

God level 791

Chapter 791: Preparations for the Deep Strike Behind Enemy Lines

—System Prompt: You have received a Merit Mission "Strike the Reinforcement Behind Enemy Lines" issued by the garrison officer of Divine Punishment City!

—Task Hint: Your destructive actions at the Lava Blood Lake have caused a gap in the Demon Army's siege forces, prompting them to dispatch additional reinforcements from further back to support the front line. The number of reinforcements is unknown, their strength is unknown, their route is unknown, and their departure time is unknown. The more reinforcements you kill, the higher your Merit Points will be.

I see, this mission is indeed just like the one where I had to sabotage the siege machine behind enemy lines before! And just thinking about the thrilling sense of sneaking behind enemy lines, Da Fei couldn't help but feel excited all over! Alright, this mission must be completed by me.

Looking at the current situation, this Demon King isn't as overwhelmingly powerful as imagined, which gives Da Fei immense confidence in completing the mission. After all, Divine Punishment City has stood tall in the game for millennia; it certainly won't be taken down easily. In any case, I'm going to earn the major Merit Points, and these mundane tasks under the Demon King's nose can be left to the European Union Zone.

Da Fei waved and smiled at the crowd in the square: "Classmates, I'm about to head behind enemy lines for a more arduous battle, and I might not return for a long time. Does anyone need to buy a cheap Angel? One Angel for 450 Demon Essence!"

The crowd remained unresponsive. Da Fei sighed inwardly, what a waste of being a master, even university students who get free Divine Artifacts have more awareness than you guys.

Wait a minute, thinking this infiltration behind enemy lines might really take a long time, Da Fei suddenly remembered the logistics and supply issue. So he turned back and asked the garrison officer, "Sir, I have extensive experience in behind-enemy-lines combat, so I'll be staying there for a while. Is there any way to handle the supplies and transport of spoils?"

The garrison officer was startled: "As expected of a warrior, I would assume the enemy's reinforcements would carry a lot of useful supplies, which shouldn't be wasted. But, as a mortal—"

Saying this, the garrison officer saw Elda beside Da Fei, his eyes lit up, and he clapped his hands and laughed: "I've got an idea! Please wait, warrior! I'll discuss it with the Angel Leader!"

With that, the garrison officer hurriedly ran into the teleportation hall and disappeared. At that moment, the whole place was in an uproar! Da Fei chuckled inwardly, knowing they were afraid? Knew that with one word, I could make the NPCs dance around my fingers, huh?

At that moment, the players in the crowd began to discuss the upcoming descent operation again, while Da Fei, outside the bustling crowd, felt extremely lonely. An overwhelming sense of dissonance surged into Da Fei's heart. Indeed, although I've always been awesome without friends and never felt lonely, what's this sudden feeling of coldness?

Watching a few golden name reporters shuttle back and forth among the crowd interviewing several team heads, Da Fei suddenly realized: Damn it! I know what this dissonance is about! It's because suddenly, no reporters are interviewing me, and I'm feeling all sorts of uncomfortable!

No way! I am the protagonist, I am the star, you reporters should be revolving around me, how can you go interviewing that bunch of defeated generals? No one in the world would be interested in them! Damn it, I understand now, it must be the entertainment media in the European Union Zone, succumbing to some pressure, and decided to collectively ban me! This is a blatant violation of the freedom of the press, I always thought you are developed societies, I despise you all!

Cut! In the end, it's still that my level isn't high enough, I don't even care if you're surrounding me or not, I'm now entering a low-key development mode, just see if you guys are afraid?

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Indeed, Da Fei has been "banned" by the European eSports media. After all, from the moment Da Fei arrived in the European Union Zone, he was greeted with a warm reception by the reporters, resulting in an imbalance among the various national team leaders, as they are the big celebrities in the European Union Zone. Moreover, overly focusing reports on Da Fei would significantly elevate Da Fei's status in the minds of global players, particularly Chinese players, providing a massive free advertisement. In any case, now the relevant media throughout the European Union have been instructed by associated entities to prohibit interviews with Da Fei.

And at this moment, the Four Countries Team from the UK, France, Germany, and Switzerland convened a meeting in the chat room for further urgent discussions.

Lancelot worriedly said: "Based on our team's simulation, with the current capabilities of the cursed units, the success rate in attempting a surprise attack on the siege machine is less than 50%."

Napoleon sighed: "Let alone the fact that we cannot determine if the Demon King will make a move in the next attack. If any unforeseen situations arise, those troops won't have such good luck making it back again."

Einstein said in a deep voice: "Moreover, according to our latest observations, the Blood Pool, which the Demon King excavated, seems capable of producing units. This means that even without additional reinforcements, the units newly emerged from this Blood Pool are enough to give us a hard time."

Thor's Hand sighed long and deeply: "But, do we have any other choice?"

Napoleon shook his head and laughed bitterly: "Alright then, how much Demon Essence does everyone still have? Gather it all for me, I'll go buy a few units from Da Fei—as I've already traded with him once, I currently have 421."

After a moment of silence in the chat room, Lancelot was the first to speak: "We have 464."

Thor's Hand: "377."

Einstein: "382."

Napoleon laughed, "Alright, there are a total of 1644, I'll have a chat with him privately. Everyone, say hi to the reporters and let them know not to photograph me while I'm speaking with Da Fei."

Thor's Hand sighed, "The NPC is out."

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After a brief wait, the garrison officer appeared from the teleportation array in the hall. He enthusiastically approached Da Fei and solemnly took out a familiar-looking golden treasure bead, "Warrior, the Angel Leader has accepted your suggestion, especially considering the energy scarcity in Divine Punishment City. Seizing the enemy's resources for our use becomes even more important. Thus, the Angel Leader has decided to entrust you with this important item. However, if you use it, it will only have the effect of bringing the legion back to the city. But if this Lady Elda uses it, it can be used for material transport. So, once you encounter significant spoils of war, let Lady Elda handle it!"

—System Prompt: You have received the task item "Space Marker" from the garrison officer.

—Space Marker: Task item, capable of teleporting player hero troops or materials back to the city in the hell region surrounding Divine Punishment City. Each teleportation consumes a certain amount of energy from Divine Punishment City, please use cautiously.

Da Fei laughed in surprise! No wonder I felt this golden bead was so familiar and dear, it's another Space Marker! This is a Divine Artifact, man. It's how I managed to teleport a Siege Car back to establish an invincible position in the China Region. Now I can have fun with it again—no, this time I can keep having fun! Haha, wahahaha! Alright, if I don't pull off a big score or two behind enemy lines, I'd be letting down this Divine Artifact!

Da Fei enthusiastically said, "Sir, rest assured, I know the use of this treasure bead is not easy, so I certainly won't make a losing deal."

The garrison officer rejoiced, "As expected of a warrior from another region, military intelligence is urgent, please depart quickly."

"Got it, await my good news."

Before departing, of course, I would use the two Chaos Essences I just got to recruit two more soldiers. So Da Fei headed towards the Mercenary Store, and at this moment, he was startled to see that Frenchman named Napoleon picking and choosing in front of the Mercenary Store.

Give me a break! Not coming to this wholesaler to go to a retailer instead, this simply violates the fundamental principle of capitalism. This is the wrong path! Just as Da Fei was going to step forward to speak to him, Da Fei's friend notification rang. Looking at it, it was Napoleon.

Napoleon: "Mr. Da Fei, I have 1644 Demon Essences here and wish to ask for your help in buying 4 Power Angels. Although it doesn't meet your 450 each pricing standard, in the current predicament, we should help each other towards common interests immediately, don't you think?"

Give me a break! No way your French Team alone farmed so many Demon Essences, right? Finally realizing the common interest, huh? The issue is, it's your predicament, not mine. I'm living comfortably! However, since he's secretly putting on a show, he must have his difficulties. But with the European Union, it's always lip service, with hands quite honest.

Alright, since you figured it out, I'm tight on time as well, so let's conveniently deepen our cooperation.

Da Fei did not continue walking towards the Mercenary Store but sat down pretending to enjoy the scenery while busily replying to him, "You are the first friend I made in the European Union, and I greatly treasure our friendship. I also understand your difficulties, your cooperation with me to break through sanctions truly moves me. I have no reason not to agree with you."

"Of course, I have more profound cooperation requests. I am very keen on collecting the Curse Armor, I already have a lead on the Black Knight Sword in the China Region, so I want to ask you if you can help me find the Bone Armor in your region? When I return to my country, I will leave you 10 angels..."

Soon, Napoleon replied, "Thank you so much, friend. I will certainly gather our team's strength to find out the whereabouts of the Bone Armor for you."

Da Fei laughed, alright then, first write a blank check with empty words, and getting the troops is the priority. Though I'm offering a slight profit, after all, they are working for me, I shouldn't be too harsh on them. Also, this one deal can still earn 244 Demon Essences, plus the 213 I brushed in an hour earlier, equals a full extra angel at no cost!

Thus, Da Fei leisurely stood up and went to the Mercenary Store, stood side by side with Napoleon, and quickly completed the transaction. Then Da Fei used the essences to recruit three more Power Angels.

At this point, Da Fei's angel team consisted of 13 Power Angels, 4 Power Angels, and the Leader Angel Elifel, with less than a hundred Demon Essences left.

With all preparations complete, Da Fei took off again, flying towards the distant Despair Plain.

Meanwhile, in the UK, France, Germany, and Switzerland chatroom, the atmosphere was awkward.

In an attempt to show openness and transparency between allies, Napoleon and Da Fei's message conversation was publicly displayed on the big screen, so the other three teams knew about the artifact exchange deal for 10 angels between Napoleon and Da Fei.

Napoleon coughed lightly, "Well, this is merely a formality, if there really were conditions, and everyone thought this business was worthwhile, it wouldn't be objectionable to discuss, right? Moreover, letting Da Fei complete the artifact collection may not be a bad thing for us; it might exacerbate the internal conflict in the China Region or perhaps indirectly help weaken Japan and South Korea, or even the United States. What do you think?"

Chapter 792: The Enemy's Dock and Reinforcements

Da Fei stealthily flew to the rear of the Lava Blood Lake, where the terrain was the same as in the China Region, with several wide Lava Rivers extending into the distant Volcano Mountain Range. This meant that there must be docks and giant paddle ships transporting materials and troops here. Therefore, this was naturally Da Fei's first choice for an ambush. If the dock was heavily guarded, then it would be necessary to go deeper and replicate the success of the China Region in the volcanic area.

Having flown here, the Angel's Wings were already at their functional limit, but it didn't matter. Da Fei quickly found a rocky mountain to continue stealthily hiding, then continued to send the Blood Eagle for further reconnaissance.

Sure enough, the Blood Eagle immediately discovered several giant paddle ships and mountains of supplies on the distant riverbank, surrounded by a dense flow of workers.

Da Fei's heart jumped, and he immediately sent the Blood Eagle to scout closely. The entire scene at the dock was clearly in view: three giant paddle ships, and nearly a thousand Demon Race workers

unloading cargo. The combat power of the workers was negligible; the key was to detect the number of defending troops.

