

God level 831

Chapter 831: Vice Hero Da Fei vs Dragon Slayer

Although the Demigod Crow wasn't slain to drop a Divine Artifact, its heavy injury means a loss of control over the Mercury Mine, thus achieving the primary objective of Dragon Slayer's occupation.

But just occupying without exploitation, or failing to transport after exploitation, amounts to nothing, hence the objectives following Dragon Slayer are exceedingly arduous. First, after all this time, it's necessary to examine what the space on the other side of Mercury Lake looks like and where it leads.

Thus, after a brief rest, several team members once again entered the passage to reach the opposite Mercury Lake space, while Ma Yinglong took a sip of hot coffee to soothe his indignant loss over the Divine Artifact.

At this moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center fell silent; Ma Yinglong couldn't help but look up at the big screen in astonishment—Ah poof!!! A mouthful of hot coffee sprayed out!

In that instant, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center erupted: "What's going on! So many heroes and troops!"

"Oh my God, an Ogre Hero! First time seeing it!"

At this moment, in front of the passage, on the shore of Mercury Lake, a red Demon Child Sea stretched out, with dozens of tall, silver-black Tree Spirits aligned like a city wall behind the Demon Child. An equally tall Ogre Hero stood holding a giant axe at the front of the formation, and behind the Tree Spirit wall floated over a hundred units that looked like Flower Demons but were clearly not, along with various indistinct units.

Among the crowd were the glaring red names "Vice Hero Alicia of Da Fei," "Vice Hero Serbia of Da Fei," "Vice Hero Alina of Da Fei," and "Vice Hero Deirdre of Da Fei," nearly blinding everyone in the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center!

The Dragon Slayer Command Center exploded once more: "It's Da Fei! It's Da Fei's heroes and troops!"

Boom!!! The ground shook with a rumble as the Tree Spirit formation, like a towering wall, began to press forward to the entrance of the passage!

Lei Huolong panicked: "Retreat! Fall back to the entrance and establish defenses! Initiate emergency protocol No.1!"

Bam! Ma Yinglong slammed his coffee cup, shouting angrily: "Da Fei, you're pushing it too far!"

Ma Yinglong hurriedly opened his friend list, only to find Da Fei's name grayed out, unable to connect. Only then did Ma Yinglong realize, Da Fei was still in the European Union Zone and hadn't returned! Which means, these are his remaining Vice Heroes! And just his Vice Heroes can act so audaciously?

At this moment, Lei Huolong said: "Boss, don't worry. We've prepared emergency protocols to deal with the NPC Kingdom's forces. Not to mention, no matter how many of Da Fei's irregular tavern heroes there are, they can't match Siriel. They're no different from wild monsters! A single Fireball will wipe them out. Just watch how we play them to death!"

Ma Yinglong finally regained his composure, coldly saying: "Fine then, let's take this chance to deal with Da Fei. It's not that I'm disrespecting him; it's his NPC heroes who are overconfident, not my fault!"

Now, Lei Huolong hurried to the magma pool where Siriel rested, shouting: "Mentor! The Elf Kingdom is attacking! Please intervene!"

Siriel chuckled darkly: "The Elf Kingdom couldn't handle a Demigod, but they'll handle me? I'm curious to see!"

Even NPCs are so confident, which somewhat reassured Ma Yinglong. However, the disparity in troop and hero numbers on both sides couldn't be underestimated. All in all, this was a fierce battle requiring a full effort.

Now, Lei Huolong led over a dozen team members, along with fewer than a hundred Fire Element Army members, standing ready at the entrance of the passage.

Against the Elf Kingdom's expedition, Dragon Slayer prepared a response: utilizing the countless Magma Pools within the Lava Space for a strategic retreat, conducting guerrilla warfare. Lei Huolong's team and the Fire Element Army possess Flame Demon Bodies, so as long as they jump into a Magma Pool, the enemy's melee forces will be helpless.

Moreover, Lei Huolong's team gains speed and life recovery bonuses within the Lava Space. Meanwhile, Elf units' travel speed here decreases by 50%, and prolonged stay results in continuous decline in life and stamina. Overall, professional players take advantage of their absolute home turf to bait and trick the computer, not to mention the absolute main force, Siriel.

The Space Gate of the passage experienced intense fluctuations, signaling Da Fei's irregular army charging through! At this moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center was tense with solemnity!

—Huh!!! With a mighty roar, a towering Ogre Hero, akin to a mountain of flesh, led a massive Demon Child Sea charging from the passage door!

Against the Hell Race, the mana-absorbing Demon Child Sea must first be cleared! The enemy using Demon Child cannon fodder at the front serves the needs of both sides.

"Attack!" At Lei Huolong's order, with nerves taut with tension, a dozen team members simultaneously cast Fireball Technique. A dozen huge fireballs, trailing blazing tails, whooshed out—Boom Boom Boom!!! The entire entrance turned into a sea of fire, flashing with countless beams of light, as countless "Illusion Dispelled" notifications exploded!

It turned out to be an illusion? At this moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center was in shock, Ma Yinglong's jaw dropping to the ground!

Never before had they seen illusions that can shout loudly! Moreover, everyone was highly on edge, facing the unit they were most eager to fight. Even professional players got caught! At this moment, Dragon Slayer Guild realized something was amiss.

Sure enough, the passage door flashed with light, followed by another mighty roar. A burly Ogre Hero led a massive Demon Child Sea surging out; these were the genuine troops, emitting eerie white light and charging at an inconceivable speed!

Facing these light effects that even professional players couldn't distinguish, Lei Huolong loudly called: "Initiate emergency protocol No.2!"

In an instant, all team members scattered, retreating to the Magma Pools.

At this moment, a massive fireball whistled from the rear; it was Siriel's fireball! At this moment, all the team members who turned to flee looked back, and the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center eagerly anticipated the effect of this shot — after all, not everyone fully knew the extent of Siriel's power.

— Boom!!! A sea of flames instantly engulfed the Demon Child Sea and the leading Ogre Hero, countless -9 damage numbers erupted over each Demon Child's head, and the white light surrounding them dissipated in the flames.

Ma Yinglong's eyebrow twitched! The Demon Child's basic blood volume is only 5 points, now if -9 damage doesn't kill them, it means this white light at least added 4 points of health to the Demon Child! That is, their life is doubled. Based on the early game, if Da Fei has 3000 Demon Children, then this shot delivered 27,000 damage, which showcases the power of Siriel's fireball!

But it's not over!

— Boom! In the sea of fire, another flash of flames appeared, and the words "-1 Burn Damage" once again leapt over all the Demon Children's heads!

Indeed, this is the firepower of the Flame Demon, which continuously adds flame damage effects based on regular magic damage. When encountering enemies with weak attributes, the total sustained damage can even exceed the damage of the fireball spell itself! In other words, the Ash Envoy profession of the Flame Demon clan not only increases flame magic power with level but also enhances various flame additional effects. The Flame Demons are true Flame Masters.

Now, even though these Demon Children have lost 10 points of health and haven't fallen, it's a bit unexpected for the Dragon Slayer Guild, but compared to Da Fei's terrifying blood boost for low-level soldiers in the competition, this situation isn't much. Anyway, they won't run far before they all collapse together, and everyone has prepared to capture the spectacular moment with a screenshot.

And at this moment, a black light covered the group of Demon Children, and over all their heads, the words "+2 Dark Healing" appeared simultaneously.

There's healing! The enemy's hero has followed up timely!

Sure enough, with another ripple at the portal, Vice Hero Da Fei and the tavern hero group, along with suspected Flower Demon troops, appeared with a flourish.

Siriel's maniacal laughter echoed through the space: "Welcome, kids!"

At this moment, an enchanting and loud voice also echoed through the space: "Teacher, long time no see?"

Teacher? Triggered a plot? The entire command center was dumbfounded!

Only to hear Siriel speak in a deep voice: "Deirdre, so it was you, the traitor!"

Indeed the plot was triggered! The Dragon Slayer Command Center was in an uproar. Everyone who participated in the last Pool of Radiance battle knew the relationship between this Banshee and Siriel, who was then serving as an Execution Officer, and an ominous feeling immediately filled everyone's hearts.

Only to hear the Banshee laugh out loud: "Did the teacher not also betray?"

Siriel sneered: "Didn't you cause it? Now it's just right, let me end you!"

The Banshee laughed heartily: "Teacher, I don't see you as someone obsessed with hatred? In your current situation, is there any need to continue fighting?"

Siriel roared with laughter: "Whether there's a need to fight is determined by power, win against me, and we'll talk nonsense!"

As he spoke, a massive red array appeared in the sky, and just then, a flash of magic light crashed and scattered the array!

— System Prompt: Enemy army Da Fei's Vice Hero Elena cast a magic counter, stopping Siriel's spell!

The Dragon Slayer Guild was aghast! To be able to so effortlessly prevent Siriel from casting spells, this means Elena's magic knowledge is not much different from Siriel's! Is this the mysterious Vice Hero Da Fei never let out during competitions?

At this moment, the Dragon Slayer Guild finally understood why Da Fei didn't let this Vice Hero make a move, not just to show off, but for fear that if she acted, she would frighten all the players worldwide! With her skill nearing Siriel's, casually casting a fireball wouldn't instantly kill people; why even compete then?

In other words, just this one Vice Hero of Da Fei might be able to offset a lot of Siriel's advantages, forcing Ma Yinglong to prepare for the worst.

And Siriel, after a moment of shock, laughed loudly: "Fool, do you know the great price of countering? How many times can you counter me?"

As he spoke, underneath Da Fei's army, a massive red array suddenly appeared, and just then, another magic light flashed, and the array scattered once more!

— System Prompt: Enemy army Da Fei's Vice Hero Selvia cast a magic counter, stopping Siriel's spell!

At this moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center was stupefied! Since when did Da Fei's Nun Hero possess the power to contend with a hero of Siriel's level?

Chapter 832: Greedy NPCs

Facing his large-scale spell being countered for the second time, Siriel was once again taken aback, then burst into wild laughter: "Ridiculous! Absolutely ridiculous, as a Mage, to waste an opportunity on something so trivial! In the end, your massive team has become your burden. Do you really think having a superior number of troops ensures my defeat?"

This self-assured boast immediately reignited Ma Yinglong's confidence from his previous despair! Indeed, many Mage players around the world go solo without any troops, employing a hit-and-run strategy. Such Mages are bothersome, like flies, as their low-level spells pose no threat to Lord Players when they are poorly equipped. However, once a Mage reaches Siriel's level, they genuinely become the nightmare of Lord Players.

When Siriel speaks in such a manner, it means he has the intelligence and confidence to harass and wear down enemy troops solo. Indeed, in this lava home ground, any professional player could use a powerful and teleporting Mage like Siriel to outmaneuver enemies ten or even a hundred times stronger.

The Banshee also laughed: "Sorry, we didn't know it was the teacher here. We're just here for a tentative attack, not confident we could defeat the teacher in this environment. However, since we happened to encounter the teacher, I think we can talk!"

