

God level 711

Chapter 711: The Carrion Banquet

Now, Da Fei's Hero Knight squad is advancing slowly toward the target area, led by Tamilia. Meanwhile, over twenty Forest Goddesses are laboriously flying while dragging the enormous body of the Demon Scorpion behind the team.

Although Da Fei knew that transporting bodies through this damn mountainous terrain would definitely be slow, he didn't expect it to be this sluggish. Da Fei wanted to assign more Forest Goddesses to the task, but more than twenty was already the maximum number of hands available for transport. Where else could they exert force? Unless the body of the Demon Scorpion is completely disassembled, but isn't that disassembling skill a racial special skill of the Ogre?

At this moment, Da Fei immensely misses the plump Ogre in the Wandering Mercenary Tavern who is awaiting resurrection during construction. Anyway, since transporting bodies is so difficult, the focus must be on quality, not quantity. That means the Boss must be taken down at all costs.

Finally, Da Fei rounded the mountain waist and arrived at the target location, Tachiusu had been waiting for a long time: "Lord City Lord, please look—"

The vine in her hand sank deep into the sandy ground, then red lights on Da Fei's map radar began to blink incessantly. Several red dots appeared in the nearby area, with one dot so far away it had already exceeded Tachiusu's normal detection range.

Da Fei asked in surprise, "The furthest one is the Leader-level powerhouse?"

Tachiusu responded solemnly, "Correct. The opponent's vibration sense is exceptionally intense. Therefore, even though we are at such a distance, I can still detect it."

Anlicia said with astonishment, "Logically, the more powerful a stealthy creature is, the harder it should be to discover. This situation seems a bit abnormal."

Tachiusu shook her head. "Perhaps the opponent is extremely confident in their strength, to the point of not needing to hide, which is why I have come to seek Lord City Lord's decision."

Da Fei said decisively, "I've made up my mind, we fight our way through! Let's start with those few obstructions around us!"

"Understood, Lord City Lord."

So Da Fei's team reached the lurking spot of the second Demon Scorpion. Elena continued to cast Quicksand Technique to trap the scorpion, and then the Forest Goddesses focused their fire to take it down easily. Of course, transporting the body was not so easy. In the end, the difference between hunter and prey often depends on who detects the other first, who makes the first move. The process below is just a standard grind of farming monsters.

An hour passed, and Da Fei had killed 11 Hell Volcano Demon Scorpions, reaching the limit of 200 Forest Goddesses and 3 Angels carrying bodies. It's worth mentioning that killing a Demon Scorpion didn't take more than 5 seconds, and killing 10 didn't take more than a minute. Billbo's collection and skinning didn't take more than 10 minutes either; all the time was consumed in the dreadful march carrying bodies.

Fortunately, the team was finally closing in on the BOSS's location. At this moment, the red dot of the BOSS on the radar was blazing like a burning furnace, instantly putting tremendous pressure on Da Fei, making him hesitant to move recklessly forward.

Just think about it, an ordinary Demon Scorpion that doesn't even count as elite has 4000 health, so how powerful must the BOSS be? Could it be on the same level as the Divine Beast Nightmare? Da Fei was somewhat regretful—should he have come to fight the BOSS in the first place? But if he couldn't even defeat a lone BOSS, how could he overcome the huge convoy of Demons? Besides, the road here, clearing the minions, has been so smooth; it would be unreasonable not to take down the BOSS while at it.

In any case, even if this BOSS isn't the target of the mission, it must be taken down with all efforts.

Da Fei took out the remaining Holy Vine Seeds from his pocket. In total, Da Fei had 40 Fifth-Grade Holy Vine Seeds and 15 Fourth-Grade Seeds. Among them, 20 Fifth-Grade ones were planted under the walls of Radiant City, which later grew plump and were transplanted by Tamilia onto the Ancient Tree Fortress. Now, 20 remain.

One Fourth-Grade seed was planted next to the administration hall in Radiant City, while five were planted in the bathhouse of the Demon Mine, leaving 9 remaining.

Damn it, now that it's mentioned, god knows how those five Fourth-Grade seeds in the bathhouse are doing now? Have they absorbed the energy of the hot springs and thrived, or were they uprooted by Demons who arrived later? Right, after killing the Demon Mine Owner, I even received a key to a secret warehouse that I haven't checked out yet.

Anyway, I must find time later, take Tamilya and make a trip back to the mine to see if the plants can be transplanted back. As for now, there's nothing more to say. Go all out in this one effort; plant seeds on all 11 bodies!

Da Fei asked, "I now have 20 Fifth-Grade seeds and 9 Fourth-Grade seeds, how should I plant them to be safe?"

Tamilya shook her head, "Lord City Lord, the current bodies can at most sustain Fifth-Grade seeds, unable to fully utilize the power of the Fourth-Grade. It is recommended to just plant 11 Fifth-Grade seeds."

Exactly my thoughts, I really can't bear to use the Fourth-Grade ones. Da Fei nodded and handed the seeds to Tamilya, "Then let's begin."

Tamilya nodded, "However, after planting, the seeds will need a period to grow, so we cannot start the battle immediately. Please keep that in mind, Lord City Lord."

Da Fei nodded, "No problem, once they are planted, we will lure the BOSS over."

Now, 11 bodies were piled up together, 11 seeds were quietly planted, and what followed was waiting. And to ensure this fight was an absolute victory, Da Fei called back the Blood Eagle that had been scouting ahead, allowing the Angel Army to cast spells to restore its Stamina and Mana.

Time passed by, minute by minute, in waiting. Suddenly, the Reconnaissance Skill alarm flashed red, and Da Fei's radar suddenly filled with a large cluster of red dots rapidly moving towards him in a straight line!

Da Fei was taken aback; their speed and direction were utterly unlike mountain paths—could it be—Da Fei looked up at the sky, and sure enough, he saw large groups of unidentified creatures flying through the smoke, accompanied by distant crow-like screeching sounds in the sky.

Billbo immediately said, "It's crows! They search by smell, so our Lord City Lord's troops' Stealth might not work against them."

Anlicia exclaimed in surprise, "There are crows in hell too?"

Da Fei frowned and said, "Even if there are, they're probably Hell Crows. They must have been attracted by these corpses. Prepare for battle!"

Selvia, who had long been restless, could not hold back and said, "Captain, watch me do this!"

Exactly, Selvia had Storm Attack, specifically designed to counter the Air Force.

Just then, Tamilya excitedly said, "Lord City Lord, as long as we can kill these crows, the Holy Vine will have even more nutrients!"

Da Fei's brow twitched, that's right, I was just worrying about not having enough fertilizer, and here they come delivering themselves. I won't be polite then! I'm an expert at dealing with crows. Back then, I wiped out the whole scene with just one Blood Eagle. Not to mention now that I have more troops and fiercer generals.

Now, amidst the noisy cawing of the crows, a dense throng of red Blood Crows dived down, numbering at least a thousand. At the same time, Elena launched a Fireball that roared up into the sky—Boom! A loud bang, and countless -1, -2 Magic damage appeared in the sky, and not a single Blood Crow fell.

It had to be said that with the vast numbers of opponents and their high Magic Resistance, Elena's Spells were indeed greatly limited in effect. Now Elena had no chance for a second shot, the flock had already swooped down on top of Da Fei's troops!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has released a Grandmaster-level Light Magic spell "Storm Attack"!

Selvia made her move. A fierce wind rose from the ground, and all the Blood Crows floundered and spun in the air. Soon, many had "Broken Wings" effects above their heads and fell to the ground.

Oh yeah! That's the effect I was looking for, but it's not enough. I want you all to fall! Da Fei immediately released the Blood Eagle, and the Petrification Aura was activated!

The Blood Eagle soared into the sky amidst the storm. Under the dual assault of the storm and the Petrification Aura, the flock could no longer struggle, and they fell wherever the Blood Eagle went. The entire hillside was covered with thousands of screaming Blood Crows that had fallen and were not dead, their goose-sized red eyes struggling together was a sight that made Da Fei feel nauseous.

Da Fei turned around: "Elena, deal with them!"

Elena chuckled: "Let's see how long they can survive now!"

After several consecutive claps of lightning and icicle Spells cleared the area, the hillside finally quieted down.

Tamilia immediately came forward excitedly to report: "Lord City Lord, if we pile up these few thousand crows together, the Holy Vine Seeds can grow and start to be combat-ready."

Da Fei waved his hand without turning back: "All troops, pile up the bodies." Da Fei had to admire those Undead players who dealt with vast numbers of corpses every day; how did they keep up with it?

Just then, Selvia came up to Da Fei with a frown: "Captain, I discovered a strange problem. The Storm Attack I just released consumed twice the Mana of normal circumstances."

Da Fei was suddenly alarmed: "Twice the Mana? What's the situation now?"

Selvia frowned: "It might be because the Light Energy here is scarce..."

Da Fei was astonished: "Could this be another characteristic of hell? Resistance to Light?"

Elena confirmed: "But Miss Selvia, the Mana recovery speed here is indeed much faster, have you felt it?"

Selvia nodded: "Indeed, it seems we can only rely on quick Mana recovery to solve the Mana consumption issue. I'm going to meditate."

Da Fei nodded: "Then that's the only way. It seems that the hell environment isn't entirely pointless after all."

Now, whether it was the agile Forest Goddesses or the noble Angels, they all started collecting corpses on the hillside. It had to be said that this was truly discordant and painful. But their distress and hard work were worth it; now 11 Holy Vine Seeds have sprouted and begun to crazily absorb the nutrients from the Corpse Mountain, growing wildly.

The sight made Da Fei's eyelids twitch with an unbearable look. Damn it, these aren't Holy Vines at all, they're clearly Demon Vines! This is sheer evil!

Just as Da Fei's Reconnaissance Skill alerted him again, several red dots appeared on the radar, quickly flying towards them. Da Fei was startled; what's this now? Coming to join the carrion feast?

No need to say anything else, prepare for battle.

Chapter 712: Resisting the Bright Land

Da Fei finally saw the newcomers, nine massive, bat-like flying... wolves? What the heck! What kind of elite scavengers are these? They're bigger than Demon Scorpions, and they definitely look like Elite BOSS-level Demon Beasts, right?

Tamilia immediately said, "Lord City Lord, now that the Holy Vine Seed has some combat power, we can completely rely on the Holy Vine's power to eliminate them and turn them into nutrients to further feed the Holy Vine!"

Exactly, this is the essence of a scavenger feast! Da Fei said with joy, "Alright, let's do it!"

For unknown creatures with unknown strength, of course, we must go all out like an eagle hunting a rabbit. And since scavenger creatures rely mostly on their sense of smell to detect enemies, plus, these Demon Wolves have a pair of large bat ears, they might rely on hearing too. So there's no need for Da Fei to hide with Stealth; the entire troop should gather on Corpse Mountain to face the nine Flying Demon Wolves. As soon as the Demon Wolves land on Corpse Mountain, the lurking Holy Vine Seeds can immediately take action.

However, with the troops so concentrated, casualties are inevitable. No worries, we'll just resurrect them after the battle.

As the nine Flying Demon Wolves dived downwards, a sharp, piercing howl echoed from the sky, and a shockwave enveloped Da Fei's entire army!

