei climbed higher and higher, the Demons became slower and slower until they couldn't flap any longer, allowing Little Fei to extend the distance and shake off the pursuit.

Da Fei finally let out a long sigh of relief and immediately recalled Little Fei. I have to say, this place truly deserves to be the battlefield of the Angel Demon Divine War; even the skies aren't safe. For now, the plan is to go down the mountain to grind mobs and wait for good news from the Thunder Angel.

Chapter 667: The Prearranged Final Battle

Now that Blood Eagle Xiaofei has no Stamina left after being summoned twice, he can only be summoned again after his Stamina recovers. This will take a while, so of course Da Fei can't just sit idle, and he continues to go down the mountain to grind monsters.

Without Little Fei's Petrification Aura, Da Fei's fighting style became even more conservative. He still stuck near the staircase entrance leading to Despair Plain, ready to turn around and break through if encircled by monsters.

As it turned out, Da Fei's cautiousness was very much justified. Without the Petrification Aura's support, Da Fei's Health dropped much faster. The most noticeable difference was that the monsters' Attack Speed could just about manage to exchange blows with Catherine's quick cuts at a speed of 20, and they could also break through the reach advantage of Da Fei's Wooden Spear and land a hit on him. Previously, under the effect of petrification, the monsters here were basically slow-moving, slow-reacting punching bags, which Catherine could simply kill with a couple of slashes or that Da Fei could skewer with a few thrusts of his spear without them even getting a chance to fight back.

Indeed, you only feel troubled after you've lost something. I have to say, this kind of frustrating grind is utterly boring. But as long as I consider that someone as badass as Brother Fei is frustrated, those British lords, no matter how professional they are, must not be having an easy time either. They couldn't possibly have a Petrification Aura, could they?

The moment Da Fei thought of this, he immediately felt joyous. And when he thought of the Thunder Angel who quietly made a fortune after gobbling a Divine Level Fragment, Da Fei was even more delighted. Bro takes the path less traveled by, not lifting a finger usually, but when he does, it's worth years of hard work for those British lords. Bro's realm is something the British can't even catch up with on horseback, wahahaha!

Time passed by second by second during this frustrating but delightful grind, and before he knew it, it was already 6:30 in the morning. The sky was bright, and the noise of the street foods outside the window surged. It was time for breakfast. Da Fei took the opportunity during the grind's downtime to order a beef noodle and fried egg delivery.

Meanwhile, the Guild channel also gradually started buzzing.

Da Bing greeted him: "Brother Fei, morning! There's only half an hour left until the fourth round. Right now, all the national media, especially the Red Cross, are keeping an eye on Brother Fei's match!"

Da Fei was startled: "Really? Why would the Red Cross give a damn about me?"

Da Bing laughed: "Of course, they're eagerly waiting for Brother Fei to win the championship and then donate! Brother Fei, you're not seriously going to donate, are you?"

Damn it! I've already cooled off overnight! Can we not bring up that which should not be stirred?

One Sword Eastward immediately said: "Brother Fei, you're a international celebrity now. What you're playing with now is reputation and credit. As long as Brother Fei boosts his fame further, there will be a constant stream of endorsements and ads! This measly 1 million US Dollars in prize money is nothing!"

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched, holy shit, exactly my thoughts! If that's the case, is my 1 million US Dollars donation worthwhile?

Just then, Brother Hao spoke up: "I heard Brother Fei made a bet with the Royal Family to donate to the Red Cross? Is it true?"

Suddenly, everyone in the Guild greeted: "Brother Hao is awake!" "Good morning, Brother Hao, have you eaten?" "Brother Hao, we didn't see you online yesterday, the brothers missed you!"

Damn it! As soon as Brother Hao appears, everyone had the flattery of grandsons. Brother Fei never received this treatment, damn a bunch of insincere people!

Brother Hao quickly replied: "Morning, my brothers! By the way, Brother Fei, don't do anything stupid. Nowadays, who would donate to the Red Cross? No matter how much spare money I have, I would rather tip the brothers than donate to the Red Cross, I won't explain why. And even if Brother Fei made a bet with the Royal Family, it would still be Brother Fei taking a big loss. Their Guild has so many rich people, one person donates ten or twenty thousand and it wouldn't hurt one bit. But Brother Fei has to shoulder this 1 million US Dollars alone. Not only is it a huge financial loss, but it would also give the Royal Family an opportunity to profit from Brother Fei's fame. That's clearly them taking a shot at you! Brother Fei, absolutely don't take the bait!"

The Guild members suddenly realized: "Brother Hao's words do make sense! Brother Fei, don't fall for it!"

Brother Hao laughed: "Exactly, the prize money isn't even in hand yet. If Brother Fei really has that spare money, it would be better to tip us brothers than to donate to the Red Cross!"

The Guild members excitedly said: "As expected of Brother Hao!"