Siriel laughed arrogantly: "Talk about what? Surrendering to you?"

The Banshee replied with a laugh: "I believe nothing can make a mentor who dared to leave the Hell Camp surrender. But I also think my army and a mentor detached from the Camp shouldn't continue hostilities. At the very least, peaceful coexistence shouldn't be an issue, right?"

Siriel laughed wildly: "Deirdre, as a Demon, what you say is truly amusing! Although I've left the Hell Camp, my race remains Demon. Demons achieve peace not through negotiations but by using power to subdue the opponent. That's demon peace, true permanent peace! If you seek peace, then overpower me; it's as simple as that!"

Deirdre chuckled: "Sorry, teacher! I may not be a Demon anymore, so my thoughts have changed. I should have evolved into something more magical. This is something that, due to being a Mid-level Demon, you can't teach me. But in any case, as my Hero's Road mentor, I still respect you. To show respect, my army will retreat immediately!"

Banshee evolution? Upon hearing this not only the Dragon Slayer Command Center was stunned, but Siriel was also deeply shocked: "You're not a Demon anymore? You say I have limitations?"

"Yes!" Out flew dozens of hot-bodied Banshees, with thin dragonfly wings and seemingly clad in a slick blue-and-white bodysuit, from Da Fei's army. The one at the forefront, stepping on a blue Hero Aura, was Deirdre.

At this moment, the Dragon Slayer Command Center erupted in shock, and Siriel exclaimed: "Is that a Sea Demon?"

Deirdre laughed: "As expected of the teacher, but I'm not just a Sea Demon. My Spirit Body has been reconstituted by Light Divine Power, and much of the greed, jealousy, and other evil thoughts in my soul have been cleaned. Now I'm full of positive energy!"

Siriel said solemnly: "Divine Demon Body!"

Deirdre exclaimed: "Teacher! Even I didn't know what I was, but your words have enlightened me! Please forgive my earlier rudeness. While the teacher has Mid-level Demon limitations, you remain knowledgeable! May I ask, teacher, what is the Divine Demon Body?"

Siriel shouted angrily: "Limitations be damned! You can all get lost now!"

The Banshee laughed: "Alright then, sorry to trouble the teacher."

At the same time, another voice from Da Fei's army rose up: "Listen up, Mages on the other side, I am Anlicia, Deputy City Lord of Radiant City from the Elf Kingdom. We will accept the World Tree Space in the name of Radiant City. You do not belong to the Hell Power, and our army will take a cooperative approach for peaceful coexistence and friendly relations."

As she spoke, Da Fei's army began to slowly retreat to the passage entrance. For a moment, the entire Dragon Slayer Command Center let out a huge sigh of relief.

Lei Huolong even said disappointedly: "Looks like there won't be a fight. If it really came to it, we could take them out at any time!"

The other team members couldn't help but feel relieved: "As long as we are given time to develop, next time we won't leave them any chance to retreat."

"Exactly, this is the NPC crematorium. Let them come as much as they want; they'll all end up dead."

Even Ma Yinglong couldn't help but wipe the cold sweat from his forehead. Ultimately, staying in position is about defense first; proactive attacks like this usually don't happen. In any case, we need to focus on growing. When Da Fei returns from the European Union, we can slowly discuss things with him. Our Dragon Slayer Guild helping him defeat his lineup's unbeatable Demigod - he's got to show us some respect for that. Someone too selfish doesn't go far; Da Fei should understand this principle.

Then, the Deputy City Lord in Da Fei's army continued: "At the same time, our army declares that the Mercury Mine space outside has been occupied and received by our army. You must not trespass. Trespassing is useless, as you cannot develop it. Even if you could, you can't transport it out."

— Argh! Ma Yinglong spewed a mouthful of blood! Dragon Slayer Command Center burst into a scene of disbelief!

Damn it! These NPCs are downright despicable! If they were players and discovered, I'd tear them apart!

Lei Huolong exclaimed urgently: "President, we can't let Da Fei get away with the Demigod we worked so hard to defeat! We need to launch our attack!"

Ma Yinglong shouted angrily: "Quickly, ask the NPCs to make a move and take the scene!"

Lei Huolong hurriedly ran to Siriel and cried: "Mentor, we can't let the Elf Kingdom take the Mercury Mine we fought for. We need to reclaim it!"

Siriel asked solemnly: "You say, my former student has surpassed me. Do I truly have limitations?"

Lei Huolong shouted in anger: "Limitations my ass! We have to go out and kill them, burn them, rob them!"

Siriel, however, said to himself: "Perhaps she has a point. My strength is insufficient, so I can't see my own limitations. To see one's limitations, one must first reach their limits. So, everyone, train hard and become stronger before the next challenge arrives. Then you can kill as you like."

Speaking, Siriel disappeared into the lava once more.

Lei Huolong was almost in tears: "Damn it! By the time we get strong, Da Fei would've already mined all the Mercury!"

At this moment, the Dragon Slayer Guild was silent, and Ma Yinglong was speechless.

Before, Dragon Slayer helped Da Fei build a free city wall around the lake, and Ma Yinglong continued friendly relations with Da Fei while swallowing his pride. Now, Dragon Slayer helped Da Fei defeat a Demigod and open the mine. Where can you find such great allies from China? The Japan area's camouflaged undercover doesn't even come close!

— Argh! The more Ma Yinglong thought about it, the more tangled he became, spewing another mouthful of blood...

Chapter 833: Heroic Spirit Awakening

At a little past five in the morning Beijing Time, the dim light of dawn, the bustling chatter of early-morning snack stalls heralded the start of a new day.

Having pulled an all-nighter with barely half an hour of napping in between, Da Fei removed his helmet, stood up to open the window for fresh air, a biting early spring breeze piercing through him. Then Da Fei hastily freshened up to clear his mind before logging back on.

It must be said, Da Fei, now over thirty, truly felt he couldn't handle sleep-deprived gaming marathons like in the past. But Da Fei had no choice. At this critical moment, he couldn't afford a single mistake.

At this moment, Da Fei's fleet was moving in place amidst the steam-filled, lava-flowing Lava Cave. Yes, moving in place, as the rush of the Flame Stream made it impossible for Da Fei's ships to advance further, much like running in place on a treadmill at the gym.

In this situation, not getting swept away was already the greatest victory. The impact on the troops' stamina was equally apparent. Da Fei hardly dared to recklessly train the crew, as training expends the sailors' stamina, and failing in practice would mean wasted energy, which could lead to an instant collapse.

As for the newly arrived 33 Angels, they were Da Fei's biggest concern. The current environment in the Lava Cave was far worse than the water conditions of the first three days, and in reality, such volcanic cave surroundings would probably have steamed them alive. Luckily, they hadn't encountered attacks from Water Monsters, and they could survive on wine and Healing Skill.

Of course, based on the training experience of the past four days, Da Fei thought that drunken Angels might easily evolve into Bloodsucking Angels, which wouldn't necessarily aid their learning of Sailing Skill. So, to speed up the crash course in Sailing Skill, Da Fei firmly forbade the new Angels from getting drunk. This meant that before the negative effects of the first bottle cleared, they were not allowed to take a second one, relying on mutual healing instead. In fact, the current circumstances didn't permit the new Angels to get drunk at all. If they got drunk, who would heal them?

If it really came to it, they would drink the Super Stimulating Potion that completely restores life stamina. Da Fei had only one bottle of the Super Stimulating Potion left—it had to last until tomorrow, that is, 5:30.

If the potion couldn't hold them, there was only one option left: abandon the ammo towboat behind them, reducing the burden on the sailors' towing stamina consumption.

Thus, in preparation for abandoning ship, Essinger, the new companion, was jumping back and forth, moving boxes of Blood Wine from the rear ship to the front. Certainly, if it came to a point where abandoning ship was necessary, it would be crucial to wake up Miss Elda so she could teleport the cargo back, delaying the Volcano Dragon's recovery and putting the troublesome plan of advancing deep behind enemy lines on hold.

If it's put on hold, so be it—unreliable actions should be avoided if possible; Da Fei's ultimate goal was to train the troops.

Even Essinger, after several dozen round trips, had no stamina left for jumping and sat resting on a box of wine.

Da Fei, bored out of his mind, was afraid he would fall asleep from boredom and approached for a chat: "Can the Angels' vitality skills be used on you?"

Essinger muttered: "I am a Resentful Spirit, I cannot receive any blessings from Light Magic."

As expected, having a motley crew from different factions was indeed a pain. Da Fei suddenly realized that if they retreated and teleported back to the city, wouldn't the Resentful Spirit be burned to death by the barrier of the Divine Punishment City like the three chauffeurs before?

Da Fei quickly asked: "If our forces retreat and take you back to the city, how would you withstand the barrier of the Divine Punishment City?"

Essinger shook his head: "No worries, I'm not a Demon, nor am I Undead."

Da Fei was surprised: "Isn't a Resentful Spirit the same as Undead?"

Essinger muttered: "Perhaps, but I feel I'm different from the Undead. I am not afraid of the Divine Punishment City's barrier."

Da Fei's interest was piqued: "Then what are you exactly?"

Essinger shook his head: "I don't know. All I know is that from the moment I woke up and had memory, I was at the command of the Demon Army. Under their training, I became Sky Cavalry, then step by step an instructor, training more Sky Cavalry. But I noticed other Sky Cavalry were different from me—they were usually true Resentful Spirits."

Da Fei was amazed: "Why are all Sky Cavalry Resentful Spirits?"

Essinger replied irritably: "Of course, it's because Resentful Spirits are light in weight. Otherwise, did you think any random Volcano Dragon could carry a knight in full heavy armor, weighing hundreds of pounds, flying in the sky?"

Only then did Da Fei understand: "No wonder someone could pull you off the dragon with one hand—you were light in weight, after all."

Essinger coldly intoned: "Can we not talk about that?"

Da Fei laughed heartily: "Alright, alright, my apologies!"

Right at that moment, Elda's voice chimed in with laughter: "Essinger, you still retain a knight's dignity after all."

Da Fei was taken aback: "Miss Elda is awake?"

"It's so hot I can't sleep at all!" Elda pulled out a bottle of wine from the wine box and drank it heartily.

Essinger quickly stood up and saluted, "Greetings, Lord Elda."

Elda wiped her mouth and laughed heartily, "Essinger, for you to realize that you're different from ordinary Resentful Spirits shows that I wasn't wrong about you. You have potential, worth my efforts to recruit."

Essinger replied in surprise, "Please enlighten me, my lord?"

Elda said seriously, "You're not a Resentful Spirit, you're a Heroic Spirit! You were once a Mortal Warrior who participated in the Divine Punishment War! In this hellish depth, whether Angel or Mortal dies, their Holy Spirit or soul finds it difficult to return to Heaven. Some Holy Spirits are captured by Demons and become Fallen Angels, while the souls of Mortal warriors become Resentful Spirits. But you're different. Even until the moment of your death, you remained fearless, without a trace of resentment, anger, or hesitation. Your soul is unstained and steadfast. That's the reason you became a Heroic Spirit!"