—System Prompt: Your troops are affected by the Horror Howl of Hell Volcano Demon Wolves, significantly reducing attack speed and move speed, duration 5 seconds!

A slowing battle howl? Da Fei was startled and quickly raised his arm, only to find his movements slow like a crawling turtle! Gosh! They even have the Beastman's signature battle roar skill, but the effect of this skill is something the Beastmen couldn't match!

It was because of the slowing effect of this howl that Da Fei's entire group didn't have time to react, and could only watch as these cow-sized bat wolves crashed into their formation! Then came a series of tragic screams, followed by a series of battlefield prompts scrolling across the screen:

—System Prompt: You suffered a Dive Attack from Hell Volcano Demon Wolves, 7 members of the Forest Goddess Army died, your God-level Navigator sub-skill "Survival Will" triggered, 7 members of the Forest Goddess Army are in critical condition.

—System Prompt: ...6 members of the Forest Goddess Army died... 6 members of the Forest Goddess Army are in critical condition.

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Da Fei's heart tightened, with each Demon Wolf taking out 4 or 5 Forest Goddesses, a quarter of his troops were gone in an instant! And just as the Demon Wolves landed and couldn't adjust their movements, a blood-red flash burst from the Corpse Mountain; ten thick blood-red vines shot out like giant pythons, instantly entangling the nine Demon Wolves!

Yes, plant-based troops are not affected by the slowing Battle Howl! I'll deal with you now!

"Focus fire!" Da Fei slowly raised his right arm and slammed it down!

The remaining Forest Goddesses and Angels moved as if in slow motion — at that moment, the 5-second slowdown felt as long as 5 minutes! Da Fei watched helplessly as the entangled Demon Wolves took a deep breath, seemingly preparing to launch another major attack!

Da Fei was extremely anxious as he did the final countdown: "3—2—"

And just then, a harsh flute sound suddenly rang out, and at the sound, the Demon Wolves' expressions turned stunned! It's Billbo! Billbo, at the crucial moment, blew the flute and forced the Demon Wolves to hold back their major attack!

"1!" At that very moment, the entire Forest Goddess Army finally returned to normal speed, hundreds of Flying Spears forming a light curtain that poured onto one Demon Wolf, damage numbers "-26!" "-27!" "-27!" burst out. At the same time, Elena's Thunderstorm crashed down, dealing 800 damage each to the tops of the Demon Wolves' heads, but did not cause a paralysis effect.

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched wildly, these Demon Wolves were also formidable with thousands of health points, not something regular troop damage could kill instantly! Seeing these few Demon Wolves struggling under the flute sound and the Holy Vine barely holding on, Da Fei immediately sensed something was wrong, so he made a decisive decision, "Tachiusu, ultimate move!"

"Received!"

—System Prompt: Your team hero, Tachiusu, used Mysterious Magic "Vine Jungle"!

A green array instantly appeared over the Corpse Mountain, and a vast Vine Jungle erupted, wrapping the nine Demon Wolves like dumplings and starting a frantic draining of blood and mana.

Da Fei gritted his teeth and roared wildly, "Attack! Hit them hard!"

I just don't believe it, last time I used this move to beat a mine-guarding Abyssal Fatso and dozens of elites to death, now I want to see how long you local wolves can hold out!

At this moment, watching the swarming small numbers of damage values scrolling across the screen, Da Fei deeply felt that the Forest Goddesses, this level-4 standard troop, were indeed underwhelming in Hell. No wonder the lowest troops recruited by the Divine Punishment City were Angels. Meanwhile, Da Fei also felt even more deeply the importance of increasing attack speed; if his attack speed was one or two times higher, then the problem of the troops being ineffective wouldn't exist at all. He could attack two, even three times in the time others attacked once, even garbage troops could defy the heavens like that! Not afraid of the Demon Wolves' Horror Howl either!

Ultimately, it all comes down to the fact that he was the one who was inadequate, he couldn't be complacent! Anyway, no matter what, he must get his hands on the blacksmith's gloves and fix the speed-enhancing Divine Artifact Weapon Gun.

While Da Fei was contemplating life, the first Demon Wolf fell with a boom amidst its screams.

— System Prompt: You killed a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf, received experience +28,000, received Demon Wolf Volcano Essence +1, your Reconnaissance Skill, Intelligence Collection Skill collected incomplete information on the Hell Volcano Demon Wolf.

Oh yeah! Da Fei shouted excitedly: "Next, bind the next one!"

"Understood!" Tamilya immediately nimbly released the Holy Vines binding the dead wolf, shifting support to bind another Demon Wolf, much in the manner it had been when binding the Hydra.

Yes, even a Divine Beast like the Hydra had been taken down by him, what are these few Amaos and Agou in comparison! Unable to contain himself, Da Fei pulled out a Wooden Spear and personally joined the front-line melee with the three Angels.

Elena's Thunderstorm and Frost, Anlicia's Poison Arrow, Billbo's noise, the Flying Spear rain from the Forest Goddess Army, and the Vine Jungle's crazy draining all poured tons of damage onto the Demon Wolves every second, one after another Demon Wolf fell amidst the Vine Jungle.

— System Prompt: You killed a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf, gained experience +28,000, received Demon Wolf Volcano Essence +1...

— System Prompt: You killed...

When the last Demon Wolf fell, Da Fei burst into a hearty laugh, and the entire group cheered.

After all, no matter how formidable a monster is, facing the hero's troops, they are just there to give experience, equipment, and nutrients. Speaking of which, in this battle he got 9 Volcano Essences, and in the previous battle got 11, what's their worth? How many can be exchanged for an Angel? What if he takes down a BOSS, what kind of Essence will he get? Could he directly exchange it for an Elite Angel? Hahaha, just thinking about it made him so excited!

At this moment, Billbo, not caring about being exhausted from flute-blowing, breathlessly asked, "Lord City Lord, can we collect now?"

Da Fei chuckled wryly, "No rush, let's rest a bit first."

Billbo excitedly said, "I'm not tired, I'll harvest first and then rest!" With that, he excitedly pounced gleefully on the Demon Wolf's corpse.

Da Fei shook his head with a bitter smile and went to check on Tachiusu, "Lady Tachiusu, you worked hard." Since she wasn't his Vice Hero, he couldn't neglect friendly and close actions at any time.

Tachiusu shook her head and smiled, "Indeed, it consumed quite a bit of my Mana, I never expected that in Hell, a casual enemy encounter could push us to such limits. Even worse, casting Nature Magic in Hell's environment costs way more!"

Da Fei's brow twitched, her Magic was affected too? It seems Hell really was the nemesis of the Light and Nature sects. And just then, the system alarm prompt sounded:

— System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia used Master-level Light Magic "Resurrection Technique" on the critically injured Forest Goddess Army, the spell casting failed.

"Resurrection Technique failed?" Da Fei was shocked and turned to look, only to see the golden light of the Resurrection Technique dissipate in the air, with Selvia's face full of shock and confusion!

Damn! Apart from failing at resurrecting NPCs, I've never heard of resurrections failing on troops!

Da Fei hurriedly asked, "Is this also an effect of the Hell environment?"

Selvia said in astonishment, "Just now, my Mana was suddenly completely drained! But it still failed!"

Selvia failed, so what about the Angels? Angels come with innate Resurrection Techniques! Da Fei hurriedly called over the three Angels to try resurrecting.

The Power Angel cast Resurrection Technique, and as soon as a dim golden pillar appeared, it fragmented into light specks and failed, leaving the Mana completely depleted. Da Fei's expression changed dramatically, this was a troop's innate special skill!

Then the Wisdom Angel cast Resurrection Technique and failed again!

Da Fei was shocked, unable to speak. You mean troops can't be resurrected in Hell? Why didn't Ror warn me about this? She only mentioned that an Angel killed by a BOSS-level Flesh Demon would have its soul imprisoned and couldn't be resurrected, but didn't say it wouldn't work in other situations! Or, was this volcanic terrain a special exception in the environment?

Just then, the Elite Intelligence Angel acted, and a golden light fell, a Forest Goddess reformed and was revived!

Da Fei let out a sigh of relief, it could resurrect! Although only one was revived, it meant Resurrection Techniques still worked here!

Selvia realized, "It turns out my Magic wasn't proficient enough, I should try more times!"

Da Fei hurriedly said, "Alright, with my survival will skill sustaining the troops now, you restore your Mana and try a few more times."

"Understood, I'll meditate immediately to restore my Mana."

Only now did Da Fei truly realize how troublesome Hell was. Meanwhile, Da Fei couldn't help but make the worst assumption. If Selvia kept failing, would he have to abandon those fifty-odd critical Forest Goddesses completely? Or transplant the Holy Vine and temporarily abandon this mission, and transport the critical troops outside the volcano for resurrection?

No matter which option it was, Da Fei found it terribly inconvenient, and while he was troubled, Da Fei's radar alarmed again, more red dots appeared! What the heck! Won't they let anyone rest? In short, future battles couldn't afford any more troop deaths.

Chapter 713: Volcano Earth Dragon

The new enemies appeared, three giant lizards with red skin, indeed the old carrion-eating clan.

Da Fei couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief, as long as the opponents weren't high-speed Air Force, he could minimize the casualties of his troops. Anyway, no matter how much Blood Defense you have, just bring it on, I guarantee I won't kill you!

Now, Da Fei's team was stealthily waiting behind Corpse Mountain, and the three giant lizards swaggered into Corpse Mountain as if nobody was there. It was not until they approached that Da Fei realized their size was as big as a bus, and their flickering tongues intermittently sprouted flames!

Da Fei couldn't help but feel a heaviness in his heart, are these still lizards? To call them dragons wouldn't be too far off, right?

Da Fei quickly said to Tamilya, "They can breathe fire, be careful not to let the Holy Vines get burned."

Tamilya replied solemnly, "I'll do my best."

Da Fei waved his hand grandly: "Action!"

A vast expanse of Holy Vines shot out from Corpse Mountain, instantly tying the three giant lizards into a dumpling, then the bowstrings twanged, Anlicia took the lead, followed by Elena's lightning from the sky, and Billbo's noise also followed, with over a hundred and forty Forest Goddesses' Flying Spears whistling out.

The concentrated fire was as splendid as ever, but the result of the battle was as gruesomely expected! In just that short moment, Da Fei was blinded by the barrage of single-digit damage that filled his sight!

Although he knew these Hell Monsters had defenses as thick as city walls, the harsh reality once again faced Da Fei, who always considered himself to have incredible Attack and Defense, still hard to bear. Think about it, he currently only has a mere 150 Attack, not enough to breach a second-tier city wall's Defense, not at all a time to be complacent.

In any case, the only consolation was that Elena's over ten-thousand damage lightning inflicted 500 damage on each giant lizard; her alone equaled the whole army. Now they could only rely on her.

The sudden ambush made the three giant lizards issue a deafening collective roar, a large surge of dust and hot air rushed towards Da Fei's troops, and within the dust, Da Fei faintly saw three sparks flashing!

Damn! They can really spray that far? Da Fei, startled, waved his hand grandly, "Fire is coming, scatter the troops!"