After circling twice above the docks, Da Fei was surprised to find that the number of defending troops with actual combat capabilities was actually less than two hundred! And there was no hero leading them!

At this moment, Da Fei's heart was pounding with excitement! Isn't this just waiting for me to seize it? Judging from this dock's scale, such an arrangement clearly doesn't seem like reinforcements that have just arrived. This should be the logistics team transporting siege machines for the Demon Army. If it's transporting a siege machine, then those supplies must include rare resources like Fire Stones used as ammunition, right? If that's the case, it definitely has to be seized!

Yes, it must be that I suddenly cut off the troop reinforcements for the Lava Blood Lake, so the docks here had no time to set up defenses and deploy troops. This is a great opportunity for my first big success!

Da Fei excitedly said to Elda, "Miss Elda, we're going to make a major move. Do you still have the Divine Arts to kill a thousand people? Actually, it doesn't matter if you don't. The defending troops are definitely not our opponents."

Elda shook her head and sighed, holding up three fingers, "One, I don't have any Divine Arts now. Two, are you sure that after we stealthily attacked the Lava Blood Lake, the enemy would still be so lax? Three, I haven't thought it through—I suggest you think about it more too..."

Da Fei's heart was shaken! True, I stealthily attacked the Lava Blood Lake once and saved an Angel, and the Demon Army immediately sent a regular legion to guard it fiercely. Now, even the regular legion has been wiped out, and even the Demon King has personally taken action. How could such an important facility like the docks not be heavily guarded? My thinking that they didn't have time to deploy defenses is completely unfounded!

Da Fei suddenly realized, "Does this mean, there must be an ambush?"

Elda remained non-committal, "You're the commander, make your own decision."

Oh, come on! You're following me to get promoted, so how can you have no initiative, huh? Fine, maybe it's me who's tagging along with you.

Though an NPC's hints are usually reasonable, letting go of such an opportunity without even questioning it isn't the act of a master. So, Da Fei sent the Blood Eagle lower for a detailed reconnaissance.

Now, the Blood Eagle circled in the sky over and over, but even with its God-level Reconnaissance Technique, it still couldn't find any hidden enemies. Da Fei fell into deep thought once again.

Having experienced so much, Da Fei naturally knew that the God-level Reconnaissance Technique wasn't foolproof. Not only that, but it also had quite significant drawbacks. It relied too much on vision and had almost no warning capability against underground or underwater enemies. Even when it could warn, the enemy had already bared its fangs, and players had almost no time to react.

This means that the enemy could very well be the underground type, or possibly the underwater type ambushed in the Lava River. If it's the underground type, Da Fei quickly noticed the clue!

The workers weren't walking in a straight line at certain places or were taking detours. In any case, it wasn't the shortest route, which clearly wasn't characteristic of carrying workers. It was obviously as if there had been mines planted there!

Oh, come on! Your fox's tail is finally showing! With such a significant discovery, Da Fei began carefully "picking apart" to find related "mine points." Before long, he found 30 suspicious ambush locations.

Thirty isn't too many, but I currently don't have any anti-submarine attack methods! Back at the volcano, there was Elena's Quicksand Technique trapping and killing the Sand Scorpion, so clearing the field was remarkably smooth, but I don't have that now. Not to mention that even if it's a single Sand Scorpion lying in wait there, I'm not sure I could handle it!

Da Fei had no choice but to ask Elda again, "Miss Elda, I've discovered several locations that might have enemies lurking underground. Can you strike and kill them while they're not paying attention?"

Elda smiled proudly, her long scythe clanging as she straightened the curved blade into a long spear: "Of course! I will strike from the sky, piercing through the earth and piercing their heart!"

Da Fei's brows jumped in surprise. No wonder she is an Angel Hero; it turns out her weapon is actually a variant hook-scythe spear, truly extraordinary! And underground enemies rely on the vibrations from the ground to slay, so they have no warning or defensive abilities against attacks from the sky. This really seals their fate!

However, there's still a big problem. If the enemy has many underground forces, what good will it do to alert them by killing one and exposing ourselves? Unless we behead the leading hero at the start—right, could it be a hero organizing this ambush?

Speaking of which, since an entire regular legion of the Demon Army was wiped out, this ambush is likely at the hero team level now. If that's the case, then it's even more important to prioritize beheading the hero. The question is, how to identify where the hero is?

Can't determine! Even the exact number of ambushing enemy troops can't be determined. Once the action is exposed, the 200 ground defenders cooperating with the underground lurking troops are completely out of this small force's capacity to handle, so this surprise attack can't even be launched!

Think it over, Da Fei can't help but sigh, give it up, this is a trap!

If there's no chance at the dock, then go upriver to the volcanic area, that's where my active battlefield is. Wait, there's still a problem, the reason why I'm so smooth in the Hell Volcano of the China Region is because Tachiusu has touch vines that can scout the lurking Demon Scorpions, what do I have now to counter-submarine?

Damn! Without a powerful and complete Heroic Group, it's really a pain. If worst comes to worst, I'll go block the Demon Army's mountain road instead. There shouldn't be Demon Scorpions on the road.

Now, Da Fei is riding a Hell Horse along the lava riverbank towards the Volcano Mountain Range, the Angel Army is hovering phantasmally above Da Fei's head. Da Fei occasionally looks up vigilantly at the sky, lest an inexplicable meteor falls on his head. Of course, more importantly, he can openly peek at the Angel Sister's panties to ease the gloom of giving up the prey, especially Elda's skirt — black leg guards that look just like stockings, wahahaha, awesome!!

Speaking of which, as large-sized troops, the angels' skirts are truly a player's benefit. They can serve as a protective umbrella against Flying Soldier decapitations, and they can also be a player's sunshade. What other beautiful troop type gives players such a wonderful feeling? None! No, it's not right to say there's none, each has its own charm, for instance, Flower Demons play the pure and small, while Female Vampires play the seductive and unrestrained.

Oh, by the way, Elena's specialty is the Shadow Witch of the Dark Elf Clan's level 6 troops. With the usual style of Dark Elves, that should also be a kind of unrestrained, blood-spraying troop type, right?

Just as Da Fei was evaluating the skirts of the YY female soldiers, the Blood Eagle ahead probing the way made a discovery: a giant paddle ship is paddling downstream from the upper reaches of the lava river!

Da Fei's eyebrows twitched, reinforcements!?

The Blood Eagle immediately approached closer for reconnaissance, and sure enough, lining up on the paddle ship are dozens of Demon Soldiers as big as elephants, covered entirely in thick Scale Armor. This is clearly a lesser Abyss Lord, the same race Da Fei previously killed under a mountain near the Pool of Radiance while operating the Flying and leading the Underground Mercenary Group.

The Abyss Lord race holds at least a mid-level position among Demons. They are far more powerful than ordinary Demons, so the individuals of their race are directly titled "Lord," indicating high status. The Chinese translation directly uses the original meaning of "Lord," not suggesting that this Demon actually owns a territory. Similar existences include the Cave Lord, Elemental Lord, and so on.

In short, although they are not landlords, each individual's strength is sufficient to dominate an area, it's not an exaggeration to call them lords. The appearance of this race shows how strong the reinforcement is.

At this moment, Elda said in a deep voice: "It seems the target has appeared, we can only fly to the ship to take action, otherwise, once they land, we'll stand no chance."

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped: "But I can't fly over! My Hero's Commander range can't reach from the shore to the far mid-river either!"

Elda replied seriously: "I'll fly the troops over."

Damn! Going solo? I've seen you slay monsters, actually not as good as Roger Tal. Without my OP skills and attack and defense attribute bonuses, how much fighting power do you really have? Your current opponents aren't the garbage from before! Da Fei immediately vetoed: "No! You can't act independently!"

However, she's ultimately not my Vice Hero, and she has a haughty personality. It would be troublesome if she cramps Da Fei's style! Da Fei immediately added: "I'm the Commander, this is an order!"

Yes, although I favor beautiful women, in critical positions, whether as a Commander or as a man, I must stick to my position.

Elda was suddenly taken aback, then reluctantly remarked: "Fine, do it your way then."

Once more asked to do it my way, Da Fei couldn't help but feel a headache. Didn't Elda just volunteer to fight? Isn't that a sign of increased friendliness? And I vetoed it, not only knocking the just-increased friendliness back, but maybe reducing it even further. Honestly, I don't even know her strength, is vetoing this way really no problem?

Okay, but what's the plan now? The river is so wide, there's no possible way to directly launch an attack on that giant ship in the river — or should I appear here on the riverbank, let them row over to fight me? Impossible, for such a large paddle ship, a large dock is required to dock, they won't casually dock at a wild riverbank.

At this point, Elda asked cynically: "Officer, thought of a method yet? The enemy troops are about to run back to the base."

Oh my God! Is that necessary? Wait, run back to the base?

In that instant, a bold plan suddenly sprang up in Da Fei's mind: let them go back to the base, I'll execute a strategy of feigned retreat!

Chapter 793: Decapitation Strike

Back in his school days, even though Da Fei wasn't particularly good in his core subjects, he was a young enthusiast of military history and politics, especially well-versed in military matters.

For instance, during World War II, there was a rule on the Allies' front lines that soldiers weren't allowed to salute their officers when reporting. Why? Because the platoon-level officers at the Allies' front lines were wearing steel helmets, carrying rifles, and dressed like regular soldiers. From a distance, you couldn't tell who was an officer. If a subordinate saluted, it could catch the attention of enemy (German) snipers and get the officer shot.

Therefore, Da Fei's current strategy was to let this ship of reinforcements pass by. After all, he couldn't attack them from the riverbank no matter what, so he could only let them pass.

And when this group of reinforcements arrives, they'll surely connect with the highest authority on the docks. And who would the highest authority be? The hero organizing the ambush. Once this group of reinforcements talks to the hero, wouldn't that expose the hero? Then Da Fei would have the chance to strike and behead the hero all at once. This is Da Fei's strategy of feigned retreat to lure the enemy.

Of course, this is the ideal scenario, but other situations could arise.

For instance, when the reinforcements land, they might head straight to the front lines to support the Demon King, which is also an ideal scenario. Da Fei can't kill them in the river, but he might intercept and kill them on their way to the front lines.

Another possibility is that the reinforcements might fully take over and enhance defenses when they land. This is the most frustrating situation. But it doesn't matter since, without reinforcements, Da Fei would have no chance of winning anyway, so it doesn't significantly affect him.

In a flurry of thoughts, Da Fei quickly sorted out his plan for the next steps and immediately headed back to the docks to choose a suitable ambush spot.

At this point, Elda seemed annoyed: "Officer, what are you going back and forth for? In terms of chess, you've just made a useless move, you know?"

What the hell! Your chess is definitely weak! Da Fei said with a sweat, "This is called a strategic retreat, attacking the unprepared with immense power!"

Elda snorted: "Alright then, let me see the immense power of the officer."

Da Fei couldn't help but break into a cold sweat. This friendliness level is really worrisome! But it's normal. The more dissatisfied she is, the more it shows that she's a capable, independent-thinking hero, making her worth the effort to recruit. So Da Fei is more determined to make this battle a success, to win her over completely!