Da Fei tensed up inside, damn, didn't Bro just want to raise his swagger? Now this donation turned into a big joke? What should I do? Back out?

One Sword Eastward spoke again: "No way, Brother Fei is now godlike. You can't go back on the word you gave in front of the World Channel and the reporters, otherwise wouldn't that be a slap in the face for Brother Fei in front of the whole world? After donating, Brother Fei would be recognized as a great philanthropist, and from then on you can relentlessly step on the Royal Family and Blood Sea with full justification, and absolutely no one would dare to utter a word against Brother Fei!"

The Guild members were shocked again: "Brother Jian does have a point! As long as Brother Fei donates, who in the world would have the qualifications to call Brother Fei trash? When Brother Fei steps on others, it would be justifiable and righteous!"

Damn? Have you seen anyone spend 1 million US Dollars just to not be cursed at? Is Bro that bothered?

At this moment, Harem Beauty suddenly spoke up: "The Red Cross has been charitable for a hundred years; it can't be ruined by a few scumbags. I support Brother Fei's donation."

Da Fei was moved, indeed, how could the century-long charity be destroyed by a few scumbags? What's trashed by garbage scumbags will be made up by me, the biggest piece of garbage. As long as you're not short of money in life, you should always do something truly earth-shattering for enlightenment!

Da Fei made up his mind: "Thanks for the concern, brothers. I'm a man of my word—what I say I can do, I'll do. As for those trying to mess with me on purpose, I'll have plenty of chances to fix them later!"

Brother Hao laughed heartily: "Since Brother Fei said so, I'll say no more. Anyway, Brother Fei is more magnanimous than me! I admire Brother Fei even more now!"

Everyone chimed in: "Brother Fei is truly Brother Fei! When it's time for Brother Fei to seek revenge, we brothers will follow your command without a second word and step up to the task!"

Da Bing immediately said: "Alright, it's early in the morning, so let's hurry up and level up, do quests. If you want to help Brother Fei, you've got to have the goods yourself!"

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Da Fei took a long sigh of relief. Anyway, he must make the lost money back. Once his fame gets out there, even without sponsors or selling Divine Artifacts, wouldn't he make a fortune by selling high-end videos on Gold Hunting Net for a few bucks each? There would be thousands of subscribers!

So, this time, he absolutely must go all out to win the championship! He presumed that many experts had studied his weaknesses overnight after yesterday's game. Alright, he wasn't afraid to scare them—time to unleash his ultimate move. Let the Earth Element BOSS take the field; he wanted to see how they would counter it!

As for the Angel he acquired in the morning, it seemed like the British were trying to play against him, huh? To avoid alerting the opponents, he better keep it a secret, play it a dark against their light! Wahaha!

6:50 AM.

— China Region announcement: "Hero World Cup" individual match international knockout round 4 is about to start at 7 AM. Please prepare for the match.

The match was about to begin, and after nearly an hour of waiting, Blood Eagle Xiaofei's Stamina was finally fully recovered. Ready for action again, Da Fei was eager to check the status of the Thunder Angel. So, he quickly went to take a look.

Little Fei once again flew over Despair Plain and reached Blood Lake in Lava Land. The scene before him revitalized his Spirit. He saw a giant whirlpool emerging in Blood Lake where the Thunder Angel was located, the waters nearly clear without a hint of blood or boiling steam. Meanwhile, hundreds of Demons on the lakeshore were panicking and at a loss!

This scene was exactly like Leviathan's Egg in the Pool of Radiance at the bottom of the lake, right? This means the Thunder Angel is devouring nutrients from Blood Lake with the aid of the Divine Level Fragment. That's right, Flesh Demons keep crawling out of other lakes, but not this one—this is the only plausible explanation!

He guessed that the day Blood Lake drains is when the Thunder Angel will emerge! Wahaha! Awesome, he's so cool!

Wait a minute, he can't get too smug just yet. After all, there are so many guarding Demons, and the Thunder Angel, having been confined for so many years, is likely to be greatly weakened. Just eating one fragment might not indicate a significant boost in the short term. If caught and mobbed, it could be

tough, so according to the system quest's nature, there might be a mission to cover the Thunder Angel's retreat?

That's a bit tricky. However, Xiaofei has the Petrification Aura that can reduce speed, a strategic level trump card, which should be much more useful than the regular quest procedure, right? Alright, then he'll stay here and wait for the Thunder Angel to come out!

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PM American Western Time, Los Angeles underground parking lot Hell Heaven Bar, Supernova Team's Hell Branch. After a sumptuous dinner of red wine and steak, SawSaw sat at his station with a serious face, waiting for the battle to begin.

For SawSaw, this battle was basically the arranged final showdown.

The big screen on the wall now showed those bastards at headquarters discussing the final tactics. SawSaw felt even more annoyed. Although the terrain and BOSS difficulty were all set to favor him, from Da Fei's previous performances, the terrain and BOSS didn't seem to affect Da Fei much. Even though he had dedicated time training his Vice Hero, and his Command Power equipment was the best at this stage, he hadn't leveled up enough. He might barely catch up in terms of troops, but he had no advantage.