Instantly, the Forest Goddess Army and the Angels rose into the sky, Da Fei's Heroic Group's Hell Horse mounts also immediately descended from the hill and galloped away.

At the moment Da Fei's troops scattered, three thick pillars of fire blasted over, turning the spot where Da Fei had just stood into a sea of flames!

Damn it! Da Fei was instantly shocked! The creatures from hell, each one stronger than the last! Now Da Fei started to have second thoughts about whether to ambush that BOSS.

After spewing out flames, the three giant lizards roared again and began to struggle fiercely. Under their immense strength, the Holy Vines that bound them started to stretch tight and rapidly elongate with creaking sounds, seemingly about to break!

Da Fei, startled, eyes widened, these were three or four Holy Vines binding one giant lizard, just how strong was the power of these giant lizards!

Da Fei asked anxiously, "Miss Tachiusu, can you release the Vine Jungle?"

Tachiusu replied in a hurry, "I'm sorry, the skill is still cooling down, I can't use it!"

Seeing Tamilya looking anxious at that moment, Da Fei gritted his teeth and made a decisive decision, "Give it up! Don't entangle with them anymore!"

Tamilya exclaimed, "But, Lord City Lord?"

Da Fei said solemnly, "First save the Holy Vines, then slowly figure out a way!"

"Understood!" Tamilya waved her slender hand, and the eleven Holy Vines instantaneously unraveled and snapped back—

In just that instant, a dramatic scene unfolded. The three giant lizards, struggling with all their might, suddenly freed, shot out like three enormous frogs. They flew from halfway up the mountain, drawing three trails of heavy dust, screaming towards the foot of the mountain, then crash landing! Dust flying everywhere!

—Bang bang bang!!! Echoing booms reverberated through the canyon, and from a distance, amidst the rolling dust, it seemed like three rows of five-digit damage numbers leaped out!

At this moment, Da Fei's entire team was dumbstruck!

Isn't that something! Can it really be like this? Regaining his senses, Da Fei immediately sent the Blood Eagle down to check the situation. He saw the three giant lizards with bleeding heads, struggling non-stop, and above their heads were three spinning halo circles of stars—this was the stunned status!

Indeed, the bigger they are, the harder they fall, the worse they crash, Da Fei burst into hearty laughter! If even this wouldn't kill you, I might as well quit!

Overjoyed, Da Fei waved his hand grandly: "All forces, attack!"

In an instant, Da Fei's troops rapidly gathered at the foot of the mountain, launching a frantic attack on the unconscious giant lizards. Not only were the lizards completely unable to retaliate, their defense was also much weaker than before, and strings of two-digit damage numbers emerged vividly!

With no suspense, amidst Da Fei's loud laughter, one of the lizards let out a tragic scream and suddenly died, the whole team cheering!

—System Prompt: You have killed a Volcano Earth Dragon, gained 108,000 experience points, and obtained 1 Demon Dragon Essence! Your Reconnaissance Skill Intelligence Collection has collected incomplete information on the Volcano Earth Dragon.

Da Fei's laughter halted in surprise and astonishment! Volcano Earth Dragon? What the heck, it's really a dragon! Damn, I did go big this time!

Da Fei hurriedly checked the information collected on the Earth Dragon: Defense Value 250, special skill "Flame Spray." The rest were unknown question marks, even the Life Value was absent, probably because it couldn't collect the life value data lost from the fall. But it's probably at least tens of thousands, which surely wouldn't qualify as a boss in a hellish place like this.

Overall, its Defense is awesome! But, isn't there a mistake, even if it's just an Earth Dragon, shouldn't it be considered a dragon? Why only give a Demon Dragon Essence? Players killing Ghost Dragons in the wild might get some resources or even luck out with some equipment, but this is hell, such a high-end scene, such a powerful being, and it drops nothing substantial?

But then again, it appears that the twenty-plus creatures killed earlier only dropped essences, and no gear at all, right? Thinking about it, if hell dropped high-end gear, then this would be heaven, not hell. Now, I can only hope for this Demon Dragon Essence. The strength of this demon dragon is certainly not below the BOSS Flesh Chaos Demon I killed earlier, whose essence directly swapped for an Angel. My Demon Dragon Essence reasonably shouldn't be inferior.

Alright, essence secured, naturally, I won't pass up its flesh and skin. Just one problem though, these three Earth Dragons, each as big as a bus—how can my hundred-plus Forest Goddesses plus Angels haul them up the mountain? Damn, that's a major issue! Or should I transplant directly on their bodies? But if I transplant, the forces become scattered, which is pointless, right?

Just as Da Fei was frowning in deep thought, another Earth Dragon screamed its last.

—System Prompt: Battle over! You have killed a Volcano Earth Dragon, gained 108,000 experience points, and obtained 1 Demon Dragon Essence...

The entire squad cheered again, with Billbo already eagerly waving a small knife, impatient to start harvesting.

Now, the entire army aimed at the last Earth Dragon, but as Da Fei frowned deeply in thought, he felt there was a very important thing he couldn't achieve—if the issue of transporting the bodies of these three Earth Dragons wasn't resolved, then wasn't all this killing pointless? Of course, having the essence meant it wouldn't be pointless, but for the growth of the Holy Vine, for the mission, it nearly equaled pointless killing, and if pointless—

In that instant, looking at the defenseless Earth Dragon, Da Fei's eyebrows suddenly twitched—if it's pointless, then I might as well not kill! Da Fei was reminded once again of the technique taught by Dwarf Heroes Hangeval—"War Intimidation"!

—War Intimidation: During battle, there is a certain chance that the enemy's forces will cower or even flee in surrender. The effectiveness of this skill depends on the comparison of military strength between the two sides, morale, and the level of Leadership Skill. Prerequisite for learning: Possess Master-level Diplomacy.

Now, doesn't this completely powerless Earth Dragon meet all the conditions to subdue a BOSS? Besides, it's not even a boss, there's no reason I can't subdue it, right? Once I subdue it, not only do I gain a combatant, I also gain a laborer, and all problems are solved!

Suddenly realizing this, an exhilarated Da Fei waved his hand and shouted, "Hold your fire! I want to capture it alive!"

Chapter 714: Release the Dragon Back to the Mountain

Now, the dizzy and seriously injured Earth Dragon had no strength to fight back, nor any means to escape, fully becoming a trapped beast, meeting all the prerequisites for taming a wild creature. The comparison of the military forces, morale, and skill levels was not even worth mentioning. Da Fei and Elena already had Master-level Leadership Skills in diplomacy, and Anlicia and Selvia had Master-level Leadership Skills too. Importantly, this Earth Dragon wasn't a boss, so the chances of taming it with the whole team's effort were incredibly high!

—System Prompt: You attempted to use the Master-level Leadership Skill "War Intimidation" on the Volcano Earth Dragon, but the skill failed!

—System Prompt: ... Skill failed!

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Failure after failure, but Da Fei didn't give up and continued to try. Each skill usage consumed a certain amount of stamina, and finally, Da Fei's stamina was nearly depleted.

Damn it, even divine creatures like Earth Element bosses could be tamed by me, not to mention that Unicorn met in the tournament. Is there any troop I can't tame? Why can't I tame a non-boss unit? Could it be the Dragon Clan's arrogance? It's just a carrion-eating Earth Dragon, what's with the arrogance? Even if the taming difficulty was like that of a boss, shouldn't there be some movement?

Reluctantly, Da Fei had to sit down to recover his stamina. At this time, the star icon rotating above the Earth Dragon's head began to slow down and dim, with the dizziness effect about to wear off.

Anlicia frowned and said, "Lord City Lord, this guy is about to recover soon, I'm afraid—"

Da Fei gritted his teeth and said with great reluctance, "I'll try one more time after recovering stamina; if it doesn't work, we'll have to kill it."

Elena also added, "It's worth a try. In my opinion, surrender usually happens in moments of extreme fear and desperation, and right now, this Earth Dragon is completely in an unconscious dazed state, perhaps not even aware of its situation. If it becomes clear-headed, the situation might turn around."

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, seeing the reason in her words.

Anlicia exclaimed, "But as soon as it regains consciousness, its first reaction will definitely be to break away and escape, right?"

Da Fei gritted his teeth again, taking out two Holy Vine Seeds, "Then let's prevent its breakout! Miss Tamilia, can we plant two seeds on these two dragon corpses to bind it, any issues?"

Tamilia frowned, "Time might be too tight; it takes a while for the seeds to germinate."

Tachius sighed too, "My Vine Jungle skill is still cooling down, and accelerating the growth isn't possible."

Damn! Only now did Da Fei realize the prerequisites for taming weren't established! He began to regret not bringing ropes or similar things on this march. Even if there were giant wooden stones or something, Da Fei's troops wouldn't be able to perform such intelligent actions. After all, the intelligence of soldiers

without production skills was highly limited, only capable of fighting and nothing else—completely incomparable to those dwarf NPCs rescued from the prison.

Da Fei could only sigh, "I'll try one last time once it regains consciousness; if it fails, we'll kill it immediately."

Just then, Elena suddenly exclaimed, "Speaking of which, I once saw Miss Tamilya transplant 20 Holy Vines onto the Ancient Tree Fortress, and manipulated them deftly. How was that achieved?"

Tamilya replied, "Because the Holy Vine Seeds' nature is parasitic, and vine plants parasitizing trees is quite common."

Elena smirked, "In that case, can't we plant the Holy Vine Seed onto this Earth Dragon?"

"Parasitize on a living Earth Dragon?" The entire group was stunned.

Elena laughed, "Yeah, once the seed sprouts and grows, won't the Earth Dragon obey? Even if it escapes now, it shouldn't get too far. Even if the Earth Dragon couldn't withstand it and dies, there would be no loss, would there?"

Da Fei was even more shocked, staring wide-eyed! Damn! Truly deserving of a Dark Elf, so sinister and ruthless! Back in the day, when Little Li was a child, I used to scare her with a joke that swallowing beans would cause them to sprout in the stomach. Now thinking about it, that joke isn't funny at all!

Da Fei hurriedly asked, "Is it possible? Can it be done?"

Tamilya, shocked, shook her head repeatedly, "Never thought of planting seeds on a living animal, no idea if it would work!"

Elena pointed to the bleeding wound on the Earth Dragon's back and said calmly, "We can take advantage of its current lack of resistance and plant the seed in that wound, just treat it as a tree or a corpse—what do you say, Lord City Lord?"

Da Fei was suddenly startled, damn it! Isn't it obvious? The Holy Vine Seed hadn't mentioned not to plant on living creatures—if successful, Tamilia would essentially gain a new skill, and it could be treated as training a subordinate! Moreover, the battle had reached this point, as long as it was a bit reliable, it was worth trying!

Da Fei immediately took out a fourth-grade seed with a serious expression, "I think Miss Elena's idea is very creative and worth a try! To ensure success, I'll use a fourth-grade seed, do you think it could work, Miss Tamilia?"

Tamilia frowned, "If it fails, Lord City Lord will lose a precious seed."

Da Fei laughed heartily, "No worries, I still have eight."

Tamilia took the seed and said seriously, "Since it's Lord City Lord's wish, I'll go all out."

