

God level 681

Chapter 681: The Ultimate Advancement of the Pawn

In the Nightmare Space, dozens of rocket-like "chariots" and "bishops" instantly outpaced the main army behind them, catching up with Da Fei as he pushed the chessboard to flee.

Just now, the Nightmare Monster said not to let them land on the chessboard, which shows that the enemy's ground combat capability is extraordinary. Since that is the case, intercept them mid-air!

Da Fei immediately stopped pushing the chessboard, and the entire Angel Army went to intercept, and to ensure the effectiveness of the interception, Da Fei specially dispatched three Power Angels wielding two-handed great axes to assist Ror, aiming for a four-man combined assault to deal as much damage as possible to a chess piece.

Facing the interception by the Angel Army, the Chess Army ignored it completely, relying on their thick skin and high stamina to charge towards the chessboard with the clear goal of landing.

Da Fei's heart sank; if so, then don't miss the opportunity to strike—activate the Blood Eagle Petrification Aura again! In an instant, the ascent speed of all the charging chess pieces suddenly slowed!

Oh yeah! That's the effect I wanted!

At this time, the battlefield with Ror's involvement was decisively determined, as a "chariot" began the erratic spinning in the air like a top, under the encirclement and attack of four Angels, it seemed to have lost its sense of direction!

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, taking little damage, but the impact was quite significant. Could it be?

Da Fei hurriedly rechecked the attributes of his Nightmare Pawns:

—Nightmare Chess Pawns: Nightmare Creature, Building Creature. Attack 30, Defense 300, Damage 100, Attack Speed 7, Magic Resistance 90%, Stamina 10000, Command Value 0, Special Skill: Charge Trample, Master-level Defense Skill, Siege Attack, Life and Death Struggle.

That's right! These chess pieces are Nightmare Creatures, Building Creatures, but they are not Flying Creatures. They may float in the air, but they are not Air Force! No wonder these chess pieces fly so awkwardly, no wonder they need a Divine Beast BOSS to secretly fan the dark winds for them!

However, since the chess pieces are specialized for siege attacks, they are specifically designed to counter building attributes, which means that only the Nightmare occupying the chess pieces can inflict effective damage on them.

So that's how it is, Da Fei's thoughts became clear again, and he came up with a counter-strategy at once. In any case, it's about utilizing the Angels' advantage in fast and agile maneuvers to spin as many of them as possible into tops, to further isolate them. As for those that slipped through and landed, let the Nightmare Pawns bear the brunt and lead the assault.

So, under Da Fei's command, the Angel Army scattered and coordinated their strikes in the air, with the clash of metal and sparks flying everywhere. In mere seconds, more than half of the chess pieces were left spinning in the air, falling behind. But still, nearly twenty of the chess pieces broke through the interception and landed on the chessboard.

When these chess pieces landed, the entire chessboard emitted a clanging, clattering sound, the momentum was quite alarming. Holy smoke! Who says chess can't cheat, they don't have pawns, all they have are chariots and bishops!

In summary, Da Fei must end the battle before the "spinning" chess pieces recover or before the chess hero's main army catches up.

But the time was pressing, even though there were only twenty of them, given their thick skin and high stamina, even if Da Fei's entire army went into battle, there was no guarantee that they would be eliminated in time. So, of course, Da Fei's strategy was not to send out the whole army to fight. Instead, continue to have twenty Angels push the chessboard to escape, maintain the distance, and then let the remaining ten plus Angels along with a pawn and a Poker King card to decide the battle!

Da Fei believed that in the face of his strong defense, even if our number was at a slight disadvantage, we could still fight.

Now, the Angels continued to push the chessboard with the wind, while Da Fei started to face the charge of the Chess Army! Although Da Fei's army were all Air Force, and didn't care about their ground assault, once Da Fei retreated, the Thunder Angels sleeping on the chessboard would surely be doomed, so Da Fei had to hold his ground.

Looking at the row of chess pieces coming at him like chariots, moving sideways and diagonally with a rumble, Da Fei's eyebrows twitched again—this chess piece moves on the chessboard with the same nature and rules as chess: chariots move horizontally and vertically, bishops move diagonally. What does the current situation resemble? Like a few cars coming at you from all directions at an intersection, right?

If that's the case, then I will be the red light!

Under the cover of the Blood Eagle Petrification Aura, the chess pieces were not moving fast, and Da Fei could clearly see their direction, taking aim and allowing his trump card Poker to meet them at the approximate intersection. After all, compared to the delicate Angel Army, this stolen Poker card was neither loved nor cherished, with plenty of stamina but unable to be taken out of the space, so its death was inconsequential!

—Bang! A crisp sound, "-304!" appeared as the Poker King was knocked back like a kite. With that collision, a bishop and a chariot behind stopped, and their halt caused another two chess pieces behind them to stop.

Da Fei was overjoyed. Success! One card blocked five chess pieces; that was the effect I wanted!

However, in the face of my invincible defense, these chess pieces still managed to deal 300 points of damage, showing the astonishing power of their Charge Skill. But compared to my Elite Angels' stamina, this damage was still within the range of endurance and recovery.

Now, Da Fei had a complete strategy to deal with the opposition, immediately dispatching three Angels to air-drop and block the chariots. In an instant, the twenty chess pieces on the entire chessboard were blocked together.

And while the enemy's Charge Skill was on cooldown, Da Fei's army swooped in for the attack, overhead, various damage numbers such as "-26!" "-29!" "-34!" popped up on the screen!

This is the damage from both sides just hacking at each other! Da Fei was immediately gobsmacked! Just a moment ago, cutting them down in the sky, he could deal seventy to eighty points of damage, but once on the chessboard, the enemy thickened up? How else to describe this damage but tragic!

Compared to the hitpoints of both sides, this is literally a turtle fight, you only hear the shells clanging! This is just pure stamina drain!

And just at this moment, amidst the flurry of two-digit damage numbers, suddenly a triple-digit damage "King's Strike -100!" popped up!

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched in alarm, King's Strike? Isn't that the Poker King's special skill?

— King's Strike: This creature can deal additional, fixed damage that ignores the enemy's Defense and is also unaffected by hero bonuses.

Damn! Fixed damage that ignores Defense, this is freaking cheating, rightfully deserving the name King's Strike! Does that mean my main force now can only rely on this card and my little pawns? Alright, hang in there! Just waiting for my little pawns to push forward and hit them!

Now, Da Fei was watching the chessboard battlefield while also keeping an eye on the pursuers in the sky. At this point, those spinning tops in the air had almost recovered and started wobbling as they gained speed to chase, and as for the hero chess pieces further below, they were relentless in pursuit!

Da Fei's heart tensed, you can't catch up with me, you can't catch me!

In the midst of his anxiety, Da Fei's Nightmare Pawns finally sluggishly reached the gridlock scene. Damn, their mobility really is just like the pawns in chess, this is such a pain!

In Chess, pawns can move in straight lines or diagonally but only one square at a time, so faced with the "Rook" that could only move in straight lines in front of it, Da Fei, to be safe, decided to give it a diagonal shove!

— Boom!!! A loud noise, a massive "-18644!" damage number thundered out, and then the Rook collapse with a crash!

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped in surprise, holy crap! Instant kill! Are battles between chess pieces instant kills? Why didn't you say so earlier? If it weren't for their slow movement, I nearly made it the vanguard, which would've screwed up my big plan!

Da Fei took another look at the pawn's attributes and suddenly discovered a new special skill had emerged!

— Life and Death Struggle: When Nightmare Chess is on the board, they will engage in life and death battles according to chess rules.

Da Fei suddenly realized, the little pawn was flying in the sky just now, and once on the chessboard, it got a new special skill! After all, the poker cards before were all about big fish eating the small and bombs blowing up planes, all instant kills!

However, killing poker cards let the player obtain card items, but killing Chess pieces may not necessarily yield chess item drops, right? And even if you get chess items, it seems you must be on the chessboard to match up, which obviously seems unreliable under normal circumstances, right?

At the end of the day, this Nightmare was a total fluke! And in this moment of realization, Da Fei couldn't help but burst into uproarious laughter! Who would have thought, at this stage, the key to breaking the game really lay with this Nightmare obtained from a tournament outfit!

As long as there's instant kill ability, plus so many Angels to protect me and provide cover fire, if we encounter a Rook, my little pawn will diagonally shove, and for a Bishop, it will shove sideways, I've got you all figured out!

With that, Da Fei focused intently, fully engaged in the game, as the Nightmare Pawns continuously pushed forward, the cluttered Rooks and Bishops on the chessboard successively collapsed!

When the general situation on the chessboard was settled, the second wave of Rooks and Bishops, having recovered from their gyroscope state, finally landed on the chessboard.

You're too late! At this moment in Da Fei's eyes, these Rooks and Bishops were just coming to deliver Experience!

Without suspense, the second wave of Rooks and Bishops were each broken by Da Fei's Army under siege, and just as a Rook collapsed with a crash, the Nightmare Pawn flashed a Black Light, its short and round chess body suddenly grew taller and longer, Da Fei's eyebrows jumped again, is this, the legendary pawn transforming into a Queen?

In Chess rules, if a pawn pushes all the way to the opponent's baseline on the board, it can be promoted and evolve into the strongest piece on the board, the "Queen"! Of course, it can also evolve into a Rook, Knight, or Bishop, but most people choose the Queen. However, the likelihood of such a weak piece like a pawn attacking to the opponent's backline is extremely slim unless the opponent is really bad.

Does that mean in this chess match, my little pawn killed dozens of Rooks and Bishops, directly getting fed and fattened for the ultimate evolution?

And at this moment, the Nightmare did not disappoint Da Fei, with a diagonal charge, swiftly and from afar, it instantly killed another Rook!

Da Fei laughed heartily! With the ultimate chess piece in hand, even if the opponent has many hero pawns, I still have a fighting chance! But not ruling out that the opponent might also have a Queen, I can't be careless. In any case, now that I've taken care of the opponent's high-speed units, I can fully utilize speed to my advantage and firmly keep the initiative in my own hands.

Relieving some stress, Da Fei suddenly remembered the situation on the tournament field, speaking of which, facing my invincible Army, what would the opponent be crushed into?

Chapter 682: Turkey Players' Natural Allies

When Da Fei switched to the competition arena, he was stunned by the scene before him!

He saw a poisonous smoke sea on the grassland; his charging army was lured into disarray, already more than half of them were casualties!

Da Fei couldn't believe it, it had only been a few minutes! Although Demon Children are weak with only 4 points of basic blood volume, his achievement skill added 12 points to the whole army's blood volume, and the match server MVP terminator achievement added another 5 points, making the blood volume 4 times larger, equivalent to his 3000 plus Demon Children being the equivalent of 15,000 for others! Not to mention Da Fei also has an outrageous 180 points in defense, could it be possible that a level 2 archer, with just this smoke, could have killed him so miserably?

Gazing across the floating green fog and firelight, Da Fei suddenly had a *déjà vu* feeling—wasn't this Deirdre, the Artillery Master's special artillery shell? Could it be used on ordinary arrows?

Of course, not only Da Fei was shocked, even before this event, the whole world's audience was astonished by this Turkish player.

Normally, physical damage would be reduced by the hero's defense, and magic damage would be shared by the life of the hero's troops, but his Flame Poison Arrow was an attack that simultaneously possessed physical damage and toxin flame damage, and this toxin flame was clearly not magic—it must be some kind of alchemical product, therefore resulting in damage that could neither be reduced by defense nor commonly shared, that's the terrifying aspect of this type of arrow.

