

God level 781

Chapter 781: Annihilating the Demon Regular Legion

In this game, the way melee troops fight is very straightforward; slash means slash, stab means stab, without all sorts of bizarre Tornado Slashes or Chrysanthemum Stabs as melee skills. The mainframe can't possibly support thousands of soldiers launching those chaotic melee skills simultaneously.

But now, Da Fei seems to see the legendary and extremely gorgeous Tornado Slash! It's the unique visual effect formed by Elda and Roger Tal's long weapons rapidly slashing with high attack speed. Large groups of wounded Flying Demons scream and perish under the whirlwind's harvest, without even having a chance to counterattack or get close!

At this moment, Da Fei jumps up excitedly! It can work! With just those two, even though my squad has only 10-odd people, it's no problem to slay a hundred times the number of wounded enemies! This is the power of the One-Winged Angel, this is the legendary Thousand-man Slaughter!

According to legend, One-Winged Angels, carrying the guilt of their sins, were punished by the gods and sent to the mortal world. They lost their ranks, and even the honor of fighting in the main battlefield. They walk with mortal bodies in the darkest corners of the world engaged in unspeakable work. They are executioners among angels, their cruelty often leads people to confuse them with Fallen Angels who descend into hell, so they have another alias — "Cruel Angel"!

The battle continues, the harvest persists, almost five minutes have passed, and the bodies of hundreds to nearly a thousand Flying Demons have piled into a massive meat mountain, yet there are still hundreds of remaining enemies and those not blasted by the Evil Formation! It must be said, Flying Army too clustered, making their accurate number difficult to estimate.

And Da Fei's squad's stamina is starting to turn red, especially Roger Tal, the more he exerts, the more it drains, even with 1200 points of Basic Physical Strength, even with the stamina skills of 4 Power Angels replenishing stamina, even with Divine Artifact Earth Dragon Boots' 10-second 10% stamina recovery, they can't sustain his whirlwind-like swings!

Indeed, attributes like attack speed and move speed are merely maximum values, just like running at max move speed for a long time consumes a lot of stamina, sustaining peak attack speed over time also consumes a lot of stamina!

In the end, Thousand-man Slaughter is impossible to realize; stamina is the most crucial factor limiting a troop's enduring performance. This is true both in-game and in real ancient cold weapon warfare. The most common example is professional boxers getting exhausted in a two or three-minute match, let alone this fast-paced battle lasting five minutes!

It must be said, a harvest battle thought to be easily victorious ending up like this is truly awkward! But this is the price to be paid by fighting outnumbered.

We must rest. Da Fei immediately shouts to Elda and Roger Tal, "You two go back to the formation and rest! I'll encircle you with our troops!"

Elda smugly smiles, "Let him rest first, then take over from me— if you all rest at once, how many seconds can your small squad hold out?"

Da Fei suddenly realizes! Indeed, I feel it's fine when the enemy can't fight back because of us, but if relying on us ten to stand our ground— hmph! I don't believe a level 2 city wall-like defense can't block these scattered soldiers.

Without further thought, Da Fei quickly withdraws Roger Tal into the crowd to meditate and rest, then without hesitation, takes out Reilly's medical kit and pulls out the two bottles on the far right. These two bottles have been used in the match and hence registered and canceled by the match server; they can't be used next time in a match. So just drink them now.

Damn, I've looked past it, why am I still hung up on the match until now? Ultimately, it's because of the dissatisfaction in my heart. Perhaps, with just Roger Tal's power alone, sweeping through a tactical position's player melee army is enough? Provided— ah, let's not talk about conditions anymore, it only dampens the mood!

With Roger Tal back to resting, half of Da Fei's squad is exposed to the Flying Demons' assault, the ordinary Power Angels lack long weapon advantages, though they can leverage the attack speed to first strike and instant-kill a swath of Flying Demons. However, the subsequent Flying Demons promptly follow up to strike, causing over 10 points of damage to the Angels.

Although individually the damage isn't much, these waves of follow-up strikes add significant healing pressure on Da Fei!

Da Fei grits his teeth, "I need micro-operation!"

Indeed! While it's impossible to operate hundreds or thousands of soldiers in pitch-black, can ten soldiers still stump me?

As time slowly passes, Da Fei focused entirely on withdrawing severely injured angels into the inner circle to rest, concentrating on directing angels to focus on healing. Da Fei feels time dragging on slowly, for the first time sensing the sheer number of hundreds of enemies, giving a never-ending anxiety of killing!

It was at this moment, Roger Tal rises tall, "I can't wait, I want to kill with pleasure!"

Da Fei shouts urgently, "Miss Elda, quickly come back to rest!"

Elda smiles wearily, "No need, I can still hold up, let's make one last push!"

Da Fei's eyebrow twitches, isn't this the best opportunity for heroism saving the day? Da Fei immediately leaps out of the formation, smiling arrogantly, "Let me hold them off, as the commander, I'm the best target for drawing hatred and attracting fire."

Elda says no more, forces herself to reaper a group wipe. What Da Fei said is true; the commander is always the primary target for enemies to prioritize in killing. Suddenly, a large number of Flying Demons swoop towards Da Fei!

Hmph! I'm merely baiting you, how can I be easily surrounded! Da Fei rushes swiftly around the troop, then, above his head, "-13!" "-16" "-14" damage values line up!

Brothers, endure! Every time I take a hit, my troops take one less hit. This is when I, as the commander, make an impact! When my Titan's Spear is ready again, I'll fight fiercely!

Finally, the battles that should be won will ultimately be won. The flashing blades ceased, and the last enemy fell. At this moment, Da Fei's entire army was at full health and stamina, yet without a single loss! And the anticipated system prompt finally arrived:

—System Prompt: Battle over! You annihilated the Lava Blood Lake Guard Corps 5th regiment, you gained 2.64 million experience, you received 1,264 pieces of Demon Essence! You obtained the mission item "Hell Regular Army Order"!

—System Prompt: You have systematically destroyed a regiment-level Demon regular army unit, you achieved the "Legion Annihilator" achievement, your Command Power +100, Life +20, Attack +2, Defense +2, Magic Power +2, Knowledge +2.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You achieved the "Victory of the 17th Battle," gaining a Command Power reward of +10

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You achieved the "Victory of the 11th Glorious Battle," gaining a Command Power reward of +20 and Personal Life +20.

—Hell Regular Army Order: The Legion Token for the 5th regiment of the Lava Blood Lake Guard Corps, with a history of 10,000 years, 473 wins and 164 losses. A proof of systematically annihilating enemy forces. Submitting the enemy's Legion Order to the Kingdom or a relevant faction can earn merit and reputation rewards.

Da Fei was startled, eyebrows raised, Regular Army Legion Order! Damn, no wonder the fight was so hard, it turns out I was facing the legendary regular army! 1,264 pieces of essence! Meaning this regular army is all elite troops that are guaranteed to drop essence!?

My goodness, if it weren't for Elda's Divine Arts blasting their Life Limit to nothing, under normal circumstances my dozen or so people wouldn't be enough even as toothpicks! And luckily, this regular army had no hero leading them! Otherwise, they wouldn't have foolishly charged to their death.

The regular army was mentioned in the previous text, it's the exclusive army of NPC forces, the legion number, like the achievements of the Sea Monster Hunter, can provide additional attributes to the regular army. The longer the army's history and the more illustrious their battle record, the more attribute bonus from their numeral.

So players facing NPC regular army have three major disadvantages: 1, The powerful high-level heroes of the NPC forces, 2, The unique elite units of the NPC forces, 3, The high-level attribute bonus from the numeral.

Of course, there's a fourth disadvantage: It's almost impossible to gain experience and spoils of war without annihilating the regular army, especially against regular army led by heroes who can both fight and run. And the reason Da Fei could annihilate it is likely because this regular army was given the order to "hold to the death"!

Players can of course join regular armies, but once joined, they must accept the task instructions from NPC superiors, which equates to losing freedom.

Speaking of which, Jilrien also mentioned trying to help me join that so-called Elf Kingdom Special Forces "Nature Guardians," I wonder how the arrangement is going? If it's troublesome, it doesn't matter if I don't join.

In any case, getting my hands on a merits-inviting Legion Order and over 1,200 pieces of essence when I most lack troops is truly a blessing in disguise. Who knows how many rewards handing in a Legion Order can get!? And more importantly, annihilating the Guard Corps, all the Fallen Angels will be rescued by me, my military strength will be unprecedently enhanced! Haha, mwahaha!

Uh, wait a minute!

There are just over 10 minutes left before the next round of the tournament, I don't have time to go back and hand in the mission? Can I possibly not go rescue them and just return now? Otherwise, next time I come it might be a hero-led regular army.

Da Fei couldn't help but shake his head and sigh, I'm still struggling with what to leave and not to leave. If I knew this, I shouldn't have beaten that Korean!

Well, whatever happens, happens. Maybe Roger Tal can easily achieve a Thousand-man Slaughter by cutting players, who's afraid of whom?

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At this moment, the Dragon Slayer Guild Command Center.

The countdown to the start of the next round has already begun. Although the Dragon Slayer Guild's contestant Shadow Dragon is fully prepared to go all out, there is not much advantage against the Russian Zone's Dwarf Ivan. The swift assault of the Dwarf Clan is the bane of the slow-burning Undead Race, and regardless of the terrain, the Undead will never have the advantage over the Dwarves, with a high chance of losing. And against Sweden's Thor's Hand, there's even less chance. The whole world knows what the Swedish team is up to now.

Then, what if it's against Da Fei? At this moment, Ma Yinglong looked at Da Fei's grayed-out and unreachable name on the friend's list, falling into deep contemplation.

Chapter 782: Do You Know What the Realm of the Gambling God Is?

The battle is over, and Da Fei's team rests while waiting for the lake water to recede.

Such free time must not be wasted during an expedition, so Da Fei pulls out the cheating poker and approaches Miss Elda with a chuckle: "Miss Elda, do you have time for a round?"

Elda's eyelids twitch upon seeing the poker in Da Fei's hand: "That poker of yours?"

Da Fei chuckles: "I heard it's a master's art piece. Playing cards with Miss Elda certainly can't use ordinary poker."

Elda responds indifferently: "Interesting, let's do it."

— System Prompt: Elda invites you to a poker battle. You may choose the following poker games: 1, Texas Hold'em. 2, Showhand. 3, Haven't decided yet...

Da Fei sneers internally, as long as it's about size, my cheating poker is unbeatable! Texas Hold'em is too high-end; I don't get it. But Showhand is a high-end sport that accompanied my childhood, cultivated by

Gambling God Zhou Runfa and Gambling Saint Zhou Xingxing. Even if I can't do anything else, conjuring an unbeatable Straight Flush is no problem.