Essinger was shocked, "I'm a Heroic Spirit?!"

Elda nodded, "Exactly. That's also my reason for surrendering you. In fact, the one beside the Military Governor whom I cut down earlier should have also been a Heroic Spirit, what a pity."

Da Fei exclaimed, "A Heroic Spirit isn't the soul of a renowned hero or king from ancient legends? Does that mean he wasn't ordinary in life?"

Elda shook her head, "Whether one becomes a Heroic Spirit isn't related to one's status or power in life. The key lies in what state of mind their soul is in at the moment of death. If someone dies with intense negative emotions like anger or hatred, no matter how brave, they cannot become a Heroic Spirit. Dying with regret or fear makes it even more difficult; they're lucky not to become Evil Spirits. In short, a Heroic Spirit enters a state of absolute selflessness during battle, fearless and without anger, amidst life and death. It's not easily achieved by common people, but renowned heroes or kings often reach this state to become Heroic Spirits."

Da Fei responded, "Then how did you determine he was a Heroic Spirit? Oh right, what use is a Heroic Spirit? Like a solid, intelligent soldier?"

Elda laughed heartily, "The soul of a Heroic Spirit is pure and unstained. Even if revived by a demon's dark power, their soul's essence remains unpolluted. This is the main difference between a Heroic Spirit and an Angel; a Heroic Spirit's memory might be erased by demons, but they will never fall. That's why the gods will guide the most devout believers to Heaven after death. These believers are actually Heroic Spirits, the first-class citizens of the Divine Realm whom we Angels serve. Now, do you understand the value of a Heroic Spirit?"

Da Fei's eyebrows shot up in surprise, first-class citizens of the Divine Realm! Yes, in Nordic mythology, Odin's Heroic Spirit Hall is where he places the Heroic Spirits who serve him!

Da Fei suddenly understood, "So Heroic Spirits are the best divine sacrifices?"

Elda's eyes narrowed with a smile, "Exactly, so when we take Essinger back, after purifying the dark energy from him, the Angel Leader can take him to ascend to Heaven. Our merit will at least be upgraded by one rank! If Essinger proves especially capable, we might even rise further!"

So that's it! Essinger is actually my ticket to promotion, or rather, my treasure! Haha, wahaha! In that case, I definitely won't let him risk guiding us to attack the Demon Army's resource warehouse. I should leave something for the European Union Zone to handle. It wouldn't be right for me to do everything and insult the intelligence and capability of European Union players.

Da Fei exclaimed joyfully, "Then why did you say he was a Resentful Spirit at first? Why not just tell him he is a Heroic Spirit?"

Elda scoffed, "Every Mortal Warrior revived by demons here has their life memories erased and is polluted with dark energy. The key is for them to realize it themselves. If they don't, it's useless to tell them, and they can't ascend to Heaven."

At this moment, Elda spoke kindly to Essinger, "Essinger, once you ascend to the Divine Realm, make sure to work hard, and remember to speak well of Elda at every opportunity, okay?"

Ah, spit! Da Fei couldn't help but spray a mouthful of saliva.

Essinger trembled as he spoke, "Essinger, thank you for Lord Elda's rescue and appreciation. I will repay you with all my strength!"

As he spoke, his entire armor buzzed with excitement, and black smoke billowed from the gaps in his armor!

Da Fei was shocked, "What is this?"

Elda laughed excitedly, "It's the awakening of a Heroic Spirit! He's expelling the dark energy from himself, which means he was indeed an extraordinarily capable warrior. Haha, we're in for a big promotion!"

Da Fei's ears perked up with excitement, she just said "our" big promotion! Haha, wahaha!

Amidst their laughter, a flash of white light enveloped Essinger as all the black smoke scattered instantly, and he sat cross-legged on the ground, surrounded by golden light!

—System Prompt: Your troops have been blessed by Essinger's "Vajra Body" aura, increasing the resistance to various adverse conditions by 30%, lasting until the end of Essinger's meditative effect.

Da Fei and Elda both squealed with joy, "He used to be a high-level monk in life!"

Chapter 834: Full Party Advancement

In the Light God Sect, monks are a hidden branch profession of priests, corresponding to the nun profession, but can only be taken up by men, also known as ascetic monks. The biggest characteristic of this profession is extreme endurance, truly divine!

Although Da Fei doesn't know much about the game details of the monk hidden profession, judging by the current rate at which the whole group's health and stamina loss has slowed down, Da Fei knows that he can definitely get through today safely. No wonder this Essinger could stand out among so many dead mortals to become a heroic spirit, his profession in life was indeed quite important.

In the end, this is the benefit of being a monk, what you cultivate is not for this life, but for the afterlife. In the divine realm, they're first-class citizens, who knows how many angel beauties serve every day, suffering all your life is totally worth it.

However, speaking of which, monks and navigators are a perfect match, maybe I should just give up that troublesome Gru Inheritance and take up the monk profession? But if I become a monk, it seems life would be too imperfect, how can I face so many wives of mine, I still have to think it over. And besides, it seems like becoming a monk isn't something you can just choose on a whim, I'm so busy, how could I have time for a hidden profession's job quest.

Minute by minute, time passed, under Essinger's continuous meditation support, Da Fei's team stood firm in the lava rapids.

But meditation is definitely not omnipotent, the longer he sits the bigger the burden, not to mention he has just awakened his power which is very limited, better not push too hard here and overstrain himself, that would greatly affect my merits with Elda! To be safe, Da Fei decisively used the last bottle of revitalizing potion.

—System Prompt: You have used 1 bottle of strategic potion "Super Revitalizing Potion", your troops' life physical strength fully recovers, Morale +1, and every 5 seconds Life Recovery +3, Stamina Recovery +3, potion effect lasts for 1 minute 46 seconds. (Note: The more troops you have, the weaker the effect)

The potion is used up!

I am without ties, without resentment, without regret, I am invincible, I bet that today I surely can advance, I don't believe it, after all this intense training, even if it's difficult to advance as an elite, it's been three consecutive days there should be some result, not to mention I have the Grand Marshal's teaching medal! As long as I can advance today, everything after is just a minor issue!

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At 5:40 Beijing Time, the sky was bright, the honks of goods carts in the streets outside seeped through the window, Da Fei could already smell the fried eggs from downstairs! Da Fei felt extremely hungry after an all-nighter.

Once advanced, I'll eat heartily! I'll make five fried eggs!

Da Fei gritted his teeth, filled with tension and impatience as he waited for the final moment of the countdown, 5—4—3—2—ding dong! White light flashed from the whole angel group, a long row of system prompts filled the screen!

—System Prompt: You have sailed in special waters for over 5 days, you and your team hero gained additional God-level Navigator experience +1.17 million, you additionally gained free attribute points +5, your team gained additional growth potential!

—System Prompt: Your S-level strategic treasure "Grand Marshal Instructor's Whip Medal" successfully facilitated Wisdom Angel Elifel and 20 members of the Blazing Angel Corps, 8 members of the Power Angel Unit... new skill learning, successfully facilitated the training of 13 Elite Power Angels, 4 Elite Authority Angels advancing to leader-level.

—System Prompt: Your Wisdom Angel Elifel gained growth in the harsh navigation, Life +300, Mana +500, gained special skill: Advanced Flame Resistance, Angel Instructor.

—System Prompt: Your 13 Elite Power Angel Unit gained growth in the harsh navigation, advanced to leader-level Power Angels! Attack +10, Damage +10, Stamina +50, Life +1000. Gained new special skill: Long Weapon, Advanced Flame Antibody.

—System Prompt: Your 4 Elite Authority Angel Unit gained growth in the harsh navigation, advanced to leader-level Authority Angels! Defense +5, Damage +5, Stamina +50, Life +1000. Gained new special skill: Advanced Flame Antibody, Great Strong Vitality.

—System Prompt: Your 20 Blazing Angel in the harsh navigation gained growth mutation, Attack +10, Defense +10, Damage +10, Life +400, Mana +100, Stamina +100, gained new special skill: Flame Antibody, Level 1 Expand Crystal Ammo Bag (carrying crystal amount +1).

—System Prompt: Your 8 Power Angel in the harsh navigation gained growth mutation, Attack +10, Defense +10, Damage +10, Life +400, Mana +100, Stamina +100, gained new special skill: Flame Antibody.

—System Prompt: Your 3 Wisdom Angel in the harsh navigation gained growth mutation, Attack +6, Defense +12, Damage +10, Life +350, Mana +150, Stamina +100. Gained new special skill: Flame Antibody

—System Prompt: Your 2 Authority Angel Unit... Attack +6, Defense +12, Damage +10, Life +350, Mana +150, Stamina +100. Gained new special skill: Flame Antibody.

—Advanced Flame Antibody: Resistance to flame magic +50%, negative effects in scorching environments reduced by 75%.

—Angel Instructor: When your barracks fortress has the corresponding instructor troops, troop production will increase, having instructor troops in your team is conducive to the advancement speed of the corresponding troops.

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At this moment, Da Fei held his breath! At this moment, Da Fei was moved to tears!

Advanced! All the angels I brought out on my first batch have all advanced to BOSS as hoped! Elifel also managed to get the Angel Instructor as hoped! My Angel Army finally became a real air force capable of aerial combat, especially the BOSS form of the Power Angels surprisingly comprehended long weapons!

Indeed, their axes have grown significantly longer, this high attack speed with long weapons for first strikes, isn't this undoubtedly an airborne mincing machine, this killing effectiveness was demonstrated by Roger Tal! Haha, wow hahaha! Speaking of which, apart from Roger Tal, the 12 new One-Winged Angel citizens can't match up to the leader-level Power Angels in combat power at all. But that's okay, as citizens, their primary responsibility is not combat.

As for the new angels, although they didn't become elites in one step, that's fine, as they all learned Flame Antibody. There's no survival pressure in the so-called world's most severe waters, so the subsequent elite growth, sailing skill training are just a matter of course!

Moreover, the new angels haven't developed any mutations during drinking that would cause them to lose Healing Skills, meaning, Bloodthirsty Frenzy is something that can only be acquired by drinking continuously in specific environments. Not comprehending it is fine, I'm not lacking strong combat units now, what I lack is healing.

As for the next step, of course training! Da Fei then patted Essinger's shoulder with a comforting smile: "You've worked hard, your great contribution to the team, you may rest now!" Heard that, I referred to you as Sir! Remember to put in a good word for me in the divine realm.

Essinger slowly retracted his golden light weakly saying: "It's wonderful to help you, but now I've little strength left, I'm afraid I won't be able to contribute much to the upcoming battles."

Another wounded in the team, Da Fei felt deeply moved and said: "Don't worry, you just need to rest quietly with Miss Elda and observe, I've got this!"

"I'm very sorry!"

"No worries."

This awakened heroic spirit is indeed different, more polite in speech, the residents of the divine realm are indeed highly cultured.

Amidst Da Fei's emotions, he came before Elifel with a smile, "I'm very pleased with the timely progress you've made in such a difficult environment!"