In this battle, players all over the world remembered this Turkish player named "Kemal," and professional teams worldwide were terror-stricken; after all, even Da Fei was shot so miserably, let alone ordinary people.

Although one could imagine that the production of these arrows must be extremely costly, under normal circumstances it might not be used frequently, but once it comes to a decisive final battle, it surely possesses the power to dominate. As professional teams, they must possess the means to counteract these arrows. Of course, before that, everyone still awaited Da Fei's performance—how would this world's God Slayer, the number one, deal with this rain of arrows?

In fact, the ones most concerned about this battle were the Japan Mitsubishi Team. After all, the main attack on the Hell Race by the Japan Zone was destined to use the Demon Child Sea to conquer the world in the later stage, so any tactics that posed a threat to the Demon Child Sea would be highly noted by the Japan Zone.

But Da Fei's initial performance disappointed all professional teams, as Da Fei's charge troops were congested and disorderly, especially the high-speed Unicorns, the Earth Element BOSS was actually blocked within the Demon Child group, completely failing to fulfill its leading charge role.

And Da Fei's army, after finally bearing immense casualties and damage, reached Kemal only to be divided and lured away one by one by Kemal—wasn't this the kind of situation that would happen when fighting low-intelligence wild monsters? Wasn't that just Da Fei relying on his own high attributes in automatic combat? What reference value could there be in such a performance? Could Da Fei actually lose this battle?

Of course, at this time Igarashi would never think Da Fei would lose; what Igarashi most wanted to see was Da Fei's mysterious blonde-haired hero using magic for a turnaround. That mysterious Vice Hero had appeared since Da Fei participated in the knockout competitions but seldom made a move—what secret could there be? Could it be that because the Mage Hero's spells were too powerful, there was a limit on the number of times she could act?

Anyway, given that the situation had reached this critical point, Da Fei must surely make a move.

But at this moment, under the instant shock and the dizzying scene, Da Fei was indeed almost impatient and about to send Elena to start bombing. After all, Elena's 10,000 plus lightning damage, when encountering such a 10-point basic blood volume archer, would be a blast killing 1000 in one go, that scene would definitely shock and stupefy the whole world! Not to mention casting Meteor Shower!

However, as a world-class amateur expert, facing a player from Turkey, to panic and resort to using the ultimate move would be inappropriate—where would the demeanor and style of a great nation player be?

Didn't he still have half of his troops? Hadn't his BOSS still not joined the fight? Anyway, I said I'd give you a few minutes, I'll check back in on this in several seconds!

So Da Fei left a small window open, and then switched back to fully preparing for the Chess Army's pursuit in the main battlefield of Nightmare Space. Honestly, the fact that Blood Eagle's shared view also occupied a small window for Da Fei, too many windows clearly made him unable to attend to everything.

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At this moment, the Turkish player Kemal, while listening to the spirited "Turkish March," commanded his forces to fully shoot at Da Fei's army; his entire being energized and blood boiling! Although it seemed as if the opponent wasn't playing seriously, it didn't matter, even the outcome of this battle had become irrelevant—the important thing was that his battle today would make the world take note, and Turkey in the European Union Zone would win respect from the entire world!

Of course, Kemal wasn't fighting alone; at this moment, he was grateful for the substantial support of the EU Student Pirate Alliance, especially the support from his country player "Great Ottoman Sultan" Sanchez—his poison arrow materials had been obtained through these pirate friends' uncompromising attacks on NPC fleets.

Kemal and these students, just like him, deeply cherished their country's glorious history. Turkey's predecessor, the Ottoman Empire, was known to be invincible in land and maritime battles at the time, conquered Byzantine, extinguished Eastern Rome, severed Europe and Asia's trade routes, threatening Europe's doorstep forcing the old European powers to take to the seas. From this perspective, one of Turkey's contributions to Europe was probably facilitating the arrival of the Age of Exploration.

And such a powerful empire that had dominated regions in Asia, Africa, and Europe for hundreds of years, only to be jointly besieged by the great powers before World War I, leading to its fragmentation and demise, relegating it to a Third World country, deeply grieved Kemal and these passionate young university students.

Further adding to the pain was that although Kemal and these players logged into the European Union Zone, Turkey was continually denied EU membership due to religious and territorial issues. In short, the gaming status of Turkish players in the European Union Zone was very awkward, filling these young Turks with righteous indignation.

In short, Turkish players must truly accomplish something great in the game to show those arrogant powers a thing or two! Now, it's time to prove themselves and surprise them.

Wave after wave of arrows rained down on Da Fei's tirelessly advancing army, the entire battlefield was enveloped in poisonous smoke, showcasing the shocking power of the poison rockets!

While Kemal was intoxicated by the music, he suddenly realized that the sparks on the battlefield were gone, and that's when he discovered he had run out of ammunition! Peering through the toxic smoke, he saw that Da Fei's troops were now fewer than a thousand!

At this moment, Kemal was truly astonished! Had he really used all his poison rockets and still not managed to annihilate Da Fei? How many lives did Da Fei's troops have? Was this really a Level 1 Demon Child Army?

What to do now? He still had over two thousand intact troops, three times the strength of the enemy, could he still fight? Although the outcome of this battle was not important, having fought to such an advantageous situation, to say he didn't want to win would be a lie.

All in!

When another round of regular arrows roared down, the opposing Demon Child Army no longer fell in clusters, and on the contrary, Kemal's Level 3 Soldier Shield Guards kept falling under the assault of the Demon Child Army, making Kemal's heart skip a beat. Who is Level 3 and who is Level 1 here? Da Fei's strength is indeed as legendary as in the previous matches!

As the front-line Demon Children fell, the Earth Elements and Unicorn Boss hidden within the Sea of Demon Children finally emerged. Under the assault of the Unicorn, Kemal's archery sea was like rushing into a small wheat harvester!

Archers being approached meant being slaughtered, and a battle that seemed to be a lost cause was thus directly turned around by Da Fei's remnants with ease.

At this moment, the audience across the world was in an uproar. And Kemal finally understood why Da Fei had fought so nonchalantly—it was decreed from the start that he would lose! In an instant, Kemal's heart was filled with mixed emotions, and the joy of having just gained international fame also faded.

Just then, a message from Sultan Sanchez appeared.

Sanchez asked with a laugh, "How does it feel?"

Kemal sighed, "Terrible. I feel like I've let everyone down. If only we had a few more poison rockets."

Sanchez chuckled, "If that Chinese player was so easily defeated, the United States wouldn't secretly pull the UK and Japan into an alliance to encircle him. By the way, I got this information from a student friend in the UK, not many people in the world know yet, and now you're privileged to know it too."

Kemal was shocked, "Are you saying Da Fei is naturally our ally?"

Sanchez laughed, "Do you think he qualifies?"

Kemal suddenly realized, "A powerful ally is exactly what we need."

Sanchez continued, "So, through this battle, you have successfully 'met' Da Fei. When we encounter him in the National War Zone in the future, it will be easier for us to communicate with him. As long as he can restrain the power of the UK and the US, our Pirate Alliance can develop better in the National War Zone! Alright, once your match is over, I'll introduce you to a friend named Barbarossa—you can imagine his expertise from his name?"

Kemal was startled, "The North African Pirate King Barbarossa? Is he a player from our country?"

Sanchez laughed, "Exactly, my Osman Empire is destined not to go unnoticed internationally! The glory that once faded will be restored by us!"

Kemal excitedly nodded, "That's right, it's our era now!"

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When Da Fei counted to ten and switched scenes, the dust settled, and the overall situation was determined!

Da Fei couldn't help but laugh in surprise, damn, that really gave me a scare! After all, when my Demon Child Sea approached him, he still had to lie down. Especially when there were two BOSS included as demonstrated in the first battle against that Japanese, there was no need to fight them.

In the end, it's not that you are weak, it's that I'm too strong, hahaha! Now, with this side of the tournament sorted, Da Fei can devote all his energy to dealing with the Nightmare Space.

At this moment, the Nightmare who had promoted herself to Queen said gravely, "Master, my form has reached the limit of its strength, I need to possess a stronger Nightmare Creature, please select one for me!"

Chapter 683: Negotiating Peace with the Nightmare

The time had come again for the nightmare to possess someone, which meant Da Fei would gain another soldier. Anyway, if everyone was being possessed, why not possess the opponent's queen to have two queens?

Da Fei hurriedly asked, "Do I have to possess a stronger nightmare creature? Can't I just keep possessing the opponent's queen?"

The nightmare exclaimed, "Since there are already stronger nightmare creatures, why is master still fixated on the weaker ones?"

Da Fei was momentarily stunned! Alright, he had been foolish. He wanted to see what kind of creature could be a stronger nightmare creature.

Da Fei scanned the whole scene and suddenly noticed the terrifyingly large fuzzy bear floating in the air. He asked, "Can this one do?"

The nightmare replied, "Not yet, but we can possess the smaller one in front."

Seriously? Could this fuzzy bear be the ultimate boss of this space? Da Fei said, "Then let's go with the smaller one."

"Yes, master!"

With that, a black mist flew out from the nightmare chess pieces and pounced on a small fuzzy bear not far from the chessboard. But even though it was smaller in size, it was still as large as a small house.

—System Prompt: The Nightmare Puppet has joined your troops.

Da Fei quickly checked the attributes:

—Nightmare Puppet: nightmare creature, resentful spirit. Attack 15, Defense 7, Damage 250, Attack Speed 8, Life 20000, Move Speed 20, Command Value 0, Stamina 1000. Special Skills: Blunt Resistance, Master-level Defense Skill, Wrestling Attack, Tool Usage.

Da Fei was taken aback. With these attack and defense attributes? Apart from the extraordinary stamina attribute not found on chess, it's hard to say how it was stronger than a chess pawn. This turned out to be a creature stronger than a queen? Da Fei quickly examined its special skills:

—Blunt Resistance: The puppet has a soft body that can minimize damage from blunt objects.

—Wrestling Attack: The puppet possesses great strength to throw enemies and cause damage.

—Tool Usage: The puppet has exceptional intelligence and can use various weapons and tools to strike enemies.

Da Fei suddenly realized the fuzzy bear's strength indeed lay in its special skills! Didn't these chess pieces, without swords or spears, rely on collisions to deal blunt damage? So does this mean the fuzzy bear could act as a sandbag against them? And the wrestling attack and tool usage sound quite advanced, don't they?

In conclusion, with the fuzzy bear in hand and the queen at my disposal, it's time for the final battle. Otherwise, always having angels push such a huge object on the chessboard, our side would still suffer the stamina loss.

Now, all the angels were on high alert on the chessboard, covering the queen in their formation, while the fuzzy bear's bulky body took the lead as the chief sandbag.

The chess hero's legion finally approached like a dark cloud, causing Da Fei to feel a chill up his spine. The number of chess pieces must have been about three to four hundred, and quite a few horse-headed pieces that hadn't moved before. If it weren't for taking out the opponent's rooks and bishops first, Da Fei wouldn't dare to engage.

At that moment, dozens of black lights flashed across the sky, marking dozens of arcs that swooped down suddenly!