Very annoying! As a retired US Army drone operator, SawSaw's favorite thing was to kill, civilized and happy like playing a video game, under absolute advantage. And now, it was almost like he was being forced into a near-even battle with Da Fei! How could a strong man possibly have a fair fight with a weaker one! Where did it go wrong, and how did someone like Da Fei become such a monster?

In any case, he didn't beat Da Fei in the last National War, and now he must win no matter what. Otherwise, the funding for the Hell Branch activities would be tight, and he might end up playing games in a boring mental hospital later.

Chapter 668: Fighting on Two Fronts

Beijing Time, March 7th, 7:00 AM sharp, as Da Fei anxiously observed the movements of the Blood Lake vortex, the competition officially began.

— China Region Announcement: "Hero World Cup" individual international knockout round 4 promotion matches have begun. Good luck to all contestants.

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You have successfully logged onto the World Battle Network System.

— System Prompt: Your current combined military strength is as follows, please select the forces to go into battle...

There's not much to say, I still believe that with my insanely high Attack and Defense achievement bonuses, an ocean of Demon Children composed of level 1 troop strategic units is invincible, not to mention that I've now advanced to a Great Crusader, adding a total of 45 points to my Attack and Defense. Then, continuing to team up with the game's strongest ultra-long-range unit, the Secret Archer, and also bring along the Unicorn Boss and Earth Element Boss.

This lineup should be about right. If I face an average master player with average terrain, I would just wave my hand, and three thousand Demon Children would wear them down, even if it exhausts Stamina. Even if I ran into a crap terrain like a swamp, and they're a professional player leading a Boss over, they'd still get flattened by me. Not to mention that now, just in case, I've also brought two Bosses with me. Afraid of someone leading a Boss against me?

Speaking of this Earth Element Boss, seems like it's still in transit at the Dwarf Nation's station, heading towards the Chimera Forest, right? Considering half a month for transport, I guess it will arrive tonight? Seems like I need to check it out later. Right, and there are those old Mage dudes who escaped from the Dwarf Dungeon, asking me to deliver a message to their families. This errand has meaning, and I've also got to make time to handle it tonight.

While Da Fei was deploying his troops, Little Fei, who was monitoring the Blood Lake, suddenly heard a loud noise of the tide receding!

Da Fei frowned, oh my god! The water's receding? Is it a bad time for the match, or is it a bad time for the tide to recede? Considering Little Fei took over an hour to recover Stamina, does this mean the Blood Lake's tidal cycle is half a day in-game time?

Damn! Then there's no other way. An average master is no match for me; I'll focus on the lakebed first.

— System Prompt: Your Hero and troops selection for battle is complete. Connecting to the World Battle Network arena. Transitioning scene, please wait patiently...

— System Prompt: You have entered the battleground Lava Hell. Your opponent is the United States player from North America, "SawSaw"!

— System Prompt: You have gained the competition suit achievement "MVP Terminator" bonus, your Troop Attack +5, Defense +5, Stamina +5, Damage +1, Personal Life +100, Morale +1, Luck +1.

Lava Hell? SawSaw?

Da Fei was shocked, isn't SawSaw the guy who attempted to decapitate me on my ship with instantaneous teleportation during the last National War? During the big battle at the Pool of Radiance, he was enjoying slashing people to death with one strike, man, this dude's a master! And what's up with this Lava Hell terrain? Hell players on the home ground of the Hell Race, are they purposely challenging me?

Now, Da Fei and his troops were on Lava Land, beneath the red sky. The Magma Pools around them were erupting with bubbling roars, while the heat waves blurred and distorted the view, making it hard to see the state of the opponent's army, only knowing that they also had quite a large group.

At that very moment, Da Fei, all Vice Heroes, Secret Archer Troop, and the Unicorn Boss all began to slowly lose Health and Stamina!

Damn it! This is the annoying thing about Lava Hell! Along with swamps and quicksand, it's infamous for the most non-combat troop losses due to the damn terrain! Constant Health loss isn't a big deal, it just adds a bit of pressure on my healer Selvia, which the Unicorn Boss's Follow the Light skill can offset, not too much pressure. But Stamina loss, that's a big deal! If the opponent, taking advantage of being from the Hell Race and immune to lava, decided to play guerrilla warfare with me, then I'm at a considerable disadvantage.

At this point, Da Fei somewhat regretted not having sent the Power Angel into battle. Then again, Stamina is still a big issue... How many can one Angel's skill protect? But no worries, as long as I have my Human Cannon, the mighty Elina who deals over ten thousand in lightning damage in my lineup, I can't lose. During the three matches so far, I've been deliberately holding back Elina from fighting to avoid scaring the audience.