Yes, I'll use the Straight Flush to crush you, making you truly convinced!

Inevitable, Da Fei starts with a diamond 9, and continues "playing cards" to reveal the diamond 10, J, Q, K! Straight Flush completely crushes Elda's three of a kind A's!

In that instant, Elda is shocked and speechless! Despite Da Fei's internal laughter, he feels a thrill of fear—uh-oh, three A's in a row, is this even fair? It's not my exaggerated Straight Flush acting; I have no choice but to win with Straight Flush!

Elda then regains her composure, shouting in dissatisfaction: "Again!"

Da Fei's heart skips a beat. Could she be suspecting me? Damn it, anyone would be suspicious—a Straight Flush, only Gambling God and Gambling Saint could effortlessly draw it, the normal probability of occurrence is hardly higher than winning the lottery!

Anyway, as long as I win, I've fulfilled your second condition; it's time to call it quits!

Da Fei immediately points to the distant Blood Lake: "Look over there, the lake water has receded, full military operation!"

Elda turns her head to look, indeed. Turning back again, Da Fei has already put away the poker, her mouth is instantly twisted with rage: "It hasn't fully receded. There's still time for another round! Earlier, I sensed unknown magic power fluctuations!"

Da Fei is startled, thinking she must be suspecting! If that's true, it would backfire! No, no matter what, I can't accept another round; otherwise, it's likely to be exposed.

Da Fei struggles to maintain composure and sighs deeply: "Do you know the probability of a Straight Flush appearing?"

Elda says sternly: "A deck can form 40 Straight Flushes. In a deck with 5 cards, there are 2,598,290 combinations, and the probability of a Straight Flush occurring is 40 divided by 2,598,290—less than one in ten thousand!"

Oh? Is that how it's calculated? Da Fei is horrified but stays calm: "You mean, normally, a Straight Flush doesn't appear?"

Elda coldly replies: "Exactly!"

Da Fei feels the chill from her tone, but now he must act cool to the end! Da Fei sighs: "Then do you know about any Gambling God?"

Elda stammers for a moment, then shrugs: "There is no such god in the world!"

Da Fei sighs again: "That's because Gambling God is not a real god. Gambling God himself is just a mortal, but he has reached the undefeated realm of Gambling God through mortal wisdom."

Elda is amazed: "Oh? What is the realm of Gambling God?"

Da Fei casually replies: "The realm of Gambling God is when he doesn't want to lose, or can't lose, he absolutely won't lose! This is the turning point of fate, the domain of the gods, which for mortals often only has one chance to touch, and I used it just now only to prove I could beat you—"

At this moment, Elda is so shocked she is speechless!

Seize the opportunity! Da Fei looks far into the distance and says softly: "The way of Gambling God is profound and unfathomable, and I have merely glimpsed a bit of the path, yet even so, it has led me to comprehend God-level Luck Skill. If Miss Elda is interested, you can follow me to explore the secrets of Gambling God, but before that, we should rescue the trapped Fallen Angel—you see, the lake has fully receded, we should move!"

Indeed, after all this bragging, it is time for the lake water to fully recede!

Elda finally snorts coldly: "Then let's move!"

Da Fei breathes a sigh of relief. At this moment, Da Fei realized he's drenched in a cold sweat! Well, it's definitely not from too much exhaustion, it's just fear of her flipping out.

Now, Da Fei's squad reaches Blood Lake, where a dark red and black giant beast is chained in the lake. Upon seeing Da Fei's team arrive, it actively speaks: "Ten thousand years, I've finally awaited rebirth, save me!"

Then there's no need to say more, fulfill your wish!

Without guards, the blood maggots emerging from the lake pose no obstruction to Da Fei, armed with Divine Artifacts. With the final stroke, the Fallen Angel cries out: "Awesome!"

Then transforms into a Light Ball, circling around Da Fei.

— System Prompt: You have entered the mission "Redemption of Fallen Angels," currently redeemed Fallen Angels: 2.

Oh yeah! The second Angel citizen, quickly rest and prepare for the next one!

Perhaps after defeating the Fallen Angel at the lake bottom, the entire Blood Lake group's receding speed started to increase. Overall, after resting for a brief time, Blood Eagle's vision spotted another Blood Lake receding, oh yeah! Now this is truly exhilarating!

Two, three, four, Da Fei continually flies from one Blood Lake to another, with six dark balls of light swirling around him.

And at this moment, the inevitable finally arrived:

— European Union Zone Announcement: "Hero World Cup" individual match international elimination match 9th match (semi-finals) begins, wishing you a successful match.

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

— System Prompt: You've chosen your military strength as follows, please select the forces to take into battle: Leader-level Angel Alife, 6 Power Angels, 4 Power Angels, follower Roger Tal.

Da Fei lets out a deep sigh, Elda ultimately is not his troop. No matter, the match is casual, go out and do it.

— System Prompt: You've selected your combat troops, about to connect to the World Battle Network match venue, scene transitioning, please wait peacefully...

— System Prompt: You've entered the competition venue mountain gorge, your opponent is China Region player "Shadow Dragon"!

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Da Fei is instantly stunned. Encountered a Chinese person? Then bursts into laughter!

Alright, alright, even though I never show leniency when PK-ing Chinese players domestically, abroad I must have national pride. Losing to a Chinese is better than losing to a foreigner! Fine, my head is here, feel free to take it, the battle for national glory in the future is up to you.

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At this moment, Dragon Slayer Command Center.

Facing such a match, the entire command center is astonished.

Ma Yinglong can't help but laugh: "Dying a worthy death! Alright, let the whole world see the grace of our Dragon Slayer..."

Chapter 783: Want to See How Far Da Fei Can Go

Host: "Good evening, audience members. Welcome to the Hero News evening live broadcast. The Hero World Cup semifinals are about to begin. Our China Region's Shadow Dragon from the Dragon Slayer Guild, Big Ivan from Russia's War Angel Team, Thor's Hand from Sweden's Gods Dusk Team, and the highly anticipated Da Fei will compete for tomorrow's finals. We have Shenlan from Ninth Heaven as our guest commentator in the studio once again."

Shenlan laughed heartily: "Hello again, everyone. I hope you won't get tired of me. Even if you do, please don't say it out loud, save me some face. Originally, someone from the Dragon Slayer should be here to commentate for this match—by the way, host, are they not coming because they have no face to show?"

Host laughed: "Dragon Slayer's explanation remains that it's inconvenient for them to appear, and everything is beyond words."

Shenlan laughed: "That's right, after all, it's inconvenient for their own people to critique them. It's more entertaining for the audience to see competing guilds like us undermine them. So, to make my appearance worthwhile, I'm definitely going to take down Dragon Slayer's platform this time."

Host laughed: "Alright, then start undermining it now."

Shenlan sighed: "Currently, Shadow Dragon is in a very unfavorable position. Whether they face Big Ivan from Russia or Thor from Sweden, it's hard to win unless they randomly get the Death Wilderness terrain. But that terrain is often plains, and they might not have time to affect the opponent and get directly defeated by an assault. In short, Shadow Dragon is very likely to stop here."

Host nodded: "Then there's another possibility of meeting Da Fei."

Shenlan nodded: "Indeed, but even if they beat Da Fei, they still have to face Sweden's Thor's Hand in tomorrow's final. But achieving the runner-up is still quite an impressive accomplishment, so I must congratulate the Dragon Slayer Guild."

Host laughed: "It seems the voices for Sweden winning the championship are quite high, but Sweden themselves don't think so—everyone, please watch the video. This is Da Fei in the European Union Zone, openly recruiting two One-Winged Angels in sequence, one of whom is a One-Winged Angel

female hero. With unknown strength of these angels and uncertain whether angel heroes can participate, the match presents many variables. Shenlan, can you introduce the One-Winged Angel hero to the audience?"

Shenlan laughed: "Honestly, just now I was checking news on my phone while eating, and I was shocked when I saw this video. This is the first time I've seen an Angel Race hero besides creating a new character."

Host: "Playing on your phone while eating isn't a good habit, kids, don't learn from him."

Shenlan shook his head, laughing: "Among the six conventional races, the Hell Race is defined as the enemy of angels. We often see many demon heroes, but those demons are usually low-level demons and not in the same league as the Angel Race. Those demons still haven't escaped the realm of mortals. Only high-level demons, known for their strong aggression and omnipresence in the game, can truly rival the angel race. In one word, they're godlike!"

Host nodded: "So, an angel hero able to rival high-level demons must know Divine Arts?"

Shenlan seriously: "That's right! Ordinary NPC angels might already know Divine Arts, let alone angel heroes. If the magic skills we players have are strategic skills, then Divine Arts are nuke-level strategic skills. Moreover, using Divine Arts has severe negative effects on players, but angels don't have this problem. That's why angel heroes are terrifyingly able to toss nukes like grenades."

Host nodded: "I see, we can understand Sweden's tension now. And Da Fei publicly expressed in a bar his intention to recruit this angel hero. How likely do you think Da Fei will succeed?"

Shenlan bitterly smiled: "This question truly leaves me speechless. For a player like Da Fei, surrounded by beautiful female heroes, I just want to say—Da Fei must die!"

Host laughed: "It's undeniable that the rarity of female heroes is a significant issue players strongly react to currently."

"Alright, it's now 6 PM Beijing Time, and the match officially begins. Let's connect to the live match scene. The groups are decided; Sweden's Thor's Hand against Russia's Big Ivan, China's Shadow Dragon against Da Fei!"

Shenlan sighed deeply: "Ah, what a frustrating match-up, internal conflict among China Region players in the semifinals."

Host sighed: "Indeed, it's quite a pity. Now Da Fei's forces have five more angels and a One-Winged Angel than last time. It seems Da Fei still hasn't recruited that angel hero. Meanwhile, Shadow Dragon sticks with their original vampire-focused main forces. Unfortunately, angels are spiritual creatures and can't be drained. But this mountainous terrain seems very suitable for Da Fei's mobile guerrilla tactics with his angel forces. If Da Fei really has a divine artifact capable of flying in the competition map, he might not lose after all?"

Shenlan seriously: "Precisely, the advantage of the Undead is in exhausting the opponent's stamina with a massive amount of low-level troops on plains. This mountainous terrain greatly disadvantages them, so Shadow Dragon must watch out for decapitations."

Host nodded: "If Da Fei can still win, it will truly be a legendary battle. Now, neither side is taking any action, and Da Fei hasn't gone into stealth, as they may be contemplating the terrain and strategies. Let's now focus on the Sweden vs. Russia match—holy cow!"