Da Fei was startled, feeling as if dozens of alpacas were charging toward him. The horses were finally on the move! Damn, those arcs looked terrifying, high and fast. Who knows what will happen if you're trampled by a horse! The chessboard was only so big; there was nowhere to hide!

There was nothing else to say. Da Fei waved his hand, and the angel army and poker trump cards all took to the sky to intercept! As for Da Fei, his entire focus was on maneuvering the queen. If his queen was taken out in the first move and trampled by countless horses, it would be a real loss. So Da Fei's queen roamed on the outskirts of the chessboard, heeding the lore that the edges are the least likely to get hit.

The angels' intercepting charges, along with the petrification aura of the Blood Eagles, effectively disrupted the horses' landing momentum. For a moment, the scattered sounds of chess pieces hitting the board were continuous.

This was evidently the best time for the queen to attack, but Da Fei was so frightened that he hesitated to make a move. It was only then Da Fei realized that knights moved in jumps and wouldn't get stuck in traffic, making it difficult for the queen to be covered by angels. Not to mention, who knew which horse would leap onto his head?

Finally, Da Fei realized taking down the opponent's rooks and bishops didn't guarantee his victory. The knights were actually the most ferocious pieces! After all, the only piece in chess that posed a threat to the queen was the knight, which moved differently from the queen's linear path.

So what now? Da Fei's mind raced with ideas!

In short, as long as the opponent's pawns haven't landed, he needed to send the angels to push the chessboard. He had to take out the knights first! According to chess rules, a knight's threat is within a

six-square diagonal area, meaning there weren't many knights that could actually threaten him. He just needed to keep an eye on the linked knights, the ones interdependent, which he couldn't touch!

Easier said than done, but with so many densely packed knights, who knew which was linked with which? It was like Da Fei trying to figure out a winning Mahjong hand!

Feeling frustrated, the Nightmare Plush Bear moved, directly bear-hugging a horse that landed beside it, then toppled to the ground, sending the chess piece, which resembled a war chariot, crashing off the board with a flourish.

Da Fei's brows shot up in surprise. A judo throw?!

Da Fei quickly switched to the bird's-eye Little Fei perspective, watching as the flung chess piece spun like a top in the air, then plummeted toward the Lava Sea!

Damn, will it really fall all the way down? Weren't these chess pieces supposed to be floating creatures?

No time to watch! This fuzzy bear was indeed worthy of being a stronger nightmare creature than the queen. With this move, wiping out the enemy army wasn't impossible. As for the queen, it might perish, but if it does, it does!

Da Fei immediately yelled to Ror, "Keep pushing the chessboard! We'll continue picking them off one by one!"

"Copy that!"

Twenty angels flew to the edge of the chessboard again, pushing it forward.

The remaining dozen angels and poker cards swirled above the advancing queen—BOOM!! A loud thud resounded as a lone horse piece crashed to the ground. The first one was instantly taken down!

Meanwhile, the plush bear charged again, clutching another chess piece and flinging it off the board—this time with a charging throw!

In response to the plush bear's throw, another pair of interdependent linked knights swooped down—a flying leap—SMACK!!! landing on the plush bear with a crushing stomp!

Da Fei's eyelid twitched in amazement. Then a "-353!" point damage appeared.

Da Fei breathed a sigh of relief. Indeed, it was a toy bear with a sandbag special skill, yet it lost over three hundred health. If it were any other unit being trampled, who knows if it would be instantly taken down?

At that moment, the flattened plush bear suddenly rolled over, causing the horse that had stomped on it to crash to the ground. This was the first time Da Fei had seen a chess piece topple on the board! Could this be considered a wrestling attack? How would this piece get up? Should Da Fei finish it off now?

While pondering, the bear rolled back up, lifting the toppled piece like a weightlifter and hurling it toward a row of pieces ahead. The resulting impact knocked over several pieces like bowling pins!

Da Fei was dumbfounded, eyes wide with astonishment! My God, the poker has its rules, but with chess against the fuzzy bear, there are no rules at all. Its strength alone could sweep the entire board!

Overwhelmed with joy, Da Fei's radar with the Little Fei perspective showed two red dots approaching. Da Fei hastily switched views, spotting two of the previously thrown chess pieces!

Damn, weren't they supposed to fall into the Lava Sea? Didn't they go down?

Indeed, they hadn't fallen! This situation occurred before when the Thunder Angels electrocuted Flying Demon pursuers—it's like there was just a little force missing! Damn it, meaning relying on the fuzzy bear alone to sweep the board wasn't possible?

Da Fei's heart tightened. I must go all out! As long as the fuzzy bear leveled up, annihilating the chess should be easy.

Now, taking advantage of the chaos the bear created among the chess pieces, Da Fei decisively moved the queen into action, continuously killing piece after piece! Yes, this was the effect needed!

Just as Da Fei was about to expand the battle, the bear suddenly sat on the ground, panting heavily: "Master, I'm out of Stamina, I need a break!"

Da Fei spat out a mouthful of water. You have 1000 Stamina points? And with the Power Angel's stamina restoration, you're already exhausted? What do I do now? My queen's running around the board to evade a whole pack of alpacas pursuing her! These ten-plus angels hacking away at these pieces like chopping a wall just to buy time?!

Looks like this is the only option!

But at that moment, not far away, the chess hero chasing the board spoke in a muffled voice: "Mortal, is it necessary to fight to such an extent just for a demonized fallen angel?"

Da Fei was startled! This tone, certainly the true form of the Divine Beast Nightmare? Have I triggered a storyline? Weren't you the one who locked me in here?

Da Fei replied irritably, "Apart from fighting to the death, do I have a choice?"

The chess hero said grimly, "Chess isn't a zero-sum game of life and death. There is also such a thing as a draw! Your perseverance and adaptability have impressed me greatly, but you are still not enough to challenge me. I can offer you a choice to leave this fallen angel and depart. As a token of my appreciation, I can give you a small gift!"

—System Prompt: Nightmare Morpheus has proposed peace terms. If you agree to leave the Nightmare Space now, you will receive the achievement reward "Nightmare Playground One-Day Trip" and gain the "Playground Building Blueprint." Do you agree to negotiate peace?

—Nightmare Playground One-Day Trip: Upgrade any Master Level skill to Grandmaster and receive a Hell Horse mount.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched furiously in shock! Damn, never mind the blueprint, the achievement reward alone is similar to the "Beyond Mortal Limits" achievement I got in the Dwarf Prison, both boosting a Master skill to Grandmaster! So this reputedly named Nightmare is undoubtedly divine level? I've fought so many divine levels; this is the first to formally propose peace, with a system prompt even, so there must be no deception?

Do I make peace or not? If I do, I give up the sleeping Thunder Angel? It did consume one of my Divine Level Fragments! After fighting this damn exhausting battle, I still end up at a loss? The problem is, if I don't make peace and fight to the end, can I still walk out of this space alive? I don't mind dying, but Ror and these beautiful angels must not suffer any loss!

Chapter 684: Fighting and Harmonizing

During the most tangled moment of the battle, suddenly receiving a peace request from the enemy was itself a very tangled matter.

Da Fei then asked Ror: "What is Miss Ror's opinion?"

Ror was taken aback for a moment, then coughed dryly and said: "Warrior, you are the Commander of the expedition, this kind of thing should be decided by you."

Holy crap! Just when I'm struggling, you ask me to decide? Am I not just concerned about the life and death of you beauties because I am tender-hearted? As long as I can benefit and safely protect the beauties, of course, I would do this deal. Why take such a big risk?

At that moment, the mocking laughter of the Chess Army echoed through the space: "As a Third Generation Angel, you should certainly know that the very existence of this Ancient Angel has already challenged the gods. You must already know how many Demon Gods in the Demon World were once Ancient Angels, right? Not to mention that he has been demonized, his loyalty is completely unreliable. What if I said that he is our spy infiltrated into your heaven, would you believe that? Even if you don't believe it, would your higher-ups believe it? In any case, he is not worth risking your lives to save."

Ror was suddenly astonished!

Holy crap, looking at Ror's expression, did this demon's words strike a chord with her?

But what of it? The less Heaven's higher-ups trust him, the more he will have no choice but to turn to me, which is exactly what I want! The opponent talks so much surely because they want to persuade me. The current priority is not to make a decision too soon, I need to find a way to continue stalling for time for Furry Bear to recover his stamina!

So, Da Fei pretended to be surprised and asked: "What is a Second-generation Angel? What is a Third-generation Angel?"

Ror came back to her senses and said: "The very first seven Creator Angels created by God are the First Generation Angels, and they are also the current seven highest leaders in heaven. Then those non-human-shaped Ancient Angels with physical bodies made by the seven Creator Angels early on are the Second Generation Angels. As for us, the non-physical human-shaped angels, we are the Third Generation."

Nightmare laughed heartily and said: "One of the highest angels, Metatron, was not one of the original Creator Angels, he was a replacement added later. The First Generation Angels were created by God based on His own personality template, like avatars of God, so there should be no question of their loyalty. However, the strongest angel, now the Pride Demon King Lucifer, still rebelled. The Second Generation Angels are minions made by the First Generation Angels, their loyalty is even less assured. As time goes by, the power of the Second Generation Angels grows stronger, and their desire to become gods is harder to conceal, which God would never allow; hence, Hell is the best refuge for these Ancient Angels!"

Holy crap! This Nightmare must have been lonely playing solo all this time, turned out to be quite a chatterbox?

Da Fei, while glancing at Furry Bear's stamina bar, gave a thumbs up and praised: "You really know a lot of stuff, but the matters of heaven are too high-level for us minions to handle. Right now, I especially want to know why everything in this Nightmare Space is floating in the air? Otherwise, even if I go out and boast about it, no one would believe me."

Nightmare said lightly: "Because this place is the materialization of dreams, anything can happen in a dream, and the rules of the Dream Space are naturally different from those of the Main World Plane."

Da Fei secretly chuckled, promptly asking again: "Why do I find that this space is full of toy fires, like it's a child's dream? Why not an adult's dream?"

Nightmare continued: "Only the pure imagination of children can materialize such fantastical spatial rules in dreams, while adults' dreams are mostly various greedy desires, not much value."

Da Fei continued to stall for time: "Then why is there a Lava Sea here? Even if it's a child's nightmare, dreaming of such a thing is too frightening, right?"

Nightmare patiently continued: "When children are warned by their parents that if you play all day or don't tidy your room, I'll burn your toys. This fear suggestion makes a massive Lava Sea materialize in children's dreams."

With all this talk, the stamina bars of Furry Bear and the chess-playing angels had almost recovered.

Da Fei smiled even more brilliantly: "So that Poker Hero who called himself William, is he a real-world hero child?"

Nightmare gave a cold laugh: "Mortal, have you had enough rest? I am rested now, fight or make peace, I'll give you 3 seconds to decide—1!"

Oh crap! Da Fei spat out, so it turns out while I was plotting against him, he was also plotting against me! Speaking of which, isn't he a Divine Beast? Isn't he the ruler of this space? Does he need to rest? Fight or make peace?

Da Fei hurriedly gestured: "Your peace offer is too low, not worth a Thunder Angel at all!" Not to mention that he had eaten a Divine Level Fragment of mine!

Nightmare burst out laughing heartily: "Add the lives of these thirty Angel Soldiers as a stake, and of course, it's worth it!"

Ror angrily said: "Warrior, we are the bravest warriors, we will never fear death!"