But could this really achieve the effect Da Fei imagined? Perhaps she really has the ability to force her way aboard and fight several Abyss Lords? If she truly has that capability, her level and stature might exceed the Legendary Heroes serving as Generals in the Mortal World, right? Could a player really recruit her?

Right, if she succeeds in fighting, wouldn't that mean she's taken the ship?

Taking the ship? With that thought, Da Fei was struck with a realization! If taking the ship is successful, could Da Fei's God-level Navigator and Master-level Navigation Skill be utilized on this Lava River?

The range of Navigation Skill is certainly not limited to the sea; it can be applied in rivers, lakes, swamps, and essentially anywhere a ship sails on water. So, here's the question—does a Lava River count as a river? Is lava considered water?

This question completely exceeded Da Fei's understanding of the game. A strong sense of curiosity and exploratory desire surged in Da Fei's heart, making him eager to seize a ship and give it a try!

Yes, seizing a ship! There are already three ships docked, and with this one, that makes four! So many ships are just there for Da Fei to seize, right? And the rowers of these giant paddle ships are Demon Giants of medium to large build, meaning regular small-framed humans couldn't handle the large oars. But Da Fei's Angels are also of large build; surely Angels can handle it, right? They must be able to! It's

said the Brit's Noah's Ark required Angels to operate! Da Fei just so happens to lead an Angel army, perfect for use as sailors!

If Navigation Skill truly works on this Lava River, how could the incoming reinforcements possibly compete with Da Fei's God-level navy? Whether it's a ramming battle, cannon battle, or boarding battle—hang on, can these giant paddle ships use cannons?

In an instant, Da Fei finalized his second-phase plan. Even if the so-called strategy of feigned retreat fails completely, Da Fei can still seize the ship! Yes, Da Fei's first step is to behead the hero. Successful or not, the second step is to seize the ship! As long as Da Fei boards the ship, the infantry on the shore couldn't possibly stop him! Hahaha, this is the ingenious plan that can make Elda surrender wholeheartedly!

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Now, Da Fei has quietly returned to the dock's perimeter, hiding behind a rocky hill. Da Fei's plan is now perfectly clear, with all sorts of scenarios, plans, and contingency measures all ready to go, just waiting for the Demon Army on the giant paddle ship to dock.

The Demon reinforcements didn't keep Da Fei waiting long. Amidst the horn blasts at the docks, the giant paddle ship docked, and dozens of "Armored Elephant" warriors carrying giant axes disembarked with a thundering sound that shook the whole dock. Da Fei could already imagine how formidable their land combat abilities would be, but what concerned him now was whether they would connect with anyone.

An Abyss Lord walked toward the dock plaza and then stopped. His unusual behavior immediately caught Da Fei's attention!

Is he connecting? Could it be here? At this moment, Da Fei was filled with excitement and nervousness, his palms starting to sweat!

Soon enough, this Abyss Lord turned, waved to his companions, and then redirected toward the frontline of the Divine Punishment City. All the Abyss Lords followed without hesitation, heading for the frontline!

At that moment, Da Fei couldn't contain his excitement, wanting to jump up! He's already identified the ambush site; if it's not here, Da Fei would eat three pounds of crap!

Da Fei, filled with excitement, turned and asked Elda, "Miss Elda, did you see where that Abyss Lord stopped just now? That's our target for decapitation. As soon as those Abyss Lords move away, we act immediately! Regardless of success, our next step is to seize the ship!"

Elda nodded with a serious expression and said, "It is indeed a highly suspicious location, and I will try my best to assassinate."

Finally gaining the approval of the beautiful hero, it's worth Da Fei's painstaking efforts! Now the next step is to see the result of the assassination, hopefully accomplishing it with a single blow! But is her attack power enough?

Thinking about the attack issue, Da Fei suddenly remembered something—could it be that in one day he's neglected things he shouldn't have while being so busy? Da Fei immediately opened the attribute panel. At this moment, Da Fei's Strategic Attack is at 172, strategic defense at 201, and he has 67 free attribute points!

free attribute points, and Da Fei had initially thought about learning some Light Magic to gain magic power and relieve some healing and resurrection pressure from the troops. But now Da Fei's whole team is composed of Angels, each able to heal and resurrect, with zero pressure at all. At this decisive moment of the battlefield, Da Fei asks just one thing—are you afraid if I go all-in on attack?

No two ways about it, all attack! Henceforth, Da Fei's Strategic Attack reached a whopping 239! What does this mean? If the enemy's defense is 0, then each attack point increases damage by 5%, making 239 attack points increase damage by 1195%, essentially increasing troop damage 12-fold!!!

Are you afraid? Even Da Fei is scared! With such an overwhelming attack bonus coupled with Elda's attack power, plus Master-level Attack Skill and Morale Strike, along with the Temple Crusader's 50% boost, plus Da Fei's Lucky Hand guaranteeing a critical hit, the damage is too dazzling for Da Fei to even look at!

Now, as the figures of the Abyss Lords moved further away, with the sound of thunderous shocks growing more distant, Da Fei waved at Elda: "Act now!"

Then, a rainbow light soared cloudwards!

—System Prompt: You've activated the God-level Luck Skill "Lucky Hand," ensuring your troops' next attack will be fortunate!

At this moment, still under the Phantom March state, Elda ascended into the sky, like a black shadow soaring high, and then dived towards the target, descending like a diving ghost eagle, her speed increasing rapidly, becoming a black lightning bolt!

At this moment, Da Fei could already confirm that this was the Dive Skill. Elda was not simply "flying infantry"; she was genuinely an air force unit with actual aerial combat capabilities! Amazing, so this is the strength of an Angel Hero!

At this moment, Da Fei was filled with boundless confidence in her! And at this very moment, a red light flashed on Da Fei's screen! Finally, radar showed a red dot of a Lurker underneath Elda! The start of the battle system prompt followed swiftly!

At this point, Elda had already landed!

A flash of black light, dust shot to the sky!

—System Prompt: Your team hero Elda has slain the enemy hero "Lurker Shalonbas," causing the enemy's legion to enter a state of leaderless chaos, each fighting for themselves!

One-hit kill, decapitation success! Oh yeah!!!

Chapter 794: Annihilating the Regular Army Again

With the success of Elda's airborne assassination, alarms blared across the Demon Race's dock, and thousands of workers scattered in fright!

Da Fei knew it wasn't over yet! The assassination of heroes yielded no experience nor equipment drops, and the enemy troops didn't collapse and flee, indicating that Da Fei had encountered a regular army!

Indeed, even if a hero leading a regular army is assassinated, the troops will not scatter, showcasing another powerful aspect of a regular army. This meant that Da Fei had to annihilate the enemy forces to gain experience and rewards. However, since no divine artifacts would drop, Da Fei wasn't interested in the experience and equipment; he was after the mountains of supplies on the dock!

There was no time to think, Da Fei's ambush location was closest to the ships at the dock, so without a word, Da Fei immediately implemented the second plan: "Seize the ship!"

In an instant, all of Da Fei's angels swooped onto the ship, slaughtering the giant boatmen sleeping or resting on board. As for Da Fei himself, he was sadly the infamous foot soldier, destined for the fire line of life and death from the ambush spot to the ship! All the guards at the dock closed in on Da Fei in pursuit, and some scattered Demon Child workers even began coordinating with the troops to block Da Fei!

As a lone commander, the ability to attract animosity was indeed superior to any troop type, and Da Fei suddenly felt bad! At this moment, Da Fei finally realized deeply that the planning and implementation of tactics were completely different matters, and watching others do it versus doing it oneself was another matter!

Crash! A thunderous sound suddenly came from underground, and over a dozen thick bone spikes burst from the ground ahead of Da Fei!

Da Fei's eyebrows shot up in surprise, there were lurkers! And at that moment, all the Demon Race workers in front of Da Fei let out a tragic howl, being pierced through and killed by the bone spikes. Whether their chrysanthemum or balls were exploded, the sight of such a death was ball-achingly painful!

But there was no time to think, Da Fei felt a shock underfoot, and with a bang!!! his chrysanthemum was chilled and his body shook— "-158!"

Brother got popped too!

Even in the game, Da Fei couldn't help but clench and touch his lower body. Brother's defense, as thick as a level 2 city wall of 200 points plus Master-level Defense Skill, suffered 158 points of damage; to what high degree must this lurker's damage reach? This is even without a hero leading it, what if there was one?

However, Da Fei had no retreat! The lurker's indiscriminate damage cleared the path for him, and all Da Fei could do was run over the landmines, believing that such a heavy firepower area damage unit couldn't maintain rapid attack speeds, giving himself time to escape! Anyway, Brother still had over 700 HP to withstand a few hits!

Charge!

Two steps, three steps, four steps, five steps! Da Fei, as if poisoned by the five-step snake, prayed in his mind, chanting silently, 'Cross it, you can do this!'

But just then, another thunderous rumble came from the ground ahead, and yet another row of bone spikes burst forth—sh*t! Another one ahead!

However, it wasn't over yet! Thunderous rumbles sounded from behind too, with two great rows of bone spikes shooting up to flank him!

—Bang Bang!! "-153!" "-161!"

Damn it! Is this game over?!

And at that moment, two beams of golden light flashed down, " +70!" "+100!"

—System Prompt: Your hero team member Elda casts Strong Healing Skill on you, restoring +100 HP.

—System Prompt: Your unit Elifel casts Strong Healing Skill on you, restoring +70 HP.

Oh yeah! Da Fei's excitement surged, and he hurriedly looked up. Sure enough, Elda and Elifel were casting healing skills mid-air!

At this moment, Da Fei's heart was shaken! They could actually cast spells while airborne! Due to system balance constraints, until now, aside from Flower Demons and Wind Elements which are naturally air force, very few flying units in the game could perform magic skills in mid-air. Previously, neither his Charming Emperor nor Artillery Emperor could do it, and ultimately, this was the biggest embarrassment of "flying army" — everything must be ground-based in combat or casting spells.

That Elda as a hero could perform air spells wasn't unexpected, but now that Elifel too could, this was monumental. This implies that transforming regular angel species into boss-level means a real air force would emerge? Meaning the seemingly low cost-effectiveness elites in the Mercenary Store actually represent real long-term investments?

So that's how it is! Haha, wahaha! Great, from now on, Brother follows the elite route!

With the aid of Elda and Elifel, Da Fei finally took a breath and bolted from the lurker's ambush circle, and right then, two enormous scorpions bristling with bone spikes burst from the ground behind him, pursuing Da Fei while launching bone spikes!

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped in shock, this beast could also perform mobile shooting? And observing the damage figures "-34!" "-36!" on himself, Da Fei felt slightly reassured. So once out of the ground, the power of its bone spikes greatly diminished, likely hinting that the ambushed bone spikes earlier had Earth Magic bonuses or something; anyway, they posed no threat now!