Shenlan exclaimed: "So many angels! Sweden has so many angels! As expected, Russia is not facing just one Sweden, but the entire European Union!"

Host exclaimed: "There are over 50 angels! How will the combat nation of Russia respond?"

Shenlan exclaimed: "Of course, charge! The combat nation's fearless advance, there's no choice!"

The host excitedly said, "That's right, the entire Russian army has once again activated the Charging Rune, charging towards the Swedish position at an incredible speed. At this speed, the Swedish team's archers only have time to shoot one arrow! Now, the Swedish players' Blazing Angel Corps have taken action, thirty Flame Flying Spears have been launched—boom!!! Oh my god!~!"

Shenlan exclaimed, "The host is stunned. Let me take over the commentary—boom boom boom boom! The entire battlefield is a sea of fire, nothing can be seen. Damn, this is a rocket launcher! Who in the world can stop this—"

The host exclaimed, "Wiped out! The charging dwarf unit of the warrior nation is completely wiped out! This is the power of thirty Blazing Angels united! Shenlan, how do you view the power of the Blazing Angels?"

Shenlan: "....."

Host: "Very well, Shenlan is currently dumbfounded, which shows the power of the Blazing Angels. I must say, using 3rd-level Charging Dwarfs as a yardstick for the special 7th-level Blazing Angels indeed lacks merit, but for this match, for the Russian players whose highest unit is only 4th-level, it is pretty much a foregone conclusion now."

"Now, let's turn our attention back to the match of the Chinese players—uh, wait a minute! A minute has already passed in the match, and both sides have yet to make any reaction or move, what are they doing?"

Only then did Shenlan come to his senses, "Hey hey, are they going easy on each other?"

The host chuckled, "Highly suspicious, so who is going easy on whom?"

Shenlan chuckled, "We'll have to wait for the final result. Personally, I hope Dragon Slayer is going easy on Da Fei, so tomorrow's match will be even more exciting."

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At this moment, in the Dragon Slayer Command Center, Ma Yinglong quietly watched the match between the Swedish Team and the Russian Team, while silently following the commentary on Hero News.

"Going easy?" Ma Yinglong shook his head with a smile, "That's right, they're going easy! I believe many people around the world, even those in the United States who are most wary of Da Fei, hope I go easy."

Chang Liang frowned and said, "I don't understand, it looks to others like we're deliberately currying favor with Da Fei by giving him a goodwill gesture. A match is a match, and a favor is a favor. Is it necessary for us, with our Dragon Slayer strength, to be so accommodating to an individual player?"

Ma Yinglong shook his head with a smile, "It's simple, I want to see how far Da Fei can go, and even the United States and the European Union want to see how far Da Fei can go. So Da Fei cannot fall here, or else we won't get to see anything— As for the match, he doesn't even care about it, so why should we care about a match with little value? As the match progresses to this point, we've come to understand the strength of all the other opponents, except for Da Fei."

Chang Liang suddenly realized, "That's true, if Da Fei cared about the match, he would have returned directly from the European Union Zone."

Ma Yinglong cleared his throat and said, "Actually, mainly I want to give him a favor, as long as he is happy, he might sell me the parts of the Curse Armor, you've been wanting to complete the Curse Armor set for a long time, haven't you?"

Chang Liang was stunned, "Did you have this thought? If we were to beat him to move up one rank, we could earn an extra \$250,000 prize money, such a large sum we can definitely collect from individual players, right?"

Ma Yinglong shook his head and sighed, "Don't forget, Da Fei made a bet in front of reporters and national players, that if he won the prize money, he would donate it. So if we beat him and win the prize, should we donate or not?"

Chang Liang finally realized, "I'm feeling utterly perplexed."

Ma Yinglong shook his head and sighed, "In dealing with Da Fei, nobody isn't bewildered, better let him bewilder the foreigners, let's focus on our development."

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As the global audience is both awed by a lopsided match and troubled by a boring one, Da Fei, who has become a sun surrounded by 11 Fallen Angel Spirits, is also deeply troubled.

Now, there is only one last Fallen Angel left. If it's rescued, does it mean that the Demon God at the bottom of the lake will come out? Can I even complete the task of repelling the Demon Army's siege? If I can't complete it, won't I be unable to recruit Elda? Oh, the frustration, the frustration!

Chapter 784: Advancing to the Finals

As the rescue of the Fallen Angel continued, the tide of the Blood Lake receded faster and faster, until only the final Fallen Angel remained.

Faced with this last Angel, Da Fei was deeply troubled. Because once he rescued him, the rescue mission would be complete, meaning Elda was no longer obligated to help, ending the rare "date" opportunity before he could further improve their rapport. Not to mention that the emergence of the Demon God from the lakebed would add variables to the siege and increase the difficulty of recruiting Elda.

The wisest move would be to intentionally leave one behind! Intentionally prevent the task from being completed, then take her to the Despair Plain to farm monsters and obtain essence!

The problem is, if he intentionally leaves one behind, he feels uncomfortable—it's an obsessive-compulsive disorder, it's a condition! Why are there not 12 or 14 Angels, but exactly 13? Although 13 is unlucky, China also has the Thirteen Grand Protectors; assembling 13 Angels might unleash some great power. Missing one would be a huge loss.

At this moment, Elda was impatient: "What are you waiting for? If you delay further, enemy reinforcements will appear."

Da Fei frowned tightly, indeed, if he doesn't rescue, her favorability towards him will plummet, and all his efforts will be wasted; he must rescue them.

Da Fei stopped hesitating and waved his hand: "Rescue them!"

The blade's gleam ceased, and the final Angel Spirit hovered around Da Fei.

—System Prompt: You have completed the mission "Redemption of Fallen Angels," currently redeemed Fallen Angels: 13. Please return to the city and find the Angel Leader to hand over the task and purify the Fallen Angel Spirit.

And at this moment, the entire Blood Lake's ground began to tremble slightly, and whistling sounds faintly emerged from the holes where the tide receded from the lakebed.

—System Prompt: You have destroyed the Lava Blood Lake's Flesh Demon base; the Abyss Blood Demon King beneath the lakebed is about to awaken. Please prepare to respond to the Abyss Blood Demon King.

Roger Tal immediately said: "Lord City Lord, the Demon King beneath the lakebed is about to awaken; we should withdraw promptly."

Da Fei sighed deeply, it had finally come. But it doesn't matter; previously, if something went wrong, he was on his own, but now even if the sky falls, the entire European Union Zone would accompany him, so he's not afraid to go big; he just needs to protect his followers.

It was time to leave quickly, Da Fei's team soared and stealthily returned to the city.

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At this moment, in the Hero News tournament broadcast room:

Host: "Hello to all our audience, the match has reached the 5th minute, and the Swedish Gods Dusk Team player, Thor's Hand, defeated Russian War Angel Team's Big Ivan with an overwhelming advantage, successfully advancing to the final battle. For Russia's Big Ivan, his journey thus far has seen him rapidly push through opponents in 5 to 10 minutes, and facing such a result this time, he must have a lot on his mind."

Shenlan sighed: "Anyone would have thoughts about that, but unfortunately, there's nothing we can do. This isn't a supervised competition at the venue with judges; we can't prevent others from borrowing troops or equipment, and we're even unsure if many players have recruited experts to play for them. But the more chaotic the tournament, the more it demonstrates a player's or team's true strength—here we should congratulate the Swedish Team. Their typically stable and seasoned style achieving this result is well-deserved."

Host: "Indeed, the Swedish Team's main players are generally older, with mature psychological resilience and comprehensive tactical arrangements, making them much stronger at handling chaos than younger players."

"Now, let's turn our attention to the match site of two China Region players—uh, currently neither of the two players have taken any action, um, what was this called again?"

Shenlan coughed: "It's called tournament idling."

The host was stunned: "Uh, right, tournament idling! Judging by Da Fei's previous rounds, tournament idling is Da Fei's most distinctive style. To some extent, tournament idling is suspenseful and unpredictable strategy. But, when both players idle simultaneously...um, Shenlan, how should we interpret this in-depth from a technical perspective?"

Shenlan gazed blankly at the host: "Can we cut to an advertisement?"

Host coughed: "It's not time for an advertisement yet."

Shenlan sighed: "Actually, we all misunderstood; superficially they are idling, but they aren't. This transcends the technical or tactical realm; it is the high martial realm of two top experts facing each other calmly, settling victory through aura. They needn't make a move because they have moves in their hearts, winning without moves. They needn't wield swords; aura is their sword. A murderous aura field has formed between them invisible to mortals; wind can enter, rain can enter, but humans cannot..."

(At this moment, Ma Yinglong watching the broadcast: "Damn that aura as sword, let the Shadow Dragon wrap it up.)

Host suddenly exclaimed: "Movement! The Shadow Dragon moved!"

Shenlan said solemnly: "Swift as fire, still as a mountain. The Shadow Dragon moved means he is taking action!"

Host: "Indeed, he is leaving the main force alone and heading toward the mountain top! How do we interpret his actions from a tactical perspective?"

Shenlan braced himself: "I've said it before; both sides have transcended conventional tactical realms, now both play in the stream of consciousness. Climbing the mountain alone conveys to the global audience a sense of loneliness at great heights, aligning with the image of a top expert facing a duel at the apex of the Forbidden City."

Host exclaimed again: "He jumped! The Shadow Dragon jumped off the cliff! Oh no! He died from the fall!"

Shenlan gasped: "Shattered void! This is the realm of shattered void! Mortals can't imagine it!"

The host cleared his throat: "Hello, audience friends, the match has reached the 8th minute, and the Shadow Dragon's pot-breaking void ended the match. Thank you to the two Chinese players for presenting us with a high-level and exciting match, and congratulations to the China Region's player Da Fei for successfully entering the finals."

Shenlan nodded: "The final battle is at 4 am tomorrow. Da Fei now has enough time to prepare, even to finish the task in the European Union Zone. At that time, let's look forward to an unprecedented showdown."

The host: "Alright, thank you to all our audience friends for watching this episode of Hero News. Now it's time for commercials..."

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European Union Zone, Divine Punishment City, at the foot of Despair Plain.

Amidst the cheers echoing through the channel, Swedish player Thor's Hand, who had just finished his match, was both returning the borrowed forces to England, France, and Germany, and expressing gratitude through handshakes while receiving congratulations and well-wishes from allies under the journalists' cameras.

Lancelot said with satisfaction: "On behalf of the British Royal Ark Team, on behalf of Prince George and Princess Mary, I extend our congratulations to you!"

Thor's Hand said excitedly: "Thank you! I'm extremely grateful for the selfless assistance from our British friends! Please convey my thanks to Prince George and Princess Mary!"