And just at that moment, Catherine stood out again: "Captain, let's fight! I only know that the party who initiates peace is definitely at an insurmountable disadvantage, not to mention a scheming peace-seeking demon!"

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat. That's right! I've encountered so many bosses in the game, but never one that actively seeks a truce! There must be deceit involved, right?

At this point, what else is there to say? Da Fei gritted his teeth: "Then let's fight!"

The Nightmare laughed madly: "Foolish mortals, my target is only the Thunder Angel, as for you ants, you're not worth my time!"

—System Prompt: Negotiations have broken down, the battle resumes!

A violent wind unlike any seen before surged through the space, causing the entire chessboard to shudder violently. Amidst the fierce wind, the speed of the Chess Army suddenly advanced!

So he really needed to rest! Da Fei nearly peed himself, and quickly waved a big hand: "All Angels, get down and push the chessboard, don't let them catch up!"

Ror: "Received!"

Looking at the ferocity of the wind, even all the Angels pushing the chessboard may not be enough. Da Fei then directed Blood Eagle to the front of the Chess Army to initiate Petrification Slowdown. As for the chessboard, leave it to Furry Bear and my Queen, I'm going for an intense battle!

Now the chessboard suddenly widens the Chess Army's pursuit. The well-rested Furry Bear, wielding great strength and a thick body, pounces and crashes into the chess pieces, causing sparks to fly and crisp clattering sounds to echo throughout the chessboard.

Da Fei then realized, without Blood Eagle's Petrification Aura slowdown above the chessboard, these chess pieces seem to fall louder and heavier.

Da Fei suddenly understood, Blood Eagle was used wrongly just now! How could we slow down in this wrestling mode? Speed and strength are the passions of wrestling.

There was nothing more to say, Da Fei seized this precious opportunity, activated the Queen to strike amidst the chaos, and instantly killed three isolated chess pieces.

However, the cost of creating chaos was enormous Stamina consumption. Soon, Furry Bear ran out of Stamina again and started to pant heavily in place. The chess pieces on the board regrouped, forming a tight formation, and began to encircle and hunt down Da Fei's Queen.

But that's ok, now there are more than a dozen fallen chess pieces on the board, plus the six previously killed, and the entire layout of the connected horses is basically clear, Da Fei can totally rely on the Queen's high mobility and hit-and-run tactics on the chessboard.

In any game, high mobility forces always have absolute initiative. When Furry Bear's Stamina is restored again, another round of bloody storm will ensue, then, amid the chaos, a few more horses will be instantly killed until the field is entirely cleared!

Time ticked by second by second, and just as Da Fei was leading horses around the edge of the chessboard, those fallen chess pieces, under some strange force, stood up again, and the pieces that had been thrown out of play returned to their positions, filling the field densely with chess pieces, once again creating a disadvantageous situation for Da Fei.

Da Fei frowned, couldn't wait anymore! Use whatever amount of stamina has recovered, must create chaos again!

So Furry Bear burst out violently again, overturning a swath of chess pieces, then Stamina peaked and collapsed again. The brief chaos created by Furry Bear wasn't seized by Da Fei, still finding no opportunity to strike and expand the victory, Da Fei was devastated!

Then the situation repeatedly played out, and the stalemate still couldn't be broken, while the Angels pushing the chessboard were also beginning to glow red with exhausted Stamina, Da Fei was extremely anxious!

And just then, that Chess Hero spoke again: "Mortal! The situation is disadvantageous for you, I can still offer you one last chance to negotiate peace, don't use your mortal thinking to second guess me, I just need to attend a banquet, I admire your perseverance, and am willing to offer you a bonus! Let your mortal wisdom decide the loss and gain."

—System Prompt: Nightmare Morpheus proposes conditions for negotiation. If you agree to leave the Nightmare Space now, you will receive achievement rewards "Nightmare Playground One-Day Trip", "Playground Building Blueprints", "Hell Nightmare Stables Blueprints". Do you agree to negotiate peace?

—Fear Nightmare Stables Blueprint: Special elite unit building, capable of training and recruiting elite level 5 troops, Fear Nightmares. Constructing this building in the Hell Magma, Nightmare Space environment can greatly increase the production of this troop type.

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped! Elite troops!

As previously introduced, the same level of troops has three forms, ordinary, regular army, and elite.

For instance, the "Secret Archer" that Da Fei used to dominate the battlefield with 200 ultra-long-range and knockback special skill is the elite form of the Elf level 3 troops, which is usually exclusive to NPC forces. Ordinary players can only use the regular army form of Jungle Hunter.

The Fear Nightmare, as an elite troop, has an extra special skill compared to ordinary Hell Horses, Fear Aura! Enemies that come close to it have a certain chance to enter a fearful state of running around chaotically. It's a powerful troop type that combines charging, meat shield, and crowd control all in one!

Of course, any race's elite troops are never weak, and such elite troops that are elusive can actually be created by players! At this moment, Da Fei was truly tempted!

Chapter 685: Must Hold on Until Night Passes

Facing the Divine Beast-level Nightmare seeking truce again, Da Fei couldn't help but feel tempted in his anxiety, yet doubts filled his heart.

This was genuinely the most faceless boss he'd encountered in history, asking for truce twice! What's the difference between that and begging for mercy twice? It completely mismatched the status of a God-level Boss!

According to the system's typical behavior, is the reward worth all this trouble Da Fei had gone through here? It seems like it is! Just the achievement reward alone directly elevated him from Master to Grandmaster, that's quite a hefty reward! But the problem is—

The problem is this meant Da Fei had to abandon the Thunder Angel for profit, which made Da Fei very uncomfortable. Da Fei considered himself not very righteous, but in the end, it was just about not borrowing money or helping friends in fights in real life. Moreover, abandoning the Thunder Angel would mean all previous efforts were in vain, which also made Da Fei, who had been victorious in every encounter since entering the game, extremely uncomfortable.

Not to mention, Da Fei hadn't lost any troops so far, whereas the opponent had been losing troops continuously; the situation was unpredictable, and there was really no need for Da Fei to seek peace. In short, since he had already deemed the truce suspicious, he decided to hold firm till the end. If he changed his mind midway, maybe Katelina would even despise him.

In short, wouldn't killing the boss yield more rewards? Alright, in the end, the boss just didn't offer a tempting enough bet. If it directly offered a Divine Artifact, Da Fei would absolutely take it and roll away immediately.

Thus, Da Fei began to chat aimlessly with the boss to buy time, waiting for the Furry Bear to recover its stamina. Indeed, for Da Fei, only the Nightmare Furry Bear was the decisive factor in this battlefield. Without the Furry Bear, Da Fei estimated he would have agreed to the truce right away.

Finally, both sides' stamina were restored, and the boss laid its cards on the table, "Mortal, the last chance is before you, it's either fight or truce, you decide."

Da Fei coldly smiled, "If you truly have the sincerity to seek peace, what if I don't want your reward and you let us all go?"

The boss replied coldly, "It seems you think you can win. Unfortunately, a mortal is just a mortal!"

—System Prompt: Negotiations have broken down again, the battle resumes!

The violent wind reappeared, and it was fiercer than before. The chessboard beneath spun rapidly, appearing as if the entire sky was turning in the storm. Toys flying all over the air rapidly soared and converged around the chessboard in the whirlwind!

Da Fei was shocked, was this the power he restored after resting, or was he taking it seriously as a Divine Beast?

And at that moment, a red light exploded in front of Da Fei's eyes, and a large array of system prompts flashed out:

—System Prompt: Warning! Nightmare Alarm Clock has joined the battlefield!

—System Prompt: Warning! Nightmare Puppet has joined the battlefield!

—System Prompt: Warning! Nightmare Magic Book has joined the battlefield!

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Da Fei's jaw dropped in shock; it turned out he was summoning reinforcements, now the entire Nightmare Space's monsters were encircling him!

What to do now? What can be done! After all, these reinforcements didn't seem to be authentic flying creatures, landing on the chessboard was estimated to be as difficult as with the Chess Army, so he had to quickly clear out those chess pieces on the chessboard! And it had to be fast, no more of that hesitation like before. Since it was meant to be a quick battle, he couldn't care about pushing the chessboard, even if letting a few Chess Army pawns land was better than leaving behind those pesky jumping knights.

With firm resolve, Da Fei waved his hand, "All warriors attack, pin down the chessboard pieces! Cover my assault!"

Ror immediately responded, "Understood!"

In an instant, the Angel Army swooped down upon the pieces on the chessboard, and the recovered Furry Bear charged into the chess formation, showing its bear might. This time, the whole army moved, causing chaos far beyond before, and Da Fei could no longer afford to miss this one opportunity, and immediately activated the Queen for another swift assault!

One, two, four! Five!

And just as the fifth piece was blasted by the Queen, a circular shadow of a chess seat descended from the sky—Da Fei's heart sank, damn, he had misjudged! It was a linked knight strategy! His Queen couldn't die yet!

Da Fei couldn't help but exclaim in panic, "Save!"

In an instant, several nearby angels sprang to action and hacked to block the descending knight, but could not alter the landing point!

At this moment, Catherine shouted, "Captain, I'll cover you!" She leaped up and hugged the horse base!

Da Fei was aghast! Wasn't she courting death!

And with Catherine holding below and the angels blocking above, the steed's body suddenly tilted, but its head was still irresistibly slamming down on the Queen's head!

Da Fei held his breath!

—Bang!!! Blood splattered and a flash of white light! At this moment, Da Fei was stunned beyond speech! Catherine, clinging to the chess piece base, was crushed into a—crushed into a lump of Death White Light!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Katelina has died in battle and will be resurrected in Divine Punishment City!

But before being shocked at Catherine's death, something unbelievable occurred. Da Fei's Queen only suffered three-digit damage and was knocked back a square by the knight but wasn't insta-killed!

What's this? The only explanation was that Catherine blocked it, then the piece's strike only counted as regular damage? Or did the piece's headbutt not count as a rule-based Chess kill?

But now wasn't the time to think about these, this was Catherine's do-or-die life-saving move, he must seize it no matter what, he couldn't make such foolish mistakes again!

Da Fei once again activated the Queen to send the knight before him to its afterlife. At this moment, Da Fei, with bloodshot eyes, scanned the scene like a torch.

The previous deployment of the knight created a significant gap in their formation, this time he would definitely not be mistaken! If wrong, he'd eat three pounds of ****!

In an instant, the Queen advanced again and successfully killed two more pieces.

Thus, only 30 knights remained on the field, with more than 10 knocked down by the Furry Bear. The remaining twenty, disrupted and hindered by the angels, had become a scattered, harmless mess, no, a bunch of Experience; it was time to harvest them, if not now, when?

And just then, with a clang on the chessboard, the Chess Army's pawns finally landed. Amidst the pawns, there blatantly was a piece identical to his Queen, the opponent's Queen appeared!

Da Fei involuntarily took a sharp breath, was he confident he could take down a piece with the same ability in such a chaotic situation? In non-chaotic times, he didn't even have that confidence! However, Catherine's death just now had indeed provided Da Fei with enormous inspiration; as long as something blocked it, would it prevent instakill? What if the Poker Ace blocked it?

No time to overthink, with Da Fei having controlled the knight situation, he couldn't let more pawns land; thus, he waved his hand again, "Miss Ror, all units push the chessboard and evacuate!"

Ror: "Understood!"