Da Fei now dashed up the gangplank and boarded the giant paddle ship. Immediately, he felt like he'd walked into a hot frying pan floating in fiery soup, but now wasn't the time to sweat such minor issues. Facing the troops relentlessly pursuing from behind and the numerous lurking monsters emerging from the earth, Da Fei confidently waved a large hand: "Block the plank and fight!"

Blocking the gangway on the boarding plank is an excellent strategic position for a one-man defense. You can take turns healing and resting, taking turns to fight, and if you really can't hold on, I can still sail away to escape! This is a stronghold that can both defend and run away, using defense as offense!

At this moment, the system prompt rang:

—System Prompt: Your team hero Elifel has killed all the boatmen, and your troops have captured a giant Hellfire River paddle ship!

—System Prompt: You have entered a special water battle environment, your "Ultimate Sea Monster Hunter" achievement partially takes effect, and your troop's life +5%, stamina +5%, and damage to ocean creatures +20%.

—System Prompt: Your God-level Navigator sub-skill "Survival Will" partially takes effect, and your troop's life +12%, stamina +12%...

Da Fei was suddenly shocked! A special water battle environment? Nautical achievements and skills partially effective? The Ultimate Sea Monster Hunter should have been life and stamina +20%, but now it's only 5%, and the 20% attribute increase in ship speed is also gone. And the Survival Will, which should increase life and stamina by 50%, is now only 12%, meaning it's also been reduced to just one-quarter!

This means the Lava River is indeed not an ordinary river; the normal Sailing Skills are indeed ineffective here! That's right, I've heard that players of the Hell Race don't learn sailing skills because there's no sea in hell, which was also the reason why the Hell players from various countries were utterly defeated during the first Pool of Radiance national war!

But even so, my skills are still awesome, still giving my troops an additional 17% life and stamina, further establishing my advantage. I want to see how these guards can fight against me! Charge! Come on and charge at me! Haha, wahahaha!

The battle below was without suspense. Without the leadership of a hero and without geographical advantage, the over two hundred demon guards stood no chance against Da Fei, who had attributes beyond the heavens, along with the Angel Leader and some sailing skill bonuses, and they were quickly annihilated during the boarding battle.

At this moment, those dozens of lurkers providing remote support at the rear began to retreat and escape!

Damn it! This is an opportunity for promotion by annihilating a regular army group. I don't care about experience and equipment, but I do care about merit, how can I let you escape?

Da Fei hastily said: "Chase! Don't let them get away!"

Elda sneered: "They won't escape!" After speaking, she took out a deck of poker cards and soared into the air!

Da Fei was taken aback, that poker was clearly the exquisite deck I initially gave her in the tavern? What's she up to?

At this moment, a rainbow light flashed in the sky, and dozens of black glittering poker cards swooped down, nailing into every escaping lurker, slowing their escape speed abruptly, and then above their heads appeared the long-missed dark red arc light familiar to Da Fei!

—System Prompt: Your team vice-hero Elda activated the Divine Arts "Destiny Tarot Card," with Elda in a lucky state, while the enemy army is under various misfortune negative states!

Da Fei was greatly startled, Divine Arts! Another Divine Arts, isn't this dark red arc light the same Absolute Misfortune Light that tortured me in the Nether Sea for a month previously?

No time to think, with the lucky rainbow light overhead, Elda led the Angel Army in a swoop, landing critical hits to slay those slowed lurkers one by one. And at this time, some lurkers had already begun burrowing into the ground with clouds of dust, but it was no use, as the radar still displayed their red dots, and their slow movements underground were completely monitored by the radar, then successively pierced and killed by Elda's lance!

Da Fei was so stunned that he gaped, this "Destiny Tarot Card" combined all the advantages of my previous Destiny Coins into one big move, how could such a move truly not be beyond a mortal's ability? To what extent is the hero of the Angel Race strong?

However, the stronger the better! Haha, wahahaha!

Finally, with the last lurker being pierced and slain, the long-awaited rewards finally arrived:

—System Prompt: Battle ended! You annihilated the Lava Blood Lake Guard Corps 3rd Group led by enemy hero Sharonbas, you earned 1.74 million experience, acquired 176 Demon Essence, obtained 41 Lurker Demon Essence! You received spoils "Ground Listener" and mission item "Hell Regular Army Order"!

—System Prompt: You destroyed a demon regiment-level regular army troop, you earned the achievement "2nd Legion Annihilator", your Command Power +60, Life +10, Attack +1, Defense +1, Magic Power +1, Knowledge +1.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You earned the achievement "Victory in the 18th Battle", with Command Power reward +10

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You earned the achievement "Victory in the 12th Glorious Battle", with Command Power reward +20, personal life +20.

—Ground Listener: S-level strategic equipment, a detection device. Placing this device on the ground effectively listens for underground lurking enemies within a 100-meter radius and can hear the footsteps of medium-sized creatures several hundred meters away.

—Hell Regular Army Order: An order for the Lava Blood Lake Guard Corps 3rd Group, with a history of 10,000 years, 295 wins and 14 losses. Proof of annihilating an enemy army. Submitting the enemy's order to the kingdom or related forces can earn merit and prestige rewards.

Chapter 795: Training the Angel Sailors

Looking at the screen full of system information, Da Fei, who was already mentally prepared, let out a long sigh of relief.

Once again, he annihilated an ancient regular army. The last battle was the enemy fighting to the death without retreat, and this time the enemy couldn't escape even if they wanted to. If even one escaped, all my merits and spoils would be gone. In the end, it was the victory of Elda's divine arts, but fundamentally, it was the victory of my excellent leadership, haha, wahahaha!

But the real big event is just beginning. There's no time to greet Elda's poker divine arts, and no time to check out this newly acquired ground listener. The urgent task at hand is to teleport all the mountains of resources on the dock.

Da Fei handed the golden treasure bead space marker to Elda, and couldn't help but exclaim excitedly, "Miss Elda, you've worked hard. As long as we teleport all these resources back, we will hit it big. Promotion is definitely in the cards."

Elda took the treasure bead with an evident fatigue, letting out a long sigh, "Perhaps after using this treasure bead, I won't have the strength to maintain my angel form anymore, and I won't be able to help you. You'll have to figure things out by yourself in the future."

Da Fei was suddenly startled, unable to maintain angel form? Is this the aftermath of using the divine arts?

Before he could think more, Elda had already activated the space marker. A golden light suddenly burst out, enveloping the mountain of resources on the dock. The surrounding space began to distort violently, and amid flashes and thunder, a gigantic spatial gate appeared with a bang!

At this moment, Da Fei's eyes were fixed in amazement. He could never have imagined such a gigantic space gate; it was practically a black hole! Is this the power of the angel race? Or the power of the gods?

With a flash of thunder, his vision blurred, and the enormous mountain instantly disappeared! The dock, which was piled high with goods just a moment ago, was now empty!

Da Fei snapped back to his senses, ecstatically laughing, "Oh yeah! Success!"

This operation was incredible, better than when I used three big trucks to transport goods in the China Region. This time, it's enough to support the barrier power of Divine Punishment City against the Demon King, isn't it? My merit in collecting resources is about to skyrocket, and even if the European Union Zone players don't cooperate and don't collect resources, they can't defeat me, wahahaha!

Just then, black smoke began to steam from Elda's entire body, her form becoming blurry and rapidly shrinking. Amidst the flicker of black light, the freckled bar girl in her luxurious attire reappeared.

Da Fei was dumbfounded, "What happened to you?"

The barmaid Elda sighed dejectedly, "Of course, using the treasure bead consumed too much energy, and I can no longer maintain my angel form. Now I'm just an ordinary mortal, not a hero, and can't fly. Please don't have too high expectations. Also, the treasure bead's energy is exhausted and cannot be used for three days."

Da Fei widened his eyes in shock, "Then... what about the battles ahead?"

Elda replied grumpily, "I'm like this now, how can I fight?"

Da Fei shook his head in shock, "I mean, what if something happens to you?"

Elda chuckled, "Who knows? Maybe I'll resurrect in Divine Punishment City, or perhaps be captured by the demons, and my angel spirit will become a fallen angel. In any case, you figure it out!"

Da Fei's jaw dropped! Once again, it's up to me to figure it out? Is this a test for me?

Damn it, is this my time to be the hero saving the damsel? Shouldn't I be escorting her back safely now? Although she has become an ordinary human NPC and can't fly, as long as we reach the edge of the Despair Plain, my Angel's Wings can still take her on a showy flight. Besides, the demon army doesn't have much strength now; I am fully confident to escort her back safely.

But wait! Once I send her back, doesn't it mean she will officially leave my team? The bond between us might just end here. I have just let her witness my wisdom and power, and haven't even had the chance to make her declare her stance, how can I let her go back?

In any case, I should be patting my chest and telling her, "We will always be comrades. You just need to sit quietly by the side and watch me continue to be wise and powerful, just keep racking up merits with me!"

Exactly, although the first choice might deeply move and captivate an ordinary woman, increasing goodwill substantially. But Elda clearly isn't an ordinary woman. She is a fallen one-winged angel; what she lacks the most is merit, isn't it? Otherwise, she wouldn't be so respectful to the Angel Leader for being given a lowly rank!

That is to say, the correct approach is to take her along to continue accumulating merits! Although it's highly irresponsible for her safety, this is truly the test of a man's, a commander's ability. Perhaps in her eyes, only an incompetent leader would lack the confidence to keep her around. It seems this is the key moment for me to recruit her.

Da Fei decided, starting to express earnestly, "Miss Elda, thanks to your full support, I've gained unimaginable merits. Now you just quietly watch me perform. You only need to rest and have fun on the side."

Elda laughed heartily, "Sure, resting and having fun are my favorites!"

Indeed, this was her true thought. Fine! Even though you can't fly now, I can take you sailing. I want you to see my real strength. I want to make these terrestrial hell ducks so afraid that they never dare to enter the water. Here is where I truly don't need to rely on your battleground!

Now, Da Fei's team boarded the ship again, and a scorching heat hit them in the face.

Elda frowned, pulled out a delicate little folding fan that some bastard gave her, and started fanning herself.

Da Fei was suddenly surprised, indeed, the cabin floating on the Lava River is just like an iron plate grill, how can Elda, now a frail mortal woman, bear it?

But it's okay! I had the foresight to have Divine Artifact! Da Fei immediately pulled out that "Frost Coral Tree" he bid 2.5 million for at the auction in the Dwarf Capital—a piece of furniture that gave Da Fei the Expert Level Treasure Appraiser info and was said to cool high-temperature forging rooms.

The last time the Flying was transporting the corpses of Demons to the Nasir Ancient Tree for food, Da Fei whimsically placed it in the cargo hold, attempting to preserve the corpses. Whether it preserved or

not was unknown, but now the cooling effect is immediate, and there's indeed a slight chill around the coral tree!

Elda couldn't help but smile: "You actually know such things?"

Wahaha! Compared to my air conditioning, things like folding fans can be tossed into the Lava River to burn! Da Fei laughed heartily: "Do you like it? If you like it, I'll give it to you!"

Elda shook her head and said grimly: "This is not a tavern!"