Elifel smiled and said: "It's the result of our hard work, and also the power of the magical treasures you possess. However, the new recruits currently have very good potential, would you consider teaching them Basic Navigation Skill to ease the pressure on the veterans first?"

Da Fei raised an eyebrow: "Are you saying the new Angel Unit can now learn Basic Navigation Skill?"

Elifel nodded seriously: "Precisely! As an Angel Instructor, I have the ability to perceive the learning state of students, now if you teach, the success rate is extremely high."

So that's it! With an instructor at hand, I won't have to rashly waste energy on unreliable endeavors, haha, good! I'll first nurture this trainee sailor team fully![

Chapter 835: Catherine Targeted by Players

—System Prompt: You have successfully taught a member of the Power Angel Army the Basic Navigation Skill through Master-level Special Soldier Training!

—System Prompt: Your S-tier strategic treasure, "Grand Marshal Instructor's Whip Medal," has successfully facilitated a Power Angel in learning a skill.

—System Prompt: You have obtained information on Grandmaster-level Special Soldier Training Skill.

—System Prompt: You have obtained information on God-level Navigation Skill.

—System Prompt: A member of your Power Angel Army has learned the hero skill "Basic Navigation," and has advanced with growth: Attack +2, Defense +1, Life +60, Stamina +5.

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Oh yeah! My new recruit has finally succeeded in taking over, and learned even without being in elite status. It's progress indeed! I wonder if another advancement would elevate them to elite status?

Da Fei joyfully said, "Elifel, can she continue learning now?"

Elifel released the large oar with a smile, "My lord, she needs further practice to comprehend the Intermediate Navigation Skill. Please allow her to take over my position."

Damn! So, the so-called stress relief for the old crew members was actually to ease your burden first? Not bad, there's been progress in intelligence.

Da Fei then asked with a smile, "Then can I train you in Expert Level Navigation Skill now?"

Elifel shook her head, "My lord, I'm not confident in my stamina to learn expert-level skills at the moment. Likewise, the condition of these veteran crew members is also not suitable for learning skills. Please train new recruits to take over our positions. By then, the veteran crew members should be in good enough shape."

This made Da Fei realize that the success rate of training is also related to the unit's stamina. Having a boss-level unit instructor who can give tips is really something great. Although I had many Flower Demon instructors at the Pool of Radiance before, unfortunately, these instructors were just ordinary troops, unable to provide any tips, which made me walk quite a few detours!

Speaking of Flower Demon instructors, I wonder if there's new progress in my home's school? I wonder if the Sea God Priest also serves as the music teacher at my school? What's up with Leviathan these days? How's the Hydra Fortress construction at Habbit Village coming along? I wonder how my sister and the others are doing in Divine Punishment City?

Suddenly, Da Fei felt a deep longing for his old home in the China Region, as if one day apart felt like three years. But worrying about these things is useless; the key is that my rendezvous with Catherine is probably around 4 or 5 this afternoon, and I must make full use of my precious time in the European

Union Zone to train. Even if not all of the Angels, at least 17 must advance to BOSS status and learn the Divine Skill "Human Form". I want my fleet to be equipped with the strongest sailors!

As for now, hurry up and train all these ordinary sailors to take over positions!

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Blood Sea Studio, a small truck's horn sounded at the door, followed by a loud shout: "Boss Tao, Brother Tian, the fried dough sticks and soy milk buns have been delivered!"

"Time to eat, time to eat!" In an instant, over a hundred people in the studio took off their helmets, stretched lazy waists, and stood up from the sofa to line up for breakfast.

Another all-nighter has passed, and a new day has arrived. But for these energetic young people, now is the time for high spirits. Even the big bosses are here, staying up all night with everyone, so how could anyone complain of fatigue?

At this moment, Blood Sea Wave, who had pulled an all-nighter, felt entirely uncomfortable. Since Da Fei won the championship last night, people on the forums started questioning if Blood Sea Wave, the Royal Family, and Skyshattering Thunder, specifically mentioned by Da Fei, would keep their promise to donate as much money as Da Fei does?

100,000 US Dollars equals more than 5 million RMB, which isn't a big deal for Blood Sea Wave, especially if shared with Brother Tian and Little Ma. The key issue lies in the discomfort of being roped into a promise by Da Fei. It feels as if not donating means I'm afraid of Da Fei. Not to mention, Da Fei was the undisputed star in the European Union Zone last night, subtly acclaimed as the world's top expert, seemingly leaving no one to contest or fear him.

"Damn it, there's no way I'm afraid of you!"

The money must be donated because Blood Sea Wave has to keep his word. But it's also imperative to find an opportunity to hit Da Fei hard and regain face, lest people think I'm afraid of him. The problem is, encountering Da Fei isn't genuinely easy; mostly, people only spot Da Fei's vice heroes in cities, making it difficult to regain face.

Forget it, have to swallow this grievance for now and wait for Pirate Island to be fully established, reorganize the pirate forces in the China Region, and then speak again.

After the past two days and nights of hard work, the first phase of Blood Sea Wave's Miracle Island breakwater surrounding project has been completed. The stone materials for these breakwaters amount to tens of thousands of units, employing nearly the entire NPC-powered Chamber of Commerce fleet for transportation. Precisely, Blood Sea Wave holds an official position in the Lionheart Empire Maritime Bureau, allowing flexible contact with NPC Chamber of Commerce fleets even if the reputation isn't sufficient, even if it's a small official.

Moreover, we should mention that the China Region stone material purchasing action, in collaboration with Dragon Slayer, paved the solid groundwork for this operation. In contrast, Dragon Slayer squandered it by building the Great Wall, benefitting Da Fei. Ultimately, even large guilds are just established early with big names.

At this thought, Blood Sea Wave couldn't help but sneer at Dragon Slayer.

Just when Blood Sea Wave was imagining the next steps for the surrounding wall and drainage project, a team member out at sea suddenly shouted, "Boss, saw Da Fei — saw Da Fei's vice hero, on the sea!"

Blood Sea Wave raised an eyebrow: "Send me the video!"

"Received!"

At this moment, not far from the fishing boat, a long and narrow silver-white large warship sailed by. The numerous names displayed atop the warship made it hard not to notice her—"Golden Spearfish (Player Da Fei's Vice Heroine, Katelina)"

Blood Sea Wave was taken aback: "Where are you now?"

The teammate replied, "Offshore of Anvalla Town at the border of the Human and Elf Kingdoms, cross-national sturgeon trade."

Blood Sea Wave opened the Sea Chart, compared the coordinates, checked this warship model, and estimated her speed, immediately devising a plan in mind!

In short, this is a warship traveling along a normal trade route. It's impossible to get NPC pirates to come over, either in terms of justification or speed; we can only rely on players' own strength to take her down! As for the way to take her down, it's only possible to ambush her at her destination, and her destination is obviously Elorin!

Without saying more, Blood Sea Wave immediately took a screenshot of the warship's name and sent it to Royal Blade and Skyshattering Giant Cannon.

Skyshattering Giant Cannon immediately sent a message: "Whatever Brother Tao says is the way we'll do it, my Skyshattering Commerce fleet runs short and medium trips near Elorin. No other skills, but asking me to collide with a ship to block the way is no problem."

Blood Sea Wave was pleased: "Very good. Your brothers immediately stand by and gather near Elorin. Based on the ship's speed, it is estimated to arrive at Elorin around 3-4 pm. We have plenty of preparation time."

Skyshattering Giant Cannon responded excitedly: "Understood!"

Blood Sea Wave couldn't help but darkly laugh, this Skyshattering Giant Cannon is truly a classic example of someone who pretends to be clever but ends up looking foolish, do tycoons speaking on the World Channel need you to butt in? A donation teased you right? Don't talk about 5 million, even 500 thousand is not within your play range!

But as long as this fool honestly confesses his wealth and obediently worships labor capital, labor capital can still help you cover tens of thousands at least. Anyway, it depends on his performance this time.

Not long after, Royal Blade's message also came: "Is this really Da Fei's vice hero? Why does a vice hero have a warship, and a large warship at that?"

Blood Sea Wave responded sourly: "You ask me, who do I ask? Can you not joke?"

Royal Blade sighed: "Seems like Ninth Heaven is planning to talk about cooperation with Da Fei after he returns to the country. We're not convenient to take action, otherwise, our boss might lose face with Ninth Heaven."

Blood Sea Wave said disdainfully: "What a joke! They handle their matters, we handle ours; it's called diversified diplomacy, you understand? Besides, how do you act as a subordinate? Even if your boss can't explain, just take the blame voluntarily. Do I have to teach you this? Do you really think Divine Punishment City has a great future that makes Da Fei a god to worship? If Divine Punishment City was really impressive, the United States would have jumped up long ago, where would the European Union have a chance? I just ask one thing, do you do it or not?"

Royal Blade yelled angrily: "Go to hell, labor capital will do it, scared of nothing! It's not like our Royal Family is afraid of Ninth Heaven."

Blood Sea Wave laughed heartily: "Exactly, you are the real player tycoon guilds, such as Ninth Heaven catering to big financiers like you. Don't get the relationship wrong!"

Royal Blade grumbled: "Our First Fleet has 30 ships in the Elf Kingdom section, you decide how and where to surround."

Blood Sea Wave rejoiced: "Rest assured, with me, we have more than enough ships and time. Just one vice hero, surround and she's dead, the key is to seize her big ship."

Royal Blade was surprised: "What's the use of a ship without ship documentation?"

Blood Sea Wave sighed: "Can't we dismantle it and use it for material burns? Can you stop asking dumb questions?"

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Unknowingly, when Da Fei had trained all 33 angels to become Basic Navigation Skill sailors, half a day had passed in the game, and it was already 6:30 AM in reality with car horns blaring all over the sky. Da Fei then realized he was so hungry that his chest was sticking to his back.

However, looking at the current group with over fifty angels able to row normally, finally stabilizing the situation, a huge sense of achievement surged in. But this was just the beginning, next up would be the BOSS angels' Advanced Navigation Skills, then it would be time for my Oar Ship expertise! Haha, Wahahahaha!

Excited, Da Fei removed his helmet, dashed to the window, and shouted at the noodle stall downstairs: "Boss, fry five eggs and add three ounces of beef noodles!"

Chapter 836: Brainwashing Skill

After finishing a delicious breakfast, Da Fei felt life became so fulfilling! People, whether with millions in assets or standing as the world's number one, sometimes all they truly desire is a bowl of beef noodles with a fried egg.

Da Fei logged back in. After switching over with the newly appointed Basic Navigation Skill Angel Sailors, the old crew members enjoyed their drinks and rested, with their stamina almost fully recovered.

Da Fei approached Elifel and asked, "How is everyone's state now? Can we start learning Advanced Navigation Skill?"

Elifel reported, "Sir, the Leader-level members are in good condition and can accept the learning of Advanced Navigation Skill. As for me, I can attempt to challenge the Expert Level Navigation Skill, although the success rate won't be high. I suggest you start by training other members first to conserve your stamina."