What's called control of the battle? That's called control of the battle! Where to fight, when to fight, how many to fight against, that's all up to him to decide! He just didn't want to fight against the opponent's Queen!

Now the chessboard moved again, blocking the Chess Army's continued advancement. And as the pawns slowly pushed forward, with their Queen blocked amongst them not yet showing, Da Fei went berserk, madly charging and reaping the opponent's knights.

What if the opponent's Queen showed up? Da Fei truly had no more time to calculate the opponent's attack paths, he could only have the Poker Ace always flying above his Queen's head. If he couldn't dodge, he could only block with the Poker Ace. Maybe Catherine's miracle could happen again.

The battle had reached such a point, Da Fei's final hope was his Furry Bear's Nightmare upgrading. In the last round, the Nightmare Pawns personally bulldozed dozens of rook and bishop, jumping to the ultimate phase. This time, the requirements weren't high, he just needed to kill dozens of knights, letting it gain experience and level into a big Furry Bear.

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Divine Punishment City.

With a flash of white light, Catherine resurrected at the square of Divine Punishment City. At this moment, the Thunder Angel Leader Sazer, clad in a golden glow, was hovering above the square, his gaze deep and piercing the void.

When Catherine resurrected, Sazer's expression changed, "Warrior, how goes the battle?"

Catherine urgently said, "Commander sir, the battle is fierce! That Nightmare Morrighis has sought truce from our army twice, and it's still ongoing. Please, sir, find a way to aid our forces! We're just short of that little more strength!"

Sazer exclaimed, "The Demon seeking truce? Although I don't know what's going on, that's definitely not the demon's slash-to-the-death style, warriors must not be deceived! However, though I can faintly sense Ror's location, I cannot break into Nightmare Space from the outside now. Warrior, you must hold on until the night passes! By then, the nightmare's power will greatly diminish!"

Chapter 686: Thunder Angel Pretending to Sleep

Nightmare Space.

Chess pieces and various toys chase relentlessly behind the chessboard. After pushing the chessboard multiple times, Miss Ror and the Elite Angels have become excellent helmsmen, intelligently using the wind and leveraging the Petrification Aura of the Blood Eagle to slow down and evade the toys' repeated blockages, effectively delaying the Toy Army's landing.

It must be said, this is the advantage of having high-intelligence NPCs join the player's team; their intelligence is simply not comparable to ordinary BOSS troops. And such high-end NPCs with backgrounds, their tactical execution is even hard for the player's Vice Heroes to match.

However, even so, the battle on the chessboard is still tough. When only less than 10 horses remain on the chessboard, the Furry Bear runs out of Stamina. Now only Da Fei's Queen is left, fighting solo amidst the enemy's horses and pawns, anxiously seeking opportunities to turn the tide.

Honestly, it's really exhausting! Plus, this Thunder Angel isn't exactly a beauty of an Angel, she's completely a demonized monster! Da Fei isn't really willing to go all out for IT. Da Fei genuinely feels like proposing a truce! If this Nightmare keeps escalating, then forget it all, grab the stuff and scram.

Just now, a horse moves and happens to land right on Da Fei's Queen's Attack path. Are they giving away the horse? Surprised, Da Fei glances at the enemy's Queen across the board, who is also in line with the horse, but apparently blocked by a pawn in the middle.

If there's a chance, don't miss it. Anxious Da Fei doesn't hesitate, immediately moving the Queen to strike. And at that moment when Da Fei's Queen moves, the pawn in front of the enemy Queen

diagonally steps aside, clearing the path, allowing the horse to stay under the enemy Queen's protection!

Da Fei is shocked, his jaw drops to the floor! They set a trap!

Bang! With a loud noise, Da Fei's Queen instantly kills the horse, and at that instant, the enemy Queen turns into an afterimage, whooshing in for the attack!

This is the retribution for blindly capturing in chess!

Right now, all Da Fei can do is get the Poker King card floating above the Queen to fly down and shield it. This is literally the lifesaver Da Fei got from Catherine's sacrifice. Will it work? Just this one move!

— Puff! A muffled sound with sparks flying!

The two Queens and a Poker card come into close contact like a sandwich. What will happen now? Da Fei clenches his fists, eyes wide open, watching with bated breath, the anticipation like scratching a lottery ticket, hopeless yet filled with expectation!

"-17134!" "-763!" A massive and a regular damage number emerge from his own Queen and the Poker respectively!

Da Fei's heart tightens! Did it get killed instantly?

No! Barely alive! His Queen still barely clings to life! That means the remaining bit of health must be thanks to the Poker card's shielding and taking some of the damage!

In this instant, Da Fei is overjoyed, realizing how simple it is to counter instant kills between chess pieces. Just block it with a pawn in the middle! If the absorbed damage is enough, you won't be killed instantly; if not, you're still dead?

Anyway, no more words needed now, his turn is over, now it's Da Fei's turn. He immediately retreats the Poker, activates the barely-alive Queen, and just like that, a gentle shove at zero distance!

Bang! A crisp sound, the enemy Queen topples!

At that moment, the Furry Bear's body flashes with Black Light, suddenly enlarges in size, and instantaneously regains full Stamina!

Level up! The enemy Queen, Da Fei's most dreaded, is dead, and his most relied upon Furry Bear has finally gathered enough Experience to level up. Such double happiness, how could he possibly not win now!

The tangled situation finally breaks, and Da Fei can't help but burst into hearty laughter!

Now, the enlarged Furry Bear charges into the pawn formation, tossing one chess piece after another off the board, while the remaining 10 horses, pulled in different directions, are already disordered and easily chased down one by one by Da Fei's wounded Queen.

Just then—plop! From afar, a sound echoes from the Lava Sea below.

What's this? Da Fei is suddenly overjoyed and quickly switches to the Blood Eagle's perspective to see that two more pawns, thrown down by the Furry Bear, tumble and roll into the Lava Sea, sending plumes of burning vapor swirling up.

Da Fei laughs heartily, this time it finally worked! The upgraded Furry Bear has finally overcome the awkwardness of throwing without killing; now it can directly throw chess pieces into the lava to burn them. If it can burn chess pieces, what other kinds of miscellaneous toys should he fear!

For a time, Da Fei's confidence surges. In any case, now he completely controls the situation on the chessboard, these little pawns aren't worth the Furry Bear expending Stamina. Leave it to his Queen to clean up the board. The Furry Bear will rest now to prepare for the challenge from various toys.

The Angels, having pushed the chessboard for so long, are also tired and immediately rest to regain Stamina. Let the enemy catch up and continue to land some troops, and then the Angel Army will keep pushing the chessboard and running. Especially with the Elite Authority Angels in the Angel Army specifically tasked with additional Stamina recovery, this kind of stop-and-go guerilla warfare is just too suited to them.

And the Furry Bear truly doesn't disappoint Da Fei—in the ensuing guerilla battles, it intentionally lets various Nightmare alarms, Nightmare books land, then each one gets hurled by the Furry Bear into the Lava Sea for instant kills!

Strong! Seriously strong!

And just as Da Fei clears another wave of landing pawns, the Furry Bear's body flashes with Black Light again, it's body fattens further, Stamina completely refills and levels up once more!

Da Fei laughs heartily! Invincible now! It's hard to lose like this! With Furry Bear so powerful, even if a sky-full of toy monsters attack, he doesn't care at all! For a moment, Da Fei once again feels grateful for this competition's Nightmare Horn, truly a treasure, no, absolutely a Divine Artifact in the Nightmare Space! By the way, if he defeats this Divine Beast Nightmare, he should also get a Divine Artifact, right? Wahaha!

Finally, Nightmare Morpheus speaks again: "Mortal, I really didn't expect you to have such a treasure!"

Da Fei laughs and says, "What now, if you want to call for a truce, you need to offer something even more valuable than this."

Merriphis sneered, "Very well, let me show you what higher class means!"

During his speech, the wild winds ravaging the Nightmare Space suddenly ceased, and the fluttering toys and chess pieces started spinning in place uncontrollably, no longer pursuing the chessboard.

Da Fei was instantly startled. They stopped chasing?

Just then, a red light exploded in front of Da Fei's eyes, and a huge red spot, no, a red disc, dove towards the chessboard.

Da Fei looked down and couldn't help but gasp in shock! It was the largest and most ferocious Furry Bear visible, at least three times bigger in size than his own Furry Bear! And its flying speed meant it couldn't possibly escape by merely pushing the chessboard; so this was his so-called higher class!

At this moment, the Giant Fur Bear sneered, "Mortals, did you enjoy burning the children's toys earlier? Now let us wrestle. Whoever loses will burn in the sea of fire!" While speaking, the Giant Fur Bear had already leaped above the chessboard, then heavily landed on it, causing a tremendous shake.

Da Fei was so scared he almost wet himself; compared to it, his Furry Bear seemed no more than a child in front of a grown wrestler! If it had such ability, why did it ever bother negotiating?

Da Fei cried out in a hurry, "Let's make peace! I agree to a truce!"

The Giant Fur Bear expressed unsurpassable sorrow and anger, "Too late!" In the midst of speaking, it lunged at the Little Furry Bear, grabbed and flung it, sending the Little Furry Bear flying off the chessboard!

Holy shit! Why are you even sorrowful? Da Fei was horrified, "Miss Ror, save them!"

"Roger that!"

All angels immediately rushed over, pulling and dragging, barely rescuing the Little Furry Bear from the brink of falling.

Meanwhile, on the chessboard, the Giant Fur Bear was using all its strength to push the Thunder Angel, who was sleeping like a mountain of flesh, attempting to push him into the Lava Sea!

How deep is this grudge? Aren't you supposed to capture him alive? It was then that Da Fei noticed the Thunder Angel's lion claws, hooked tightly onto the chessboard, marked by deep scratch trails made by the Giant Fur Bear's pushing. Holy shit, weren't you sleeping?

At that moment, the Thunder Angel murmured roughly, "Persist... is to win."

Da Fei was shocked. What's going on? Was he awake all along? Was he secretly part of the battle? Otherwise, how could the Divine Beast's plea for peace be explained? Either way, Da Fei sensed the crucial moment of the final battle approaching!

Da Fei immediately instructed the angels ascending the chessboard, "Save him! Stop it!"

"Roger that!"

The angels swooped in, and Little Furry Bear also rushed to hug one of the bear's legs.

The Giant Fur Bear furiously kicked and flailed, instantly sending several angels who got hit crying numbers like "-353!" and "-316!" flying back from damage! As for the Little Furry Bear holding its leg, it wasn't shaken off at all!

Nonetheless, although the Giant Fur Bear was strong, being a stuffed animal, it struggled against Da Fei, an unusually high-defense opponent. Its regular attacks were ultimately limited. However, though it didn't shake off the Little Furry Bear dragging its leg, with each kick, the Little Furry Bear's stamina lessened until it finally let go and was kicked off the chessboard!

So, Da Fei shouted again, "Save him!"

When the angels once again caught the Little Furry Bear, the Giant Fur Bear lay in front of the Thunder Angel's mountainous flesh, panting to recover its stamina. Do all Furry Bears act like this?

Strike when the enemy is tired! For a moment, the angels launched another round of fierce attacks like swarming flies, while Little Furry Bear took the chance to breathe and recover stamina.

Time passed second by second in this frustrating struggle, and with the Giant Fur Bear's relentless effort, the Thunder Angel's body was pushed step by step to the edge of the chessboard, his half-exposed buttocks trembling on the verge of falling!