With that, Tamilia gently flew above the Earth Dragon's wounded back, and with a wave of her hand, scattered the seed wrapped in specks of light into the bleeding flesh. A flash of light, and the seed disappeared.

Did it succeed?

Everyone waited, their eyes fixed, as the Earth Dragon twitched, suddenly waking up, letting out a roar that shook the valley!

Damn! Da Fei reacted and immediately used his skill!

—System Prompt: You successfully used the Master-level Leadership Skill "War Intimidation" on the Volcano Earth Dragon! The Volcano Earth Dragon was extremely frightened and started to flee!

Damn, succeeding when it was conscious, and the success caused it to flee?! If it couldn't escape, would it surrender?

Roar! At this moment, the Earth Dragon burst forth with hidden power, galloping away, causing dust and rocks to fly in the valley. In an instant, the red dot of the Earth Dragon disappeared from Da Fei's radar, with echoes reverberating throughout the valley.

Just ran off like that? The whole group was bewildered, while Da Fei was dumbfounded, his heart filled with mixed emotions. Anyway, considering the final outcome, everyone's opinions seemed true, so the Holy Vine plan shouldn't be wrong, right?

Da Fei then asked Tamilia, "Miss Tamilia, how do you feel?"

Tamilia continued watching the direction the Earth Dragon disappeared, murmuring, "The seed still bears my life imprint, and the seed still exists."

Tachius remarked, "As long as the seed exists, it means we haven't failed, and we can track the runaway Earth Dragon through the life imprint."

Tamilia said solemnly, "The Earth Dragon has now burrowed into the volcanic sand."

Da Fei nodded, "I see, let's wait and see what happens next then."

There wasn't much else to say now, so let's test if the hundred-plus Forest Goddesses, along with the three Angels, could haul these two corpses up the mountain. As for Serbia, of course, his tasks would involve continuing attempts to revive the troops.

For once, the system didn't disappoint Da Fei. Although the Earth Dragon's body was as huge as a bus, this very enormity meant there were many parts to grab and pull, allowing Da Fei's entire force to help with the transport.

Especially the long tail covered in spikes, with each spike equivalent to a handhold. So, the three Angels and half of the Forest Goddesses held the tail, while the remaining Forest Goddesses carried the limbs and the spiky back. The truth is, only the Flying Army could manage to push and pull from the back.

As for Da Fei himself, being a man, he couldn't idle at such a crucial time, pushing the Earth Dragon's foul-smelling head from the rear. Billbo was even more cunning, placing rocks all along the way to support the Earth Dragon's belly to prevent sliding.

In summary, although progress was excruciatingly slow, it was at least moving and climbing up. Meanwhile, directed by Tamilia, several vine-like appendages stretched from Corpse Mountain to catch the slope. Indeed, Tamilia was getting increasingly adept with the use of the Holy Vine.

However, the situation remained grim; the army's stamina consumption was immense. It was highly likely they'd have to halt before reaching the Holy Vine's support site, at which point, the corpse would certainly slide back down. With so many rocks padded by Billbo, sliding all the way to the foot was unlikely, but the frustrating prospect of taking three steps forward and two steps back was quite expectable. What if they encountered another enemy attack in the midst of transport?

Damn it! Da Fei was so vexed he dared not think further! After all, there were too few hands for heavy labor! An enemy attack? Fine, as long as next time there aren't Earth Dragons, if Agou and Amao or something show up and get entangled by the Holy Vine, rest assured I'll find a way to tame them! I simply refuse to believe that if I can't tame an Earth Dragon, I can't tame Agou and Amao. Just as Da Fei was pondering this, a system prompt dings with a chime:

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia used Master-level Light Magic "Resurrection Technique" on the dying Forest Goddess Army, resurrecting one member of the Forest Goddess Army.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia received information on God-level Light Magic.

Da Fei was jolted, only resurrecting one? Information on God-level Light Magic?

Obviously, how many came back wasn't important; what mattered was that Selvia had succeeded! In other words, resurrecting one soldier in this hellish place meant reaching a God-level standard, and if she revived all of them, her skill would progress to God-level?!

Wahaha! At such trying and frustrating times, receiving this notification was no less than receiving heavenly bliss! Indeed, God-level skills are always born in the most testing of environments; at this moment, Da Fei's frustration instantly faded, invigorating him to muster all his strength to push up the mountain!

And just then, the Blood Eagle Radar suddenly lit up with red lights, as several red dots appeared near Da Fei!

Gah! Da Fei spat milk in shock! I surely had wished for this! Damn it, talk about wishful thinking! Alright, rest assured this time, I guarantee not to kill you! This time I mean it.

Chapter 715: Recruiting the Volcano Demon Fox

Da Fei's entire army had no choice but to set down the dragon corpse and prepare for battle against the enemy that had suddenly appeared nearby. The dragon's body, dragged with great effort to the middle of the mountain, suddenly slid down. As to whether it had slid back to the starting point, Da Fei did not know; his heart bled, unable to bear looking back to check.

At this time, the Blood Eagle's vision displayed the approaching enemy—this time, it was not some new breed, but the old customers: the Volcanic Hell Demon Wolves with eight bat wings.

Da Fei couldn't help but tense up; it seemed that even in hell, demon wolves were collective creatures frequently seen in groups of eighty or fifty.

In any case, they could only fight! The current Holy Vine was not the same as that previous sapling. This time, as long as they were entangled, he would teach them a lesson in minutes!

Getting closer, the demon wolf group charged out from the volcanic mist and entered Da Fei's line of sight. At this moment, Da Fei finally noticed that their size was noticeably smaller than that of the previous batch of demon wolves. His brow twitched—could they be scavengers in the animal world? Da Fei, who had watched Zhao's show on the animal kingdom for many years, knew well the rules of strength and weakness. A weaker pack, of course, could only pick at the leftovers after the strong left the scene.

In any case, that's good! The skinnier, the less effort, and Da Fei's confidence grew.

What surprised Da Fei was that these demon wolves didn't immediately attack; they hovered watchfully over Corpse Mountain where Da Fei was stationed. Well, that's no surprise—scavengers always look before they leap.

Finally, the scavengers moved and dove down! Da Fei clenched his teeth, prepared to sacrifice dozens of Forest Goddesses again!

That's not right! Where are they flying to?

Following their diving direction, Da Fei saw that their target was the two Earth Dragons parked at the mountain's base and middle!

"Achoo!" Da Fei anxiously spat out a mouthful of saliva! They actually knew how to avoid strength and attack weakness, fitting perfectly the scavenger description—intellect clearly surpassed the bulky fools of the previous batch!

What to do now! Without the Holy Vine as support, could he handle them? Certainly, he could, but the casualties would surely be high! Normally, casualties wouldn't be a problem, but in such a scenario with Resurrection Technique, it became a big problem.

In the blink of an eye, those demon wolves pounced on the Earth Dragons, starting a frenzy of biting!

Billbo couldn't help but wail, "Superior dragon hide!"

Screw that! Was he going to let a few skinny dogs humiliate him? Da Fei gritted his teeth, "All troops, charge!"

Just as Da Fei's forces charged toward the mountainside to prepare for battle, those demon wolves leapt into the air and flew away; their speed clearly surpassed the previous batch of demon wolves.

Damn it! Da Fei was floored; what was this nonsense fighting for? Fine, let them try and steal corpses from Corpse Mountain, see if they dare!

Sure enough, the demon wolves circled in the sky and then screeched as they charged towards the unguarded Corpse Mountain.

What the hell! They really dared—if this were the usual, they'd play him to death! Da Fei raised his thumb: "You guys rock!"

Then quickly reversed his thumb: "Attack!"

Just as the demon wolves were about to flee with the bodies, more than a dozen thick vines shot out like lightning, capturing all eight demon wolves and binding them like zongzi!

Oh yeah! This time they've gone too far! Da Fei waved his hand, "All troops, attack!"

Despite the strength shown by the demon wolves previously, Da Fei didn't expect to subdue them all—it would pressure the Holy Vine too much. Instead, he planned to kill a few, concentrate the Holy Vine's power to bind a few, and capture one or two or three at best. All right then, he said he would assure their survival, and broke his word again!

Now, Da Fei's troops entered the battle. Lightning, flying spears, poison arrows, and noise poured relentlessly onto the struggling demon wolves in the Holy Vine, causing massive amounts of double-digit damage to appear, and a demon wolf's wail culminated in its death!

Uh? Did it just collapse like that? Too scrawny!

——System Prompt: You killed a Hell Volcano Demon Fox, gained 13,000 experience points, and acquired Demon Fox Volcanic Essence +1. Your Reconnaissance Skill's Intelligence Collection Ability collected incomplete information on the Hell Volcano Demon Fox.

Da Fei's brow twitched in surprise; Volcano Flying Fox? Damn, they were not the same species at all—what a joke!

Da Fei finally realized why these "demon wolves" seemed much more intelligent, and they neither had the decelerating sonic howl of the demon wolves nor were as tough. Moreover, their power couldn't seem to break free from the Holy Vine—wait a minute! Don't kill them!

Da Fei waved his hand and shouted loudly, "Stop! I must capture them alive this time!"

The battlefield firepower stopped instantly. Da Fei's team hurried to the captured demon foxes, although Da Fei's troops had ceased their attack, the Holy Vine was still crazily draining blood and mana, and red and blue numbers "-10" "-10" leapt into the air.

Without further ado, Da Fei threw a skill over!

——System Prompt: You used Master-level Leadership Skill "War Intimidation" on the Hell Volcano Demon Fox, the skill failed!

Failed? It seemed they had too much health and didn't feel threatened, didn't they? Da Fei tossed another skill over and failed again.

Damn it! Do they think they're the Dragon Clan, proud and unyielding? Da Fei barked, "As smart foxes, they should know when to give in; as scavengers, they should recognize the situation!" After speaking, he threw another skill!

——System Prompt: You used Master-level Leadership Skill "War Intimidation" on the Hell Volcano Demon Fox, the skill succeeded! One Volcano Demon Fox feared your might and joined your forces!

Oh yeah! It finally succeeded! There were cheers all around! Da Fei was overwhelmingly thrilled with laughter! In hell, where it was hard to recruit even one soldier, capturing one was a significant enhancement!

With the first joining, the power comparison became more disparate; how far off could a second one be? He needed to recover some stamina first! At this moment, Elena was dangling a dead crow near another demon fox's mouth as a tease, and soon enough there was another system prompt:

——System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Elena successfully used Master-level Leadership Skill "Diplomacy," one Volcano Demon Fox feared your might and joined your forces!

Another success! Da Fei and Elena laughed heartily. As expected of foxes, he loved working with smart troops—no fatigue! Hahaha!

With Elena's successful experience, Anlicia and Selvia also imitated the approach, each dangling a dead crow near the remaining foxes' mouths. Of course, they had Master-level skills, which might be a bit challenging. But it didn't matter; as soon as he recovered his stamina, they'd battle again.