Da Fei raised an eyebrow, "Success rate not high?"

Elifel frowned, "Yes, given my current level, understanding Expert Level skills is rather difficult."

Da Fei frowned, it seems there's finally a training threshold! After all, the reason the little Banshees reached Master Level was their high growth potential as immature forms, whereas Elifel is already an adult angel, lacking in growth potential.

This indeed is a problem. But, as long as it's a probability issue, it's not a real issue; it's merely about trying hard, as failure is the mother of success, right? And perhaps this probability-related matter can be compensated by my Lucky Hand?

Da Fei nodded, "Alright, then I'll start with training the members."

Da Fei approached the first Leader-level Power Angel and casually chatted, "I'm about to teach you the Advanced Navigation Skill shortly, are you ready?"

The Power Angel replied robustly, "Power Angel Anvil is at your command anytime!"

Da Fei suddenly felt delighted, "You have a name?"

The Power Angel continued, "Power Angel Anvil is always at your service!"

Haha, wahahahaha! That's right, when Elifel advanced from an elite to BOSS level, she too suddenly got a name! This is the sign of a troop becoming a BOSS.

Da Fei hurriedly opened the troop list, and sure enough, all 17 angels who became BOSS have names: Anvil, Shirley, Mira, Yuliy, Luli, Lena, Nerxia, Fiana, Lulier...

My goodness! I can't memorize them all! I only know all the good names are occupied by these 17, so how can other female NPCs compete? But I love it! Haha, wahahahaha! You are all my sweethearts!

However, judging by Anvil's response, her intelligence was clearly not as agile as Elifel's initially, but no matter, a troop with intelligence is cool. Let's start training.

Da Fei took a deep breath and waved his hand! Amid expectations, a white light and a big screen of System Prompt displayed:

—System Prompt: You have exerted the Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill 'Angel Sailor Instructor' on Leader Power Angel Anvil, successfully teaching Advanced Navigation Skill!

—System Prompt: Your S-grade strategic treasure 'Grand Marshal Instructor's Whip Medal' successfully facilitated Anvil's skill learning.

—System Prompt: Your Leader Power Angel Anvil has learned the special skill 'Advanced Navigation Skill', gained advanced growth, Attack +3, Defense +1, Defense life +200, Mana +100, Stamina +20.

—System Prompt: Congratulations! In extremely harsh water conditions, you have proficiently mastered oar ship steering techniques, successfully comprehending the hidden navigation skill 'Oar Ship Mastery.'

—System Prompt: You have gained information on Grandmaster-level Special Soldier Training Skill.

—System Prompt: You have gained information on God-level Navigation Skill.

—Oar Ship Mastery: Hidden Navigation Skill. When using oar ships, the speed increases by 20%, turning performance enhances by 20%, wave-resistance ability rises.

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Da Fei joyfully exclaimed, troop advancement is inevitable, and crucially, I've also comprehended a hidden skill!

With the comprehension of new skills, the giant paddle ship that had been stationary seemed to start slowly advancing upstream! Indeed, the skill's effect is tangible. A speed increase of 20% is equivalent to learning an extra level of Navigation Skill, and enhanced wave-resistance can offset the disadvantage of low ship sides making oar ships difficult for open sea voyages.

However, aside from using it here, I doubt I'll use oar ships in this lifetime, as the only one made with Narwhal Soul was given to Brother Hao. But it's fine; with Oar Ship Mastery acquired, how far away can Sailboat Mastery be?

Anyway, swiftly teach all the BOSS-level angels, each advancement will make it easier to learn 'Human Form.'

And as Da Fei was busily training, Essinger, who had been meditating off to the side, watched with keen interest.

Finally, when Da Fei finished training two angels until exhaustion and sat down to rest, Essinger spoke, "I have never seen angels led by a lord like these."

Oh my! When an NPC actively chats, it surely means he's been impressed, a sign of increased friendliness! Da Fei laughed, "Well, sir, uh, Master, you're too kind. This is all a result of my Special Soldier Training."

Essinger nodded approvingly, "Good, the attributes and skills of regular troop types aren't a secret anymore. For a major power, competition is about production capacity and national strength, even if regular troop types lack secrets, their massive production offsets all shortcomings. But for special campaigns, possessing unfamiliar exclusive special soldiers often is the key to winning strategically. What does lord think is vital in Special Soldier Training?"

Da Fei raised a brow; his extensive talk with me surely means a plot has been triggered?

Da Fei chuckled, "The most important is troop aptitude. I once obtained the young Banshee under special circumstances, very intelligent, I taught them to learn Master Level in War Machine Science, which also led me to self-educate and achieve Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill. Next is the number of special skills, the more numerous and diverse, the harder it is to learn new special skills, and even harder to upgrade the skills. The first couple of young Banshees I trained were taught too much and faced an awkward position during my exploratory phase."

Essinger clapped and laughed, "You're worthy, lord, you may be self-taught, but you've grasped the essence of Special Soldier Training."

Da Fei suddenly delighted, "Could it be Master also trains special soldiers?"

What the heck! Isn't that obvious? He is the Sky Cavalry Instructor, actually a colleague! Of course, he trains special soldiers!

Essinger said calmly, "I was the one trained into a special soldier!"

Ah-pfft! Da Fei almost burst out laughing, indeed it's a sad tale. Yet, to encounter a colleague during my arduous self-studying exploration phase is extraordinarily lucky!

Da Fei eagerly said, "Please Master, advise me on where I lack!"

Essinger nodded and asked, "Since lord knows that the more and diverse the special skills, the harder it is to train troops, then what if troops start with no special skills at all?"

Da Fei suddenly startled, "Isn't that exactly like when I first encountered young Banshees? A blank slate is great for drafting text!"

Essinger laughed, "That's right, which is why lord still lacks a crucial skill, Brainwashing!"

Da Fei was dumbstruck, "Brainwashing?"

Essinger nodded and pulled out a black-lighting scroll from his armor, "It was your salvation that led me to find my path back to Heaven. I possess nothing of value to offer as gratitude, thus let me show my appreciation using a skill learned from here amongst Demons!"

—System Prompt: You gained the 'Brainwashing' Inheritance Scroll from the ancient Heroic Spirit Essinger.

—Brainwashing Inheritance Scroll: Using this scroll acquires the sub-skill Brainwashing under Special Soldier Training Skill. Brainwashing randomly clears troop's special skills.

Da Fei was jaw-dropping, damn it, having heard Elda talk about resurrected warriors being brainwashed, turns out there really is a brainwashing skill!

Essinger laughed, "Rest assured, core and high-level troop skills won't be washed away. However, I advise against using Brainwashing more than once, too much use can wash troops into idiocy."

Da Fei was shocked, "This skill is too hazardous, isn't it?"

Essinger sighed, "After all, it's a Demon skill, but we must admit it's crude yet effective! So please use it at lord's discretion."

Chapter 837: Sleep Training Method

No matter how you look at it, being able to learn skills passed down from others in a self-explored profession is a wonderful thing. Da Fei decisively decided to learn!

—System Prompt: You have consumed one Skill Point, used the Brainwashing Inheritance Scroll, and learned the special soldier training sub-skill "Brainwashing"!

However, the new skill is quite tricky, and it's crucial to clearly understand its usage. Da Fei continued, "Thank you, Master, for imparting the skill. May I ask, what state does a unit turn into when brainwashed to an idiot?"

Essinger shook his head and said sternly, "They become unable to learn any skill, and their movement and attack speed will decrease, becoming even worse than regular troops. Brainwashed units become indistinguishable from trash and are used as cannon fodder by demons. Our Sky Cavalry units were forcefully selected from tens of thousands of resentful spirits, with an extremely high elimination rate."

Da Fei couldn't help but groan, "So Master said I should use brainwashing judiciously. Could you teach me the key points of usage?"

Essinger shook his head, "As I mentioned before, the first brainwashing won't erase the core and advanced skills of a unit. Take the Undead Race's Level 2 Zombie, for example; its special skill, Undying Creature, is its core skill, and it naturally has Intermediate Defense Skill as its advanced skill. These two will never be washed away in the first round. However, for a zombie, being turned into an idiot makes no difference, making it a common candidate for brainwashing among the Undead Race, resulting in

explosive zombies, corrosive poison zombies, and all sorts of variations, although they can't be mass-produced to replace regular zombies."

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched, immediately recalling the jumping zombies he saw on the ship's cabin on Newbie Island, and Makar's notes. It seems Makar's Special Soldier Training Skill is quite impressive. I wonder if I can learn some skills from him.

Da Fei nodded repeatedly, "I see!"

Essinger continued, "Secondly, developing elite troops. In any faction, elite troops are precious, and normally won't be brainwashed. But, as you mentioned earlier, there are some elite troops with overly complex skills during their growth, hindering their later-stage development. Many special soldier instructors face this issue. In such cases, you can carefully choose to brainwash once to filter out non-core low-level skills. However, even a single brainwashing might impact the future development of an elite, greatly reducing their growth prospects. It's a very paradoxical skill; without brainwashing, there's no future; with brainwashing, there's also no future. However, if brainwashing seems to promise a bigger future, then wash for a healthier development."

Da Fei was shaken, "So, I still can't use it on elites?"

Essinger sighed, "There are exceptions; if an elite or leader-level unit is particularly smart, they might choose to forget less used skills. I am an example of such intelligence, standing out among thousands of resentful spirits to become an instructor!"

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched, "So, brainwashing only applies to particularly dumb or particularly smart units. Regular ones won't do?"

Essinger praised, "Precisely! You're exceptional, My Lord! There's nothing more I can teach you now; you'll have to discover on your own!"

So that's how it is! Da Fei hurriedly saluted, "Thank you, Master, for your guidance."

Essinger shook his head, smiling, "It's what I should do. By the way, once Special Soldier Training Skill reaches Master-level, you'll gain the new skill 'Special Soldier Barracks', allowing you to summarize

developed special soldiers into a formula and build your own barracks, though I can't guarantee the output. To ensure mass production and increase sales, your special soldier development should depend on regular troops' improvement."

—System Prompt: You have acquired information on the Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill sub-skill "Special Soldier Barracks".

Da Fei was startled, "Thank you for your guidance once again, Master!"

"You're welcome, My Lord."

After a long conversation with the Master, Da Fei felt enlightened!

Master-level special soldiers' sub-skills are certainly useful. Having the system's barracks mass-produce them is much easier than training them individually. To advance to Master-level special soldiers, there's only one way: train Angels, particularly Elifel, to learn Master-level skills.

However, Elifel, being an adult angel, faces a barrier learning the Expert Level Navigation Skill, let alone reaching Master Level; it's possibly impossible to learn it?

If she truly can't learn it, as the smartest unit under my command, should I try brainwashing? She does have an unnecessary skill: Bloodthirsty Frenzy! It's more suited for Power Angels, but not as useful for Wisdom Angels assisting in the rear. If removing this skill helps progress, it would be worth it, right?