German player Einstein said while shaking hands: "Our union has shown the world the strength of our European Union Zone. We are an inseparably close alliance that no one can underestimate!"

"Long live the alliance!"

French player Napoleon said emotionally: "In the upcoming decisive battle, we will continue to support you as always, please keep up the good work!"

"I will not fail the trust of the entire European Union. Glory belongs to the European Union!"

Everyone immediately shouted in unison in front of the reporters' cameras: "Glory belongs to the European Union!"

And at this moment, a meteor streaked across the sky, and immediately a player shouted: "Da Fei! Da Fei is back!"

For a moment, the reporters immediately abandoned the people exchanging handshakes and jokes and collectively rushed up the mountain. The leaders of the various national teams present couldn't help but frown: "No matter what, we must defeat him, the main character of the European Union should be us!"

"That's right, Thor, it's all up to you!"

"In the next 10 hours, we will fully focus on sending troops to assist you. Even if he returns to the China Region, his total forces cannot be a match for our European Union strength!"

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At this moment, Da Fei, having learned about the match's results, was overwhelmed with mixed emotions.

What can I say? Originally, I wanted to give him the chance to get through, but instead, he gave it to me! Even though I didn't mind, who knew he minded even less? Speaking of which, I took such a big advantage of the Pool of Radiance's city walls through Dragon Slayer, and Brother hemorrhoids never did anything to me, yet at this critical moment, he let it go? So righteous! Thinking back, I feel a bit guilty towards him. Anyway, when I have unused Divine Artifacts in the future, I'll sell them to him at a slightly lower price. Oh right, didn't I just obtain two components of the Curse Armor? I'll sell them to him as a gesture.

In short, I have more time now, I have the initiative again, I don't believe I can't handle you guys in the European Union Zone this way!

Da Fei directly entered the Divine Punishment Hall, the Angel Leader's majestic voice resonated once more: "Warrior, welcome back with triumph. As a mortal, your achievements exceed my expectations! But as a warrior aiding us cross-regionally, your achievements were anticipated. The powerful evil forces are approaching, I must personally go into battle, for future matters, you can contact the garrison officer directly."

"Also, I want to express my gratitude to Lady Elda, I will report your merit to the Divine Country, and I earnestly hope you can assist us in the upcoming most arduous battles!"

Lady Elda couldn't help but be delighted: "This is just a small matter."

Da Fei couldn't help but be happy too, does that mean she'll still be in my team in the future?

The Angel Leader said with satisfaction: "Then thank you very much, Lady Elda. Now let me purify the Angel Spirits you rescued!"

As he spoke, the 12 Fallen Angel Spirits surrounding Da Fei flew to the Angel Leader, and 12 beams of golden light shone upon them. Amidst rolling thick smoke, the Angel Leader's admonition resonated in the hall once again: "Isar, Shazer, Modor, Decker, Umar... you shall be reborn as Third Generation Angels. You must follow the warrior to cleanse your sins..."

"We comply with the order!"

The Angel Leader shouted loudly: "Rebirth!"

The entire hall flashed brightly, and this scene just happened to be captured by the journalists rushing up the mountain, causing them to exclaim once more: "So many angels!"

Chapter 785: I'm an Angel Leader Too

In the golden light of the Shining Hall, amidst the exclamations of the crowd of reporters at the door, 12 balls of light condensed into 12 human forms, 12 black-clad, white-winged One-Winged Angels resurrected.

—System Prompt: You gained the followers of 12 One-Winged Angels, Isar, Shazer, Modor, Decker, Umar... They have become your follower citizens.

—System Prompt: You have completed the quest "Redemption of Fallen Angels," gaining +1.3 million experience, +1300 world reputation, and +13,000 Divine Realm Merit.

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Looking at the whole row of cool, powerful black-clad Thirteen Grand Protectors in the hall, Da Fei eagerly checked their attributes:

—Isar: A former Ancient Angel, captured by the Demon God in the Divine Punishment War ten thousand years ago, ultimately falling from grace, his flesh used by the Demon Race as material to manufacture Flesh Demons against Angels. Now abandoning the flesh and reshaped into a humanoid Third Generation Angel, commencing a prolonged redemption journey.

Non-military NPC units. Attack 41, Defense 37, Damage 50-75, Health 450, Mana 200, Attack Speed 13, Magic Resistance 85%, Stamina 250, Skills: Flying Creature, horizontal slash, heavy weapons, long weapons, Rapid Strike, Crushing Attack, Lethal Strike, Resurrection Technique, Great Healing Technique.

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These are the new attributes of the One-Winged Angels, the combat special skills are as strong as ever, but in terms of attributes, they aren't much stronger than ordinary Power Angels? Da Fei checked repeatedly, and this is almost all their attributes. Oh my God, although I knew the later batch couldn't possibly be as strong as Roger Tal, the difference in strength, especially health, is really a bit unacceptable for Da Fei.

Moreover, standing together, they gave Da Fei a strong sense of discord! Where exactly is the discord? Damn it! That's right, they're all men! Not a single woman! How can this not make me frustrated? I say, Angel Leader, you're doing this deliberately, aren't you?

At this moment, the Angel Leader spoke again: "Warrior, with your current Divine Realm Merit, you can now obtain an official position in the Divine Realm. Do you plan to promote in rank? If you have this plan, I can now apply for your appointment in the Divine Realm."

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped with excitement, promotion? Indeed, I've destroyed the Hell Siege Car and gained 10,000 Divine Realm Merit, and annihilated tens of thousands of demon army under the city gaining another 10,000 Divine Realm Merit, now I've also destroyed the Flesh Demon base, it's time for a promotion.

Generally speaking, when players do quests, they merely pursue "reputation" and "merit". High reputation allows players to recruit more advanced troops in the city and receive more hidden tasks. High merit allows promotion, and consumption of Merit Points to recruit some very special troops from the city. If luck is good, high merit can be exchanged for a rank, and rank means territory. Of course, the Merit Points required to exchange for a rank are impossible to accumulate in the early stages of the game.

Currently, Da Fei's official position on the human side is a Lieutenant given by completing Makar's quest, its attributes are quite average, just adding 300 Command Value, and no other special skills. And there are some positions that add skills, for instance, a Logistics Officer directly adds +1 to logistics skill. Also, Procurement Officer, Low-Buy High-Sell Skill +1.

Some positions enhance troop abilities, such as the most popular human Archer Instructor, archer attack +1, though not very significant, but with constant promotions, the archer's attack bonus will grow bigger, even adding range, which is equivalent to gaining an extra troop specialty. In summary, such officers can allow some non-hero NPC officers to lead troops in achieving remarkable combat strength.

However, being an officer is not easy, promotion isn't simple either, requiring quite a high amount of Merit Points. Players can pursue through tasks, but it's advised not to deliberately do merit tasks repetitively, it will make you sick.

Speaking of high-level officials, combined with the mention of advanced armies earlier, one can imagine how powerful Makar's troop, a Great Duke's, could be with various boosts. Not to mention the Great Prince of the Dwarf Kingdom. This is the strength of NPC hero forces, which also brings players despair!

Now with the Divine Realm position in front of Da Fei, Da Fei couldn't help but be tempted! This is the legendary Heavenly Official, not to mention hanging out with many Angel Honeys, but at least elevating my position in Lady Elda's heart, benefiting in recruiting her!

Alright, since the game has reached this stage, I've nothing more to hold back. Da Fei said: "It is my honor to serve the Divine Realm, please Angel Leader recommend me."

The Angel Leader responded with satisfaction: "Currently, the positions available for the Warrior are Angel Commander and Angel Guardian, these positions can be promoted to even higher ranks over time."

Then the list of positions appeared before Da Fei:

—First-tier Angel Commander: Attack +1, Morale +1, Command Power +100. Angel Army Attack +10, Damage +10, Health +10%, Stamina +10%. Requires 30,000 Divine Realm Merit.

—First-level Garrison Officer: Defense +1, Morale +1, Command Power +100. Angel Army Defense +10, Damage +10, Health +10%, Stamina +10%. Requires 30,000 Divine Realm Merit.

Wow, these are entry-level positions, too specialized! If not leading an Angel Army, just a pitiful +1 attack, defense, morale, and 100 command? Isn't this truly a Broken Wings Lieutenant?

Though the attributes of the position are much stronger than the Archer Instructor, archers can be brought by the thousands, how many angels can be brought? No, the position is too weak, I need to get promoted.

When it comes to promotion, Da Fei instantly recalled something, hurriedly pulling out the Legion Token from the recently annihilated Lava Blood Lake's 5th group: "Angel Leader, after wiping out an entire Hell Regular Army, how much merit can this earn me?"

The Angel Leader took the Legion Token, and then rejoiced wildly: "Great! This is wonderful! Warrior, can you comprehend the strength of a legion with a ten-thousand-year history as a mortal? For ten thousand years, we've had countless battles with various demon legions, both sides gained and lost, but never had the chance to annihilate an entire legion. This is a significant loss for the demons, and a major victory for our army, haha, wahahaha!!!"

Damn, the laughter is shaking the whole hall!

Da Fei suddenly had an idea and quickly said, "Sir, it's mainly thanks to Lady Elda's credit, otherwise with just our ten or so troops, it would have been impossible to annihilate a thousand-men team. Of course, it's also thanks to the Angel Leader for having the insight and talent to request Lady Elda's assistance..."

As Da Fei spoke, he glanced at Elda and indeed saw her face blushing uncontrollably, looking at him in bewilderment. Haha, my beauty, what are you looking at? I'm praising you!

The Angel Leader was overjoyed and said, "Indeed! It seems that Lady Elda has done a remarkable job, and I must further recognize her contributions! Now, the warrior can choose a new rank."

As he spoke, a golden light shot up from the teleportation array in the hall, and then the system prompt sounded:

—System Prompt: You have submitted the Legion Token of the Lava Blood Lake Guard Corps, Company 5, and gained 44,500 Divine Realm Merit Points! You have been appointed as a Fourth-tier Angel Commander and Fourth-level Garrison Officer. Please select the position you wish to assume:

—Fourth-tier Angel Commander: Attack +5, Morale +1, Life +3, Damage +1, Command Power +400. Angel Army Attack +18, Damage +18, Life +18%, Stamina +18%. Requires 70,000 Divine Realm Merits.

—Fourth-level Garrison Officer: Defense +5, Morale +1, Life +3, Damage +1, Command Power +400. Angel Army Defense +18, Damage +18, Life +18%, Stamina +18%. Requires 70,000 Divine Realm Merits.

Da Fei was suddenly delighted! A three-level promotion all at once! That's indeed powerful, my Angels can work as four become five! And even if I'm not leading the Angels, just the Life +3, Damage +1 already makes it a god-level attribute for leading low-level soldiers. Truly living up to the name of a celestial office, wahahaha, I love it!