Taking advantage of the current opening, Da Fei hurriedly checked the newly recruited demon fox stats:

——Hell Volcano Demon Fox: Large Demon Creature, Attack 38, Defense 30, Damage 30–45, Life 353, Attack Speed 20, Magic Resistance 85%, Stamina 360, Command Value 100 (Red Alert), Special Skills: Flying Creature, Stealth, Independent Expedition, Sensitive Smell, Rapid Bite, Smuggling, Self-Healing.

Stealth-equipped, flying stealth troops! Da Fei's brow jumped in surprise. No wonder they suddenly appeared so close to him; if it weren't for the Blood Eagle's God-level Reconnaissance Technique in time discovery, he would've fallen for their trick!

But given their standard angelic attributes, they obviously were weak in this hell deep down. Even if they ambushed—okay, absolutely, their health couldn't be only 350 points. According to system habits, they must have been significantly weakened when recruited by players. Though some attributes were enhanced, such as the high 100 Command Value, which was usually only 10 points for similar-attribute ordinary angels.

This situation was something Da Fei had encountered many times; higher Command Value soldiers were harder to manage, and the redder the Command Value, the more it caused trouble.

Da Fei hurriedly examined the Command Value explanation:

——Warning: This creature is currently in a state of fear and distrust, with a high chance of changing sides!

Damn it! Quite the pitfall! Although the Fishman Gulu Gulu had a Command Value reaching hundreds, at least it had prerequisites for betrayal, whereas this Volcano Flying Fox gave no prerequisites at all?

But now he couldn't care about that. He was desperate for soldiers; whether the attributes were a pitfall or not, he welcomed anyone! At worst, they'd only work as laborers without allowing them to fight.

And shortly after, Elena succeeded again!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Elena successfully used Master-level Leadership Skill "Diplomacy," one Volcano Demon Fox feared your might and joined your forces!

Oh yeah! Another recruit! Indeed, things go smoother towards the end; now it was his turn!

Chapter 716: Continue to Incorporate

The battle came to an end, and Da Fei successfully recruited all seven Hell Demon Foxes. Among them, Da Fei recruited three, and Elena recruited four. As for Anlicia and Selvia, there was nothing they could do; indeed, this Demon Fox could not be managed without Master Leadership Skill.

It had to be said that being able to recruit such high-level units with such an astonishing success rate was beyond imagination. This had already pushed the team's advantage in Diplomacy to the extreme! Perhaps, under similar conditions, recruiting more advanced God-level units could allow progress to God-level Leadership Skill?

At this moment, looking at the seven newly joined Demon Foxes, whose sizes were similar to Griffins, Da Fei felt a mix of joy and concern. After all, these Demon Foxes' Command Values were unusually tricky and might desert in battle. In any case, they could only be used as labor, which was exactly what was needed now.

So, there was nothing more to say, hurry and drag the two Earth Dragon corpses up from the mountain. With the addition of these seven Demon Foxes, dragging the corpses became significantly easier. Their claws, like iron hooks, gripped tightly onto the backs of the Earth Dragons, greatly enhancing transportation speed.

Thus, the first dragon corpse was smoothly pulled to Corpse Mountain with the support of the Holy Vine, and the entire group cheered!

Billbo was especially excited and exclaimed, "Lord City Lord, can I skin it now?"

Da Fei laughed, "Can you fit such a large dragon skin?"

Billbo confidently patted his elegantly decorated material bag, exclaiming, "Don't worry, Lord City Lord! Even if it's a few more Snake-necked Dragons, I can still fit them in!"

This material bag of his was probably similar in nature to the war machine space bag Go used for Crossbow Cannons. Da Fei couldn't help but laugh heartily, "Then get on with it! The whole army rests, prepare to transport the next one!"

Just then, a system prompt chimed:

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has cast Master-level Light Magic "Resurrection Technique" on the dying Forest Goddess Army, reviving one member of the Forest Goddess Army.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has gained information about God-level Light Magic.

Oh yeah! Another resurrection and more God-level information! Just wanted to ask but didn't get the chance!

Da Fei hurriedly approached Selvia excitedly and asked, "How's it going? Have you grasped the secret to God-level magic?"

Selvia excitedly nodded repeatedly, "I got the insight from successfully resurrecting a member from the Elite Intelligence Angel. By focusing all strength on resurrecting a single unit, we might succeed. And crucially, our unit wasn't dead but in a dying state, making resurrection possible!"

Da Fei suddenly realized, indeed, Go's God-level Navigator Skill "survival will" was the key!

(Note: —Survival Will: At sea, heroes and hero units' life and Stamina +50%. Once units fall due to combat fatigue or illness, they enter a dying state with 1 life point, lasting at least a day. This state also applies on land.)

In this volcanic Hell, if units truly died, they might not be revivable, but Go's Divine Skill kept them breathing, making revival possible and opening the threshold for advancing to God-level!

Indeed! To think the elusive God-level Light Magic could be cultivated through such an easy way made Da Fei laugh heartily!

No, no, not easy at all! In such a tough and grueling training environment, many people wouldn't even want to come—ha ha ha!

Wait, it's too early to be happy. Go's Divine Skill might only last a day in such harsh conditions, or perhaps not even that long. Once the time's up, resurrection might truly become impossible.

And now, Selvia's Mana completely depleted again, she needed to meditate to restore Mana. Time was tight and there was no way to save all units in time. Then there's nothing left to say; with seven more strapping lads in the team, there's no need for the Elite Intelligence Angel for transport anymore, now call her over to help with resurrection.

Time was pressing, hurry!

Now, Selvia re-entered meditation. The second Earth Dragon's corpse was being transported up the mountain in an orderly manner. Billbo was diligently peeling the dragon skin, and his peeling speed was extremely slow, incomparable to the quickness of peeling Demon Scorpion skin earlier. The dragon skin was undoubtedly the bottleneck of his Master-level gathering skill. Heaven knows how much proficiency he'd gain from these two dragon skins, perhaps enough to advance to Grandmaster?

After all, the most valuable aspect of this mission was training the team and recruiting units!

Indeed, recruiting units! The Holy Vine is naturally a beast-taming cage, now having grown substantially. Surely, any Demon Wolf or Earth Dragon will be securely captured. Once caught by the Holy Vine, Go won't be polite!

Da Fei, having tasted the sweetness felt eager for strong opponents to cause trouble. In Hell, where 500 Demon Essences were required to exchange for one Angel Army unit, directly recruiting Hell Creatures was the most cost-effective deal, never mind the various issues; they would find their use eventually.

As time passed, Selvia and the Elite Intelligence Angel revived another unit each and then returned to meditation. Tamilya was attentively gazing into the ground, obviously sensing the direction of the escaped Earth Dragon.

The second Earth Dragon corpse was successfully moved to place, and Billbo cheered and rushed towards the new target. After such a great effort, completing the Corpse Mountain allowed Da Fei to breathe a sigh of relief. Next time for battle, Go must have all tools ready; such annoying tasks can't happen again.

At this moment, the Holy Vine's branches writhed through the Corpse Mountain like a python, one after another, Raven corpses swiftly shriveled and turned to dust under the "touch" of the branches, and the speed of the Holy Vine's growth-fed-feeding greatly increased, resembling Nasir Ancient Tree absorbing flesh and blood—a scene horrifying and disgusting, that Da Fei couldn't bear to watch.

Go could swear, this Holy Vine was definitely a Demon Vine! But Go liked it—haha!

And the system didn't disappoint Da Fei. Just as the whole army rested to recover Stamina, a red light flashed on the radar, indicating new prey! Oh yeah, making Go wait!

The Holy Vine now was no longer a seedling needing immediate support. So now tactics changed, Da Fei's entire force withdrew from Corpse Mountain, hiding below the slope. Once the prey was caught, the army would swarm upon it. This way, unnecessary casualties would be avoided.

Here it came, truly returning old customers—seven Volcano Demon Wolves! No mistake this time, very well! Go beat them into submission.

The Demon Wolf Group approached, despite sensing the threat from Da Fei's nearby forces, the temptation of food made them instinctively land on Corpse Mountain. Then with a green flash, the Demon Wolf Group let out a panicked cry like rats caught in a trap!

Ha ha ha! Can you escape? Da Fei waved his hand, the army surged forward to beat them half-dead first. The wolf pack howled desperately, their cries echoing through the valley, but it was useless!

—System Prompt: You applied Master-level Leadership Skill "War Intimidation" on Hell Volcano Demon Wolf, skill failed!

—System Prompt: ... skill failed!

No worries, failure is the mother of success! As the blood decreases, they will naturally realize.

Anlicia and Selvia were not far behind, each holding a raven trying in front of the wolf's mouth. Of course, with their Master Leadership Skill, capturing Hell Wolves was nearly impossible, but should they succeed, it meant advancement. Come on, girls, try hard!

Now, having failed five times in succession, and with nothing gained by Elena, Da Fei started feeling something amiss. Why were the foxes so agreeable, yet the wolves not? Was it due to the creatures' inherent traits? Yet wolves too are cunning, aren't they?

Meanwhile, these trapped wolves were howling increasingly energetically, not about slowing down anymore, this was?

While puzzled, a wolf howl seemed faintly to come from afar! Damn, wasn't this an echo? Was it summoning a wolf pack? Does it mean there are many more wolf packs here? But without being able to secure recruits, what's the point?

It seems the comparison of forces between us and them isn't enough to make the wolf pack submit. We must kill a few to set an example.

Just then, Anlicia frowned and said, "Lord City Lord, in a wolf pack the leader is certain, maybe having the leader prevents members from surrendering?"

Da Fei raised an eyebrow, makes sense! But the problem was, among these seven identical-sized Demon Wolves, which was the leader? Never mind, a few must be killed, whoever it is.

Chapter 717: Advancing During Integration

Under the focused attack of Da Fei's army, a Demon Wolf fell with a miserable howl.

—System Prompt: You have slain a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf, gaining 28,000 experience points and 1 Demon Wolf Volcano Essence...

Essences and such aren't my kind of trade! Da Fei immediately waved his hand, "Cease attack!"

Then he continued to use skills on the remaining wolf pack but failed! Elena also failed.

It seems that the Demon Wolf we killed just now was probably not the leader. Da Fei casually pointed to another Demon Wolf, "Attack!"

With another round of concentrated fire, the Demon Wolf fell again, yet Da Fei's attempt failed once more!

Damn! I'm running out of stamina! As the distant howls of wolves drew nearer, Da Fei felt extremely frustrated. If it doesn't work out, I might just have to go into the essence collection business, at least there's wolf skin, right?

Another Demon Wolf fell. Even Elena sighed heavily, "My lord, I'm sorry, I have no stamina left!"

If you're out of stamina, come to my arms for some warmth! Da Fei reluctantly said, "Then take a break and recover, if it doesn't work, just kill them all."

Time ticked by second by second, the howls of the newly arrived wolf pack echoed in the valley. It seemed there wouldn't be time for Da Fei and Elena to replenish their stamina before trying again.

Da Fei had no choice but to wave his hand helplessly, "Kill!"

With another round of concentrated fire, the remaining Demon Wolves, already low on health, fell one after another.

And at that moment, a miracle occurred with a system prompt's chime!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia successfully used the Master-level Leadership Skill "Diplomacy" on a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf! 1 Hell Volcano Demon Wolf has joined your team.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia has gained insights into the Grandmaster-level Leadership Skill!