And just then, a roaring growl came from the true hellish Blood Lake bed, and huge waves began to churn on the surface. Clearly, the Thunder Angel having absorbed a whole pond's worth of blood nutrients was trying to break through forcefully. Such a massive commotion instantly attracted thousands of Flame Demons and hundreds of Flying Demons, densely gathering around the lakeshore and in the sky, preparing to defend with all their might!

Da Fei frowned. Critical moment, forcing me to fight on both fronts? Then there's no other way. It's just one match, and since I've promised to donate the prize money, it's not really mine anymore, so even if I fail, my conscience is clear. The key is to protect this Angel, who cost me a precious Divine Level Fragment!

So Da Fei immediately had Selvia mount the Unicorn in the battleground, forming a double healing combo, while also ensuring as the healing core, Selvia wouldn't be easily knocked down. Then all the troops went into defensive mode on the spot. Fortunately, Da Fei's main force, the Demon Child Army, and a few Hellhound troops, being from the Hell Race, were not affected by the lava. Alright, I'll give you fifteen minutes.

Then Da Fei had the Blood Eagle circling high above the Blood Lake, ready to turn on the Petrification Aura as soon as the Thunder Angel made a move. This was the only thing Da Fei could do now.

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After a night of intensified tuning by the Genesis Competition Committee, the spectator limit for each match increased from 200,000 yesterday to 400,000 today. As soon as Da Fei's match started, the limit of 400,000 spectators was instantly filled. It must be said that Da Fei is indeed an excellent tester for the performance of the Battle Network System.

When the 400,000 spectators from around the world saw Da Fei's battling Unicorn Boss and the Earth Element as tall as a two-story building, they were all astoundingly shocked!

At this time, in the U.S. Supernova Team headquarters' video conference room. Team Captain Fordson, Hell Branch Captain Howell, as well as invited strategic allies such as Prince George, Igarashi, and others were watching this crucial match together.

While the appearance of the Unicorn Boss was embarrassingly unexpected for Fordson, the sudden appearance of the towering Earth Element also moved everyone deeply.

Compared to Da Fei's formidable military force, the level 48 SawSaw obtained an extra tactical position from a quest, resulting in a total of 6 tactical positions, recruited 6 Vice Heroes with quite remarkable special skills, and amassed a Command Power of over three thousand. His troops consisted of 2,000 Horned Demon Governors, 200 Banshees, 300 Hellhounds, as well as a small number of Fire Elements. These forces were basically half of the base strength of the Hell Branch. If it came down to a contest of military force, certainly, they were no match for Da Fei.

SawSaw's strategy revolved around the self-destruct special skill of the 2,000 Horned Demon Governors. It cannot be denied that the Hell Race's level 2 troop, the Horned Demon Governor, is notoriously weak; although the self-destruct special skill sounds terrifying, it's a tactic that kills 800 enemies at the cost of 1,000 of your own, and since the Horned Demons would be completely obliterated, they couldn't be resurrected, making even a victory feel like a defeat - truly not something a regular player could afford to do.

However, facing Da Fei's outrageously high Defense, only magical damage like self-destruct could have a much greater effect than normal attacks. It was a measure born of desperation. Besides that, it seemed the only other use for Horned Demons was to oversee peasants' production as Military Governors, apparently able to increase peasants' production efficiency by 15%.

Another of SawSaw's strategies was to use the advantageous terrain to wear down Da Fei's Stamina over time and then continue to lure out the BOSS ramped up to difficulty level S, delivering the final blow to Da Fei. Moreover, under lava terrain conditions, Da Fei's Mist Summoning Technique wouldn't work or would have extremely poor effects, which could be seen as a lesson learned from the previous defeat against Bedivere.

Considering this, Fordson couldn't help showing a smug smile to Prince George: "I do want to see, without the mist, exactly what secret weapon he relies on to defeat the BOSS."

Prince George replied with a smile, "Actually, I'm more curious to see how SawSaw manages to lure out the Lava Giant Beast."

Igarashi couldn't help but speak with envy, "For a player who started high-end with the Great Demon, a level 7 troop, luring mobs is not an issue at all."

Prince George laughed and said, "It's precisely because of such high-end skills that easily completing tasks difficult for normal people is thrilling."

Howell coughed and said, "Captain, don't forget, Da Fei has the healing boost from the Unicorn. If something unexpected happens to SawSaw, it's not entirely our fault."

Fordson's expression darkened, but he still casually waved his hand, "The main goal of this match is to test the current strength of players from around the world, don't take winning or losing too seriously."

Relieved by the captain's words, Howell laughed, "With that said by the captain, we're under no pressure at all, hahaha!" Indeed, Howell was quite relieved that Da Fei had deployed the Unicorn which was mistakenly given to him by their team captain. This way, even if the Hell Branch suffered a defeat, it wouldn't lead straight to playing video games in the mental hospital ward.