Da Fei unhesitatingly chose the Fourth-tier Angel Commander! I'm also an Angel Commander now!

—System Prompt: You have obtained the Divine Realm rank of Fourth-tier Angel Commander, consuming 70,000 Divine Realm Merit Points!

The Angel Leader comforted him, "Very good, I wish the warrior continuous success. As for Lady Elda, considering your contributions, the Divine Realm exceptionally rewards you with the position of First-tier Angel Commander. Keep up the good work for next time!"

Da Fei and Elda gratefully said, "Thank you, Sir!"

The Angel Leader smiled and said, "By the way, unlike heroes, the attributes of a hero team are covered by the main hero's attributes, and the main hero's advanced skills will override the vice hero's low-level skills. However, the attribute bonuses from ranks can be stacked, so having a strong leadership team is always the best way to ensure combat strength! Now, I must enter the fort core to face the impending threat, and warriors, keep going!"

After speaking, he turned into light and vanished.

Elda respectfully said, "Have a safe journey, Sir!"

My god! Is this still the same Elda who used to act all high and mighty in the bar? Indeed, if you want to keep someone unruly in check, let them hold office. Only when someone experiences the benefits of holding an office will they start following the higher organization's rules. Given Elda, as a Sin Angel, is so obedient now, if I can't win her over, then I might as well eat dirt.

And just then, a crowd of reporters rushed over at the door: "Mr. Da Fei, what do you think of the just concluded competition result?"

Da Fei wiggled his finger: "Ask the main question!"

The reporters immediately said, "Mr. Da Fei, have you obtained a Divine Realm position? As we know, you can't take on tasks below level 50 in the Divine Punishment City, so there's no way to gain merit points."

Da Fei smiled faintly, "This is the dividing line between experts and novices!"

The reporter pursued, "Mr. Da Fei, could you disclose the attributes of the position you've obtained?"

Da Fei laughed, "No problem!"

As Da Fei disclosed the attributes of the Fourth-tier Angel Commander, the reporters on-site cried out, "Fourth-tier, oh my god! It's actually fourth-tier! How many merit points does this require!"

Aye, I can already imagine the expressions of the European Union players. Come on, strive towards me! Haha, wahahaha!

Chapter 786: I'm an Angel Leader Too

In the golden light of the Shining Hall, amid the exclamations of journalists at the door, 12 light balls condensed into 12 humanoid figures, and 12 black-clad, white-winged One-Winged Angels were reborn.

—System Prompt: You have gained the allegiance of 12 One-Winged Angels Isar, Shazer, Modor, Decker, Umar... They have become your follower citizens.

—System Prompt: You have completed the quest "Redemption of Fallen Angels," gaining +1.3 million experience, +1300 world reputation, and +13,000 Divine Realm Merit Points.

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Looking at this impressive lineup of black-clad Thirteen Grand Protectors in the hall, Da Fei couldn't wait to check their attributes:

—Isar: Once an Ancient Angel, was captured by the Demon God in the Divine Punishment War ten thousand years ago and ultimately fell. His body was used as material by the Demon Race to create Flesh Demons that counter angels. Now, having abandoned the physical form and reshaped into the humanoid Third Generation Angel, he begins a long road of redemption.

Non-military NPC units. Attack 41, Defense 37, Damage 50-75, Health 450, Mana 200, Attack Speed 13, Magic Resistance 85%, Stamina 250, Skills: Flying Creature, horizontal slash, heavy weapons, long weapons, Rapid Strike, Crushing Attack, Lethal Strike, Resurrection Technique, Great Healing Technique.

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So these are the new attributes of the reborn One-Winged Angels. The combat special skills remain powerful as ever, but the overall attributes aren't much stronger than an ordinary Power Angel? Da Fei checked repeatedly and found these are pretty much the attributes. Good grief, while knowing these later ones couldn't possibly be as strong as Roger Tal, the difference in power, especially in health, is a bit difficult for Da Fei to accept.

Moreover, when they stand together, Da Fei felt a strong sense of discord! What's causing this discord? Damn! Right, they're all male! Not a single female among them! How could this not be exasperating for me? Angel Leader, you're doing this on purpose, aren't you?

At this moment, the Angel Leader spoke again: "Warrior, your current Divine Realm Merit Points can earn you a position in the Divine Realm. Do you intend to promote to an official post? If so, I can apply for your appointment to the Divine Realm immediately."

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, a promotion? Indeed, destroying siege cars of Hell earned me 10,000 Divine Realm Merit Points, and slaying tens of thousands of the Demon Army under the city earned me another 10,000. Now, having destroyed the Flesh Demon base, it's time for a promotion.

Typically, players pursue "reputation" and "merit" through tasks. High reputation allows players to recruit more and higher-level troops in the city and undertake more hidden quests. High merit points enable promotion and the use of merit points to recruit some very special troops from the city. If lucky, high merits can be exchanged for titles, and a title means territory. Of course, the merit points needed for title exchange are not something that can be accumulated in the early stages of the game.

Currently, Da Fei's position among humans is that of a lieutenant obtained through Makar's task. This position's attributes are very ordinary, just adding 300 Command Value, with no other special skills. Some positions add special skills, such as the Logistics Officer, which directly adds +1 to Logistics Skills. There is also a Procurement Officer, which adds +1 to Low-Buy High-Sell Skill.

Some positions add troop abilities, like the most popular archer instructor among humans, increasing archer attack by +1. Although the effect is not very significant, as one continues to get promoted, the archer's attack bonus increases, and even range increases, equivalent to gaining an extra troop specialty. Overall, such positions enable non-hero NPC officers to lead troops with considerable combat power.

However, being an officer is not that easy, and promotion isn't simple, requiring relatively high merit points. Players can pursue this through tasks, but it's suggested not to intentionally farm merit tasks repeatedly, as it'll become exhausting.

Speaking of high-level officials, combined with the previously mentioned Advanced Army, one can imagine how formidable the forces of Great Dukes like Makar, with all sorts of bonuses, would be. Not to mention the Great Prince of the Dwarf Kingdom. This is the might of NPC hero forces or what drives players to despair.

Now, with the Divine Realm position laid before Da Fei, he's truly tempted! This is the legendary Heavenly Official! It would mean not just playing around with many Angel Honeys but also raising his status in Lady Elda's eyes, making it easier to win her over!

Alright, the game has progressed to this step; I have nothing to hold back. Da Fei said, "It is my honor to serve the Divine Realm, please introduce me, Angel Leader."

The Angel Leader said contentedly: "Currently, the positions warrior can assume are Angel Leader and Angel Guardian. These two ranks, when upgraded to a certain level, can receive even higher-level positions."

The position list then appeared before Da Fei:

—First-tier Angel Leader: Attack +1, Morale +1, Command Power +100. Angel Army Attack +10, Damage +10, Health +10%, Stamina +10%. Requires 30,000 Divine Realm Merit Points.

—First-level Garrison Officer: Defense +1, Morale +1, Command Power +100. Angel Army Defense +10, Damage +10, Health +10%, Stamina +10%. Requires 30,000 Divine Realm Merit Points.

Huh, these are the first-tier positions, so specific! If not leading the Angel Army, it only gives a measly +1 to attack, defense, and morale and 100 Command Power? Isn't this just a Broken Wings Lieutenant?

Although the attributes of these positions are much stronger than an archer instructor, the archer can lead thousands, how many can an angel lead? No, these ranks are too weak, I want a promotion.

Thinking of promotion, Da Fei suddenly remembered something and hurriedly took out the Legion Token from the recently annihilated fifth unit of the Lava Blood Lake Guard Corps: "Angel Leader, I annihilated a whole Hell Regular Army unit; how much meritorious service does that earn?"

The Angel Leader took the Legion Token, and with a delighted surprise, exclaimed: "Good! So good! Warrior, as a mortal, can you comprehend the might of a legion with a history spanning ten thousand years? Over these ten thousand years, there have been countless battles between us and various Demon Armies, with mutual gains and losses. Yet, there's never been an opportunity to completely

annihilate a legion! This is a significant loss to the demons and a major victory for our army, hahaha, wahahaha!!!"

Oh my gosh, the laughter is so wild the whole hall is shaking!

Da Fei suddenly had a thought and hurriedly said, "Sir, the main credit belongs to Lady Elda, otherwise, with just the ten of us, we couldn't possibly annihilate a thousand-man group. Of course, it's also because the Angel Leader has the wisdom to recognize talent and assigned Lady Elda..."

As Da Fei spoke, he glanced over at Elda, and indeed, she was looking at him, blushing and at a loss. Haha, my beauty, why are you looking? I'm praising you!

The Angel Leader was overjoyed and said, "Indeed! It seems Lady Elda has made great contributions, and I must commend her achievements! Now the warrior can choose a new rank."

As they spoke, a golden light shot up from the Teleportation Array in the hall, and then the system prompt sounded:

—System Prompt: You have submitted the Legion Token of the 5th Regiment of the Lava Blood Lake Guard Corps and gained 44,500 Divine Realm Merit Points! You have received appointments as a Fourth-tier Angel Commander and Fourth-level Garrison Officer. Please select the position you wish to take:

—Fourth-tier Angel Commander: Attack +5, Morale +1, Life +3, Damage +1, Command Power +400. Angel Army Attack +18, Damage +18, Life +18%, Stamina +18%. Requires 70,000 Divine Realm Merit Points.

—Fourth-level Garrison Officer: Defense +5, Morale +1, Life +3, Damage +1, Command Power +400. Angel Army Defense +18, Damage +18, Life +18%, Stamina +18%. Requires 70,000 Divine Realm Merit Points.

Da Fei was suddenly overjoyed! Leveling up three ranks in a row! It's indeed much more powerful, my angels are like four doing the work of five! And even if not leading angels, the Life +3 and Damage +1 are god-level attributes for leading Low-level Soldiers in battle, no wonder it's a heavenly position, wahahaha, I love it!

Without hesitation, Da Fei chose the Fourth-tier Angel Commander! I'm an Angel Commander too now!

—System Prompt: You have been appointed to the Divine Realm Fourth-tier Angel Commander position, consuming 70,000 Divine Realm Merit Points!

The Angel Leader was relieved and said, "Very well, wishing the warrior continued success. Lady Elda, in light of your merits, the Divine Realm has exceptionally rewarded you with a First-tier Angel Commander position, hoping you strive harder next time!"

Da Fei and Elda both happily said, "Thank you, sir!"