The leader's done for? They're all coming to their senses? Overjoyed, Da Fei sprang up and shouted, "Cease fire! Keep going!"

Meanwhile, Selvia wasn't far behind. With another lovely system prompt's chime, the last Demon Wolf finally submitted!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia successfully used the Master-level Leadership Skill "Battle Diplomacy" on a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf! 1 Hell Volcano Demon Wolf has joined your team.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has gained insights into the Grandmaster-level Leadership Skill!

The battle ended, the whole team cheered, and Da Fei let out a long laugh! This was surely fostering heroes and training the team!

Great, facing the next wave, Da Fei confidently waved his hand, "All troops, get ready for battle!"

Da Fei's troops once again left the Corpse Mountain, retreated down the slope, and entered Stealth State, with eight red dots appearing on the radar, representing eight Hell Demon Wolves.

No surprises, no suspense, the spectacle replayed, success resumed, well, this was grinding mobs.

Facing the howling and struggling wolf pack in the vine forest, Da Fei concentrated fire to kill one. Then used a skill, failed!

Kept killing another! Failed! Then killed another one!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alina successfully used Grandmaster-level Leadership Skill "Diplomacy" on a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf! 1 Hell Volcano Demon Wolf has joined your team.

Oh yeah! Success! This meant the one we killed earlier was the leader! Now, what are we waiting for? It's time to advance to Grandmaster!

Da Fei waved his hand, "Cease fire!" and then smiled at Alina, "Miss Alina, take a break, let's leave the opportunity to Alicia and Selvia."

Alina smiled, "Alright, Lord City Lord."

Alicia laughed heartily, "Watch me, Miss Deputy City Lord!"

Selvia also cheered up, "I won't fall behind!"

Alina smiled, "The busiest is Miss Selvia, having to revive and recruit troops, she's indeed full of energy."

Da Fei nodded, "Young people should be full of energy!" Come on, girls, I'm leaving all the opportunities to you!

And at such a chance to improve skills, Catherine was not around, leaving Da Fei feeling a bit melancholic, wondering what she was up to now?

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia failed to use the Master-level Leadership Skill "Diplomacy" on a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia..., skill failed!

At that moment, Catherine and Selvia made no progress. Of course, it was normal; their previous success was mostly because the Demon Wolves had no blood and were dying. Now the wolves still had a lot of health, so they would hold out a bit longer, but with our army having recruited 3 Demon Wolves, the power gap between us would only widen, the wolves wouldn't hold out much longer.

Taking advantage of this free time, Da Fei began to inspect the attributes of the Demon Wolves:

—Hell Volcano Demon Wolf: Large Demon Creature, Attack 45, Defense 35, Damage 50-65, Life 457, Attack Speed 18, Magic Resistance 90%, Stamina 360, Command Value 120 (red text alert), Special Skill: Flying Creature, Sensitive Smell, Sensitive Hearing, Bloodthirsty Frenzy, Horror Howl, Self-Healing.

These attributes were indeed a bit stronger than Hell Demon Foxes and had an added Sensitive Hearing. No wonder they were so sensitive to Billbo's flute sound; the better the ears, the more they fear noise. Command Value was still in a headache-inducing state, Da Fei examined the Command Value explanation:

—Warning: This creature is currently in a terrified, distrustful state and has a high chance of fleeing and a certain chance of turning traitor in battle!

Damn! Turning traitor in battle? Each traitor is a scam! Who dares to use them after recruiting them now? Can't it stop being such a scam? For a moment, Da Fei felt his head ache and his muscles tense, but there was no way around it. I'll endure it! Just treat it as recruiting a group of bitter workers. I refuse to believe they can't be tamed!

Meanwhile, Alicia and Selvia kept failing, the few Demon Wolves trapped in the vine forest howled again, with distant sounds seeming to signal for backup from the wolf pack.

Da Fei smiled faintly; let them come, the more, the better. Just like when I trained the Anemone King on Newbie Island, even when I hunted Cannibal Giant Crocodiles on Pirate Island, my life indeed repeats successful experiences, constantly progressing from one victory to another.

Just then, a system prompt chimed, and a golden light descended from the sky, landing on Alicia!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alicia successfully used the Master-level Leadership Skill "Diplomacy" on a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf! 1 Hell Volcano Demon Wolf has joined your team.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! Your Vice Hero Alicia has successfully mastered the Grandmaster-level Leadership Skill!

"Ice Fruit! The skill leveled up!" Alicia laughed heartily!

Da Fei, filled with joy, said, "She leveled up with just one insight!?"

Alicia proudly responded, "Because I'm a genius!" Then she patted Selvia's head, "I'm taking a break; the rest is up to you!"

Selvia angrily said, "Don't touch me with the hand that handled dead ravens!"

Alicia laughed, "Didn't you handle dead ravens yourself!"

Ah, I couldn't help but burst out laughing! Indeed, Alicia is a genius. Whether it was initially mastering God-level Magic or creating a skill, she's exceptional. It seems the next step is to cultivate her into an independent City Lord, so I'll have peace of mind when I'm out.

Now, with three Grandmaster-level "Diplomacy" skills in the team, the recruitment advantage became more apparent, and Selvia's success was inevitable:

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia successfully used the Master-level Leadership Skill "Battle Diplomacy" on a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf! 1 Hell Volcano Demon Wolf has joined your team.

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has gained insights into the Grandmaster-level Leadership Skill!

But unfortunately, she wasn't a genius like Alicia to level up from just two insights. It's understandable; I reached Grandmaster-level only after recruiting two BOSSes. But it doesn't matter; I've already started building a recruitment assembly line, and leveling up is inevitable.

Now the next wave of wolves was about to arrive, and Selvia's stamina was almost exhausted, leaving no time for her to continue training.

So Da Fei waved his hand, "Come on, Miss Alina, Miss Deputy City Lord, let's take action!"

Alicia laughed heartily, "Miss Selvia, good luck next round!"

"Meh!"

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With the actions of three Grandmaster leaders, the last three Demon Wolves were successfully recruited, the howls subsided, and the battle ended. Indeed, the more Grandmasters there were, the smoother the recruitment!

By this point, Da Fei had recruited 7 Hell Demon Foxes and 7 Hell Demon Wolves, consuming 1500 of Da Fei's Army Command Power, but this was just the beginning. Da Fei's team hid again behind the hillside, using the time to recover their stamina and prepare for the next recruitment action.

Chapter 718: Encounter with Demon Wolf King

The valley echoed with the howls of wolves, and a new pack was about to appear, but Da Fei's radar showed nothing. No way, could they possibly be using stealth? If it's stealth, why make a sound? Shouldn't they sneak in quietly?

As he focused on the direction of the sounds, a cluster of red dots finally appeared on the edge of the Blood Eagle's radar vision. It turned out the sounds were just carrying over a long distance, making Da Fei think they had appeared earlier!

Da Fei's heart sank. A voice coming before the person, a strong one! It was likely a boss! And looking at the radar, there were at least 30 tightly packed blips. Damn! This wasn't something he could handle, right? He only had 11 Holy Vines, not enough to bind them! This was going to be big!

Of course, if the 14 wolf foxes Da Fei had recruited weren't useless, he might dare to have a go. But these recruits could be unreliable! What if the boss howls and they collectively run away or even betray him?

As he pondered, the Blood Eagle finally revealed the figure. Amidst the volcanic smoke, there was a figure at least three times larger than a normal demon wolf. It really was a boss!

What the hell! Da Fei's jaw dropped in shock!

He was used to lone bosses, not bosses with a big entourage like a heroic legion. What should he do? Get Selvia to cast wind before they descend? Impossible! The first batch of demon wolves' slowing howl incapacitated his entire army for 5 seconds, let alone the boss. If the boss appeared, he'd have no chance to act! Besides, this boss from the depths of hell might be on par with the Nightmare he encountered before!

Watching the approaching demon wolf group, Da Fei was in a panic!

What to do? Gamble, and let his newly recruited unreliable troops take on the opponents? No way! If it were about overwhelming weaker enemies with superior strength, maybe he could gamble and let them fight. But facing a Wolf King Boss, anything could happen. Damn, if they can't perform at a critical moment, what's the point of having these wastes?

Should he just run? But could he outrun their air force? Could he bear to lose the 11 Holy Vines he had painstakingly cultivated? It takes a thousand years to get just a few dozen seeds!

Perhaps there was still a way to try guerrilla tactics, the only strategy when the enemy is strong and he's weak. And the simplest form of guerrilla warfare is "dodge and not fight," simply circling the periphery to distract the opponent.

Without further thought, Da Fei had the Blood Eagle reveal itself from stealth and fly closer to the wolves to test their reactions.

As soon as the Blood Eagle appeared, it immediately attracted the wolves' attention, causing red alarm lights to flash all around! The wolves even slowed down and stopped to glance at the Blood Eagle, just a glance, before continuing toward Da Fei.

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat, indicating the opponent was vulnerable to harassment. It's just that the Blood Eagle was so weak they didn't take it seriously! So there was potential!

Da Fei quickly asked Tachiusu, "Lady Tachiusu, I need you to lead the newly recruited demon foxes and demon wolves on an independent expedition to attract and even divide the enemy's main force. This challenging guerrilla task can only be entrusted to a flying hero like you!"

Tachiusu smiled faintly, "It is my honor to relieve Lord City Lord at a critical moment. This task is right for me. I have enough command power. Should I take all the demon race units?"

Oh yeah! This feeling of command at your fingertips is genuinely exhilarating! Da Fei exclaimed excitedly, "Take them all, and try to avoid engaging in battle. Even if they do fight, losing those units isn't a big deal! Also, my Blood Eagle will follow you and activate the Petrification Aura to slow down the enemy at crucial moments."

Tachiusu nodded, "Understood, I'll set out immediately."

—System Prompt: Your team's hero Tachiusu leads 7 Hell Volcano Demon Foxes and 7 Hell Volcano Demon Wolves on an independent expedition, leaving your troops.

Watching Tachiusu's figure disappear into the mist, Da Fei felt uneasy. Honestly, assigning this guerrilla task to a regular hero was very difficult; it was really testing the hero's intelligence on an independent expedition. Anyone less talented from a tavern would probably just rush into battle right away. So, Da Fei tried to arrange for her to lead the naturally guerrilla-skilled demon foxes. Overall, the requirement was not high; she just needed to be smarter than the boss.

As for the troop losses, as long as they didn't escape, Da Fei truly didn't care; any dead could be resurrected using Elena's Dark Resurrection Skill. After all, hell resisted Light Magic, but there was no reason to resist Dark Magic. So resurrection should be feasible, assuming our army eventually wins!

At this time, Anlicia also refused to be outdone, "Lord City Lord, since it's to attract the enemy's attention, that's my specialty. I can create illusions of our legion on the Corpse Mountain to draw them in."

Da Fei nodded eagerly, "Good, good, hurry up! But demon wolves rely on their sense of smell—"

Anlicia laughed, "With such a big Corpse Mountain emitting such a strong scent, the demon wolves' first response can't possibly be us, right?"