No, caution! Elifel is still Selvia's Contract Angel and is crucial to Selvia's development; any skill that hinders her growth must be reconsidered. Besides, is she really that smart right now? Probably not, at least not at the standard Deirdre reached in the Pool of Radiance.

Admittedly, nurturing units is quite a headache. Without learning the necessary skill during that phase, you can't go through it. Once you survive it, the skill becomes unnecessary. Anyway, let's not overthink for now; since my stamina is fully restored, let's train all the other leader angels with Advanced Navigation Skill first.

As Da Fei continued alternating between training and resting, the time ticked by. By the time Da Fei finished training all the leader angels, it was past 7:20 in the morning, and most of the day had already unwittingly passed.

It's true; a day without battle flies by quickly. Now, only Elifel is left, the crux of Da Fei's training progress.

Da Fei approached and asked, "Elifel, after this rest period, are you ready to learn Expert Level Navigation Skill?"

Elifel responded solemnly, "I will give it my all!"

With nothing more to say, Da Fei waved his hand grandly!

—System Prompt: Unfortunately! You used Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill "Angel Sailor Instructor" on Wisdom Angel Elifel and failed to teach Expert Level Navigation Skill!

Da Fei's eyebrow twitched as expected, failure!

Elifel frowned and said, "I'm sorry, My Lord. I wish to attempt again once my stamina replenishes."

Da Fei chuckled, "It's okay, it's okay, failure is the mother of success." Finishing up, he immediately had the Power Angels cast Strong Vitality to quickly restore stamina for himself and Elifel.

Actually, the Power Angels also have the Elifel problem. Though they are support angels, they also have an incongruous special skill, Bloodthirsty Frenzy. However, their intelligence doesn't match Elifel's, so they definitely can't be brainwashed. Moreover, Da Fei doesn't need to rely on training them for advancements, so there's no need for brainwashing.

After a short rest of one or two minutes, Da Fei and Elifel's stamina recovered, and Da Fei attempted again, but failed!

No worries, keep going! As Da Fei waits for stamina recovery, he increasingly feels fatigued. Da Fei knows that half an hour after eating, the blood in one's body concentrates on digesting in the stomach, which makes the brain feel sleepy. For Da Fei, who stayed up all night, the drowsiness is even more persistent.

But now is a crucial moment; under no circumstances can he sleep.

Another failure! Failure, five consecutive failures! Compared to the one-shot Advanced Navigation Skill, the success rate of advancing to Expert Level is ridiculously low, testing Da Fei's patience like never before! And this is even with the Governor's Trinket bonus. If even Expert Level is this unreliable, then Master Level truly seems impossible! Is it bad luck? Da Fei glanced at the Lucky Hand skill, which after a day of cooling down is available for use again.

At this moment, Elifel anxiously said, "I'm sorry for letting you down."

Da Fei asked, "Elifel, do you think your failure to learn this has anything to do with luck?"

Elifel was startled and then shook her head, "I don't know, I wouldn't attribute my lack of ability to luck."

Does she mean learning isn't related to luck? Da Fei asked again, "Then do you feel more confident if you train for one more day?"

Elifel frowned, "I think I'd be more confident."

Da Fei took a deep breath and finally made a decision—that is to wait! Wait for tomorrow!

Although the Expert Level Navigation Skill learning seems unreliable, it's just unreliable, not impossible to learn. As long as it can be learned, even if the chance is only one percent, I will try indefinitely.

I cannot lose patience due to a seemingly awesome skill and rush into brainwashing, unless Elifel explicitly states she cannot learn Master-Level. Only then, would the brainwashing be necessary. Otherwise, Elifel's potential for growth could be prematurely stifled by brainwashing.

So I must avoid being impatient and be patient! Patience is also one of the qualities necessary for success, as the world's number one expert, I must have these qualities. Let me take a nap and wait for tomorrow, while also training Elifel's command ability to enhance her intelligence.

Da Fei then told Elifel, "I need to rest now. As the Angel Instructor, you're responsible for directing the old and new members to switch turns rowing. Can you do that?"

Elifel nodded, "I'll manage everything diligently, you can rest assured."

Not bad, if she can achieve this, she's barely reaching the level Deirdre once had. Feeling gratified, Da Fei adjusted the alert volume of the system prompts, closed his eyes, and instantly fell asleep.

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At 8 AM Beijing Time, Da Fei, sleeping like a dead pig, was awakened by a string of system prompts!

—System Prompt: You have navigated in a special water area for over 6 days, you and your team heroes receive additional God-level Navigator experience +210,000, and your team gains additional growth potential!

—System Prompt: Your 8-member Power Angel Army has grown through the harsh sailing, Attack +5, Defense +5, Life +100, Stamina +10.

—System Prompt: Your 20-member Blazing Angel Corps has grown through the harsh sailing, Attack +5, Defense +3, Life +100, Stamina +10.

—System Prompt: Your 3-member Wisdom Angel Army... Attack +2, Defense +5, Life +100, Stamina +10.

—System Prompt: Your 2-member Power Angel Army... Attack +2, Defense +5, Life +100, Stamina +10.

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At this moment, as he listened to the booming sound in his ears, Da Fei suddenly felt his eyelids heavy like a thousand pounds, and his fingers cramped and numb, unable to move. This was deep sleep caused by extreme fatigue, a long-lost feeling of being reluctant to get out of bed since student days!

Da Fei forced his eyes half-open, scanning the series of barely discernible but certainly positive system prompts in front of him, and looked around at the situation on the ship, everything seemed to be running smoothly from his blurry view?

At this point, Elifel proactively approached Da Fei to report, "You're here! I've arranged for the troop shift according to your instructions."

Da Fei asked in a muffled voice, "So, do you feel you've improved?"

Elifel enthusiastically replied, "I'm striving not to let you down, I'm working hard to learn."

Seeing Elifel manage the team so orderly, Da Fei felt deeply relieved amidst his groggy state: "Good... keep learning, keep progressing, keep training, the team is in your hands..."

After speaking, he closed his eyes again, falling into deep sleep once more. Yes, I need to train her ability for independent command, so when I wake up, I can hone her into perfection for brainwashing, calling this the sleep training method... Da Fei thought in his dreams...

Chapter 838: The Legendary Pirate King's Fire-spitting Cannon

At 9:00 AM Beijing time, a new busy day began.

The Blood Sea Guild, Skyshattering Giant Cannon Guild, and the Royal First Fleet gathered in the video chat room to make the final preparations for the upcoming ambush operation.

After 3 hours of estimation and scheduling, Blood Sea Wave finally determined a calm water area outside the Blue Coral Islands as the ambush location.

There are three reasons for choosing this place: First, 80% of the ships of the three major naval guilds can just gather here within three hours, especially the Royal First Fleet's 30 medium-sized armed merchant ships, which have just passed here after transporting goods from the Human Kingdom. So use them as the main force and converge on them.

Second, it is not far from the border line between the two countries. Such places either have heavy forces from both sides or are gray areas where neither side cares much. The situation in this sea area is the latter, meaning that the Elf Kingdom's sea patrol fleet will not appear here frequently, making it easier to take action.

Third, this is a calm area near the islands where large warships will definitely slow down, but it is exactly the area where medium-sized warships can exert their maneuvering power.

Fourth, it is not too far from the ambush target, so when everyone is ready, the target will almost appear. There is no need to make everyone wait idly. It also showcases Blood Sea Wave's precise calculation and foresight, helping to establish the prestige of China Region's first God-level naval hero.

Currently, Da Fei is recognized as both the world's first God-level sea battle hero and China's first God-level sea battle hero, for reasons that need no explanation. This is unbearable for Blood Sea Wave in any case.

Now, the total of 60 ships from the Three Guilds have completed their formation, with ships connected by ropes to form several large nets with width and depth and no gaps. Once the prey is caught in the net, no matter whether it is a large warship or a giant warship, it has to stop. Meanwhile, new fleets are continuously reinforcing.

In short, a large warship forced to stop won't be a match for dozens of medium-sized ships.

The large-scale mobilization of the Three Guilds will undoubtedly alarm some passing merchant players. For the bored merchant leisure players, watching from the sidelines is certainly not a big deal, so they also follow along to watch, and of course, they receive warnings from the Three Guilds' loudspeakers, forcing them to watch with binoculars from the outskirts and wait. Of course, not all ordinary players are idle. Some good sensational videos can be posted on the forums for subscription fees, which is also a way to make money.

Now everything is ready, the only variable is the destination of Vice Hero Da Fei's fleet. If Vice Hero Da Fei is not heading to Elorin, then the day and a half of game time and effort by these three guilds would be a significant economic loss.

Of course, another variable is if the other party does not follow the normal route. Players often disregard routes, sailing wherever the wind blows smoothly; this seemingly random behavior makes ambushing players a bit challenging. However, when NPCs act independently, they mostly follow fixed routes, and there are coast guard patrols on these fixed routes, ensuring safety.

Will Da Fei's Vice Hero fall for it?

Everyone is excitedly speculating about this question. Especially Blood Sea Wave, if Blood Sea Wave can successfully establish prestige through this activity, then even if the opponent is the Royal Family, Blood Sea Wave can establish a leading position at sea. But if it fails, it would be too embarrassing. The anxiety of Blood Sea Wave is obvious.

At this moment, Royal Blade in the chat room laughed and sighed: "For this operation, my big brother neither opposes nor supports it. In short, he tacitly agreed. So, if we're going to do it, let's do it beautifully."

Skyshattering Giant Cannon immediately said: "Don't worry, Blade. Although our guild only brought eight medium ships, we are willing to be the vanguard and charge first. It's impossible for us not to crash into them."

Royal Blade shook his head with a laugh: "Actually, I don't really care. The key is what to do when Da Fei comes back. Boss Tao, have you thought of a way to deal with Da Fei?"

Blood Sea Wave coldly smiled: "We'll just stand in his way and let him kill us; you ask if he dares to go yellow name, dares to make a move?"

Skyshattering Giant Cannon coldly laughed: "Exactly, the more successful and busy Da Fei is, the less convenient it is for him to go yellow name. This time we're going to make a huge scene, smack Da Fei, the world's number one, right in front of all of China, no, in front of the whole world, and force him to go yellow name! If he doesn't dare to retaliate, he's a coward. If he retaliates and goes yellow name, he's a fool. Anyway, we are all merchants who don't care, we'll play with him to the end!"

Royal Blade laughed heartily and clapped repeatedly: "As expected of Giant Cannon, quite annoying! I like it!"

Skyshattering Giant Cannon chuckled and said: "Thank you for the compliment, Blade!"

Blood Sea Wave faintly smiled: "Rest assured, it won't be long before I'm up and running, and then it won't be a problem to fight Da Fei hard at sea."

As he spoke, the guild's lookout fishing boat in the distance immediately raised an alarm: "Brother Tao, Da Fei has appeared!"

As expected, he finally came! Blood Sea Wave's excitement sent a shock through his whole body: "Report coordinates and speed!"

"Received!"