Da Fei laughed unexpectedly, indeed, bar girls outside taverns are not authentic bar girls. Da Fei glanced around the cabin, finding it too simplistic and crude with just giant paddles, cables, and anchors. There ought to be tables and chairs for my ugly duckling sweetheart to play cards and rest. Even during the most destitute times at sea, I never let my beauty suffer. Following me, you won't suffer either.

Da Fei looked at the dock and immediately noticed a place similar to a warehouse with sets of tables, chairs, cabinets, and beds, and inside the warehouse, there were even boxes and boxes of wine! Just in time, there's nothing to say, activate the War Plunder Skill, and all Angels move house!

With the Angels' mobility, moving was just a matter of two back-and-forths, and in no time, the previously empty flat cabin was filled with sets of furniture and piles of wine.

Looking at the fully furnished ship, Elda finally sat contentedly by the coral tree, then lowered her head and directly fell asleep on the table.

Da Fei felt a tug at his heart, realizing she was always very tired! Alright, just sleep at ease!

Now Da Fei arranged all the Angel Army to be in the rowing positions, everything was ready, then set sail! But unexpectedly, the Angels were rowing chaotically, some rowing forward, some backward, and some just splashing the water with the giant paddles for fun! Under their antics, the giant paddle ship just spun in place and couldn't leave the harbor!

Da Fei's jaw dropped, what on earth is going on?

Only then did Da Fei suddenly remember he hadn't been to sea for a long time and had neglected something he shouldn't have—these Angels aren't sailors!

That's right, every novice running maritime trade needs to hire a sailor at the Sailor's House after buying a ship! Even if it's the lowest-level sailor, even if their combat power is the level of a 0-level soldier, as long as they have "Sailing Skill," they can help players sail!

In other words, Da Fei's correct course of action should be to try and subdue those sleeping giant boatmen? Yet the more one experiences, the more one realizes how unreliable such things are!

Da Fei was suddenly in a predicament! Never expected to make a mistake on such a simple and absurd issue! Or, perhaps this scenario wasn't worried about players hijacking the ship, so the Demon Army dared to boldly park several boats at the dock?

What to do? There might only be one last way. Da Fei then opened a long-neglected skill—Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill!

Indeed, back in the day, it was with this self-realized skill that I taught the Little Banshee Master War Machine Science, which led to the birth of the new unit, the Artillery Emperor, and also advanced my skill comprehension to Master Level. I now have no choice but to cram and teach the Angels to learn the Sailing Skill!

However, there are two problems: One, the Angels are all adults, can they be taught? Two, this Lava River belongs to a special water body that inherently doesn't support the Sailing Skill, is my choice of classroom wrong?

But, there are no options left! Whether it works or not, we must try! Otherwise, we'll have to head home. Moreover, judging from the previous training of the Little Banshee, as long as the Little Banshee successfully learned a level one skill, the Little Banshee's attributes would advance, stepping toward becoming an elite one step at a time!

In other words, as long as I successfully get an Angel to learn Basic Navigation Skill, then the Angel will also advance, and by the time Master-level Navigation Skill is learned, it might even directly become a BOSS!

Exactly! The more unreliable the teaching environment, the more one must face it head-on. Isn't it in these unreliable environments that Grandmasters and God-level beings are born? Moreover, the opportunity to snatch a Hell Ship is a once-in-a-lifetime chance; I'll take the gamble!

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—System Prompt: You have used Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill on Wisdom Angel Elifel, your attempt to teach Sailing Skill failed!

—System Prompt: You have used Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill on Power Angel, your attempt to teach Sailing Skill failed!

—System Prompt: ...your attempt to teach Sailing Skill failed.

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Failure after failure, expected failures, Da Fei had long been mentally prepared for various failures. Yet, under the impact of the lava flow, and the angels paddling without any sense of order, the giant paddle ship still swayed, drifting away from the dock, aimlessly down the Flame River.

Where will it drift to? Da Fei felt a wave of frustration.

In other words, if he cannot teach the angels to row, he might not be able to dock. If it were a human ship, even without sailors, the player could just get on board themselves. But these giant paddles on the Hell Ship truly can't be moved by humans. Moreover, looking at the trend of the ship drifting downstream, the plan to intercept the Hell Relief Army might not be executable.

Well, this is what they call 'breaking the cauldrons and sinking the boats,' pushing him to produce results no matter what. It's fine; after all, he won big in the first battle, so disrupting the relief army seems trivial in comparison to training angels. Let the experts from the European Union Zone deal with the headache.

Therefore, after regaining stamina, Da Fei started a new round of training.

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Tokyo Akihabara, Mitsubishi Team building, the atmosphere of preparation was unprecedently tense.

On the large wall of the team's command room, over a dozen big screens were focused on monitoring the Pool of Radiance at the World Tree of Japan Zone. Tonight, a battle which concerns the 'national fate' of Japan Zone will officially unfold at the Pool of Radiance. All think tanks, all main team members, logistics personnel, as well as undercover agents within the Bright Alliance Elf Force, would spare no effort, battling to decide the final outcome!

For this battle, the Japan Zone used the Korea District's national war to transport the Divine Artifact purchased from China Region, and for this battle, they utilized almost all civilian forces, joining the Elf Force at the Pool of Radiance as undercover agents with unwavering determination.

If successful, the significance of this battle would be akin to a sneak attack on Pearl Harbor in the game. If failed, Japan Zone will become a second-rate team in the world due to the misstep in early game development direction. Meanwhile, the Mitsubishi Team might even face the crisis of disbandment. This battle must succeed, failure is not an option!

And at such a tense moment, Team Manager Igarashi and Team Captain Tsukamoto Hideki were focusing on a small screen live broadcasting the battle conditions at the European Union Divine Punishment City.

Igarashi took a deep drag on his cigarette and solemnly asked: "Up until now, it's been NPCs from the Bright Alliance launching against the Hell Race's NPCs, which I find unusual!"

Tsukamoto Hideki nodded: "Indeed! Normally, the Divine Punishment City should be a factional confrontation scene where players from both sides can participate. It's odd that no Dark Alliance players are involved in the direct attack. However, looking at the current situation, it's clear that the Hell Siege side is in a strong position, so the game system won't allow players from Hell's Side to join the battle. Moreover, Hell scenarios are usually domains of mid and high-level demons, and the current Dark Alliance players have yet to achieve enough merit and reputation to reach here, which explains the absence of Dark Alliance players in the attack."

Igarashi nodded: "If we conquer the World Tree, would we qualify to enter this scene?"

Tsukamoto was excited: "Absolutely! If a mere Crusader serves as the ticket to the Divine Punishment City scene, then our merits in conquering the World Tree would surpass the Crusader a hundredfold. By then, each of our players will be enshrined as 'Lord' by the Demon King, elevating into the ranks of mid-level demons, and our attribute values would experience a remarkable boost. At that point, we can change our plans!"

Igarashi couldn't help but laugh heartily: "Exactly, at that time, we won't need to engage in attrition warfare with the human empire troops as numerous as mice. Instead, we hit directly at their elite, first capturing the Divine Punishment City, then dismantling the entire Light Church's force from top to bottom, ultimately destroying the Human Empire!"

Tsukamoto laughed: "If we manage to capture the Divine Punishment City, perhaps we'll be promoted to high-level demons? Then our attribute enhancements would be unimaginable, mere mortals wouldn't be our opponents anymore, not to mention Koreans, Chinese, or even Americans, none would be worth mentioning."

Igarashi laughed: "So, in order to seize Divine Punishment City in our next move, we still need the undercover members of the Bright Alliance to study the strategy guide for entering Divine Punishment City."

Tsukamoto nodded: "Moreover, the smoother the progress on the Bright Alliance side, the more favorable it is to break the balance of power, thus benefiting our entry into the Divine Punishment City scene in support of Hell. So I actually hope that Da Fei and these people from the European Union Zone could heavily damage the NPC forces of Hell."

Igarashi laughed: "Let them think they've reached the forefront of the world in their delusions."

As the two chatted, an alert sounded on one of the command center's monitoring screens: "Target spotted!"

The decisive moment had arrived! Igarashi's expression tensed: "Act according to plan!"

Tsukamoto immediately issued orders: "All squads, report your status!"

"Report, First Special Attack Team, twelve members ready!"

"Report, Second Special Attack Team, ten members ready!"

"Report, First Logistics Team ready!"

Chapter 797: Japan's National Destiny Turning Point (Part 2)

As the reports echoed powerfully throughout the command center, the big screen revealed an Elf Ranger Hero General leading a substantial number of elite patrol units.

This is the target of the Mitsubishi Team's mission, the Elf Garrison General from the Pool of Radiance in the Japan District. At the current stage, players face three insurmountable mountains when confronting NPC Kingdom forces heroes: one, the NPC hero's high level, high attributes, and top-tier treasures; two, the NPC hero's high-ranking official status and the additional combat power bonus granted by the regular army units they lead; three, a multitude of elite, sophisticated troops.

Of course, the Japan District has a fourth mountain: the narrow terrain of the underground space, which hinders the player's human wave tactics.

These four mountains are sufficient to crush any so-called strategy of the players! Yet even so, the Japan District still wagered their "national fate," boldly initiating the long-prepared challenge against these four mountains!

First, reconnaissance! This NPC general periodically leads parts of the army to patrol the territories around Radiant City. Moreover, the patrol locations and routes differ each time.

The Mitsubishi Team's Elf undercover scouting group spent a considerable amount of time and effort meticulously recording each patrol time and route of the general. Of course, such reconnaissance tasks can only be completed by the Elf undercover members; if it were Demon members, they might get shot in the head by an arrow before even seeing him, not knowing how they died.

Then, programmers were dispatched to create specialized analysis software, inputting all the reconnaissance records into the software for analytical calculations, gradually summarizing the general's patrol patterns: that is, seemingly random, it is not entirely random, as the general is sure to visit a location at least once in every three patrols.

With this conclusion, the software can predict the general's next patrol time and route. At that time, the Demon and Elf undercover members can join forces to set up various barricades and traps along the critical path to isolate the general, mobilizing teams to attack from all directions.

Of course, there is still room for error in predictions. If an error occurs and the ambush misses, it is not only the ambush that fails; the numerous barricades and traps set by the team will be cleared by the system, resulting in a waste of manpower, resources, and time. However, this is a necessary sacrifice for achieving great accomplishments. Having failed twice, this is the third attempt, and after corrections from the previous two, this time the success rate is extremely high. Hence, the Mitsubishi Team is risking the system clearing failures by investing all sorts of rare and expensive magic scrolls and magic materials into the setup.

Now, the command center continues to report the count: "Target entered Ambush Point One!"

"Target entered Ambush Point Two!"

At this moment, all members of the command center held their breath, too excited and tense to speak, and for Mr. Hirata Hirao, the God-level Hero Mobility Master, bearing the key to this operation, the pressure was beyond the imagination of all team members!

— "Target entered Ambush Route Three!" At this moment, the reporting team member's voice was almost hoarse with excitement!