Da Fei sweated profusely in alarm. Can't I stop him?

The decisive moment finally arrived; with a roaring burst of all its might, the Giant Fur Bear pushed—just then, the Thunder Angel, who had seemed like a dead dog, suddenly flapped his wings and leapt up. The Giant Fur Bear pushed at nothing, losing balance and dramatically falling off the chessboard himself!

What on earth? Da Fei's eyes widened in disbelief!

At that moment, the Thunder Angel flapped his wings like a jumping fence old mother hen, blood splattering as he cried out, "Save me, I'm going to fall!"

Da Fei hurriedly commanded, "Hurry and save—"

Before he finished speaking, Ror and a host of angels quickly pulled on the chains attached to Thunder Angel's body and barely dragged him back onto the chessboard.

Thunder Angel laughed heartily, gasping, "He tried to control me while I was sleeping, but the crystal given to me by the Warrior bound my soul. He is getting weaker; keep pushing the chessboard, don't let him catch up! As long as it gets light, we will win, hahaha, wahahaha!"

Da Fei suddenly realized, so Thunder Angel had been pretending to sleep all along!

Chapter 687: Divine Artifact: Nightmare Crystal

The sudden awakening of the Thunder Angel turned the tide of battle in an instant. After all, beings of his level always possess some self-saving abilities, right?

Da Fei, overwhelmed with joy, didn't think too much. He seized the moment as the Giant Fur Bear BOSS fell off the chess board and commanded all angels to push the chess board away from the Giant Fur Bear.

With one push, the Giant Fur Bear let out a roar, using all its strength, and when it missed and fell, it flailed in the air for a long time, unable to recover. Although it was unlikely to fall into the sea directly, reorganizing and catching up to the chess board was not going to be easy.

Thus, the angels quickly pushed the chess board away from the Giant Fur Bear.

Taking a deep breath of relief, Da Fei eagerly approached the Thunder Angel and asked, "What did you mean when you said he controlled you while you were sleeping? And what about being bound by my Divine Level Fragments?"

The Thunder Angel suddenly realized, "So the thing the warrior fed me was a Divine Level Fragment? No wonder it absorbed energy so astoundingly!"

After a moment of shock, the Thunder Angel spoke with excitement: "When we arrived at this chess board, I felt extremely weak and tired, and an irresistible sleepiness made me fall into a deep sleep. Then I began to dream. I dreamed that a huge black hole appeared above our space, and this black hole forcibly ripped my soul from my body with its powerful force. I was immediately alert, but I had no way to wake up or resist. Only then did I realize I was under Nightmare's hypnotism!"

At this point, the Thunder Angel could hardly catch his breath.

Da Fei realized, "So when you initially said you felt sleepy, it was Nightmare's spell, right? And then?"

The Thunder Angel laughed, "If it weren't for the loss of blood which made me physically weak and led to a misjudgment, under normal circumstances, I would never have fallen for his tricks. Then, the crystal I swallowed also started to exert a reverse suction force. This force continuously drew energy from the black hole, and it was with this absorbed energy that I was able to resist and struggle in the dream. This energy absorbed by the crystal was exactly the soul energy of the spirit form of the Nightmare! In short, while the warrior was continuously depleting his power in the battle outside, I was also engaged in a deadly fight with the Nightmare in my dreams!"

Only then did Da Fei suddenly realize, "No wonder the Nightmare offered a truce twice; it surely was losing power!"

The Thunder Angel burst out laughing, "He must have made a desperate last attempt, using the last of his power to possess this Giant Fur Bear. Unfortunately, he still failed to kill me. When night passes, and the power of the Nightmare in the space diminishes, he will have no chance to turn the tables. His doom is to have his soul energy devoured by the warrior's Divine Level Fragments!"

Da Fei clapped and laughed, "I see! Fortunately, I didn't fall for his trick!"

After all, anything abnormal is a sign of trouble. I, being astute and mighty, spotted the demon's tricks, plus the power of my Divine Level Fragments and my high-end preparations in the early stages, all laid the foundation for the success of this battle, hahaha!

Ror couldn't help but sigh, "The Nightmare, despite possessing a strong physical body in the material world, opts to fight as a fragile spiritual body in such a space, what a tragedy indeed."

The Thunder Angel shook his head, "Having a physical body means enduring pain, this is not something that you young angels can comprehend."

Ror remembered something and sighed, "Remy, your body is now severely demonized. Once you enter Divine Punishment City, the city's barrier will cause you a lot of damage, I'm afraid you can't enter the city directly."

Da Fei was taken aback, "Can't enter the city? Stay outside the city gates? What about when the demons come to attack?"

Ror frowned, "We'll have to find a way to enhance the defense."

The Thunder Angel sighed deeply, "Actually, I heard what everyone said just now, and I realized my prospects are not good. Not to mention that I've consumed the warrior's Divine Level Fragments. In theory, I am already considered a... Anyway, if it really doesn't work out, I won't go anywhere and just stay here."

Da Fei sprayed out a mouthful of water! Is that it? After all the efforts I made to nurture you into a deity, rejecting the demon's two temptations, and with Catherine sacrificing her not-so-precious life in a

desperate attempt to get you out, what was it all for? It was so that you could repay my kindness and serve me endlessly. And now you actually say you want to stay?

Da Fei anxiously said, "Staying here, how is that different from being imprisoned by the demons? Moreover, how will I visit you in the future?"

The Thunder Angel smiled, "I'm staying here just to heal temporarily and to take time to assimilate the Nightmare's power I've absorbed. Once I've mastered the power of the Nightmare, I can open the doors to the Nightmare Space anytime, and then the warrior can visit me whenever. Anyway, once I'm healed, I will surely become a powerful ally to Divine Punishment City."

Ror nodded, "That sounds very good."

Da Fei muttered, "Guess that's the only way then."

While they were talking, the Giant Fur Bear, engulfed in blazing flames, chased after them like a huge fireball!

Da Fei was shocked, "Did it take a bath in the Lava Sea or what?"

The Thunder Angel sneered, "It's almost dawn. This is his last frenzy!"

The Giant Fur Bear's furious roar echoed throughout the space, "You all seem to be having a great time chatting! You think you're guaranteed the victory? You think you can leave? This is pure delusion! The dream space is born from thoughts, and it dies from thoughts. Let the entire space twist and destroy itself under my furious will!"

With that, the entire space began to blur and shake, and the whole Lava Sea started to churn wildly!

— System Prompt: Warning! Nightmare Morpheus is using the self-destruct technique "Dreamspace Collapse," please stop him within 30 seconds!

Da Fei's jaw dropped! Seriously!? I've already played cards, chess, and wrestled with you, isn't that enough? When will you be finished?

The Thunder Angel exclaimed in shock: "Warrior, we must kill him, otherwise we will all perish with the collapse of the space!"

Da Fei cried out in alarm: "His whole body is on fire, how can I chop him down!"

"Fires are common on demons!" Ror drew his sword and shouted: "Warriors, to battle!"

Just then, a thunderous boom resounded in the sky as a golden pillar of light descended from above, enveloping everyone on the chessboard. The violently shaking chessboard stilled instantly in the golden light. The Thunder Angel's screams also rang out as his body smoked and boiled in the golden light!

Da Fei mixed with surprise and joy, could this be?

Ror joyously proclaimed: "Holy Sanctuary! It is Angel Leader Sazer who has come to save us!"

A dignified voice echoed in the sky: "Remy, if you truly resolve to return to the lord, then endure!"

The Thunder Angel immediately gritted his teeth and said, "Thank you for saving me! Let me show everyone my determination!"

Da Fei was ecstatic, even our army's top boss has taken action, there shouldn't be an issue now, right? Da Fei hurriedly encouraged: "Remy, this is like the barrier in Divine Punishment City burning demons, it's just demotion, you must hold on!"

The Thunder Angel gritted his teeth and retorted: "Warrior, you... make it sound easy, you're not a demon!"

At that moment, Giant Fur Bear outside the light pillar huffed coldly: "You guys are ruthless! I'm done playing!" With that said, the Furry Bear instantly turned to ashes in the flames, and the entire quivering and twisting space gradually regained stability.

Da Fei was taken aback. Does this count as? Dead? Escaped? Anyway, I just won, and victory should be rewarded! Da Fei waited eagerly and nervously for the final moment.

When the golden light faded and the agitation in the entire space finally ceased, the eagerly awaited system prompt leisurely arrived!

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You have defeated the powerful demon Nightmare Morpheus, winning the battle! You've gained Experience +3,000,000, and Gold Coins +200,000. You have received the achievement reward "Nightmare Playground One-Day Trip."

— System Prompt: You have defeated Nightmare Morpheus; you have received spoils of war: "Nightmare Crystal" Divine Artifact, S-rank strategic treasure "Chess Magic Box", "Furry Bear Doll Artwork", "Building Blueprint: Playground", "Building blueprints: Terrifying Nightmare Stables".

— Nightmare Crystal: Divine Artifact, capable of teleporting heroes and their troops to a specified nightmare space. Teleportation can only occur at night and requires the consumption of Nightmare Power; current Nightmare Crystal reserve: 1000 points of Nightmare Power.

Note: Nightmare Crystal can absorb Nightmare Power in nightmare spaces, each troop with 1 Command Value teleported consumes 1 point of Nightmare Power. Teleporting a hero consumes Nightmare Power based on Hero Level, with each level consuming 1 point.

— Chess Magic Box: S-rank strategic treasure, accessory, Magic Power +10, Knowledge +10, Command Power +100.

— Furry Bear Doll: Artistic treasure, made from rare Demon World black swan velvet, can fetch a good price in the black market auction, a favorite of aristocratic ladies.

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Despite being used to system prompts flooding his screen, Da Fei couldn't help but feel excited and thrilled every single time!

Artifacts! As expected, this guy who talked endlessly about mortals finally dropped an artifact! And he has spit out all the things he promised during the peace terms, but that's not the point!

Da Fei's gaze was firmly locked on the blackish light blue hexagonal crystal! Just one attribute, teleportation? Like the Vortex Crystal that took me to Nether Sea?

Da Fei stood in daze for a long while! Although in the game, any item related to time and space is qualified to be called a divine artifact, including the one-time-expensive Legion Transmission Scroll, this—completely did not meet Da Fei's expectations. Da Fei expected those kind of artifact explosions that come from killing divine beasts like Hydra, each artifact greatly increasing combat power! What use do I have for an artifact that teleports to nightmare spaces?

Maybe it's because I only defeated, not killed, that nightmare, thus leading to a significantly reduced reward?

In astonishment, he heard Ror joyfully shout: "Warrior, Lord Sazer has opened a Space Gate for us, we can leave now."

Caught off guard Da Fei looked up, sure enough, a fluctuating Space Gate appeared in the sky where the golden light had fallen, Da Fei's heart trembled, is this gate opened by an angel? Permanent or temporary? If it's permanent that would be incredible!

Chapter 688: Developing Nightmare Space

Now, a fluctuating Space Gate appeared above the Nightmare Space, and all the Angels cheered victoriously. At this moment, Remy looked like deep-fried chicken scooped out from a boiling pot, his whole body crisped and shriveled, unconscious.

Da Fei exclaimed in shock, "He won't die, right?"

Ror shook his head, "Extremely weak, but he won't die. Anyway, let's go back first and listen to Lord Sazer's arrangements. This Space Gate is very stable and should remain open for a long time. We'll come back later to take care of Remy."

