

Hail the King 411

Chapter 411: Mystic Ocean (Part One)

This time, Fei didn't kill Knite and the four men; he treated them differently compared with the corrupt nobles.

The lives inside this desert city were already fragile. Like winter wheat in a storm, they could be blown away effortlessly. Although Knite wasn't a great person, he wasn't guilty enough to be killed. At least this hooligan advanced half of his monthly salary and purchased a boar leg; he was putting some effort into the love he had for Jessica.

Also, Knite didn't try to harm any of the neighbors; he only exaggerated his power and used the name of King Alexander to threaten them.

Of course, if Fei knew that he was thought of as a pretty boy and a gigolo, he would have treated those five men a little differently.

After those five men disappeared, Jessica, Emile, and the neighbors still couldn't believe what had happened.

"Those hooligans are gone?"

This outcome was better than the happy ending they could wish for; they felt like they were dreaming.

"From what they said, it seems like Knite won't be bothering Jessica anymore in the future, and even Emile is about to get promoted," all the neighbors thought as they looked at Fei with curiosity and respect.

"Haha, don't look at me like that! I just fooled them! I know a little bit more than you guys, and that was how I saw through Knite's trick."

Fei laughed and explained as he made a few exaggerated poses.

Most of the people in the neighborhood were poor and didn't much knowledge, and Husky who had some understanding of what was going on accepted Fei's explanation. Only Jessica who had a pair of beautiful eyes was curious, but she held back her curiosity as she smiled and thanked Fei.

At this moment, Fei realized that this girl's hands were rough; the skin of her hands was like the skin of a carrot. Different from the white and the smooth skin of her face, there were a lot of rough calluses on her hands; they were even rougher than the hands of some of the women in their 40s.

Jessica saw Fei looking at her hands, and a dejected expression appeared on her face. She put her hands behind her back in a hurry, and she turned around and talked to the neighbors with a smile on her face.

Fei felt a heartache after seeing this subtle movement.

From what Knite had said, Fei knew that this girl had been doing a lot of hard labor work, and that was how her hands that should be smooth and soft turned rough and wrinkly. This girl must have gone through a lot of trials and tribulations, but she was still able to keep up her optimism; Fei's impression of her got even better.

Laughter reappeared in the yard.

After Fei bought that boar leg from Knite, he asked Jessica and a few aunties in the neighborhood to cook it. The delicious smell of grilled meat dispersed in the yard; the people in this poor neighborhood rarely got to see meat, let alone eating it. Today, they got to eat a lot of meat, and they felt like they were living in the dreams.....

A ton of cooking smokes was slowly rising into the sky, and red clouds could be seen from afar.

Fei felt like he was back on Earth, back to his childhood home.

At this moment, Fei realized how lonely he was since he came to the Azeroth Continent. Although he was the king of a kingdom, he didn't have parents and siblings in this world. Although he was the king of a kingdom, he had never integrated himself into other people's personal lives like today.

Time flies when you are having fun!

Soon, the night arrived, and people started fires in the yard. The smile on Fei's handsome face was lit up by the light of the flames, and it attracted a lot of attention of the young girls.....

Suddenly, a loud explosion sounded, and the ground shook violently.

"What is going on?"

"What happened?"

"God! This direction..... the water wells' direction? Are the water wells alright?"

Chapter 411: Mystic Ocean (Part Two)

The people in the yard were shocked; they got really anxious. If something happened to the water wells, it would be terrible. It was hard to find water in the desert, and it would be hard to dig through the ground to find the groundwater if those water wells collapsed. Without water, the people in Dual-Flags City would die in about ten days.

"Guys, I have something going on, and I'm going to leave now," Fei said farewells to the people in the yard and walked out. Although it looked slow, he disappeared in just a few seconds; he was really anxious as well.

Among the people in the yard, only Jessica looked in the direction where Fei went.

Only she knew that her simple-minded brother had a unique ability. Although he was straightforward, he had a strong instinct like the Demon Beasts.

He was more likely to get close to people who had good intentions and powerful. Also, his instinct would immediately tell him who had bad intentions, and he would directly express his dislike of those people.

That was a secret that Jessica figured out after years of observations.

"Emile had never been so friendly and intimate towards any strangers who he only met a few times..... but now..... it feels like Emile is treating him like a family member! Who is this man?"

Although he isn't that handsome, he makes others feel very comfortable....." Jessica thought to herself.

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"What is going on?"

After Fei left that yard, he switched to Assassin Mode and instantly used all of his power. Like a dash of shadow, he sprinted through streets and alleyways and arrived at the water wells in the shortest amount of time.

Although soldiers were protecting this area, they were in a state of chaos.

The water wells that were calm and peaceful during the day were making a lot of rumbling noises. Like fountains, a lot of water was being jetted into the sky for more than 20 meters tall.

"Pause! Who are you?" a commander shouted as he spotted Fei.

Fei flashed the No.1 Commander's Token, and that commander immediately knew who Fei was.

"King Alexander!" he said as he was about to single-kneel down.

Fei raised his hand, and an invisible power stopped that commander from kneeling down and following the complicated greeting process.

"Tell me what happened!" Fei quickly asked.

Fei had to be anxious! These water wells were the lifelines of the city! If something wrong happened here, he would be in big trouble!

“We don’t know yet! This had never happened before! Half a minute ago, strange noises sounded in all the water wells, and water started to jet out.....” the water was falling from the sky after it was jetted into the air, and that commander quickly reported to Fei as he got soaked.

“Pass my order! Move all the people to the outside of the zone! No one is allowed to enter or leave! Anyone who disobeys this order shall be executed!”

Fei commanded.