Tsukamoto couldn't help but tremble in his voice: "There should be no errors this time, our calculations are like predicting the lottery numbers!"

Igarashi urged with feigned calmness: "Steady! Steady, wait until the final ambush point!"

Finally, the good news rang out again: "All targets entered the ambush point!"

At this moment, the entire Mitsubishi command center couldn't help but cheer loudly! This battle, the Japan District is determined to win!

Igarashi took a deep breath and then roared: "Great Japanese elites, attack!!!"

"First Special Attack Team, attack!"

"Second Special Attack Team, attack!"

"First Special Service Team, attack!"

At this moment, the sound of tremors, landslides, and explosions echoed from the dozen large screens on the wall, then the sky-high flames, smoke, and rolling stones instantly segmented the Ranger General's army into dozens of small segments, and then the main team members, who were ambushed far beyond the general's alert range, charged at once!

Flames, smoke, battle, slaughter, chaos! No amount of verbal command could respond to the current turmoil; now the only reliance is on each main team member's personal abilities! The elite Hellhounds were shot dead in droves during their charge, and the Level 5 soldiers the team treasured, the Hell Horses, also served as cannon fodder attracting enemy fire!

"Report! The first special attack team was completely destroyed!"

"The third reserve echelon is ready!"

"Report! The second special attack team was completely destroyed!"

"The third and fourth reserve echelons, attack!!!"

Sacrifice! Sacrifices continue without counting the cost, sacrificing all the forces of the team, everything just to isolate the enemy commander, depleting the commander's magic skills!

—“Report, target general moved to the decisive battle location!”

At this moment, the entire command center instantaneously fell silent!

At this point, the God-level Hero Hirata Hirao, bearing the fate of the Japan District, tightly grasped the Divine Artifact Destiny Coin — Use!

Bloodthirsty Technique Scroll — Use!

A vast rainbow light rose, and a vast bloody light covered the whole group!

Two hundred elite Level 2 soldiers, Mags, hidden in the smoky ambush, revealed themselves, swinging their flaming hands, two hundred Blast Fireballs whooshing toward engulfing the Elf General’s squad!

But it was not over, as the elite Mags’ left hand immediately fired the second shot, then the right hand fired the third shot, and the left hand the fourth shot!

Inferno! Bombardment! Infinite Lucky Strike! Inferno! Bombardment...

Indeed, for the God-level Hero whose talent is accelerating attributes, the Japan District used speed-enhancing equipment and the Bloodthirsty Technique Scroll to increase the Mobility Master’s attack speed to a pinnacle of 40 points! This means a basic speed of 10 for the Mag can make four strikes, whereas a normal 10-speed Mag only has time to make one move!

But not only that, the special Level 2 soldiers with the ability to continuously throw fireballs with both hands, elite Mags further elevated the shooting effect to the pinnacle!

The Japan District’s fate was entrusted to these 200 meticulously selected and rigorously trained elite Mags! No melee unit could approach the Ranger General in such a narrow passageway; relying solely on the Mag’s kind of ranged area damage units in a confined area, piling damage infinitely to create miracles!

And miracles could only be born within two seconds; otherwise, Hirata Hirao might be killed instantly by the Ranger General's arrow! And these two seconds are the turning point that determines Japan's fate!

One second! Two seconds!

—System Prompt: Congratulations! You have defeated the Elite Kingdom Garrison General Ragnar, leading the enemy legion to operate without leadership, each fighting independently!

The system prompt sounded throughout the hall, and the entire command exploded in deafening cheers!

Igarashi was tearfully excited: "Well done! Great Japan is indeed well done! From now on, the step of Japan District dominating the world is unstoppable!"

The command center shouted in unison: "Great Japan, victory is certain!"

Chapter 798: Guild Alliance of the China Region

As the European Union Zone's Divine Punishment City battle was raging, and the Japan Zone quietly achieved astonishing results, the seemingly peaceful China Region guild leaders were all busy.

The top leaders of the four major guilds of the Bright Alliance, Ninth Heaven, Star, Bloodrose, and Royal Family, also gathered in a video chat room after dinner.

The Ninth Heaven President, Divine Emperor, chaired the speech: "Hello, handsome guys and beautiful ladies, big bosses and big shots. Let's skip the pleasantries and get straight to the point, which is about how to settle in Divine Punishment City. The significance of this matter needs no further elaboration. We're still gathering reputation city by city, still struggling for level 4 and 5 troops, while the European Union Zone has already started teaming up to farm special level 7 troops. Tell me, is this game still playable?"

Shenlan added: "And without production limits, the more Essence you have, the more troops you produce. Although due to regional closure, troops can't be taken to the National War Zone now, that day will eventually come."

Divine Emperor sighed: "That's why the European teams saw the benefits of Divine Punishment City right away and began forming alliances. We can't fall behind, let's form an alliance too, how about it?"

Star President Eternal Star laughed: "Old Huang, we've always been allies. Although our Elf Camp doesn't believe in the Light God Sect and can't enter your Divine Punishment City, we can still fully support you in spirit!"

Divine Emperor was relieved: "Actually, you not causing trouble is the greatest support for me. Also, this is a game, please don't use my real name."

Eternal Star sighed: "Okay, Huang Zhen, understood, Huang Zhen!"

Divine Emperor was furious: "Damn, are you deliberately messing around! Want to PK? I'll teach you a lesson in seconds!"

Eternal Star laughed: "I couldn't ask for more, loser deletes their account, are you scared!"

Divine Emperor angrily said: "Bring it on, single or group fight, you choose. Single fight against one of our guilds, group fight against all of us, if you're not satisfied, bring your whole guild along!"

Royal Dominator sighed: "Presidents, there are a few ladies here, let's not just talk about PPP all the time, we're not that heavy-handed."

Bloodrose Rosa cleared her throat: "Uh, I don't mind, I don't oppose men showing off their muscles to each other."

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed: "Sorry, I'm the legendary fujoshi!"

Shenlan laughed: "Which means the legendary 'fu sees fu, ji sees ji'!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed loudly: "Brother Shenlan, you looked so handsome on TV today!"

Shenlan laughed: "Just so so, by the way, when will your guild introduce a few beauties to our instance pioneering team to boost morale?"

Eternal Star sighed: "Their team is all gay men, no room for beauties, better come to our guild team!"

Divine Emperor sighed helplessly: "Hey hey hey, esteemed big brothers and beautiful ladies, I'm hosting the meeting here, could you give me a little face?"

Eternal Star laughed: "Old Huang, not to blame you, but you didn't invite the key person, you should invite Da Fei, wouldn't it solve how to enter Divine Punishment City?"

At this moment, Bloodrose Rosa's eyebrow twitched.

Divine Emperor smiled wryly: "I don't have his contact information."

Eternal Star was shocked: "Really? Isn't your guild supposed to have a good relationship with Da Fei? How do you not have his contact info? You've been too careless, haven't you?"

For a while, the whole chat room fell silent.

Eternal Star sighed deeply: "How about asking Ma Yinglong then?"

Royal Dominator coldly said: "No need to ask, no one knows Da Fei's contact info. But I can assure everyone here, as long as Da Fei shows up in person, I promise I won't beat him to death! Seriously!"

For a while, the chat room turned chilly.

Divine Emperor sighed: "Alright, let's not mention Divine Punishment City then. Today, with our China Region Bright Alliance's four major guilds gathered together, let's settle the alliance matters. Even the UK and Germany can ally, we're all one nation, no reason to be worse than them, right?"

Eternal Star sighed: "You speak more humanly, and I guarantee I won't have any issues with you."

Royal Dominator laughed: "I'm all for it!"

Bloodrose Rosa laughed: "No objections here."

Divine Emperor laughed: "Good, it's settled then. Since we're allied, I have a suggestion, starting with division of labor. For example, we've been farming all along, so there's no need for you to farm as well to prevent redundant and uncoordinated development. If you need food, I can provide it at a discount, what do you say?"

Bloodrose Rosa laughed: "No problem, we haven't been farming, always buying high-priced food from NPCs directly."

Royal Dominator laughed: "No problem with me either, we're on the maritime business route!"

Eternal Star: "Sorry, I need to farm! Otherwise, with the Human Kingdom being several days away from the Elf Kingdom in real time, I'll run out of food. Are you just waiting for me to starve?"

Divine Emperor waved helplessly: "This has nothing to do with you now, you can leave!"

Eternal Star grumbled: "Little Huang, it was you who told me to get lost, remember that!" With that, the chat window disappeared.

Divine Emperor let out a long sigh of relief: "Shouldn't have invited that joker, at least it's quieter now."

Just then, Bloodrose Rosa chuckled: "Oh right, the transportation issue President Star just mentioned is a real problem. President Divine Emperor, if you're farming in the inland of the Kingdom, selling grain cheaply to NPCs isn't worth it, and transporting it to the coast takes too long. Do you have any solutions?"

The Divine Emperor raised an eyebrow: "This really is a major problem!"

Bloodrose Rosa smiled: "But your guild has an old friend helping to solve this problem, digging a canal for you."

The Divine Emperor was suddenly stunned: "Canal? Are you talking about Fleeting Blossom? She approached our guild before, but canal digging seemed too unreliable, so I didn't agree."

Shenlan frowned: "Speaking of which, Fleeting Blossom has been almost invisible lately. She hasn't joined our guild's instance parties, and no one's seen her return to the farm."

Royal Dominator also laughed: "And she hasn't argued with Bloodrose's ladies on the forums either! Those arguments of yours not long ago were quite interesting."

Bloodrose Holy Spear sighed: "You men don't even pay attention to beautiful women's whereabouts. Now the progress of Fleeting Blossom's canal is advancing by leaps and bounds! If President Divine Emperor wants to transport grain, you'll have to cooperate with her, and even those mining bosses who've been digging in the mountains will have to work with her."

The Divine Emperor was suddenly stunned: "Leaps and bounds? How is that possible? Our team evaluated that canal task, and it's not suitable for the early game."

Bloodrose Holy Spear sighed: "That's because she has an invincible excavator that you'd never imagine unless you saw it yourself. It's practically future technology, playing a different game altogether!"

Everyone was stunned: "Invincible excavator? What's going on now?"

Bloodrose Holy Spear shook her head and sighed: "It's Da Fei. Someone saw Da Fei trading a mysteriously covered vehicle called Harem Beauty at World Tree Square. Oh, we suspect Harem Beauty is actually Fleeting Blossom's side account, specifically placed in Da Fei's guild for liaison. So, the top female lord in China established ties with Da Fei early on. Therefore, if you want to cozy up, now's the time."

Bloodrose Rosa also chuckled: "So, even if you can't find Da Fei, this Fleeting Blossom is an indispensable key part of our alliance. Don't forget to invite her next time you hold a meeting, President Divine Emperor."

The Divine Emperor thoughtfully said: "I really didn't expect that just a few days of inattention would see an individual player develop to this extent. Let's invite the team to reassess and revise the alliance development route, and then I'll invite everyone to participate."

Bloodrose Rosa smiled: "Then we'll trouble you, President Divine Emperor."