Da Fei nodded, "Alright, let's do that."

Da Fei led everyone out of the Space Gate, and the scene changed; Da Fei appeared in the square of Divine Punishment City. Dressed in blazing golden light, Lord Sazer silently floated above the square waiting for everyone's return. Meanwhile, Catherine sat on the ground laughing and waving at Da Fei.

Oh yeah! My darling! When else would I seize the chance to flirt!

Overcome with excitement, Da Fei immediately approached and hugged her, "My darling, you've suffered so much!"

Catherine laughed and said, "Captain, I kept begging the officer to save you, so you really should thank the officer!"

Da Fei laughed and responded, "Indeed! Damn, she kept begging? Could it be she would've ignored if it got worse?"

At that moment, Ror stepped forward and reported, "Lord Sazer, Garrison Officer Ror reporting back successfully!"

—System Prompt: Ror has left your team. 10 Elite Power Angels, 10 Elite Power Angels, 5 Elite Blazing Angels, 3 Elite Authority Angels, 3 Elite Intelligent Angels have left your team.

Sazer nodded with satisfaction and then praised, "Warrior, you are truly remarkable. Without any casualties, you successfully rescued Remy and defeated Demon Merriphis. Your bravery is beyond my imagination!"

Isn't that obvious? Your reward should also exceed my imagination then. Da Fei quickly laughed, "Not at all, it was your timely intervention at the last moment that saved us. You are truly incredible!"

Sazer shook his head and sighed, "This time, forcefully tearing open the Nightmare Space cost us a considerable amount of energy. The energy maintaining our barrier won't last long, and without it, our current troops are completely insufficient to defend Divine Punishment City. Therefore, Warrior, your next task is very arduous. I hope you can use all possible means to procure energy for us—various Demon Cores, Crystal Stones, minerals, Mana, etc. The more, the better! The faster, the better!"

—System Prompt: Sazer has issued you a resource collection mission "Collecting Supplies for Divine Punishment City"!

—Task Hint: Divine Punishment City urgently needs various Demon Cores, Crystal Stones, minerals, Mana, and other energy resources. You can transport them from the Mortal World or collect them by killing demons nearby. The more resources you contribute, the more prestige you will gain in Divine Punishment City, and you will receive better discounts when making purchases.

Damn, I return from an intense battle, and you don't even reward me with a few beautiful Angel ladies, and now you assign me another task? But this type of resource collecting task that raises faction prestige by gathering materials is exactly the convenient model that players love, as anything missing can be bought with money. It is just exchanging money for prestige, and right now, I am certainly not short on cash. What a deal.

Da Fei immediately responded, "Please rest assured, my Lord. I will find a way."

Sazer nodded: "You have fully proven your capabilities, and the Angel's Wings I lent you before will now be officially awarded to you. Of course, that's not enough; with your current abilities, there is absolutely no problem for you to become a Temple Crusader. However, rising to a Temple Crusader requires the prestige of this city, and this assessment indicator cannot be omitted under any circumstances. That's why it's imperative for a warrior to undertake this mission!"

—System Prompt: You have officially gained the item "Angel's Wings"!

—Angel's Wings: S-grade limited strategic treasure, cloak equipment slot, allows heroes and their Vice Heroic Group equipped with this treasure to gain the ability to fly. Note: Only usable by heroes, does not affect ground troops. Limited to the Divine Punishment City map scenario.

Da Fei was utterly speechless; this was just another way to make him run errands for Divine Punishment City. Compared to Hydra and Nightmare sending Divine Artifacts at will, this was not on the same level at all. But on second thought, I went out of my way to save Thunder Angel, he didn't assign me a mission, so him giving me something without a mission is quite meaningful already. Still, let's talk about Thunder Angel, as I have officially triggered his mission.

Da Fei then asked, "Regarding this Remy's arrangements, do you have any plans, sir?"

Sazer shook his head and sighed: "After all, it was you who saved him, and I was mainly saving my subordinate. It is not convenient for me to arrange anything for him; I just hope that in the glory of the Lord, after he regains his strength, he can advance and retreat together with Divine Punishment City."

Ultimately, the decision is left to the players. Da Fei hurriedly said, "No problem, that's what he intends too. I plan to have Remy recuperate in the Nightmare Space first; do you have any suggestions, sir?"

Sazer nodded, "That's a good idea, but I have an even longer-term idea, are you interested, warrior?"

Longer-term? Da Fei's eyebrows raised, "Please enlighten me, sir!"

Sazer pointed to the Space Gate in the plaza and said seriously, "Just now, when I tore open the space to enter the Nightmare Space, Merriphis was just inside performing a space distortion collapse. With coordination from both inside and outside, the Space Gate I opened became very stable. If the intensity of this Nightmare Space does not increase, this temporary space rift could likely become a permanent Space Gate. Warrior, do you understand what this means?"

Da Fei was excited, "A permanent Space Gate?"

Just a moment ago, as Da Fei was pondering the use of the Nightmare Crystal, he had thought about that Space Gate above. If it's a permanent Space Gate, it means I can bypass the Nightmare Space with the Divine Artifact Nightmare Crystal to reach Divine Punishment City! Then I can transport the high-quality Angel Species obtained as rewards from Divine Punishment City back to the Mortal World through the Nightmare Space! This completely solves the big problem of Legion Transmission from Divine Punishment City to the Mortal World!

Sazer said seriously, "Exactly, even if the strength of the Nightmare Space increases causing the Space Gate to be unstable and on the verge of disappearing, as long as the Nightmare Space holds significant value, we can still continue to invest energy to maintain the Space Gate. So my intention is to ask the warrior to fully develop this Nightmare Space!"

Develop? Indeed far-sighted, just what I wanted! Da Fei pulled out the terrifying building blueprints for the Nightmare Species dropped by the Nightmare, laughing heartily, "Sir, without talking about how far-sighted other things are, at least I can build a barracks in the Nightmare Space, which would give Divine Punishment City an additional recruitment source wouldn't it?"

Sazer responded joyfully, "Precisely, that's exactly what I meant! Warrior, you currently possess a reward of 500 Command Value Legion transport from this city; this reward is extremely precious, and I suggest the warrior transport 500 units of building materials over from the Mortal World!"

Da Fei laughed heartily, "Thank you for the guidance, sir, I understand!"

Ror laughed, "Truly worthy of being a warrior, I had mentioned developing the Nightmare Space back then, and I believed in the warrior's capability!"

Chapter 689: Recruiting the Thunder Angel

After ending the conversation with Sazer, the big direction was set, and that was to let Da Fei handle everything with full authority.

After all, even though Sazer was an Angel Leader, he didn't have much understanding of the Nightmare Space, nor could he offer many valuable suggestions regarding the development of the Nightmare Space. In any case, if there was a need for fight and clearance, just say the word. And Da Fei was more than happy to be without NPC constraints, so next up was implementation.

As for the Legion Transmission, the transport of materials and the Command Value of troop deployment are in a 1:1 correspondence, so the extra reward for Da Fei's Great Crusader assessment, the destruction of 5 Sealing Arrays, and the 500 Command Value for military transport were of course used to transport building materials. If there were any spots left, then it'd be for transporting construction workers.

If no workers were willing to come, it would be okay. Da Fei was now rich in Skill Points and could learn the Construction Skill from the Lord System, enabling the Angels, that lack production skills, to help with construction, but for sure the efficiency was no match for professional builders. In any case, neither the materials nor the construction were issues.

So there was just one last minor problem, and that was that the Nightmare Space didn't have an inch of clean land, no, it was without soil at all, so how to build the barracks? Surely, they can't be built on the chessboard, right? Although it seemed like the chessboard was the only platform in the space, whether it was feasible or not was up to the system to decide!

So Da Fei went back into the Nightmare Space through the Space Gate in the square to inspect it again. And Miss Ror followed in with a dozen Angels carrying several large boxes.

Da Fei asked in surprise, "Miss Ror, what is this?"

Miss Ror sighed, "Light Energy Crystal Stones and Wind Energy Crystal Stones. When Angels are gravely injured, these crystal stones can speed up their recovery. Just that we don't know if Remy can still use the Light Crystal Stones now, but anyway, just put them there for now."

Female Angels are so considerate! Da Fei exclaimed, "Miss Ror, you've thought of everything. I'll thank you on his behalf."

Miss Ror laughed and sighed, "No need to thank me. We've put so much effort into rescuing such a strong warrior like Remy, of course we hope he can recover and fight as soon as possible. However, our supplies are running low. Before, we could kill the attacking high-level Demons and refine their spoils of war to sustain the battle, but now, the Demons no longer launch large-scale high-level attacks, instead they send these low-value, Anti-Angel Flesh Demons to besiege us, making our situation increasingly difficult. So, this unexpectedly connected Nightmare Space is an important channel for us to obtain resources. Therefore, Warrior, you are the hope of Divine Punishment City!"

Da Fei chuckled, why say so much? Wouldn't a kiss explain it all without words?

Da Fei nodded and said, "Don't worry, we've defeated such powerful enemies, there's nothing we can't solve!"

At this moment, Da Fei suddenly remembered something and asked, "Miss Ror, the refining of spoils of war you just mentioned, is it the same thing as the Angel Leader's mission to collect various types of energy materials? Can Divine Punishment City refine all kinds of materials into energy needed for the barrier?"

Miss Ror replied earnestly, "Yes, not only the energy needed for the barrier, but these crystal stones are also byproducts of the refining process. We Angels are a race that helped God to create the world, and our technology for material and energy conversion is more advanced than any other race. However, this technology is too high-end and extends into the realm of God, not something the current Warrior can delve into."

Da Fei was taken aback. That's quite a big pie being offered! So he asked, "What about the Demon Race? They can't compare?"

Miss Ror nodded, "Exactly. The Demon Race specializes in spatial conversion, which we readily admit is beyond us. But when it comes to energy conversion, there's no way they can surpass us Angels. Of course, it's difficult to say for the once fallen and rebel Angels."

In the end, the speciality of the Angel Race is recycling waste for reuse, right? Good, I like that. Da Fei couldn't help but reflect, "I wonder how long I will have to struggle before I can dabble in this technology."

Miss Ror shook her head with a smile, "Actually, from the moment the Angel Leader issued the Warrior the collection mission, the Warrior has essentially begun to touch upon this technology."

Da Fei laughed, "So you're saying that I'm now the raw material supplier?"

Miss Ror said with a smile, "Exactly, but we can only pay with reputation, and this, is the foundation for the Warrior to step by step enter the Divine Country."

Entering the Divine Country! How many fair Angels are waiting there for me to conquer! Da Fei excitedly said, "Speaking of which, the Angel Leader said that we need to collect various types of energy without restrictions, so which kind of energy is most urgently needed by Divine Punishment City?"

Miss Ror replied with a serious tone, "Of course it's the Light Energy! However, this form of energy seldom exists in a materialized state in the mortal realm, and is usually present in an extremely precious form like Pearl Radiant Stones, which are very difficult to collect. Therefore, Warrior, no need to force yourself."

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched! Light Energy? When I was developing the Radiant City, the consultant said that the water in the Pool of Radiance is rich in Life Energy, the perfect mineral water to sell to the church, right?

Da Fei hurriedly said, "I'm the Lord of the Pool of Radiance under the roots of the World Tree in the mortal realm. Does Divine Punishment City need the Pool water that is rich in Light Energy?"