Billbo, not to be outdone, pulled a small box from his pocket, "This is a music box Miss Anlicia bought me. It can make sounds, so I'll place this on the Corpse Mountain, sure to further attract the enemy's attention!"

What the hell! This game even had music box items? With the enemy at their doorstep, Da Fei had no time to ponder, nodding like a chicken pecking rice, "Good, good, everyone, use whatever tricks you've got!"

At this moment, in the Blood Eagle's vision, Tachiusu's troops appeared and attracted the wolves' attention. Such numbers could no longer be ignored by the wolves, so what would the wolves do?

At that moment, Da Fei clenched his fists in anguish, sweat pouring down like rain. Whether they gave chase or ignored them, neither was what Da Fei hoped for. The best outcome he envisioned was the wolves splitting up, dispersing their forces, with some coming to trample the Holy Vine and others chasing Tachiusu's guerrilla team. That way, Da Fei would have confidence in taking them down one by one.

After a brief standoff, the wolves finally moved; they ignored it and continued advancing toward Da Fei with their entire force!

—Ah pfft! Da Fei spat out a mouthful of old blood! How could the boss have such aggravating intelligence? Life's full of disappointments! He was content to have come this far; there was nothing left to say. Live like you mean it, fight when you get out, come on! His Corpse Mountain was starving for action!

But Tachiusu, unwilling to give up so easily, seeing the wolves ignore and pass by, immediately directed her troops to follow, then the seven demon wolves opened their big mouths—awoo!

Slowing howl! The wolves' advance abruptly slowed, and then Tachiusu swiftly turned to flee.

Tachiusu's provocative act finally enraged the Wolf King, perhaps because a king's pride would not allow their kind to act willfully before them. So, the wolf pack turned around and also opened their mouths—roar!

A visible sound wave, carrying volcanic dust, spread across the valley, heading straight for Da Fei!

—System Prompt: Your troops are affected by the Hell Volcano Demon Wolf King's Horror Howl and have entered a state of fear, unable to move for 2 seconds!

What the hell! Da Fei was appalled, so far away, caught before even entering battle! And this state couldn't even move, akin to Dragon Power! Could it be another Divine Beast?

Meanwhile, Tachiusu's guerrilla squad, first in line, seemed petrified with their wings still, helplessly falling from the sky and watching the approaching wolf pack!

Da Fei's eyes narrowed in shock, and his only option was to activate the Blood Eagle Petrification Aura! The opposing wolf pack's speed decreased slightly after facing the howl from his own wolf pack, then reduced further by the Blood Eagle—could they last until the sound wave effect ended?

Clearly not! Even with slowed speed, the wolves' speed was still unimaginable. And Tachiusu's squad was in the battle center; they were exposed to the sound wave for more than 2 seconds, and annihilation was imminent! At that moment, Da Fei felt as cold as water!

Just then, Billbo shouted, "Lady Tachiusu is in danger, I'll save her!" With that, a piercing flute sounded throughout the valley, as his mount leaped toward the ambush point on Corpse Mountain.

Da Fei was taken aback, What was this?

Sure enough, the wolf pack was particularly sensitive to Billbo's flute. When it sounded, the wolves, including the Wolf King, hesitated. The distant flute and the target ahead, who to kill first?

Of course, the answer was obvious—kill the target in front first!

—Awooo!!! The air filled with wails as the guerrilla team's demon wolves fell in succession to the chasing wolf pack!

Hurry up and kill! Let them die quickly! Never give them time to surrender and betray! At that moment, Da Fei could only exasperatedly pray.

Meanwhile, as another group of demon wolves chased the demon foxes, the demon foxes kicked their legs, "pfft," and in the smoky haze, vanished without a trace!

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched in surprise; that was the demon foxes' stealth, the legendary stink bomb! Didn't that exploit the demon wolves' sense of smell and sight? As for hearing—

Obviously, in the noise-filled, flute-sounding valley, the wolf pack, having lost their target, grew increasingly restless, losing patience with the half-defeated Tachiusu squad, immediately turning towards Billbo at Corpse Mountain!

Finally, saving Tachiusu's squad, Da Fei breathed a sigh of relief!

Undoubtedly, Tachiusu's squad's greatest contribution was provoking the Wolf King to unleash its battle roar move, and such a skill surely had a cooldown. Without the battle roar, there's nothing to fear! Time to roll up the sleeves and engage without hesitation!

Da Fei waved a hand, "Selvia, ready the Storm Attack! Elena, unleash all God-level Skills without reservation, annihilate the leader!"

"Understood!"

Chapter 719: Capturing the Demon Wolf King

The Demon Wolf Group lunged toward the noise-emitting Corpse Mountain. Perhaps Billbo's noise interfered with their hearing, or maybe the Phantom Army placed by Anlicia on the Corpse Mountain confused them, or the blood-soaked mountain wholly drove the wolf group frenzy in any case, the wolf pack dove without hesitation.

At this moment, the wolf group no longer had the terrifying war roar that announced their presence, so the first thing waiting for them was Selvia's storm strike!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia cast master-level light magic "Storm Attack!"

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Selvia has gained information about god-level light magic.

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped, another piece of information acquired! But now was not the time to focus on that.

Faced with the howling wind, the wolf group staggered in the storm, struggling to maintain their form, while the Wolf King, in a fit of rage, dove directly through the strong wind!

Da Fei's heart tightened, as the storm was indeed not very effective against such powerful flying creatures! But he did not expect just a gust to blow away the wolf group, he had more tricks up his sleeve!

The Wolf King crashed down on Corpse Mountain, and within the burst of flesh and blood, the Illusion Army successfully completed their mission and vanished.

This was the moment they had been waiting for, Da Fei waved his hand: "Go!"

Eleven giant vine-like tendrils shot out, instantly binding the Wolf King like a zongzi! At that moment, a cold mist enveloped Corpse Mountain, and with a wave of Alina's hand, a giant ice spike descended from the sky!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alina cast god-level destruction magic "Strong Ice Seal Skill" on the "Hell Volcano Demon Wolf King." It was sealed in ice and could not move. The Wolf King suffered from frostbite and kept losing blood and slowed down in action.

—Boom!!! Ice shards scattered everywhere!

"Ice Seal Skill damage -463!" "Elemental Chain Damage -92" "Frostbite Damage -46!" "Frostbite Damage -46!"...

A large row of damage values appeared above each Demon Wolf's head, covered in frost! The massive body of the Wolf King turned into an ice sculpture, motionless, and the Corpse Mountain underneath was also frozen over.

This was the god-level magic Alina used to obliterate a Six-headed Snake at the match arena, but this time, over thirty minions shared the damage for the BOSS! But it wasn't over yet!

Alina waved again, and an earth-yellow halo covered the iced Wolf King—boom!!! There was a muffled sound from within the Wolf King, causing the entire Corpse Mountain to quake!

"Burst Skill Damage -565!" "Visceral Bleeding Damage -56!" "Visceral Bleeding Damage -56!"...

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alina cast god-level destruction magic "Strong Burst Skill" on the "Hell Volcano Demon Wolf King," causing an internal explosion and continual visceral bleeding damage! The Wolf King's attack, damage, and stamina would weaken with the bleeding!

Indeed! This was the power of the strongest single-target god-level spell, said to be used only once a day, where the enemy not only had to share the spell's damage but also the ongoing damage and negative effects! Could they take it?

But it was not over yet, Alina used the remaining 1000 mana, boosted by Selvia's storm force, to cast a third god-level spell designed for group assault and control!

—System Prompt: Your Vice Hero Alina cast god-level destruction magic "Wind Blade Skill" on the "Hell Volcano Demon Wolf King" army, causing continuous bleeding to the enemy troops.

Countless wind blades roared out in the storm, further increasing the damage notification above each Demon Wolf's head: "Wind Blade Skill Damage -324!" "Lacerate Damage -32" "Lacerate Damage -32!"...

Thus, Alina's spells were exhausted, and under her three rounds of magical assault, the wolf group continuously took total bleeding damage of 140 per second! This was equivalent to half the health of an ordinary Angel, and even if these Demon Wolves had 4 or 5 thousand health each, without healing, they wouldn't last a minute!

And now, Blood Eagle and Tachiusu also returned to the battlefield in time. Under the triple pressure of the Petrification Aura, Big Ice Seal Skill, and Billbo's noise, the struggling Demon Wolf Group finally couldn't stabilize their forms and plummeted, just like the crows that first attacked!

Oh yeah! Who said the storm had no effect on you? It's just that the conditions weren't ripe; I wanted this kicking the dog when it's down effect!

—System Prompt: Your independently dispatched heroic leader Tachiusu requests to return to the army, do you agree?

Rendezvous is good, agree! There was nothing more to say now, full attack commenced! First, kill the minions then the bound BOSS! As long as victory was in hand, sacrificing more troops was worth it!

As for why the BOSS was being killed last, one reason was the situation, another was due to an unrealistic sliver of assimilation fantasy within Da Fei's heart. Anyway, now all of Da Fei's Forest Goddesses and Angel Army attacked the falling Demon Wolves.

And then, in a flash of red light across the sky, the Demon Fox Army, which had been hidden in the mist (fart), suddenly appeared beside a falling Demon Wolf, and with a series of Rapid Bites "-105!" "-111!" "-

103!" damage values flashed across the screen, the Demon Wolf cried out miserably and died before it could fight back!

At that moment, tears filled Da Fei's eyes, it felt so good to see his troops hitting three digits! At this critical moment of kicking the fallen enemy, the Demon Fox Army did not screw up, such joy without chaos was akin to a mixed soldier team situation, the higher the hero's morale, the less likely they would screw up.

Also worth mentioning was, despite the relatively low damage of the Demon Fox, the 20 base attack speed and Rapid Bite special skill of the Blood Eagle made the attack frequency beastly!

With the addition of these seven Demon Fox units, the scales of victory tilted overwhelmingly towards Da Fei. The frost-covered wolves lying on the ground could no longer fly and kept losing blood, making them no match for Da Fei's unit, howling in misery one after another, without a chance to fight back!

And the boss, tied into a ball by eleven stout Holy Vines, had no chance to break free, the outcome was set!

Da Fei couldn't help but laugh out loud! This battle's conclusion had been predetermined from the very start, not only because it missed using its skills at the right time but also because its opponent was a team of god-level heroes!

Finally, the last Demon Wolf fell with a tragic howl, leaving the boss trapped in the cage roaring on the entire battlefield!

Looking at this boss sitting and waiting for its inevitable end, Da Fei's heart had an unrealistic delusion like an uncontrollably erupting fire!

His team boasted three Grandmaster-level in leadership skill along with a master, could they recruit it? Probably not! Because the chances of recruiting a boss are incredibly low, unless it was a storyline scene boss, the chances of recruitment were almost zero, let alone this was a boss in the hell scene, its rank was incomparable to ordinary bosses.

But how would he know without trying? In the Divine Domain Space, he successfully recruited an entire band of Forest Demons, not to mention an Earth Element boss. Perhaps the Hell scene and the Divine Domain Space were all storyline scenes?