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed: "That's necessary. Ninth Heaven is an international large guild, with specialized international accountants and assessors as advisors."

Royal Dominator laughed heartily: "Looks like our Royal Family should hire some international accountants to spruce things up so others don't call us bumpkins!"

Everyone laughed: "Obviously saying you're a tycoon, not a bumpkin!"

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After the video conference ended, Zhou Qing, lost in thought, came to the large screen on the wall to continue watching the European Union Zone's live broadcast.

Bloodrose Holy Spear approached her and asked: "Sister, have you changed your mind?"

Zhou Qing sighed a long sigh: "Though unwilling, I must admit that the current internal and external situations don't allow us to mess around. Externally, Da Fei can sell arms to foreigners for private gain; internally, Da Fei can greatly support our rival Fleeting Blossom. If we keep pushing and probing, we'll miss many opportunities for development."

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed heartily: "After all, for you to put aside your dignity shows that Da Fei isn't just a useless person."

Zhou Qing smiled bitterly: "Perhaps in reality, Da Fei is just a useless rogue, but at least in the game, he has gained power, becoming a man who manipulates the entire European Union. I really want to watch his videos to see what kind of man he is."

The studio immediately erupted in jeers: "Sister's interested in a man now~~~"

Zhou Qing was angry: "Stop it, get back to work!"

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Meanwhile, in the Da Fei Guild, the undercover "Brother Hao," Ono Shinichiro, was talking with Igarashi in Tokyo.

Igarashi sighed deeply: "Ono-kun, thank you for your significant contributions to the Japan Zone. With the Pool of Radiance about to be conquered, the erupting Hellfire Volcano will replace the Pool of Radiance. Our victory will be a sharp blade piercing the heart of the Elf Kingdom, draining its last drop of blood. The Elf Kingdom is not worth our effort now. Our next target is the Divine Punishment City. When Da Fei returns home, make sure to persuade him to lead the Dragon Cavalry Guild to settle in Divine Punishment City to obtain the settlement strategy there!"

Ono Shinichiro was excited: "Hey! Leave it to me, may our Japan flourish with military strength!"

Chapter 799: Bloodrose's Welcome Tea Party Invitation

Beijing Time, eight in the evening, rented apartment in a school district.

Little Li was in the kitchen scrubbing pots and washing dishes, while Little Fang was simultaneously running five accounts, busy as a bee. However, her main account, Fleeting Blossom, and Little Li's Harem Beauty were just hanging out at the canal site supervising, so there was no pressure. Big Brother's Junxiang was idling in the instance group of Zhan Liuxing, who was allegedly a retired National Team member, so there was no pressure there either, although some people in the team seemed to be gossiping a bit.

Hah! If there's gossip, it means this guy Zhan Liuxing hasn't completely settled his own crew yet. Did he really think bringing out a big group to show off in front of me would scare me? If he wants to show off, he should do it in front of Bloodrose's women, not me. I don't have any obligation to report to Bloodrose how many people he's got. I'm busy idling, ignoring that.

But you, Fat Man in the Rain, can you stop messaging me all the time? It's annoying, and I'm honestly too lazy to deal with you! Whatever, I'll just respond with a 'haha' and be done with it.

At this moment, Little Fang's main focus was on the grand task of collecting with Blood Arrow Fragrance and Blood Arrow Linglong.

I have to say, the experience from gathering from the giant dragon's corpse was so high that it made Little Fang lose her cool. After an afternoon and dinner time, the gathering skills of these two small accounts shot up to Master Level like a rocket. Leveling a trade skill this quickly is simply a myth!

As for the Dragon Blood Barrels collected, they filled more than half the square. Heaven knows how many God-level potions can be made from so much dragon blood!

Strong! Too strong! High-end! Really high-end! I need to stay calm, adapt, and let Bloodrose's women look up at me in awe! Haha, wahahaha! Ah, no, if they take secret pictures of me under my skirt and spread them around, that's no good!

At this moment, a call came in from Fleeting Blossom's side.

Hey, I've already said I'm busy with important stuff, can't I be left alone if there's nothing urgent? Little Fang grumpily switched over to find an old friend, Shenzhi, the logistics head of Ninth Heaven.

Shenzhi: "Beautiful lady, I've got good news for you. Our Ninth Heaven Guild revisited the canal excavation plan you proposed a few days ago and found it feasible. Our guild has decided to invest in your Canal Company to help speed up the opening."

Hah! Where were you earlier? I've already got an invincible excavator, what use are you investing now? Just sitting by for dividends? But this is a large guild wanting to invest, so what if we don't agree—

Little Fang furrowed her brow and shouted to the kitchen: "Honey! There's a big deal, come take a look!"

"Coming! Let me just dry my hands!" Little Li said as she walked into the room. "What's up?"

Little Fang said solemnly: "For some reason, Ninth Heaven suddenly wants to invest in our Canal Company. What should we do?"

Little Li exclaimed: "Isn't it a good thing to have someone invest? And such a big guild, people will think twice before messing with us!"

Little Fang shook her head with a bitter smile: "I just feel annoyed. When we needed their help the most, they didn't come, and now when we don't, they show up just for a share."

Little Li frowned: "There's no law on the internet. If we refuse and piss them off, what if they send people to smash our excavator? Our one or two thousand troops might not block a large guild's team."

Little Fang tightened her brow: "Exactly, that's Da Fei's excavator. If they send small accounts to smash it, I can't explain to Da Fei."

Little Li sighed: "How about this, the Canal's progress today was entirely due to Da Fei lending us this excavator. He didn't set any conditions, so we might as well allocate 20% or 25% shares to Da Fei, as a sort of conciliatory gesture. Otherwise, if Da Fei has no shares while Ninth Heaven does, anyone would flip tables. Also, we can tell Ninth Heaven our company includes Da Fei's shares, so they'll be wary of bullying us."

Little Fang bitterly smiled: "Fine, a perfectly good wholly-owned company now suddenly has two more to share with. But this can't be helped; being a boss sometimes goes wrong when you try to make money all on your own!"

Little Li also bitterly smiled: "Think of it as hiring two bodyguards."

Little Fang sighed: "Let's do it, then. That's what I'll tell Ninth Heaven."

Little Li nodded: "Alright, I've finished washing, I'll take over my account then."

Before long, Little Fang reached an agreement with Shenzhi.

Shenzhi laughed: "We'll definitely give Brother Fei face. On behalf of Ninth Heaven, I thank you, beautiful lady. And another big thing, our Bright Alliance's four large guilds just held a meeting to form an alliance. As the owner of the Canal Company, you are a crucial part of our strategic plan, so I'm offering you a video chat room, the password is 168888. The chat is all guild leaders and high-ups from the four large guilds, and we warmly welcome you to join!"

Video chat! What I hate most is video chats! Little Fang's eyelid twitched in surprise: "Which four large guilds?"

Shenzhi laughed: "You're kidding, of course it's Ninth Heaven, Star, Bloodrose, and Royal Family, oh right, and Blood Sea Wave's Blood Sea Guild. Soon, the dwarf side's Skyshattering Thunder may establish a dwarf guild, they're also on our invite list..."

At that moment, Little Fang suddenly realized: "I finally understand why Ninth Heaven suddenly came to us!"

Little Li exclaimed: "Bloodrose?"

Little Fang gritted her teeth and said, "Exactly! Who else would be keeping an eye on our progress? Surely they realized we have an invincible excavator, so they exposed us and then let Ninth Heaven forcefully intervene. This way, when Bloodrose wants to use our canal, we have to let them through for the sake of Ninth Heaven and whatever alliance's face! Originally, I planned that on the day the canal opened, I'd never let Bloodrose's ships pass!"

Little Li smiled wryly and said, "Well, this result is still about cherishing harmony, which isn't bad for either party. So, what about this video chat group?"

Little Fang scoffed, "Of course I'm not going! Who would reveal themselves online? At worst, Bloodrose's ladies will slander me as a shemale! Forget it, we'll use the Luo Tianyi voice-changing software as usual."

Just then, Little Fang's message alert went off again. This time, it was Blood Arrow Fragrance, from Bloodrose Holy Spear.

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed, "Two beauties, at 6 PM Saturday evening, our guild will host a welcome tea party for you at Bloodrose Cafe in Green Lake Park. We officially invite you two, along with your big brother. He's also attending!"

Little Fang was stunned, "Do we have to come?"

Bloodrose Holy Spear chuckled, "We're all in the same city, just take a subway and you'll be there. There's no inconvenience, right? Otherwise, Vice President Lin won't look good, and the sisters won't be happy!"

Little Fang chuckled, "Ah, in that case, it's all good!"

Bloodrose Holy Spear laughed, "Alright then, that's settled—Oh by the way, any updates on Divine Punishment City?"

What updates? Isn't it all clearly monitored on your big screens? Little Fang chuckled, "Some demon soldiers have started gathering on the plains below the city again. Da Fei's Elf Hero and the two Flower Demon Heroes said they have issues back home and aren't around. Only the dwarf hero is still with us, skinning."

Bloodrose Holy Spear said, "Okay, very well, report any changes at once."

"Got it."

Little Fang sighed deeply, "It's really annoying, having to attend an offline meet-up." Then she chuckled, "Right, big brother is in his thirties, not young anymore, isn't he the one who'd want to go to such events? Better call him and see if he can make it back from his business trip."

Little Li shook her head and took out her phone, "Alright, I'll ask."

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Meanwhile, Da Fei, drifting through the Hellfire River in the European Union Zone, was irritable and frustrated.

He had been spinning and drifting on the river for over an hour now, failing repeatedly without stop. Even if he failed, as long as he could gain some skill information, Da Fei would see hope and firm confidence, but now the situation was completely hopeless.

And things got worse half an hour ago—Da Fei's troops began losing health and stamina! This is the proverbial slow-boiling frog, and this isn't even warm water; it's the Hellfire River that can melt stones! This is like cooking a bunch of angel teppanyaki!

But it's okay, Da Fei has recovery equipment that can hold out, and angels are miraculous troops with comprehensive abilities to mutually heal and restore stamina and mana. Currently, the impact on Da Fei isn't too significant.

But how long will this endless failure continue? Or has his training idea been flawed from the start, since the Hellfire River inherently doesn't support Sailing Skill? Teaching units Sailing Skill here is like daydreaming?

But then again, the Hellfire River should be the most treacherous sailing environment encountered by Da Fei as a sailor. Isn't such an environment supposed to foster talent development? Moreover, is the Hellfire River really not supporting Sailing Skill at all, or is the effect of Sailing Skill, like my Sea Monster Hunter Achievement, greatly weakened?

While pondering, the phone rang. Da Fei took off his helmet to see it was Little Li.

Da Fei hurried to the window and opened it. The noise outside rushed in again. Da Fei answered the call, "Little Li? What's up?"

Little Li chuckled, "Good news, are you going to the matchmaking event?"

Ah, pfft! Da Fei spat out a mouthful of saliva, "What matchmaking event?"

Little Li laughed, "Actually, it's the day after tomorrow evening, Bloodrose Guild's welcome tea party. The three of us are invited, and I hear there are lots of beauties there."