However, Igarashi suddenly remarked, "The match has been on for nearly half a minute, and Da Fei isn't reacting at all?"

Prince George shook his head, "There is a reaction. For instance, his Priest hero is mounted on the Unicorn, but it seems he's completely on the defensive, just observing, much like the last game against our player."

Igarashi laughed, "The situation is completely different from the last game. The more he stays put, the worse it is for him. Is he an idiot?"

For a moment, the meeting room fell silent. Indeed, was Da Fei, a player feared by professional players, an idiot? This was a question the viewers from around the world presumably wanted to know.

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At this time, whether he was overconfident or truly fearless, Da Fei was focusing all his attention on the receding lake water. As the lake water receded, a massive green dot appeared on the radar!

Da Fei suddenly felt elated—the neutral yellow dot turned green. Things were looking promising!

Just then, a huge muffled roar came from the lakebed, and amid the giant splash shooting into the sky, a dark red figure leapt out!

Here it comes!

Chapter 669: Nightmare's Pursuit

As a huge surge of water erupted from the bottom of the Blood Lake, a dark red immense figure with wings emerged, dragging a dozen long chains - it was the Thunder Angel!

At the same time, hundreds of Flying Demons on high alert immediately swooped in, swinging their large scythes.

Damn! Da Fei's heart tightened, quickly directing Little Fei to dive down to meet him. Just then, with a flash of lightning and a loud bang, the Thunder Angel's body emitted a large circle of electric arcs, paralyzing all nearby Flying Demons, causing them to lose control and plummet down, giving the Thunder Angel a chance to break through the encirclement!

Oh yes, this Thunder Angel really does have some tricks up his sleeve, making the player's rescue mission much easier and worry-free. Of course, it's all thanks to me feeding him the Divine Level Fragment; otherwise, who knows if he could even emit electricity?

Now, Little Fei immediately followed and positioned himself, ready to use Petrification Aura on any pursuers who got close.

Just then, the Thunder Angel spoke, "Warrior! Thank you for giving me the strength to break through, but I am severely injured and won't last much longer. You must find a way to get me back to camp, because if I get captured again, I fear I won't have the strength to resist the demons' corruption and will inevitably fall!"

Damn it, what's next? "If I can't make it, please kill me" right? Making Little Fei kill you would at least be considered a good deed.

At this moment, all Da Fei could do was to control the Blood Eagle to screech in response.

Sure enough, upon hearing Da Fei's response, the Thunder Angel was invigorated and vigorously flapped its three pairs of wings, causing the blood from the chain wounds to gush out like a fountain!

Only then did Da Fei realize that those dozens of chains were actually nailed into its body, like shackles pinning the bones of a prisoner! Oh my god, with this kind of blood loss, I guess he would die from bleeding before he could even fly far?

Meanwhile, those Flying Demons paralyzed by the electric arcs quickly recovered and chased from behind. Da Fei's heart tightened again; these Flying Demons are quite powerful, aren't they?

The Thunder Angel furiously said, "If I weren't weakened, these trash would have already been turned to ashes! If I can successfully escape and regain my strength, I swear I'll return for revenge!"

Nice, that's the spirit! But glancing at the pursuit speed of the Flying Demons and then at the Thunder Angel's bleeding speed, Da Fei sensed the situation was quite critical. In just a few seconds, the Flying Demons had gained on them, getting closer and closer.

It was time to take action, Little Fei's Petrification Aura activated!

The speed of the hundred pursuing Flying Demons suddenly stalled! In that moment, the Thunder Angel once again flashed with lightning, timely unleashing another electric arc. In an instant, the hundred electrified Flying Demons jerked violently once more, losing control and falling again!

Da Fei was thrilled, this time a double hit with petrifaction and electric shock. Could the Flying Demons even manage to land on their faces properly? No, I must take advantage of the chaos! Little Fei's special skill precisely has an effect that directly produces a "Broken Wings" - Enhanced Fierce Bird Suppression!

- Enhanced Fierce Bird Suppression: Increases damage by 100% to non-elite bird-type creatures and reduces their Attack Speed by 25%. It has a 50% chance of directly causing a "Broken Wings" effect on all small-sized flying creatures.

Clearly these Flying Demons were not small-sized flying creatures, but the special skill's description didn't say it was completely ineffective against medium or large-sized flying creatures, did it? I don't need a high rate of 50%, even 20%, 10% would do! Even if it has no effect, successfully drawing their aggro would be great.

Little Fei immediately turned and dove towards the closest Falling Demon – Bang!! "-84!"

Da Fei's eyebrows shot up; damage 84, Little Fei's 30 attack points increased by over 150%, so the attack-defense difference was about 30. With Little Fei's attack at 75, this meant these Flying Demons had a defense over 30, on the same scale as ordinary angels! These kinds of demons were what the Thunder Angel called trash?