The Angel Leader laughed and said, "By the way, warrior, unlike heroes, the attributes of a hero team are overridden by the commanding hero's attributes, and the commander's advanced skills will override subordinate heroes' basic skills. However, the attribute bonuses of rank can be stacked, so having a strong leadership team is always the best mode to ensure combat effectiveness! Alright, I must now head to the fortress center to face the upcoming threat, warriors keep up the good work!"

With that, he turned into a light and disappeared.

Elda was very respectful and said, "Farewell, sir!"

Oh my gosh! Is this still the Elda who was flying arrogantly in the bar earlier? Indeed, to stabilize a rebellious person, you make them an official. Only by becoming an official, knowing the perks of being one, will they comply with higher-ups. If, as a Sin Angel, Elda can be this compliant, if I can't win her over, I might as well eat dirt.

Just then, a group of reporters rushed in at the entrance: "Mr. Da Fei, what do you think about the results of the recent competition?"

Da Fei laughed heartily, shaking his finger, "Ask something important!"

The reporters immediately asked, "Mr. Da Fei, did you obtain a position in the Divine Realm? As we know, Divine Punishment City doesn't allow task-taking before level 50, so there's no way to earn Merit Points."

Da Fei smiled faintly, "This is the dividing line between masters and amateurs!"

Reporters followed up, "Mr. Da Fei, can you reveal the attributes of the position you acquired?"

Da Fei said with a smile, "No problem!"

As Da Fei revealed the properties of the Fourth-tier Angel Commander, all the reporters exclaimed, "Fourth-tier, oh my! It's actually Fourth-tier! How much Merit Points would that require!"

Oh, I can already imagine the expressions of European Union players, come on, strive towards me!
Haha, wahahahaha!

Chapter 787: Everyone Gets Merit

A high-profile display of strength usually results in two outcomes: one, being attacked by others en masse. Two, being respected and avoiding unnecessary unpleasant misjudgments.

From the moment Da Fei appeared in the European Union Zone, his situation was already being attacked by others, so it didn't matter if he continued to be attacked. Therefore, Da Fei could continue to display strength to achieve the second effect, letting some people give up unrealistic resistance and cooperate for a win-win situation. This means continuing to trade Divine Artifacts, or even strategies, though strategies aren't really available, but there are more than 1,200 Demon Essences. Wahaha!

And it also allows the Bloodrose Guild and my wife and sister back home to see my strength, letting Bloodrose follow me at ease and not think about causing trouble, as I'm very busy and can't waste time with silly games.

Now, followed by a bunch of reporters, Da Fei, full of vigor, led the mighty One-Winged Angel team to the imposing garrison officer. This is the first time Da Fei has sought dialogue with the garrison officer since arriving in the European Union Zone. Now Da Fei finally understands why the Angel Leader gave him all male One-Winged Angels upon rebirth, maybe it's just the European Union Zone's philosophy.

The garrison officer praised, "Indeed worthy of being a warrior cross-region aiding our army, you've proven your strength with your merits and achievements. Meanwhile, I welcome the return of former companions; your return has strengthened our forces. Now, our army faces even more severe circumstances. The Abyss Blood Demon King responsible for pinning down our forces is about to mobilize, and we will face an even crueler battle. But we don't know when the Abyss Blood Demon King will act; what we can do is gather power as quickly as possible."

"Of course, destroying the few Siege Machines at the gate before the Abyss Blood Demon King arrives would be ideal. I hope the warrior can accomplish this arduous task."

—System Prompt: You have received the task from the garrison officer in Divine Punishment City, "Destroy Hell Siege Machine."

Da Fei chuckled in surprise, yet another task to destroy Hell Siege Machines. This feels just like accepting a daily mission. But every European Union player present could probably take this task, right? Competing with them for the same mission feels too demeaning, it would be an injustice to the sincerity of the reporters here, and even if it involves destruction, it should be done behind enemy lines. With the current heavy guard, how could it be destroyed? In any case, I wouldn't compete with the European Union players for this.

Da Fei continued to ask, "Does the garrison officer have any other tasks?"

The garrison officer nodded with a frown, "Naturally, it's about dealing with the Abyss Blood Demon King. We haven't faced him in ten thousand years, and we don't know his current strength."

At this moment, Roger Tal spoke, "Lord City Lord, garrison officer, we were enslaved with Soul Marks by the Abyss Blood Demon King for ten thousand years. There remain faint unpurified marks in our souls. Although they no longer threaten us, we can reverse the Soul Mark to enslave the Blood Demon King!"

Da Fei and the garrison officer were both startled, "Enslave the Abyss Blood Demon King?"

Roger Tal said sternly, "Correct, the Soul Enslave Mark forms a bond connecting us to the Demon King's soul, just like both ends of a tug-of-war rope. When the Demon King's strength was stronger, he enslaved us 13 people. But once our strength surpasses the Demon King's, it is we who enslave him. Of

course, we don't need to reach the level of enslaving him completely, just disrupting his form is enough to give our army a chance to defeat him!"

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched in excitement, there's a chance!

The garrison officer also astonishedly asked, "How can you guarantee you'll be stronger than the Demon King?"

Roger Tal solemnly stated, "First, the thirteen of us will host a large soul array in the city, but it requires a massive amount of energy, then strike when the Demon King is severely consumed by our army, giving us a considerable chance to defeat the Demon King!"

"Needs a large amount of energy?" Isn't energy shortage always the shortcoming of Divine Punishment City? Da Fei promptly asked, "How much energy do you need?"

Roger Tal replied emphatically, "The more, the better!"

Da Fei couldn't help but snicker, doesn't this indicate they want players to gather energy resources?

Sure enough, the garrison officer clapped enthusiastically and said, "This is a battle of success or failure, we shall proceed! Warriors, the hosting of the array is entrusted to you, and as for energy, I believe it is time to seek help from brave warriors!"

—System Prompt: You have received the meritorious task from the garrison officer, "Counter the Abyss Blood Demon King"!

—Task Hint: The Abyss Blood Demon King is about to arrive, the thirteen followers of Angels you rescued are effective combatants against him. Please create favorable conditions for the followers to counter the Demon King as much as possible.

At the same time, the city channel of Divine Punishment City also announced:

—Divine Punishment City City Announcement: The garrison officer of Divine Punishment City issues a battlefield meritorious task to all warriors, "Material Collection for Divine Punishment City"!

—System Prompt: You have received the battlefield meritorious task "Material Collection for Divine Punishment City". Divine Punishment City urgently requires various Demon Cores, Crystal Stones, minerals, Mana, and other energy resources. Warriors can transport from the Mortal World or collect by defeating demons around Divine Punishment City...

For a moment, the entire city was in an uproar. Da Fei couldn't help but smile inwardly; it's another energy collection task for Divine Punishment City! Good, very good. Now let all the EU players help gather energy for my Angel Army!

Da Fei chuckled to the reporters around him: "Look, now everyone has received a merit mission, right? Now everyone has a chance to become the Angel Leader!"

Only then did the reporters snap back to reality: "Mr. Da Fei, you are truly incredible! But with this happening, won't Mr. Da Fei benefit even more?"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "The EU's advanced philosophy has always inspired us Chinese players, which is that cooperation leads to winning together. To overcome the current dire situation, not only do we need to cooperate, but there also needs to be strong alliances. In any case, I personally urge everyone to end the sanctions against me, as my door for dialogue and cooperation is always open to everyone!"

At this moment, the garrison officer spoke again: "Warrior, please have these thirteen warriors follow me. I will arrange the most suitable place for them to cast spells."

Roger Tal nodded: "Lord City Lord, now it's up to us. It's time to clean our shame."

Da Fei nodded: "Everyone, do your best!"

Now, the "Thirteen Grand Protectors" followed the garrison officer and disappeared into the teleportation array in the hall. Without a doubt, they were transported to the control room. Da Fei couldn't help but feel deeply moved, realizing that they are not only city citizens but also have great use

for clearing stages. What will happen if I go back and save the Blood Lake Fallen Angel of the China Region?

There's not much else to say; Elda is in the array, with over 1200 additional essences. This is just enough to buy 4 more angels. Let's seize the time to go outside the city and kill a few monsters before the Demon King arrives. I wonder if after destroying the Lava Blood Lake, the Blood Lake will still produce Flesh Demons?

If Flesh Demons are no longer produced, won't I have nothing to farm? I don't mind, I'll just continue sneaking into the enemy's volcano. But the EU players, if they have nothing to farm, won't they lack essences to trade with me? That's even better; the harder the essences are to come by, the more likely they'll be to spend Divine Artifacts to buy my angels, wahahaha!

And so, under the watchful eyes of the filming reporters, Da Fei soared into the sky once again, disappearing into the air above the Despair Plain.

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Meanwhile, the heads of various national teams that had just been farming monsters at the foot of the mountain rushed up, seeking detailed information from the garrison officer about the collection task. At the same time, the leaders of the UK, France, Germany, and Switzerland Team gathered offline in a chat room to discuss the major issue of merit material collection.

Indeed, Da Fei openly revealed the Angel Leader position alongside the garrison officer publicly releasing the merit collection mission, leaving no player team present unmoved or indifferent. Of course, the predominant feeling was a mix of emotions.

At this moment, the representative of the Swedish Team, Thor's Hand, expressed his dilemma: "Clearly, Da Fei has advanced the storyline in places we can't see, and everything we do thereafter will serve him."

The representative of the German War Machine, Einstein, sighed: "Indeed, we're feeding a monster with our lifeblood."

Prince George shook his head and sighed deeply: "This feeling is like buying cheap raw materials from impoverished countries, then producing products with hundredfold added value to sell to them, keeping them in endless exploitation with no chance to turn around ever!"

The representative of the French Arc de Triomphe Team, Napoleon, sighed: "Prince, you're right, but do we have a choice? We're just like those impoverished countries, with no way out, no choice!"

The whole chat room fell silent. For the strong, there's never a need to consider the feelings of the weak, but when the strong suddenly become the weak and find themselves in the shoes of the weaker, the elite figures present struggled to adjust.

Finally, Prince George let out a long sigh: "But the situation isn't as bad as it could be. After all, Da Fei isn't an EU Zone player, just a passerby. We should just try harder to cooperate with him to complete the mission and send him back quickly. I've had enough of him."

The crowd sighed in unison: "That's the only way. Every minute he stays, our established order is constantly challenged by him, and our forums endlessly discuss him. But if Da Fei goes back early, then Thor might—"

Thor's Hand shook his head with a wry smile: "Defeating a Da Fei with incomplete forces holds no value and would only invite ridicule. The Chinese call this an unworthy victory, and I suspect that's why the Shadow Dragon forfeited the contest. In any case, I plan to gather the entire EU's strength for a final showdown with Da Fei!"