In any case, it couldn't escape, whether they could recruit it was like winning the lottery, and even if they couldn't, they'd still earn loot and essence, Da Fei wouldn't lose out, wahaha! But, to avoid wasting stamina, they decided not to exhaust themselves on the boss and let a dozen Holy Vines drain it to the brink of death before taking action.

Then Da Fei waved his hand: "Ceasefire, everyone rest where they are!"

Anlicia asked in surprise: "Lord City Lord, what is the meaning of this?"

Aren't you a genius with high intelligence? Da Fei laughed and said: "Of course, it's to find a way to recruit it, in the harsh environment of hell, we really need strong troops, although it's difficult, it's worth a try, isn't it?"

Anlicia frowned and said: "But what if its howls draw more reinforcements? Currently, all of our Holy Vines are used against it and can't handle unexpected situations."

Da Fei was suddenly enlightened! Yeah! He couldn't foster future troubles just for an unreliable recruitment attempt, right? Da Fei had to sigh: "The night is long and full of dreams, looks like it's safer to kill it."

Billbo nodded confidently: "My Lord City Lord, the wolf's reinforcement calls just now were long notes, carrying far. But now its howl is short and shouldn't carry far, it's probably not calling for reinforcements."

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped: "Indeed, this howl is different from before! Should we take a gamble then?"

Anlicia shrugged: "Then let's gamble, it's possible that the wolf pack brought by the Wolf King is all of its troops."

Da Fei clapped his hands: "Good, then let's gamble, everyone rest up, prepare for recruitment."

Billbo smiled and said: "Lord City Lord, may I gather materials?"

What a persevering skinner-man! Da Fei laughed loudly: "Go gather then."

Billbo was overjoyed: "Got it!"

Ignoring the Wolf King's struggles and roars, Da Fei's entire unit began recovering mana and stamina, especially Alina and Selvia whose mana had been exhausted and needed meditation recovery desperately.

The slain Demon Wolves needed to be moved to Corpse Mountain, fortunately, the Forest Goddesses had used their stamina up, and they could transport the corpses. Plus, the seven wolves killed in the skirmish needed resurrection through Alina's Dark Resurrection Skill; in general, there was much to do.

Right at this moment, Tachiusu, looking apologetic, came to Da Fei, shaking her head in regret: "My Lord City Lord, I'm very sorry, it turns out you had to come to support me."

Da Fei laughed heartily and said: "No, no, no, the reason this battle was won so easily is due to Lady Tachiusu's significant role; if the wolf group had howled on our main troops, we'd have had no choice but to endure slaughter, so when we return, I must properly thank Lady Tachiusu, feel free to ask for anything, don't hold back!"

After all, Tachiusu hadn't become Da Fei's formal subordinate and was just now in a dangerous situation, so reassurance was necessary.

Tachiusu smiled and said: "I have no other requests now, I just wish that under the Lord City Lord's leadership, our Lumang Tribe will thrive until it becomes a prosperous and strong Vine Demon City."

Vine Demon City? Da Fei's eyebrows couldn't help but lift, that's quite an ambition!

Tamilia nodded: "Yes, ever since the Solar Eclipse War a millennium ago, both the Vine Demon and Flower Demon tribes have lost their cities, now, the still surviving Lumang Tribe must shoulder the great responsibility of rejuvenating the race."

Tachiusu smiled and said: "And this great responsibility can only rely on our City Lord."

Da Fei laughed heartily: "No problem, no problem! Your ambition is also my goal, let's develop and prosper together!"

Anlicia burst into laughter unexpectedly: "Lady Tachiusu, the first to step forward was actually Billbo, you should be thanking him!"

Tachiusu laughed: "Of course, this battle has witnessed the friendship between our Lumang Tribe and Habbit Village, after this, our two tribes will work together under the Lord City Lord's leadership to forge progressive thriving."

At that moment, Billbo suddenly yelled: "Oh my! Don't thank me just yet, can someone help pack the fur, my harvesting space bag is full!"

Everyone was taken aback, Da Fei smiled wryly and said: "Then just don't pack!"

Harvester space bags and miner bags, warfare machinery space bags, everything is used to transport some specific large items, these large items normally can't be carried in the player's equipment backpack but can be carried by transport vehicles. Da Fei had neither a transport vehicle nor a harvesting bag, so there was nothing he could do.

Billbo was so anxious he almost cried: "This is prime demon skin, there's over thirty pieces, it would be such a waste not to take it."

Indeed, Da Fei agreed it was heart-wrenching! What to do?

Suddenly, Da Fei remembered the Blood Eagle had three item slots, the Blood Eagle could carry them back to the Divine Punishment City! Damn! He was too clever!

Chapter 720: Return to the City to Deliver a Letter

Da Fei hurriedly said to Billbo, "I have an idea: how about we use the Blood Eagle to air transport your Space Bag back to Divine Punishment City?"

Billbo blinked, "Who will receive it? Just drop it on the ground?"

Damn it, what's with the blinking? Like someone else would receive it and then swallow up your stuff? Da Fei said with amused surprise, "How could that be? Whether it's Miss Ror or Uncle Will, if they see my Blood Eagle flying back, they should know what it's about, right?"

That's right, the Blood Eagle and I are connected by blood. When the Blood Eagle arrives, it's as if I'm there myself - NPCs must provide reception.

Anlicia said with a grin, "Right, before we came here, we couldn't find suitable armor for Billbo in Farolan. Why don't we have that blacksmith uncle craft him a full suit of armor using the dragon skin Billbo collected and such?"

Da Fei's brows twitched, "Exactly, that was my intention coming here. I believe there is no blacksmith stronger than this Angel Blacksmith in the entire world. What do you think, Billbo?"

Billbo nodded excitedly, "That's great, let's do as Lord City Lord suggests!"

Anlicia laughed, "Then I'll also write a letter to take with us, so the blacksmith uncle can prepare." As she spoke, Anlicia pulled out a stationery pouch and a feather pen from her backpack, then began writing vigorously on a clipboard, reading aloud as she wrote:

—"Honorable Uncle Will, our forces have reaped bountiful gains on the front lines. We now request your safekeeping of a package of Demon Beast hides and request you select suitable materials to craft a full suit of armor for our brave warrior Billbo..."

Da Fei said in surprise, "Miss Anlicia, you actually carry all this with you?"

Anlicia huffed, "I am the Vice City Lord, there could always be a need for on-site office work. How could I not carry some office tools with me?"

That's true indeed. The Blood Eagle can't speak, so in situations like this, it's essential to use letters to make things clear. Da Fei couldn't help but remark, "It looks like I, as the Lord City Lord, need to prepare a set of office tools to carry with me!"

Tachiusu said with envy, "I too am a tribal leader and am now starting to engage in external communications. I need to prepare a set too."

Billbo wouldn't be outdone, "I, I am going to be the future village chief of Habbit Village, so I need to prepare one too!"

Damn, looks like Billbo is quite aware of his future prospects?

Anlicia laughed heartily, "Having documents isn't enough; you also need a personal seal. That's the symbol of credit, identity, and reputation. Is anyone interested in carving their own seals? Usually, regular folks don't have the privilege to do so!"

Seals? Everyone eagerly nodded, "Of course we're interested! Are we qualified to carve one?"

Anlicia replied with a smile, "Certainly, just being Intern Knights is a formal identity that qualifies you all to carve a seal. With a seal, everyone's letters will have influence when they circulate through the kingdoms."

With that, Anlicia brought out a chess piece-like, ornate seal and breathed on it, "Just like this—"

Da Fei suddenly understood—seals are prestige upgrade, a symbol of entering high society! He'd been a City Lord for so many years but was still so outdated and behind times.

And just as Anlicia was about to stamp the seal on the paper, Da Fei suddenly remembered something and quickly said, "Wait! There's another thing to add—say that we've captured a Hell Volcano Demon Wolf King and see if Uncle Will or Miss Ror can find a way to tame it."

Anlicia nodded, "Got it! Oh, and I need to add that our forces have recruited 14 Demon Beasts on the front line, significantly bolstering our capability to combat the Demon Caravan. That's an essential point for claiming credit."

Da Fei nodded repeatedly, "Exactly, exactly, we've been out for a while and need to report our progress to headquarters so that Miss Ror won't worry."

Anlicia had another realization, "Ah, since it's a letter of merit, it should be addressed to Lord Ror! Ah, esteemed Lord Ror, um, write that at the top of the letter..."

Da Fei thought of another thing, "Right, also write that our forces are experiencing resistance from Light Energy in the volcano, making resurrection recovery slow and difficult, and ask if Miss Ror could send some potions for support!"

Anlicia nodded, "Understood."

What else? Oh right, Advanced Reconnaissance Skill allows one to draw maps, so I might as well draw a map of the surrounding area and bring it along.

So everything was ready, Blood Eagle carried the material bag and Anlicia's letter and took off to the skies. As for everyone else, they continued with what they needed to do, whether resting, skinning, resurrecting, or whatnot.

The Blood Eagle flew out of the smoggy volcano. At this moment, Da Fei's vision and mood both broadened; even the hellish scenery that looked so harsh before now seemed grand and majestic to him. After all, the feeling of being on a campaign outside yet still being able to contact headquarters was truly reliable. This is just like a modern, high-tech transport plane—how impressive is that!

The Blood Eagle reached Lava Lake Dock, where not only were there still Demon Heroes guarding, but Demon Workers had also begun construction. However, the Siege Cars had yet to arrive—it seemed the Demon Caravan was still struggling through the mountains. Good, let them struggle.

Blood Eagle then returned to Despair Plain, where the plain was still swarming with a dense mass of demons. A trench encircling Divine Punishment City had been completed, and two more were being urgently constructed, with numerous spike-filled Anti-Horse Barriers set up along the trench line.

It seemed that this time the demons were truly investing heavily in the attack, and it wasn't just a casual skirmish. Now Da Fei felt the gravity of his mission—even more so, considering that the more significant the mission, the stronger the NPCs' support. Ror and the others were bound to respond to his call for assistance.

Blood Eagle flew back to Divine Punishment City and from afar saw the haggard figure of Ror standing on the city walls, her eyes straining into the distance. Hahaha, no need to strain any longer, I've come to bring you good news!

Thus, the Blood Eagle revealed itself as it flew into the barrier. Ror, as expected, was slightly taken aback, "Is it the Warrior?"

Hahaha! Just as seeing the eagle is like seeing the Emperor, show me a smile! Blood Eagle cried out and landed before Ror, tossing out the letter and material bag. Ror, knowing what to do, immediately picked up the items and read the letter.

Oh yeah! It's just a pity that Blood Eagle can't talk or trade—no rights for a messenger!

Ror hastily skimmed the letter and excitedly said, "Warrior, it's unimaginable that you have achieved so much in the Flame Domain Volcano! Please wait a moment, Warrior, I'll find a solution for you right away!"

She then waved and called out to the smithy, Pharmacy, and Mercenary Store, "Uncle Will, Reilly, Dor, there's an urgent matter, all of you come together to find a solution!"

Oh yeah! Blood Eagle let out a long screech, and Da Fei laughed heartily at the sky once more. It's doable! Too awesome for words! As long as the Pharmacy's owner is called over, nothing else matters—the potion part is surely settled!