No time to ponder further, nor to see if the enemy fell to the ground after the collision, Da Fei immediately controlled the Blood Eagle to dive towards another descending Flying Demon, swiftly and repeatedly landing hits. Within a few seconds, Little Fei had continually charged at five or six Flying Demons. The first Flying Demon struck finally yielded a satisfactory result – it tumbled and struggled in the air from start to finish without recovering, then with a bang, "-104!" damage, it fell to the ground thrashing.

Da Fei was overjoyed! Then came more good news one after another; all the demons hit by Little Fei fell to the ground, with one even plunging into the boiling lava, splashing fiery waves.

Oh yeah!

But immediately, Da Fei realized only those hit by Little Fei were injured in the fall; the other hundreds of demons still managed to regain control before hitting the ground, causing no substantial damage.

Da Fei was so frustrated! Just a bit more force and they could've all been brought down!

No, no, no! It was the Thunder Angel who's flying a bit too high, right? If he flew lower, couldn't it just let all the Flying Demons be affected? The question is how to make him fly lower? I can't speak, can I? Oh crap, don't Blood Eagles have rights too?

Just then, the Thunder Angel spoke again: "Warrior! I can hardly believe you possess such magical skills! Just like I can hardly believe you possess such magical Crystal Stones. The fact that you appeared in front of me proves your extraordinariness; you are worthy of my entrustment of life! Now I've lost too much blood to ensure proper judgment, and my remaining strength is also running low. Now I decide to join your team and let you command me to escape!"

—System Prompt: You've triggered the mission "Escape of Thunder Angel Remy"! Remy has joined your team!

—Task Hint: Safely escort Remy back to Divine Punishment City.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitch with surprise, triggering the mission now? Wasn't it said that bro could not accept missions in this scene if under level 50? Can bro's Blood Eagle also form a team? This Remy is definitely stronger than all the angels on the Mercenary Leader's list, how much is his Command Value? Or is he a mission NPC whose Command Value does not get counted?

But none of that matters anymore, what's important is that Remy can now be commanded by me, the only skill he can use right now is "Thunder Impact". So stop thinking about anything else, fly lower! I'm going to catch them all in one sweep, ha ha ha ha!

While Da Fei was controlling Remy to fly low, Remy spoke again: "Be careful below!"

Da Fei couldn't help but be startled, below? Just then, a sudden red light exploded on the screen!

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! The Chaos Blood Flesh Demon's Chaos Demon Blood Spray Skill has targeted your Reconnaissance Eagle Xiao Fei and Thunder Angel Remy, please dodge in time!

Boss Flesh Demon?! Da Fei suddenly got a shock, only then noticing that the ground was covered with meat mountains of Bosses swelling up, preparing to fire anti-aircraft guns!

Oh my goodness! The range of this meat mountain, I've seen it! Da Fei swiftly flew higher, barely escaping the opponent's range!

Remy spoke solemnly: "Warrior, be quick. I can't promise how much longer I can fly at this altitude!"

Damn it! Looking at the Flying Demons chasing again from behind, and the huge meat mountains everywhere on the ground, Da Fei quickly scanned around, his eyes soon fixated on a boiling, bubbling Lava Lake not far away! That's the spot, there surely won't be any meat mountain anti-aircraft guns over the lake, right? Okay, let's make a hotspot out of these Flying Demons there, and wipe them out in one go!

Da Fei decisively turned, leading the large group of Flying Demons right over the lake surface and deliberately slowed down and lowered—closer, even closer! Denser, even denser! Oh my, they really listen well!

It's about time! Another flash of Thunder Light, Xiao Fei's Petrification Aura activates!

This time, the Flying Demons didn't disappoint Da Fei. Hundreds of Flying Demons, like hundreds of meat dumplings, all dropped into the Lava Lake, and at that instant, a huge sizzling sound rose from the whole lake surface, billowing up a large mist of blood!

Da Fei roared with laughter! Even if they are demons, they are still divided into Blood and Fire Elements. The flesh and blood of Blood Element bodies, although more heat-resistant than ordinary creatures, can't withstand bathing in a Lava Pool; after all, they turned into a hotspot. Now without the Flying Demons, who can stop me? Ha ha, wa ha ha ha!

Remy spoke solemnly: "Warrior, your clever tactics are admirable, but we must leave this lake immediately!"

Isn't that obvious? With the game's characteristics, there must be a lake monster in such a big lake! Da Fei immediately soared higher. And just then, a huge red dot suddenly surged from the bottom of the Lava Lake on the radar, as expected!

With a loud splash, amidst the soaring lava waves, a gigantic horse engulfed in blazing flames leaped out, its piercing neigh shaking the heavens and the earth!

Da Fei was enormously shaken, Boss level Hell Horse!

Remy annoyed: "It's a Hell Nightmare, it can fly, don't let it catch up!" After saying this, ignoring his bleeding wounds, he vigorously flapped his wings again.