The target has appeared! The whole fleet started moving, making the final adjustments to the encirclement formation. Upon seeing the sudden large-scale movement of the Three Guilds' fleet, ordinary players watching and fishing on the outskirts immediately became excited.

At 9:20, under continuous reports from the lookout boat, the target finally appeared in everyone's sight!

At this moment, the ordinary players in the entire regional channel were in uproar: "Wow, it's Vice Hero Da Fei!"

"Holy crap! This is going to be interesting now!"

At this moment, the joint command channel of the Three Guilds had already begun action!

"First interception team, prepare to position!"

"Second interception team, prepare to position!"

"Skyshattering Suicide Squad is standing by!"

"Third team, encirclement initiated!"

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Closer! Getting closer and closer, the slender and graceful tall silver form of the Golden Spearfish was sailing swiftly towards them, causing the whole crowd of regular players to erupt in excitement! Players from the Three Guilds even held their breath with tension!

On the command channel's live video, a few sailors stood on the bow of the large ship, wearing white sailor uniforms with machetes at their waists, their faces full of scars and fierce expressions.

Royal Blade couldn't help but be startled: "Hey, hey, no matter how you look at it, they don't seem like good people? They must be experts, right?"

Skyshattering Cannon shouted: "Everyone relax, as long as we ram and sink them, even the greatest experts have to feed the fish!"

Blood Sea Wave said in a deep voice: "Don't lose focus! We have more people and more ships!"

At that moment, the scarred sailor on the bow raised a horn and began to shout: "Listen up, ships ahead, you are illegally blocking the channel, leave immediately, or you will be committing malicious obstruction!"

Then, a yellow light flashed on the video:

—System Prompt: Warning! Your ship is illegally blocking and must leave immediately! You have received a yellow name warning and turned yellow named! If you do not leave in time, you will become maliciously red named!

Who cares about red names, let alone yellow ones! Confronted with prey already in the encirclement, the Three Guilds were unmoved by the warning and continued with their encirclement plan.

"The target is starting to slow down!"

"Third echelon completed encirclement!"

"Fourth echelon completed encirclement!"

"Skyshattering Suicide Squad, collision in 30 seconds!"

Blood Sea Wave waved his hand with excitement: "All troops, board the ships!"

At this moment, all the blocking and ramming ships were unanimously judged by the system to be red named. At this moment, players across the regional channel were excitedly screaming: "It's on!!!"

"Brothers, prepare for battle!!!" a bold yet melodious female voice resounded from the Golden Spearfish.

It hit! The Golden Spearfish plunged into the intercepting net of the first echelon's mooring lines, and the speed of the large ship suddenly plummeted!

The joint command channel erupted in shouts: "It's stopping, it can't escape now!"

Skyshattering Cannon was even more excited, yelling wildly: "10 second collision countdown—9—8—"

At that moment, all the gun ports on both sides of the Golden Spearfish opened, and out of them protruded large barrels spewing thick black smoke, then a flash of fire—boom boom boom boom!!!! More than thirty fiery columns of oil erupted from the sides of the ship!

In that instant, the thirty-some medium ships approaching from both sides of the Golden Spearfish were engulfed in a sea of fire and oil smoke, with their sails instantly burnt to ashes!

At this moment, the regional channel went wild: "Fire-spitting Cannon!!! The legendary Pirate King's divine artifact, the Fire-spitting Cannon!!!"

At this moment, the command channel was stunned! Blood Sea Wave couldn't believe his eyes: How could Vice Hero Da Fei have the legendary Fire-spitting Cannon?

The Fire-spitting Cannon is a special war machine in the game, and according to the game's public information, only the Pirate King in the New World's new Caribbean has it. The cannon has a very short range and insufficient ammunition, posing no threat in standard naval artillery battles. However, in this close-quarters boarding battle, it is a lethal weapon, the divine artifact used by the Pirate King to impose his will, since pirates typically fight by boarding.

Now, with this single shot, half the ships in this operation were instantly out of commission! Of course, the oil fire's power isn't enough to instantly destroy a ship; crucially, it's burning sailors and sails! Without sailors to extinguish the fire, one can only watch helplessly as the ship is doomed!

But it wasn't over yet! A few sailors with fierce faces jumped down from the large ship, laughing grimly, "Finally, we can have a good kill!"

Seeing the agile movements of these NPC sailors, Blood Sea Wave's eyes constricted in shock—pirates!

Now that the situation had evolved to this point, even a fool would know what to do! With utter anguish, Blood Sea Wave announced on the command channel: "Retreat! Everyone, retreat!"

Royal Blade sighed deeply: "Nothing more to say, retreat as much as you can."

Skyshattering Cannon immediately said: "Everyone retreat quickly, I'll hold them off as long as I can!"

Royal Blade shook his head: "You really can only hold them off."

No suspense, only excitement! The sea surface was ablaze with firelight, and the regional channel was filled with laughter: "So many ships couldn't even beat one of Da Fei's Vice Heroes..."

"And they call themselves the Royal First Fleet, the guild of China's first God-level naval hero, what a joke..."

"Wait till Da Fei returns home, it'll be even more fun then!"

At this moment, Blood Sea Wave's heart was bleeding!

Chapter 839: The Plot to Undermine Unity in the China Region

When Da Fei became the world champion and the name Da Fei topped the trending searches of major entertainment websites, any news related to Da Fei would become the focal point of players' attention.

So, when videos like "Royal Blood Sea's Shocking Three Guilds' Ambush on Vice Hero Da Fei Failed and Got Ransacked" and "Royal Blood Sea's 70 Medium Ships Couldn't Defeat Vice Hero Da Fei's One Large Ship" appeared on the China Region's video forums, it caused a sensation once again. The video was so popular that it was immediately reposted on foreign forums.

At this time, Japan quickly reacted upon receiving the news, and Igarashi immediately called Brother Hao, who was undercover in the Da Fei Guild: "Ono-kun, the opportunity has come!"

Ono Shinichiro immediately understood: "Is the president suggesting that I continue to stir things up?"

Igarashi laughed: "As expected of Ono-kun! I thought that after Da Fei demonstrated such astounding skill in the world competition, the China Region would undoubtedly rally around him, and I've even received news that large guilds of the Human Race in the China Region want to ally with him. Just when I

was feeling anxious, this attack incident came at just the right time. We need to use this as a turning point to retaliate thoroughly, expand the situation completely, and even escalate it into a full-scale civil war in the China Region!"

Ono Shinichiro rejoiced: "Indeed, President, right now Da Fei's guild is feeling indignant, and with just a little push, this powder keg will explode!"

Igarashi laughed: "Excellent! That's exactly the effect we want. You know what to do!"

Ono Shinichiro said excitedly: "Leave it to me! By the way, President, how's our progress in the Japan zone?"

Igarashi smiled: "The progress is relatively smooth, though this Destiny Coin is quite frustrating to use, but it doesn't matter. As long as we make headway in the general direction, it's a victory."

Ono Shinichiro expressed his relief: "Then I'm at ease! Alright, Da Fei's guild is just waiting for my signal now. President, look forward to my good news!"

"Wishing Ono-kun great success in battle!"

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At this moment, the Dragon Cavalry Guild channel of Da Fei was in an uproar.

One Sword Eastward angrily said: "The Royal Blood Sea's Skyshattering Cannon is so despicable. They attacked Brother Fei from behind when he wasn't around. Even though they're idiots and brought it upon themselves, we can't swallow this anger!"

Da Bing immediately said: "Right, if even Brother Fei's Little Honey gets attacked and we don't do anything, we won't be able to face Brother Fei when he returns!"

Brother Hao finally spoke up: "If they have any guts, they should face us directly, fight to the death, and I'll accept it. But attacking NPCs behind our backs, I can't stand it! I'm going to set out to sea, anyone who wants to come will get a hardship allowance of 10,000 each! A bounty of 1,000 for every kill!"

The entire guild shouted in excitement: "Brother Hao! You're amazing!"

Da Bing immediately said: "Brother Hao! We can't take money for avenging Brother Fei!"

Everyone then realized: "Right, right, it's only right and proper. We'll even spend our own money to go out and fight!"

Brother Hao angrily said: "I've got money and I'm willful! It makes me uneasy if I don't throw money to buy kills, you understand?"

The whole guild wept tears of gratitude: "Brother Hao! Your spirit is so noble!"

Just then, the female players who just joined the guild yesterday also shouted: "Brother Hao, we're low level, can we help avenge Brother Fei?"

Brother Hao laughed heartily: "How can we go to sea without beauties? Beauties must come, and everyone gets a prize!"

The girls squealed in excitement: "Brother Hao, we love you!!!"

Da Bing immediately said: "Alright, let's do this, everyone teleport to Elorin Pier within 10 minutes!"

Brother Hao laughed heartily: "Finally, I can use the rowing boat Brother Fei gave me to fight to my heart's content, hahahaha!"

Just then, Da Wei, who had been lurking in the guild for years, tentatively asked: "Brother Hao, I'm studying at the Elf Academy with the recommendations from Brother Fei's Little Secretary, what if I can't make it?"

Brother Hao smiled and said: "Then just remember that you owe Brother Fei a big favor today, and after you graduate, you must repay it with tenfold or a hundredfold of guilt, got it?"

Da Wei excitedly said: "Got it, understood! I'll definitely remember Brother Hao's words, I'll study hard and graduate!"

Brother Hao laughed heartily: "I'm very satisfied with your words, so you don't need to worry, your prize money is still there, take it as a scholarship to focus on your studies!"

Da Wei was so moved he was beside himself: "Thank you, Brother Hao, for your understanding!"

The guild members praised: "As expected of Brother Hao! So charismatic!"

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European Union Zone, British London time, midnight 0:30.

The four teams from the UK, France, Germany, and Switzerland are fiercely fighting on two fronts. First and foremost is the main battlefield, Divine Punishment City. Perhaps Da Fei's impact behind enemy lines in hell had an effect; the demon army's siege machine ammunition is gradually running low, and the frequency of attacks is decreasing. As players become more adept at killing monsters, the siege demon army is starting to lose momentum. The situation is looking good.

Faced with such a favorable situation, the four teams, although not fully cheered inside, cannot but recognize reality. So, they focus their efforts on attacking the Death Lord Fortress of the Dark Alliance. Compared to the god-level battles in Divine Punishment City, this battle on the mortal plane is not any less challenging.

Even though the European Union Bright Alliance sent a large number of decoy troops to lure away many of the NPC troops from the Dark Alliance, and even though European Union Dark Alliance players' insider operations set up roadblocks on key bridge roads, the main siege forces still face waves of harassment from the Dark Alliance NPC legions.

There's no other choice, these are the challenges that must be faced when fighting deep in enemy territory. Finally, the main forces of the Bright Alliance arrived at the Death Lord Fortress, and a more difficult siege began!

At this stage, players wanting to capture NPC fortresses is completely impossible! Even in the Korea District, Lee Min-ho only managed to capture a small Hell Race town with incomplete city defenses with the help of insider players. So, the siege battles of the Bright Alliance are just a distraction outside the city, to draw attention away for the Dark Alliance insiders to attack the treasure vault.