"Good! Worthy of a Northern European warrior." The venue erupted with applause, and amidst the applause, the top levels of the four powerful teams reached a formal decision. At once, the entire EU Zone was swept up in a frenzy of Energy Crystal collection.

Chapter 788: The Demon King Takes Action

It is currently 19:00 Beijing Time, 11:00 British London time, and 6:00 American Western Time. As the competition ends, the world's attention once again focuses on the European Union's Divine Punishment City, where the battle is fierce.

At this moment, no one is busier than Prince George. Just after a meeting with France, Germany, and Sweden unified the purchasing price for the entire European Union's acquisition of energy barytes, his old friend, Captain Fortson of the United States, called just after waking up.

Due to the time difference, Fortson missed a lot of exciting and important content during his sleep. In short, under Da Fei's vigorous promotion, the United States also seems to be interested in Divine Punishment City, and Fortson came to Prince George seeking the crusader employment guide. Although the maps and crusader employment tasks differ between the North America zone and the European Union zone, having a ready-made guide as a reference is always useful.

Prince George certainly knew this day would come, so to not affect friendly relations, he had long prepared a fake guide to deal with it. After all, the map tasks and NPCs in the two zones are different, and the crusader plot in the European Union zone has progressed. Whether the United States conducts experiments in the European Union zone or sells the guide to other European countries, George is not afraid of being exposed.

In the face of national interests, even the closest allies must hold something back. So, let the closest American allies slowly refer to it.

Then Igarashi from Japan's Mitsubishi also called. This surprised Prince George, as the Japan zone was focused on attacking the Bright Alliance NPC forces within their zone. What use would they have for a guide? However, since they are allies against China Region, it's better to help if possible. Even if Japan can't get the guide from him, they can get it from the United States.

In summary, after sending the fake guide to Japan, George could finally turn his attention to the team progress.

At this time, the Royal Ark Team Command Center was excited.

Lancelot reported excitedly: "Your Highness, there is new progress in the battle situation; the demon army's force has weakened, and we have a chance to advance in front of the siege machine again!"

George was suddenly pleased: "So soon?"

Gao Wen immediately said: "That's right, it might be related to the task that Da Fei completed. In short, the demon army can't continue. According to our calculations, as long as we unite the forces of France, Germany, and Sweden to launch a raid, we can destroy a siege machine. However, to ensure everything is safe, we still suggest that 300 soldiers without units be selected as a death squad cannon fodder, and I suggest hiring these cannon fodders from other European Union countries. After all, our own team members cannot continue to bear the cost of dying and losing experience."

Prince George responded with an acknowledgment: "What about the opinions of Germany, France, and Sweden?"

Gao Wen smiled and said: "We are an alliance, of course, we advance and retreat together, and we will organize this hiring activity at a unified price."

Prince George sighed: "Very well, let's do it that way."

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At this time, Da Fei had been farming Flesh Demons on the edge of the Despair Plain for almost an hour, killing over a thousand Flesh Demons and twenty BOSS Flesh Demons, obtaining 213 Demon Essences and 2 Chaos Essences.

It must be said that the drop rate of Demon Essences is eternally troublesome, but the appearance of two Chaos Essences is enough to break even. This is the great advantage Da Fei has with the Angel's Wings, which allows him to deep-dive to snipe the BOSS while others can only farm ordinary cannon fodder Flesh Demons at their doorstep.

During the monster farming, Da Fei's Blood Eagle constantly hovered above the Lava Blood Lake, monitoring the Demon King's actions. At this time, the thirteen Blood Lakes imprisoning the Fallen Angel were dry, with no new Flesh Demons born anymore, and the Demon King still showed no action.

This puzzled Da Fei greatly, and by this time, Da Fei couldn't farm effectively anymore as too few monsters remained.

Now Da Fei felt troubled. What should he do? Should he really force himself to the back of hell? The problem is, it's a special time, and how could he leave? Let alone leaving the area of Angel's Wings makes him feel uncomfortable and insecure?

Just then, several lines of regional information scrolled across the screen:

—Regional Announcement [Lancelot]: To the warriors of the European Union zone, the demon army's strength is weakening. This is the best time for us to attack and destroy the siege machines. The Royal Ark Team, Arc de Triomphe Team, German Tank Team, and Gods Dusk Team (in no particular order) are recruiting death squad mercenary warriors at high salaries. Brave and courageous warriors, please contact the team representatives in the city square...

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped; the demon army's strength was even showing gaps in the attacking forces, and the Demon King still hasn't moved to stabilize the situation. This is very abnormal. According to the system's nature, is this the preparation time for players to face the battle? If so, then perhaps it's necessary to take advantage of this opportunity to destroy the siege machine. Otherwise, if the Demon King adds the siege machine, it might really knock down the Divine Punishment City?

If that's the case, since there are no monsters to farm here anyway, should I go back to help and grab some merit in passing? No, they will definitely stab me in the back, I wouldn't do that.

Right, over the past hour, I've also farmed more than two hundred essences; presumably, these major European teams have also farmed quite a bit, eagerly waiting for me to go back and sell cheap angels, right? Fine, I'll satisfy you and also take the opportunity to adjust the forces.

Chapter 789: The Demon King Takes Action (Part 2)

Thus, amidst the screen-spamming in the region channel, Da Fei flew back to the Divine Punishment City. Passing over the Despair Plain, he indeed saw that the Flesh Demon army on the ground had become sparse, which was abnormal, very abnormal!

At this moment, the Divine Punishment City Square was filled with a crowd of people signing up for commission negotiations. When Da Fei parachuted in with the Angel Hero, the entire place was again in an uproar, and Da Fei once more became the focus of everyone's attention.

Well, when a person is so eye-catching, even if they do and say nothing, they will still be in the spotlight. Without saying a word, Da Fei simply squatted in front of the Mercenary Store, and once again displayed the multilingual sign on the long roof eaves saying "450 Demon Essence for an Angel".

At this moment, the entire scene was silent, and no one came to Da Fei's stall.

Da Fei was stunned on the spot! Could it be that their wings have become stronger, and they have more and more troops, increasing their confidence in confronting me? Or did they figure out my reputation is awesome and are not satisfied with the price of 450?

Tch! It must be the presence of four large guilds, making ordinary players afraid to trade with me for fear of being banned. Yes, that must be it. I don't believe you can boycott me, while I can't make you disgusted?

Da Fei then took out a deck of intricate poker cards and smiled at Elda beside him: "Lady Elda, you've worked hard. Do you have time to play cards with me to pass the time?"

Elda replied indifferently: "I have a bad premonition of a great battle. Now isn't the time to be playing cards, is it?"

Damn it! If others don't show me face, how can you not? Isn't it just a bunch of players pushing siege machines, so what kind of great battle premonition is that?

Da Fei smiled faintly: "The closer we are to a big battle, the more we need to relax, right?"

Elda said faintly: "Perhaps you are right, let's do it." And then simply sat down cross-legged in front of Da Fei.

At this moment, the entire crowd of players was uproarious once more! Da Fei was laughing internally, full of envy, jealousy, and hatred towards all of you. I love seeing your expressions of disliking me but being unable to do anything about it, haha, wahaha!

This time, Da Fei didn't plan to cheat with Elda. Anyway, let's let my angel beauty have a fun win, making her happy makes me even happier, wahahaha!

Meanwhile, at the Royal Ark Team Command Center, Lancelot was roaring through gritted teeth: "I want to kill this Da Fei! If he appears on the Despair Plain later, I must destroy him, and none of you stop me!"

Bedville gave a dry cough: "Captain, please calm down, Da Fei has yet to win a single round against her."

Gao Wen also sighed: "Captain, the daredevil teams from Germany, France, and Sweden have all been recruited and grouped and are ready to move. Should we take action?"

Lancelot let out a long breath: "Deploy, this time we must hit with precision!"

Gao Wen smiled: "Rest assured, Captain. We exchanged tactical simulation results with the advisory groups from Germany, France, and Sweden, all with a success rate of over 95%, and a flawless victory rate over 60%. Please, Captain, don't let Da Fei's psychological warfare disrupt our footing."

Lancelot suddenly realized: "Exactly! This isn't just a simple upstart; this is a man who excels in psychological warfare and strategy. I definitely won't fall for his tricks!"

Finally, amidst the reporting voices in the square, the largest counteroffensive organized by the four major teams of the European Union officially commenced. Everyone, including reporters, descended the mountain to cover the event, leaving the entire square empty.

Da Fei was filled with curiosity, ending the card game with Elda and breaking down his stall, heading to the city wall to watch. Sure enough, he saw phalanxes assembled below the mountain, and under the orderly organization of the four major teams, the cannon fodder player phalanxes covered players with Angel Army pushing towards the siege machine positions in a mighty advance!

Da Fei couldn't help but be moved; this was the organizational capability of the European Union Zone and the strength of the top experts acting as cannon fodder there!

At this moment, someone called out behind Da Fei: "Mr. Da Fei, hello!"

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched; sure enough, someone wanted to engage in sneaky transactions with me while others were away. Let me guess, you must be one of the small warehouse accounts from the four major teams that logged off in place, right? Wahaha, typical!

Turning around, he saw a yellow-name player with a green Star Moon Country flag on his head, Turkish player Kemal!

Da Fei was taken aback: "Kemal? Yellow name?"

Kemal placed his right hand on his chest and gave a bow: "Mr. Da Fei, it is an honor to meet you during the competition; I hope to become friends with you!"

—System Prompt: Turkish player Kemal requests to add you as a friend. Do you accept?

Damn! With such a grand Eastern salutation, appearing so mysteriously, and likely just barely making it into the city after washing off a red name, how can I not accept?

Da Fei laughed heartily: "I remember you shot me terribly!"

Kemal laughed: "It is truly an honor that Mr. Da Fei remembers me. I came this time to make a trade with you, please take a look!"

Then a trade box popped up in front of Da Fei, and a dark sword appeared before him. In that instant, Da Fei's breath stalled!

—Black Knight Sword: B-grade strategic treasure, Attack +3, Dark Magic effect +10%. One component of the Combined Divine Artifact Curse Armor.

Kemal laughed: "Our EU Student Pirate Alliance learned from journalists' reports that Mr. Da Fei had collected two pieces of the Curse Armor, so to show our admiration for Mr. Da Fei, we specifically sent me here to deliver the third piece. We believe you will definitely like it!"

This is just perfect timing! Da Fei was shocked, mouth agape: "Is that so, then what would you like to trade for? Angels?"

Kemal shook his head and laughed: "Our Pirate Alliance's goal is the Star Sea of the New World; we're not interested in the Angels of this Otherworld, Friendship! We want to trade for Mr. Da Fei's friendship!"