Da Fei's eyes narrowed in fear, Nightmare! Hell Race's level 5 soldier Hell Horse's ultimate form, a Divine Beast Level creature that feeds on flames and dreams!

Sure enough, the Nightmare galloped with fiery hooves, then its body flames materialized into a pair of angel-like elegant Flame Wings and soared into the sky!

Da Fei dropped his jaw, Flame Pegasus! Indeed, Divine Beast Level creatures capable of flying and Instant Teleportation are nothing strange! What do we do now? Can't run away! The Petrification Aura doesn't work on Boss, let alone a Divine Beast, this Nightmare must have appeared because we messed up the mission!

Speaking of which, this way of doing the mission is not normal in itself, normally they would send an army to rescue him, who lets him run by himself? Any accident would be normal!

Wait? Send an army to the rescue? Maybe there's still time? Yes, I'll seek help from NPC! This is the last straw! So, while remotely controlling from Divine Punishment City Square, Da Fei immediately came before Miss Ror in a panic and anxious manner: "Miss Ror, I've rescued Thunder Angel Remy!"

Ror was greatly surprised: "Remy? You've rescued him?"

Da Fei urgently said: "I only managed halfway, we killed the hundreds of guards chasing us, but we disturbed the Nightmare in the Lava Lake, so I request Miss Ror to send troops for support!"

Chapter 670: Angel to the Rescue

Faced with Da Fei's request for help, Ror was startled, then showed a troubled expression and said, "For some reason, once our angels perish here, the Angel Spirit cannot return to Heaven, but will only be captured by Demons to become their fallen minions, so we can't act rashly."

Damn it, that's not a reason to be afraid of death! Da Fei urged, "Precisely because of that, we should save that Ancient Angel! If we let him die in vain, it's a loss that will affect the balance of power. Our losses will be huge!"

Ror frowned and said, "The troops in Divine Punishment City are already low. If we fail to act, it could lead to the city's fall, so it must be reported to Angel Leader Sazer."

Da Fei was jumping with anxiety, "Hurry up! Just the time spent saying these few lines, and the Nightmare has already reached our doorstep. It's life or death here!" Damn it! It's like the emperor isn't in a hurry, but the eunuch is. If I didn't care about that Divine Level Fragment, whether you save him or not, it's none of my business!

At that moment, a flash of light appeared in the square, and Angel Leader Sazer appeared before Da Fei, solemnly saying, "The life or death of an Angel doesn't matter. The responsibility of an Angel is heavier than a mountain. We wouldn't risk the fall of Divine Punishment City to save him. The moment he went missing, we prepared for the worst. Even if he falls, it's within our expectations. Especially considering his body has already substantially demonized, it's not worth the risk to save him! So, please understand, Warrior!"

—Ah, spew! Da Fei spit out, understand my ass! My Divine Level Fragment! Could it be because I'm not level 50, or lack prestige, so I can't rally the NPCs?

Da Fei, exasperated, said, "We're almost at Despair Plain now. Are you just going to watch him fall at your doorstep? Just help him out, just pull him out once! He has survived for ten thousand years, can't he make it these few seconds?"

Catherine also chuckled coldly and said, "Esteemed Angel Leader, you should know I'm a pirate, right? In my view, this Divine Punishment City is like a solitary ship on the Sea of Despair, and that Thunder Angel is like a desperate sailor who fell into the sea. If we were pirates, we would rather risk running aground than not go all out to rescue! Because every sailor knows that those who can save us won't be the Alliance Navy, not God, or any belief, it's only us! If we don't save ourselves, how can we work together and share the same boat? Angel Leader, at this moment, are you still expecting God? Then you're really a wretched Captain! With such a Captain, this ship will surely sink!"

Sazer's face changed! Da Fei's heart skipped a beat! Damn it, a solitary ship on the Sea of Despair! Sis, you're literary! Though you're barely literate. Wait! Catherine's speaking just triggered the plot, which means we can still persuade them to send troops?

Ror couldn't help but scold, "Warrior, you must not be disrespectful to the Angel Leader. The responsibility borne by the Angel Leader is beyond our imagination!"

Sazer waved his hand and sighed, "My own life or death and honor are trivial, but the mission God has given me cannot afford a single slip."

Da Fei's eyebrows shot up, suddenly finding a breakthrough, he quickly asked, "Angel Leader, are you saying that when Remy went missing, you were already prepared for the worst, and his fall was within your expectations?"

Sazer nodded, "Indeed, prepare for the worst, and make the most cautious preparations!"

Da Fei immediately countered, "Then, with Divine Punishment City in this state, the situation is absolutely not optimistic, so in God's view, have they prepared for the worst-case scenario of the city's fall?"

Sazer's face dramatically changed, and he couldn't help but angrily shout, "Warrior, you must not speculatively second-guess God's will!"

Da Fei chuckled incredulously, do I really need to guess? I bet you've been struggling with this for the past ten thousand years! Fine, it's time to fight fire with fire!