Damn it! They're intentionally trying to make life difficult for me! But, I must go to a place with lots of beauties! Da Fei said eagerly, "I'll do my best to get back!"

Little Li smiled, "Alright, remember to wear something proper. The beauties there reportedly have high tastes."

"Got it, got it!" Huh, no matter how high their tastes are, I'll knock them out with one shot!

Chapter 800: God-level Navigator's Additional Reward

After hanging up Little Li's call, Da Fei felt a sudden surge of relief as he enjoyed the night breeze blowing through the window, the aroma of night barbecue wafting up from downstairs, and the hustle and bustle of the streets.

It must be said that Little Li's call really pulled him back to reality from the relentless hell of self-torture. This feeling is like suddenly opening the oven door and breathing freely again! Speaking of which, is it the legendary 'a great man hides himself in the city' when a badass like me rents an apartment and goes online in such a busy alley? Wahahaha!

After going to the bathroom and washing his face to adjust his mood, Da Fei logged back in.

Now that Da Fei was calm, he didn't bother to think about whether the Lava River supported the Sailing Skill, as there was no way to test it. Since the ship was stolen and lacked a ship certificate, Da Fei couldn't open the ship's attribute panel to know its basic speed and current speed.

Da Fei also didn't think about where this ship would drift to, because he had no control over it. He was like a lone boat lost in the vast sea, with no choice but to leave it to fate.

Da Fei didn't even want to think about the current situation of the European Union Divine Punishment City, whether another wave of Abyss Lord reinforcements had arrived or not. In any case, he couldn't save them, and he didn't want to either.

Da Fei only wanted one thing now—wait! Wait for the cooling time of Elda's space marker to pass in three days, and then he could teleport directly back to the city.

And waiting had its advantages because this was the harshest water in the world, a place that no navigator, not even the legendary Odyssey, could reach. Odyssey wandered the sea for ten years and emerged as a God-level Navigator, won't my three-day drift help me challenge the limits to acquire a God-level Navigation Skill?

Thinking this way, Da Fei suddenly found that drifting was no longer so boring and hopeless. Indeed, a person needs the belief to strive and struggle on. The harsher and more desperate the hell, the more so!

Time slipped away like the rushing Lava River. Despite his continuous failures at training, Da Fei noticed that his stamina restoration rate during rest slowed down further, and his health depletion speed increasingly exceeded the recovery capacity of his equipment, necessitating constant angelic spellcasting to maintain it.

Then how long can the angels' spellcasting last? Da Fei realized again the gravity of the situation! Indeed, the longer you stay in the pot, the more tender the ribs get, right? Now Da Fei even doubted if he could survive three days in the hot pot river. If he couldn't sustain for three days and fail to learn to row ashore, his team would die of the heat here. Wouldn't that make him the world's biggest joke?

No no no! There is still hope that Elda could regain her power and return to her Angel Body after awakening. Then, I could entrust the entire team to her to return to the city first, allowing me to smile at the Yellow Spring, right?

Oh, and there are so many boxes of liquor on this ship? When a sea voyage runs out of water and food, liquor can sustain the sailors' lives for a long time, not to mention that as a God-level Navigator with a survival skill in extreme conditions, it should be fine.

But then again, what brand is the liquor in hell? What is it brewed from?

Curious, Da Fei pulled out a dark red bottle that resembled a wine bottle from the crate.

—Bloody Girl: A specialty liquor of hell, Grade 3 Blood Wine, brewed with the virgin blood of young and beautiful human girls. It's a high-grade and precious hell blood wine favored by mid-level demon nobles and vampires. (Warning: Non-demonic entities may experience unknown consequences from consuming it!)

Damn it! Da Fei was startled into a shiver! Hell truly lives up to its reputation; can this wine be drunk? But if I really can't survive these three days and Elda can't wake up, there's no choice but to drink whatever's available!

Da Fei suddenly realized the furniture on the ship didn't have wood-like grain texture, so he began to inspect it painfuledly:

—Flying Dragon Bone Chair: Grade 3 Furniture, a bone chair made from the lightweight and robust bones of an adult Hell Flying Dragon.

Damn it! Again with this tone! Fortunately, it's not furniture made from human bones.

Now Da Fei couldn't help but admire the hell undead players greatly. After just an hour in the hot pot, I'm on the edge of impatience and discomfort. How do these players level up and grow in such a suppressive and insane space? In the end, it's I who lacks the state of mind; I need to stay calm!

Just as Da Fei continued to train his army in failure but calmly, a red light suddenly exploded in front of him, and a huge red dot appeared near the giant paddle ship on the radar:

—System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! A powerful creature is approaching your army, please prepare to respond!

Da Fei was shocked and looked in the direction of the radar warning, only to see a gigantic river monster, all aflame, rapidly surfacing from the riverbed!

Da Fei's jaw dropped to the ground! Damn it, a gigantic River Monster in the Lava River! This is a tier higher than ordinary Sea Monsters, can this even be fought? What to do? Fight? Even the Reconnaissance Skill warns it's a "powerful creature"! With its whale-like size, it could probably capsize the giant paddle ship by ramming it!

Wait, calm down! The creature is only approaching; it hasn't entered combat stage yet. As long as it hasn't entered combat, I can either run away or hide! Running is not an option, but hiding is!?

At that moment, Da Fei remembered how he used the Stealth State to hide in the leaf boat given by Tachiusu and drifted into the vortex of the Otherworld under the surveillance of Blood Lake Monsters, eventually finding the Vine Space. Looks like I have no choice but to repeat my old trick! Whether I can evade it depends on my skills and luck!

—System Prompt: You activated the God-level Reconnaissance Technique sub-skill "Phantom March", and your entire army entered Stealth State.

Now, all of Da Fei's angels stopped rowing and quietly turned into Shadows to lurk in the cabin. The red dot on the radar got closer and bigger. Its speed wasn't fast; if the angels could row, running away wouldn't be a problem, but they couldn't, so Da Fei had no choice but to resort to bluffing by playing an empty city ploy!

In the continuously blasting alarm and red lights on the screen, the River Monster approached—bang! A slight tremor occurred as the River Monster made a probing bump against the hull. At that instant, Da Fei's heart seemed to fall into the abyss of hell!

However, no combat ensued! This indicates that his stealth was effective! Da Fei's hope reignited. Now all he had to do was wait! Patiently wait!

Now, the giant river monster is constantly hovering around the giant paddle ship, making tentative collisions, and is reluctant to leave with great interest. Da Fei's troops are huddled in the cabin, not daring to move for a long time, watching helplessly as their life force slowly decreases in the scorching oven, yet not daring to take action to heal!

Da Fei's patience was completely worn out, and in his mind, he cursed a million times over! It's my fault! If I'd known earlier, I'd have simply fought it out rather than hold it in until I die! Now with life points dropping over half, there's even less ability to fight! There's no other way, having chosen to play dead, I have to stick it out to the end!

Time passed second by second, and the blood volume of Da Fei's troops became less and less. With Da Fei's life reduced by half, the Power Angel with only 350 points of basic blood volume was already on the brink of death.

Da Fei closed his eyes in despair, there's no choice, go in peace, as long as I have the chance, I'll definitely resurrect you all—provided this isn't some Volcanic Flame Zone, and Resurrection Technique doesn't screw me! But even if it gets ruined, I've got the Light Amplitude Potion to improve the Resurrection Technique effect and bring you all back.

—System Prompt: Your 4 Power Angels have fallen in this harsh environment, your God-level Navigator sub-skill "survival will" activates, 4 Power Angels are in a near-death state.

The death-defying special skill of survival will activated! Da Fei was immediately relieved, this is truly a rare piece of good news in an egg-crushing hell!

Although the 50% increase in life and stamina attributes from survival will was cut down to only 12%, as long as the effect of not dying still exists, Da Fei's previous training efforts with the angels haven't gone to waste—right, even if the training keeps failing, Da Fei believes experience points were accumulated.

If an angel died, then even if resurrected, the accumulated training experience would be completely cleared. This is also the insight experts gained during the public test while training elite troops: If a troop dies once, it's almost impossible to grow into an elite later.

However, now is not the time for Da Fei to be happy about this. It's still uncertain if Da Fei can even hang on until help arrives!

Finally, the Power Angels with a base blood volume of 450 points couldn't hold on any longer.

—System Prompt: Your 13 Power Angels have fallen in this harsh environment, your God-level Navigator sub-skill "survival will" activates...

At this moment, Da Fei was so angry that his lips were about to bleed from biting! Only 3 of my team are left, will it ever end!? How much more agony does this game want to put me through?! Do I have to become a god, then come back to kill this water monster a thousand times over, ten thousand times over?!

And just then, the river monster finally turned and swam away, slowly diving and leaving until it disappeared from the radar.

Da Fei was in mixed disbelief at his extraordinary stroke of luck: "It just left like that?"

"Yes, playing dead until you seem truly dead is the best way to deceive a monster!" It was Elda's voice!

Da Fei turned around, and sure enough, saw Elda, looking exhausted, getting up from the table, and couldn't help but exclaim, "Miss Elda, you're awake!?"

Elda replied irritably, "With such a huge threat beside me, how could I sleep?—I'm dying of thirst!" As she spoke, Elda pulled a bottle of Blood Wine from the wine chest and gulped it down straight from the bottle!

Da Fei was dumbfounded! Good grief! Can you even drink that? But if you must, go ahead. It's better than dying of thirst. For now, let's quickly have Elifel save people.

As the golden light of the Resurrection Technique rose, the fallen angels were successively revived, and Da Fei was moved to tears! It feels so good when resurrection works normally, it feels so good not being in agony!

And just as Da Fei hastily took time to reorganize the troops, a series of system prompts scrolled across the screen:

—System Prompt: You and your team heroes gain extra God-level Navigator experience +370,000 for navigating in the special water domain for over a day, you gain additional free attribute points +3, your team gains additional growth potential!

—System Prompt: Your Wisdom Angel Elifel Angel gained growth during harsh navigation, Attack +15, Defense +15, Health +300, Stamina +30.

—System Prompt: Your Power Angel Army gained growth during harsh navigation, Attack +5, Defense +5, Health +100, Stamina +10.

—System Prompt: Your Power Angel Army gained growth during harsh navigation, Attack +3, Defense +6, Health +100, Stamina +10.

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Looking at this sudden row of system information, Da Fei was stunned for a good while before coming back to his senses!

The information actually came from the Navigator?! That's right, usually, the Navigator's daily sailing only gives a few hundred experience, and God-level Navigator gives a measly 2,000 experience, but it never said that the Navigator can give an extra 370,000 experience! Not to mention extra attribute points, or training troops!

Could it be, this is the so-called special water domain bonus for Navigators?

Indeed, the Navigator is inherently an incomplete profession that requires players to complete it themselves, and here, as the world's harshest water domain, it should logically give such high extra rewards, at least because, with ordinary troops, who could last a day here?

Finally realizing this, Da Fei laughed heartily to the heavens, accepting reality!: Haha, wowahaha!