The intense siege battle has already lasted for one to two hours, and under the leadership of high-end players from the Swedish Dark Alliance led by Da V, victory seemed within reach!

At this moment, the forums in the China Region exploded again with news from Da Fei. Although it was just a vice hero of Da Fei, the vice hero's display of such astounding combat power shocked the old powerhouse teams in the European Union Zone. Similarly, these veteran teams, like those in the Japan Zone, sensed a deep opportunity.

At this moment, Prince George teasingly said in the Four Countries Team chatroom: "My dear friends, look, Da Fei is simply a mad dog; even if he doesn't go out to bite people, others will actively go to bite him."

Napoleon laughed and said, "Indeed, the greater the ability, the greater the threat. It seems our rationale for collecting divine artifacts for him is getting preliminary confirmation."

Einstein shook his head: "If even Da Fei's vice heroes are this strong, if Da Fei were to obtain a Divine Artifact, then no one else would be able to compete with him. Once this mad dog bites us in the future, we'll be powerless."

Prince George said gravely, "In any case, we cannot allow this situation to develop, whether subjectively or objectively. The only opponent for a mad dog is another mad dog! We should take this opportunity to find a way to operate something in the China Region, to find a way to provoke a full-scale war between Da Fei and the large guild. What do you all think of this plan?"

Everyone praised unanimously: "As expected of His Highness the Prince, so how should we proceed?"

Prince George laughed: "Everyone has a professional operations team and accounts as channels in the China Region; do you need to ask me?"

Everyone laughed: "If it's the Prince, surely you would send a group of 007 to infiltrate the China Region and create various confrontations, right?"

Napoleon laughed heartily: "I think we need to support the weaker side, like the Royal Guild! This guild is where the wealthy Chinese people gather, with mediocre overall combat capabilities but lots of money and a big temper. We can sell some non-core strategies at a high price through channels in China, which would not only make us a lot of money but also enhance their strength, allowing these two mad dogs to bite each other. What do you all think?"

Everyone laughed: "That's also an idea!"

At this moment, another team member reported: "There's another new video in the China Region, where Da Fei Guild members went out to sea and PK'd three cargo ships of the Royal Guild!"

George was surprised and said: "Was it PKing the Royal Guild's red-named ships in retaliation?"

"No, it was Da Fei Guild's ships proactively red-named PK the white-named merchant ships of the Royal Guild near the city!"

Everyone was shocked, then overjoyed: "It's indeed a marvelous development! Truly exciting!"

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Beijing Time 9:30, Da Fei, who was asleep, was suddenly woken by the deafening alarm he set up before bed. No matter how tired you are, you have to wake up upon hearing an alarm!

Da Fei quickly opened his eyes to check the alarm prompt:

— System Prompt: Reconnaissance Skill warning! Your troops are about to enter the alert range of a powerful creature. Please proceed with caution.

Damn! Da Fei, while trying to forcibly awaken himself, looked around and urgently ordered: "Stop advancing! No, retreat! Retreat!"

Elifel immediately shouted: "Yes! Master, the fleet is retreating!"

Through the dense fog, Da Fei vaguely noticed a red-glowing presence ahead of the passage. Is it a BOSS? My gosh, there's indeed stuff inside this Melt Cave! Da Fei looked at the map and realized that during his sleep, the fleet had entered the depths of the Melt Cave! Yeah, although rowing against the current is slow, as long as you're making progress, rowing for a day can yield results.

At this moment, Elifel came to Da Fei and asked: "Our forces have withdrawn from the threat range; what are your next instructions, Master?"

Of course, I didn't come here to fight a BOSS; Da Fei shook his head to clear his mind of drowsiness and asked: "After a day of command learning, do you have a better grasp of Expert Level Navigation Skill?"

Elifel said seriously: "I feel a bit more confident than yesterday. Please teach me, Master."

Indeed, the longer the practice, the more confident one becomes. Alright, this time I'm going to stick with you until you learn! No matter what, I'll make sure you master it!

Chapter 840: Treasure at the Bottom of the Lava River

— System Prompt: Unfortunately! You failed to impart the Expert Level Navigation Skill using the Master-level Special Soldier Training Skill "Angel Sailor Instructor" to Wisdom Angel Elifel!

Da Fei frowned, failed again!

Elifel also frowned and said, "Sorry, Master, we'll have to wait until your Stamina fully recovers to try again."

Da Fei sighed deeply, "Is Expert Level really so difficult?"

Elifel nodded, "Yes, Master. Perhaps, for noble heroes, learning skills can be achieved simply by leveling up and gaining Skill Points. But for ordinary people, Advanced Skills are typically the limit they can reach through training. However, I believe I have the capability to break through the limitations of Advanced Skills, and I will definitely work hard!"

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped as he suddenly remembered hiring the "Skilled Gunner Sailor" before obtaining the Banshee Cannon Emperor. It was the top-level sailor a player could hire at the Sailor's House, possessing the combat power of a level 4 soldier known as "Advanced War Machine Technology". Similarly, in the Music Medical School he founded, teaching the students Advanced Skills was the graduation standard. Only teachers possess Expert or Master-level skills, and teachers are the truly scarce talent resources.

Da Fei nodded, "No rush, let's work hard together."

Ultimately, he was too eager for quick success. Back then, training the Little Banshee smoothly to the Master-level made him mistakenly think advancing to the Master level was easy, believing that one day would bring substantial improvement. Now, it's clear he was really too imprudent, it's not good, he needs patience.

In any case, as long as she indicates she can learn, I will absolutely not give up! Next time, let's try the Lucky Hand.

During the waiting time for Stamina recovery, Da Fei began to check the information panel to see if he had missed any information during sleep, and he was relieved to find he hadn't missed any information. It was merely the warning information from earlier and the progression information from the 6th day before he went to sleep.

Da Fei secretly rejoiced that nothing happened during sleep, otherwise, it would have been a real mess. But this is ultimately not a long-term solution. Back then, traveling back and forth to Fire Dragon Island took 12 days in real time, during which he practically stayed up all night continuously, and in the afternoon he had to meet up with Catherine for New Oriental. Who knows how many more all-nighters this journey will entail?

Da Fei sighed helplessly, as the world's top player, this is something unavoidable. The more wealth one has, the more life-threatening risks must be taken. Staying up all night is nothing; I must endure it!

Now, Da Fei began to study the progression information of the 6th day. The old angels didn't advance, indicating that the current environment provides little enhancement for them as bosses. The newly arrived angels, although they progressed, still didn't become elites, but I believe one more advancement should suffice.

Da Fei then asked, "Elifel, can the new team members learn Intermediate Navigation Skill now?"

Elifel shook her head, "Master, not yet. Our veteran members only learned Basic Navigation Skill after becoming elites. For them to learn Basic Navigation Skill without becoming elites is already a significant improvement."

"I see!"

At this moment, Da Fei's Stamina had recovered, so he solemnly said, "Now I want to try lucky teaching, are you ready?"

Elifel nodded, "Elifel is giving her all."

Very well! A rainbow light rose above the team, then Da Fei waved his hand!

—System Prompt: You have activated the God-level Luck Skill sub-skill "Lucky Hand"...

—System Prompt: Unfortunately!... You failed to impart the Expert Level Navigation Skill!

Da Fei's jaw dropped! Damn it! The invincible move I was pinning my hopes on still failed! Learning skills really can't rely on luck, huh?

Just then, suddenly golden light flashed on Da Fei's radar! A golden yellow dot appeared in front of the radar!

—System Prompt: Your God-level Luck Skill sub-skill "Treasure Intuition" senses the presence of treasure nearby!

—System Prompt: Your Advanced Treasure Appraiser's "Sharp Insight" skill has found treasure nearby!

Da Fei's eyebrows jumped in astonishment, quickly turning to look toward the bow where the yellow dot was located, vaguely seeing a flash of light in the Lava River! Damn, the treasure is at the river's bottom!

My goodness! I accidentally stumbled upon this! Used Lucky Hand but failed to learn a skill, yet discovered a treasure!

This scenario immediately reminded Da Fei of when he was finding the Divine Artifact Vortex Crystal in the mouth of Sea Demon Calubidis. At that time, Da Fei used Destiny Coin with Absolute Luck, utilizing the game's only treasure-finding skill "Treasure Intuition" to accurately pinpoint antiquities among various garbage remains, eventually finding the Divine Artifact in the mud at the riverbed!

But that was just ordinary foul water, whereas here it's Flame Stream! Who can dive in to retrieve it?

However, in such harsh conditions at the riverbed, a treasure that requires my lucky big move to be found, even if it's not a Divine Artifact, can't be far from it, can it? How could I miss out on it?

Da Fei immediately shook awake the sleeping Elda, "Miss Elda! Queen Elda, wake up!"

Meanwhile, Essinger, who had been meditating with closed eyes, also opened his eyes and asked, "Master, what's the matter?"

Da Fei urgently said, "I discovered a treasure underwater! Does anyone have a solution?"

Essinger was taken aback, his armor quivering, and without thinking blurted, "We need to send someone down to retrieve it!"

Isn't that obvious! Master, please don't joke!

Elda stretched lazily, "I'm so hot—first, you need to confirm whether there are monsters guarding the treasure nearby, otherwise just forget it."

Da Fei slapped his forehead! Yeah, he was really being careless, forgetting even the most basic common sense!

Da Fei immediately summoned Blood Eagle, which quickly rushed into the fog above the treasure located on the river, but found no monsters at the riverbed. Instead, it discovered a huge red dot ahead of the passage.

Da Fei's heart skipped a beat; this must be the big BOSS that just warned me? Based on the size of the red dot, it couldn't fit in the passage, indicating that ahead must be the end of the passage, a hall.

Da Fei cautiously maneuvered Blood Eagle along the passage to investigate, then it penetrated the fog, revealing a bright red light, sure enough, it was a huge hollow cavern!

At the center of the cavern's Lava Pool was a Crystal Island glittering with crystal light, and a giant Red Dragon was coiled on the island amidst it. Blood Eagle's radar was flooded with red clouds, with chains and hoisting equipment hanging from the surrounding stone walls and numerous Demons bustling about.

Surely, this is a place with another world! Is this the Demon Race's crystal factory?

Just then, the Blood Eagle's screen again exploded with red light! It's about to be discovered by the BOSS! Da Fei dared not linger, hastily recorded the video and quickly flew back into the passage.

In short, it can be confirmed that the threat to the ship fleet was indeed from the BOSS, and the treasure in the passage was unguarded by monsters.

Now Da Fei was torn; the BOSS he surely won't fight, but to come all this way and not even pick up a treasure at the riverbed feels like this trip would be incomplete, right?

Just as Elda, Essinger were both helplessly out of ideas, Elifel stepped forward, "Master, please let me go down to retrieve the treasure!"

Everyone was astonished, Da Fei was shocked! Is she planning to deep-fry the angel?