Da Fei's thoughts instantly cleared up, he immediately added, "If God has prepared for the city's fall, it means even God cannot change the situation, then it's fundamentally not your fault! Since it's not your fault, there are two outcomes: One, you lose the city, but you've done your best, and God won't blame you. If that's the case, there's no pressure on you, and really no reason not to save your comrades, right? Two, when the city ultimately falls, whether it's your fault or not, you'll have to bear the blame! In that case, sir, you must go all out now! If you save Thunder Angel, it will greatly strengthen Divine Punishment City, and the situation might reverse!"

Sazer was shocked!

Catherine immediately said, "Indeed, in either case, sir, you have enough reason to save him! If you watch him die without helping, even I, a pirate, would lose heart from continued assistance against the Demons. Just find some other Warrior to help if that's the case!"

Sazer clapped his hands, his expression resolute, and said, "Warrior, you have convinced me! But I must oversee the protection barrier for Divine Punishment City and cannot personally take action, so the rescue mission is entrusted to you. Our rescue troops need a strong hero's leadership—Ror Guard! Lead the Elite army to join the Warrior's team and set out immediately!"

Ror promptly said, "Yes, sir!"

—System Prompt: Power Angel Ror temporarily joins your team, 10 Elite Power Angels, 10 Elite Power Angels, 5 Elite Blazing Angels, 3 Elite Intelligence Angels, 3 Elite Authority Angels have joined your team!

Oh yeah, it worked! Da Fei rejoiced, "Thank you, sir, for sending troops!"

Sazer shook his head, pulled out a golden metal ring with white gauze floating around it, and said, "Warrior, I'm making an exception to lend this to you in advance. If you complete the mission perfectly with minimal losses, this will be your reward!"

—System Prompt: You received a borrowed item, "Angel's Wings"!

—Angel's Wings: S-Class Limited Strategic Treasure (borrowed item equipment bound), cloak equipment slot. It allows the hero equipped with it and their Vice Hero team to fly. Note: Only for heroes' use, cannot be used by ground troops. Only usable on Divine Punishment City map scenes.

Da Fei's jaw dropped, the legendary Angel's Wings, fulfilling your dream to fly! Damn, it's top-tier awesome! But then again, as the hero leading the Angel Army, I can't possibly walk on the ground, right? Plus, unlike mounts that can only fly one person, this strategic treasure affects all Vice Heroes!

Now everything is ready, time to set off!

Da Fei immediately said, "Sir, Remy's situation is urgent, I'm heading out right away!"

Sazer nodded, "The strengths and weaknesses of the Nightmare are both in its Nightmare Space. Have Ror explain to you in detail on the way, hurry and set off!"

Nightmare Space? Without further thought, Da Fei immediately said, "Understood!"

Donning the Angel's Wings, Da Fei leaped into the sky, and the white ribbons of Angel's Wings seemed like the white smoke behind a rocket blast. As Angel's Wings can't affect ground troops, Catherine reluctantly had to part with her Unicorn.

For Da Fei, who's accustomed to piloting the Blood Eagle in first-person view, flying was commonplace, so he quickly turned to find Ror.

Ror immediately flew over to remind, "Warrior, a high-level Nightmare is a spiritual-bodied Demon. Its strength lies in dragging enemies into its Nightmare Space, which can materialize various nightmares the Nightmare devours. There, even an insignificant creature might possess terrifying power capable of destroying an entire army. However, once the Nightmare activates the Nightmare Space, it transforms into a spiritual form hidden within it, which is its most vulnerable and easiest to kill. If we can't drive the Nightmare away, we must prepare for a showdown inside the Nightmare Space."

Da Fei nodded repeatedly, "I see."

It seems the so-called Nightmare Space is just a battle in a different scene. But with my God-level Reconnaissance Skill, Advanced Treasure Appraiser skill, along with Catherine's Treasure Intuition, finding the true body of the Nightmare in Nightmare Space shouldn't be hard. Speaking of which, if even I can't find it, how would an ordinary pro player even play?

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While Da Fei was busy controlling Little Fei and talking to the Angel Leader, two minutes have passed in the competition venue. During these two minutes, Da Fei's troops remained on high alert and motionless, allowing the Secret Archer and Vice Hero's Life Physical Strength to continuously decrease, and let SAWSAW taunt on the other side.

At this moment, 400,000 audiences worldwide were stunned, and everyone was unanimously wondering: Did Da Fei suddenly have diarrhea and had to go to the restroom? Or is he just relying on the large Earth Element to not panic?

Faced with Da Fei's indifference, even SAWSAW felt all the tactics arranged by the think tank seemed like idiotic clowns. What to do? Leave the tangled issues to the leaders. SAWSAW then asked his superior whether to lure monsters.

Fortson gritted his teeth and immediately instructed, "Lure monsters!"