Da Fei was suddenly stupefied! Friendship? Is that too abstract or too realistic? Isn't friendship just for borrowing money and getting help in fights? Or do you want to trade my Divine Artifact?

Just as he was in a state of shock, Da Fei suddenly felt the ground quake violently, followed by a giant boom from the foot of the mountain!

Elda said solemnly: "The Demon King has appeared!"

It appeared? Da Fei hurriedly looked down the mountain, only to see dozens of streams of blood spraying into the sky on the dusty battlefield, engulfing the entire European player army in the blood springs!

Only then did Da Fei realize that the Demon King had long burrowed underground to ambush!

Chapter 790: The European Union Army Cursed by the Demon King

Divine Punishment City foothill, Despair Plain battlefield.

Amidst the earth's rumbling tremors, dozens of blood fountains shot skyward, and the blood mist quickly enveloped the sky. The blood swiftly spread across the ground, and all the European Union players were caught off guard, soaked in blood with no means to prevent it. Their life, speed, and stamina attributes began to plummet drastically!

Although they didn't know what had happened, as the top team in the European Union Zone, they reacted immediately: "Retreat! Entire army, retreat!"

At this moment, Da Fei seemed to hear a rumbling mechanical sound from the city, then a flash of golden light appeared before his eyes, and dozens of golden thunderbolts crashed down, dispersing the bloody mist!

Da Fei was secretly startled. Is this the fortress cannon of Divine Punishment City? How much energy does this shot consume?

Then the garrison officer on the city head shouted loudly: "Warriors! I'm here to save you!" After saying this, he transformed into a radiant golden meteor and flew downward. Under the thunderstorm clearing and the garrison officer's golden light, the slowing effect of the blood mist and blood water weakened instantly, allowing a large number of European Union players to seize this precious opportunity to escape from the Blood Pool and rush up the mountain stairs.

At this moment, the global audience was in an uproar, while Da Fei was left utterly speechless!

They escaped! They all escaped! This Demon King is pathetic, isn't he? Not even managing to kill a single player, let alone harm a single soldier, it's simply an insult to the title of Demon King!

As he lamented, Kemal next to him chuckled: "Mr. Da Fei was wise not to attack with them."

Da Fei also chuckled: "After all, we're not playing the same game."

Kemal laughed: "Well, they're all coming back now, and it's inconvenient for me to let them see me, or they might gang up on me in the city. So, I'll give this Black Knight Sword to Mr. Da Fei first, hoping that in future national war battlefields, Mr. Da Fei can ally with our EU Student Pirate Alliance."

Faced with the trade box that already had the "Confirm Trade" button pressed, Da Fei was dumbfounded!

Is this a free gift? Is this seeking protection from me? Oh, come on! How could there be such naïve people? A student pirate alliance? Such things probably only students would do?

Alright, I must educate you a bit, let you realize the harshness of society, the treachery of human hearts, lest you get devoured till nothing remains—uh, nope, nope, I'm abroad now, I must consider my international image, moreover maintain the international image of the Chinese people, scamming a Divine Artifact might cause the Turks to lose faith in us and follow NATO's steps to oppose China, indirectly triggering a Third World War. Oh my, the responsibility of maintaining world peace is heavy on me!

In any case, I can't just take his Divine Artifact for free! But what to exchange it with? The Captain's hat and Heart of the Ocean set sold to me by my French friends? Being pirates, they would surely need it, right? But I need it more, don't I? Or exchange it with the Divine Artifact Necklace from the Demigod Crocodile? However, the 1% trigger rate of the four special skills of the Divine Artifact Necklace may not significantly enhance ordinary players, but for someone like me with a God-level Luck Skill "Luck Body" +15% trigger effect, it's truly an overpowering Divine Artifact, so I can't give it away either.

Then the other items like the Flame Shield, Dragon King Boots even more so cannot be given away? Oh, come on! How could I give away a Divine Artifact! But he's giving away a Divine Artifact, does that mean my level is lower than his?

While agonizing over this, Kemal smilingly asked: "Why doesn't Mr. Da Fei hit confirm, don't you want it for free?"

Da Fei let out a long sigh: "You can give it for free, but it's inconvenient for me to take it for free. Although I have many Divine Artifacts, they're urgently needed and cannot be given away, and using ordinary gold equipment as an exchange would seem insincere!"

Kemal laughed: "Mr. Da Fei being able to resist the temptation of the Divine Artifact and not hitting confirm for such a long time already shows your sincerity. Please accept it, later on, whether it's you or us, once entering the New World, you will surely become a main focus of attack by the European Union, United States, and Japan, what we need is to unite together."

With him saying this much, if I don't accept it, I'd become the hypocritical Liu Bei. Oh well, I'll reluctantly accept it, but still throw in some Gold Coins just to signify my intention.

Da Fei then traded 10 million Gold Coins and smiled: "I'm willing to accept your alliance invitation. I may not have much else, but I do have a bit of Gold Coins, hoping to express my thanks."

Kemal laughed: "Thank you, Mr. Da Fei, we indeed do lack some money as pirates!"

—System Prompt: You have completed the transaction with Turkish player Kemal, you acquired "Black Knight Sword"!

Transaction completed, Kemal extended his hand and laughed: "Alright, Mr. Da Fei, see you next time on the national war battlefield!"

The Divine Artifact components are in hand! At this moment, Da Fei couldn't hide his excited mood, shook hands and said: "Great! By then I'll lead you in accomplishing missions, counter-siege!"

"We are very much looking forward to it! Goodbye!"

"Goodbye!"

Watching Kemal's yellow name figure disappear in the Teleportation Array, Da Fei felt mixed emotions. Indeed, when one gains fame and strength, naturally there will be people who deliver Divine Artifact Equipment and such to your door, such a feeling is truly awesome! As for now, of course, it's time to check how those European Union fellows are doing. Though it seems no one died, I don't believe they'll come running back after getting sprayed with Demon King's blood without any issues?

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At this moment, the EU Student Pirate Alliance chat room was in an uproar!

The Flying Dutchman roared, "Are you kidding me! This Chinese guy is a famous deceiver, right? Kemal, are you an idiot? How is this 10 million any different from giving it away for free?"

The Spanish Armada also sighed, "Regardless of the value of this component, we spent 3 million just on information fees! Not to mention we also lost so many troops and potions."

Emperor Ruoang of Portugal sighed, "Well, everyone, let's not blame Kemal, he must have his reasons."

Osman Emperor said in a solemn voice, "That's right, no matter what, I am fully supporting Kemal."

The Dutch sighed, "Alright, let's have Kemal come out and explain why he didn't follow the pre-arranged transaction process."

Kemal gave a dry cough and said, "Because Da Fei saw the expression on the EU players' faces when they suffered a setback, that expression clearly showed he knew the inside story and was full of confidence. It means he was already in control of the situation alone. This made me realize his true terrifying nature, and I felt that bargaining with someone like him was very pointless. There was only one voice in my head – make friends with him unconditionally!"

For a moment, the chat room fell silent.

Emperor Ruoang laughed, "Anyway, our goal has already been achieved. At the very least, we have such a good start, Da Fei will definitely not be our enemy anymore, don't you all think so?"

The Dutch sighed, "Okay, maybe I haven't dealt with Da Fei before, so it's not appropriate for me to comment further. I'll believe in Kemal's judgment then."

Emperor Ruoang laughed, "Since that's the case, let's turn our attention back to Divine Punishment City and see what surprises our friends encounter!"

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In the European Union Zone's Divine Punishment City, this counterattack battle broadcast live to worldwide audiences was embarrassingly forced to withdraw under the timely rescue of NPCs.

Although luckily there were no casualties, every EU player and unit had an unknown duration Demon King's curse added to them, causing units' damage, speed, defense, magic resistance, and life physical strength recovery speed to all significantly decrease, and the Angel's combat effectiveness directly dropped to the level of a 6th level unit.

And at this time, the foot of Divine Punishment City's mountain had become a large Blood Lake continuously spewing blood water.

Facing such a sudden event, the command headquarters of the UK, France, Germany, and Switzerland's four national teams were completely at a loss. This situation had exceeded players' coping abilities, and they could only continue waiting for NPC rescue.

Now, the square of Divine Punishment City was densely packed with players covered in blood. As for Da Fei, of course, he continued to coldly observe by the door of the mercenary store.

On the square, a golden light flashed, and the garrison officer appeared, he said in a spirited tone, "Warriors, I am here to deliver you one good news and one bad news! The good news is that our warriors' destruction of the demon army's rear base has caused a gap in the demon army's offensive forces, forcing the Abyss Blood Demon King to move out. From the initial round of engagement with the Divine Punishment Thunder, it had no power, and of course, it could not have the power to oppose solely our Divine Punishment City Fortress, so it can only continue to lurk underground to further delay our counterattack steps. This means that in the upcoming period, the Demon King cannot have such significant actions again."

Once again, there was an uproar among the players on the square, "What kind of good news is this? Can you first help us remove this curse from our bodies?"

The garrison officer shook his head and continued, "The bad news is that the Demon King's Demon Blood curse is a life curse - the curse will not be lifted until the Demon King is dead. The only way to remove the curse is to kill the Demon King. And the Demon King is waiting for new reinforcements to arrive. Once the new reinforcements arrive, we will face tremendous pressure, so our time is limited! Warriors must overcome the current cursed state, keep going and continue to advance, and first destroy the enemy's siege machines!"

There was yet another uproar around the square, "You want us to fight in this state?"

The garrison officer nodded, "That's right, this curse has a leeching effect, so it's not entirely useless. There's not much time left; warriors, hurry up and set out. Rest assured, as soon as the Demon King dares to show up again, our Divine Punishment Thunder will punish him immediately."

The entire square erupted once more into a clamor. Da Fei laughed to himself, at this moment, he smelled a thick business opportunity, but compared to the upcoming war opportunity, business opportunities were insignificant. Even if you want to buy soldiers from me, I might not sell them.

Da Fei then leisurely got up and walked towards the garrison officer, and at this moment, the clamoring stopped abruptly, once again making Da Fei the focus of everyone's attention.

Da Fei asked the garrison officer, "Sir, is there any task suitable for me?"

The garrison officer's spirits lifted, "Warrior, you are just in time. Since the Demon King has adopted a delaying tactic waiting for reinforcements, then the warrior's mission is to penetrate deep behind enemy lines to strike at the reinforcements. This mission is none other than yours!"

— System Prompt: You have received the Merit Mission 'Deep Penetration to Strike at Reinforcements' issued by the garrison officer of Divine Punishment City!

Da Fei chuckled in surprise, as expected, yet again another deep penetration mission!