Miss Ror exclaimed in surprise, "Of course we need it! The magic of the World Tree is something even our Angel Race deeply respects, but transporting goods from the Underground World to the Divine Punishment City in this hell, would be extremely costly, possibly a loss-making endeavor. I suggest that the Warrior, at the beginning, take what your strength allows, starting with some conveniently portable crystal stones, and Demon Core Essences."

Da Fei nodded, "I see! I will consider it carefully."

In the end, this collection mission is not suitable for bulk goods or mineral transports because player-owned commodity materials can't be carried around and must be transported through vehicles, ships, and Military Teleportation Arrays. However, now Da Fei has the Divine Artifact, the Nightmare Crystal, which connects to the Nightmare Space of Divine Punishment City, so this becomes quite promising!

During the conversation, Da Fei and his party landed on the chessboard again, and Remy spoke with a voice as weak as a whisper, "Warrior, has the situation stabilized?"

Da Fei laughed: "Exactly, and Angel Leader fully supports our freedom to develop the Nightmare Space, so in the future, its construction will rely heavily on your help."

Ror also set down the box: "Remy, I hope these energy crystals will be of help to you."

Remy gratefully said: "Thank you! I've been imprisoned and tortured for ten thousand years, and now I finally have a new beginning. Warrior, thank you for saving me, but I have nothing left to reward you with, so let me follow you and pledge my loyalty to you!"

— System Prompt: You have completed the quest "Escape of the Thunder Angel, Remy"! You gain +2 million Experience, you obtain the loyalty of Thunder Angel, Remy, and Thunder Angel, Remy joins your forces.

— Thunder Angel Remy: Non-military NPC unit. Attack 31, Defense 16, Damage Range 4-11, Health 1150, Mana 1300, Attack Speed 2, Magic Resistance 5%, Stamina 16, Skills: Flying Creature, Thunder Impact, Holy Griffin Breeder. (Note: Remy is currently extremely weak, both attributes and skills are not at full strength)

Then, a beam of golden light descended from the sky!

— System Prompt: Congratulations! You have successfully leveled up to 46! You gain +1 free attribute point, +1 Free Skill Point, +1 Attack bonus for the Ranger profession, +1 Attack bonus for the Primary Sentinel Profession, +1 free attribute bonus for the Master-level Navigator, +1 Attack bonus for Great Crusader, +1 Defense bonus...

— System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Heroine, Katelina, has leveled up to 44...

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Da Fei couldn't help but laugh heartily; completing quests always gave such a surge of exhilaration! He really had nothing to return, except to pledge himself to me! This is the second NPC to join my gang after Fujimura Master Tamilia. It's just a pity, damn it, that it's not a beautiful angel NPC.

As mentioned in the previous text, NPCs can join a player's team to fight and also enjoy the attribute bonuses of the player's hero skills, but NPCs don't have a Command Value, and each NPC must occupy one tactical position. However, the value of NPCs usually lies not in combat, but in the high level of intelligence they provide to players, especially the assisting effects they bring to boss Lord Players.

Looking at his pitifully fragile and barely hanging on attributes, Da Fei did not ponder any further and hurriedly comforted: "What you need to do now is to concentrate on resting and recuperating, and make sure not to let your injuries worsen."

Ror also sighed: "Given Remy's current awkward situation, becoming the Warrior's follower is undoubtedly the best solution. I will specifically assign a few warriors to guard you day and night; just focus on resting."

Remy remarked, touched: "Thank you! The bravery shown by the warrior, as well as the steadfastness to not succumb to the Demon's temptations, has convinced me to follow such a warrior!"

Hahaha! Sure enough, such high-level powerhouses would only consider joining a player when they have no other choice!

Da Fei joked: "You flatter me, but in any case, let's strive together in the future!"

Small talk over, it was time to get down to business.

Da Fei took out the blueprints for the terrifying Nightmare and tentatively clicked to use them.

— System Prompt: Unable to use! You cannot build at your current location, you lack the necessary materials for construction!

Da Fei was instantly dumbfounded: "You can't build on the chessboard!"

Ror frowned and said: "Looking over this entire space, this chessboard is the only place we can stand on. If we can't build here, then where else can we build? How can we even talk about development?"

This is a serious issue! Surely, I wasn't expected to build outside and then transport the barracks inside? I'm not a god!

Such a question could only be answered by an expert, so Da Fei turned to the Little Furry Bear squatting on the chessboard and asked: "Do you have any suggestions on this matter?"

Little Furry Bear stood motionless for a while, then replied: "Master, as I said before, transforming the Nightmare Space is not an easy task. Just now, Merriphis also mentioned that dreams are born and perish based on thoughts. If Master must face this challenge, perhaps we can start with the Source of Nightmare!"

What does 'must face this challenge' mean? Even if there are no difficulties, I must create difficulties and push through resolutely!

Da Fei was stunned and said: "So, let the kids dream, dream up an island, and then an island will appear here?"

Little Furry Bear said gravely: "Roughly that's the idea, but obviously this space is not the product of a child dreaming, so it would require many children to dream the same dream!"

Pfft! Da Fei spewed out his breath, damn, unless I'm the Dream God!

Chapter 690: The Archbishop of Saint Paul City

"Have the children, who are the source of the nightmare, all dream the same dream?" This suggestion was so absurd that Da Fei was completely at a loss. Da Fei wasn't afraid of difficult tasks, only of tasks that were impossible to start. No matter how capable Da Fei was, ruling the heavens, the earth, and the air, he couldn't control what children dreamed about. At most, he could only clean things up a bit to reduce their dreams.

Da Fei chuckled bitterly and said, "Miss Ror, what should we do now?"

Ror laughed awkwardly, "Don't worry. Even if the Nightmare Space can't be developed for the time being, as long as Remy can awaken, it will still be a powerful ally for our Divine Punishment City. Moreover, the druids in the mortal realm have also studied dreams. Why not ask them, Warrior?"

Remy immediately said, "Warrior, don't be anxious. The crystal stone within me has absorbed a large amount of nightmare power. Once I fully absorb and fuse it, I might be able to comprehend the secret of this space, and then there might be a breakthrough."

Da Fei nodded, "That seems to be the only way!" With his connections in the Elf Kingdom, knowing a few high-level druids was too easy, like the Chief of Staff from the Elf Kingdom. Even if it could never be developed, at least it could serve as a passage for troop transport.

Suddenly, Da Fei remembered something and asked, "The poker card hero who fought fiercely with us in the beginning, William, does anyone know him?"

This was the only clue about the Nightmare Space. If he could find him and ask him to dream, it might be possible to create a small piece of land in the Nightmare Space, right?

Ror shook her head, "I've always been in Divine Punishment City, so I'm not familiar with mortal matters."

Remy sighed, "I've been imprisoned for ten thousand years."

Little Furry Bear: "..."

Now, only Katelina was left. Da Fei hurriedly asked, "Do you know him? Your pirates have extensive information, right? It should be easy to find a little hero, shouldn't it?"

Katelina frowned and said, "Well..."

Little Furry Bear reminded, "Master, the souls imprisoned in the Nightmare Space aren't necessarily of their current age. Some adults often dream about things from their childhood, and that's the case."

Da Fei was taken aback and then shook his head, laughing, "Alright, let's take it step by step. Anyway, I'll return to the mortal world to prepare these things."

Now, Da Fei and Katelina had returned to the Teleportation Array in the hall of Divine Punishment City, ready to leave.

Angel Leader Sazer advised, "Warriors, teleporting from the mortal churches to Divine Punishment City is very difficult. Even if you are the Crusaders with teleportation qualifications, please be mindful of frugality, as it also affects your advancement evaluation. So, avoid teleporting unless necessary. Warriors, I look forward to meeting you again next time."

With a flash of light, the scene changed, and Da Fei and Katelina returned to the garden Teleportation Array in the backyard of the Saint Paul Knight Order. A large group of knight priests holding silver basins lined up to greet them. When Da Fei and Katelina appeared, everyone clapped and cheered, and the priests sprinkled water from the branches onto Da Fei.

Wow hahaha, the news of my promotion has reached my hometown! But we're just playing a game, so let's skip the formalities! Da Fei waved and smiled, "Hello, everyone. I have important duties from the Angel Leader, so time is precious. I'm afraid I can't spend more time with you."

The lead priest in white laughed, "To be promoted directly to the Great Crusader within a day's assessment, such a talent is rare for a millennium. We must show courtesy. And because I know your time is precious, I'm here to deliver important news. From now on, both you and this lady may freely enter and exit all church cities. If you encounter anything unclear, feel free to come to our city church to ask me. My name is John Paul."

A knight nearby immediately added, "Great Crusader, this gentleman is the Archbishop of the city church, Archbishop John Paul, at the same level as Great Duke Markar."

Da Fei was suddenly surprised, the white-robed archbishop, the position just below the Pope's in the Holy Court. Indeed, in terms of rank, he could compare with Markar. Having such a significant figure personally welcome me, how could I not be embarrassed?

Da Fei immediately saluted, "So it's the Archbishop, sir. My apologies for not recognizing you sooner!"

Katelina also saluted, "Greetings, Archbishop."

John Paul finished sprinkling the water and laughed, "Alright, the baptism is finished. Please hurry and get to work!"

—System Prompt: You and your vice heroine Katelina have received the baptism blessing from the Archbishop of Saint Paul Church, John Paul, increasing personal disease resistance. Duration: 1 year.

—System Prompt: You and your vice heroine Katelina have obtained free access to all church cities.

Oh my! Just with a sprinkle of water, I gained a year's worth of disease resistance. This Archbishop is impressive! I enjoy interacting with people who are capable.

Da Fei hurriedly said, "Archbishop, since we've encountered each other, can I ask you something? It's related to the task given to me by the Angel Leader."

John Paul smiled kindly, "Please speak."

Da Fei smiled, "I want to find a hero named William. I only know the name, and nothing else. Do you know about him, Archbishop?"

John Paul made an 'Oh' sound, "I'll keep an ear out for you. If you have time, you can come to the church to check in with me. If I haven't found anything, I hope you won't mind."

Oh yes! Dealing with powerful NPCs is delightful! Da Fei hurriedly saluted, "I am deeply grateful for the Archbishop's assistance!"

John Paul smiled, "You're too kind! Alright, I won't disturb you further. I'll take my leave now and see you next time."

Da Fei laughed lightly, "I'll be sure to visit next time."

And with that, the group hurried away. Da Fei was filled with emotions. After all, the Archbishop was the real busy person, and yet he waited here just for me. What is this? Appreciation, networking on a high level!

Oh, right, I can also look for Markar, Mayor Elorin, and ask the Dwarf Prince. With so many high-end routes, I don't believe I can't find a little hero like William!

Just then, Katalina chuckled and said, "Captain, I'd like to request some time off to handle some post-exam arrangements. I might be away for a few days. It won't affect your sailing, Captain, will it?"

Da Fei raised his brows, another leave request? She must be finding her mom to contact her dad? Oh, speaking of sailing, it seemed I planned to purchase building materials for Habbit Village before leaving Swamp Space but ended up spending a day in Divine Punishment City. Overall, I'm truly busy. How can you take leave at such a critical time?

Da Fei smiled, "This captain is a Master-level Navigation Skill God-level Navigator, everything is on me, return early!"

Katalina smiled sweetly, "Got it!"