Soon, a lot of soldiers appeared and blocked off the paths leading to where the water wells were at; they were tightly questioning and inspecting all the civilians. Also, the soldiers who were guarding the water wells moved to the entryways of the zone.

Fei switched to Barbarian Mode and spread out his spiritual power, and his spiritual power went down into the groundwater through the water wells.

He wanted to know if something strange happened in the groundwater.

After all, what was happening was too strange; it felt like there was a monster in the groundwater making a mess.

As Fei’s spiritual power got deeper and deeper into the groundwater, he had a better understanding of the underground structure.

The water wells were all about 400 meters deep, and the walls on the inside of the water wells were made from a sand mixture. After more than 20 years of being pressured by the water, the walls were all solid. When the water jetted out of the water wells at a fast pace, they were still crystal clear and not muddy at all.

Fei’s spiritual power continued to dive deeper into the water well; the water well was like a long tunnel that led to nowhere.

Deeper..... Deeper.....

Suddenly, the walls disappeared, and Fei’s spiritual power arrived at somewhere broad.

The spiritual power didn't have things blocking its way anymore.

Fei suddenly realized that the groundwater connected to the water wells was vast! In fact, it shouldn't be called groundwater but rather underground ocean! Even though Fei's spiritual power was massive, he still couldn't tell how big this ocean was.

It was unimaginable!

It was a miracle!

After some more scanning, Fei realized that there was a force coming from the bottom of the ocean, and that created a ton of undercurrents; these undercurrents moved the water around rapidly, and the water that hit the walls of the water wells were jetted upward.

Chapter 412: The Secret of the Underground Ocean (Part One)

Unfortunately, Fei's spiritual power could only scan an area of 1,500-meter radius around him. It seemed like the ocean was still a lot deeper, and something at the bottom was stirring up this underground ocean that was calm for more than 20 years.

Fei was unprecedentedly shocked; he could never have imagined that the groundwater under Dual-Flags City was like an ocean.

"How can there be an ocean like this under the desert? Did Emperor Yassin know about this ocean when he built Dual-Flags City 26 years ago?"

Fei had a ton of questions on his mind, and they buzzed and flew around in his mind like flies.

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"What is going on?" Prince Fairenton's shout sounded inside the campsite of Jax.

Loud rumbling noises sounded from the five water wells the soldiers of Jax created, and water jetted out of them and wetted the entire campsite; there was so much water that the dry sand couldn't absorb it in time, and small ponds formed on the ground.

What happened in Dual-Flags City happened here as well.

If the scouts of Jax paid a bit more attention, they would realize that water was jetting out of the six water wells in the previous campsites that they ditched a day ago.

Unfortunately, Prince Fairenton didn't have a spiritual power that was on Fei's level, and he didn't discover what was going on.

As a result, the soldiers of Jax had to back out of their campsite and wait for the water to calm down.

"Your Highness, maybe a creature is causing trouble in the groundwater," that mid-aged man who looked like a noble of Zenit suggested, "Maybe a water-elemental Demon Beast is under there. Maybe we should send a few powerful warriors into the water and see what is going on."

"Water elemental Demon Beast?" Fairenton shook his head and said earnestly, "It is rare that a water-elemental Demon Beast would live in the groundwater that is 400 meters down in the ground. Even if there is one, it must be a king-level Demon Beast. It is too dangerous to send someone down there!"

"But Your Highness! Nothing like this had ever happened in this region! It isn't a good sign! I think we need to figure out what is going on," surprisingly, that mid-aged man wasn't too afraid and persisted on his recommendation.

What was also surprising was that Fairenton valued this man's opinion. After some thinking, he listened and followed that recommendation.

The prince turned around and called over a tall and robust man.

Most of the people of Jax weren't that tall; they were usually shorter, and their bones were generally thicker. However, this man here was almost two meters tall! That was rare!

Although it was cold in the night and spit would be frozen into ice pieces in just a few seconds, this man wasn't wearing anything to protect his upper-body. His defined muscles that had a dark tone looked like an iron armor, and the hideous scars on his body added to his vicious presence.

"Inle, you are the best swimmer we have. Do you have the courage to investigate the groundwater?" Fairenton asked with a smile on his face as he patted the shoulder of this man who was almost 30 centimeters taller than him.

"I'm not scared of anything, and I'm willing to do anything for Your Highness," that man patted his chest and roared.

"Great! Put on this rope. Remember! Come back up if anything goes wrong! Don't force yourself!"

"As you wish, Your Highness!"

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"Sir!"

"Your Majesty! We are here, what is going on?"

Shevchenko, Ribry, and Cech all quickly arrived at the east of the city where the water wells were located. Like Fei, they all understood the importance of these water wells, and they were anxious as well.

"Not sure yet, but I discovered something interesting," Fei gradually opened his eyes and shook his head as he said, "Ribry, you have been here for many years. Do you know if anything strange happened when Dual-Flags City was being constructed?"

"I was born and raised in this city. When I was born, the city was already constructed. From the stories my parents told me, I don't think anything strange happened. Why do you say that, sir?" Ribry answered to the best of his ability

Chapter 412: The Secret of the Underground Ocean (Part Two)

“Huh, nothing?” Fei’s intuition told him that he discovered something others didn’t know. Since there were a lot of people here and he didn’t want everyone to know, he didn’t tell these subordinates of his about his discovery right away.

“Are all the documentation and the records of the construction kept somewhere?” Fei asked.

“All of them are stored in the Mayor’s Mansion. If you want, you can read them at any time.”

“Eh, great. Temporarily lock down this zone and send people to put up posters in the city to make sure the civilians know that the water source is fine. You guys guard this zone; I’m going to go down the water well to check up on what is going.”

Shevchenko, Cech, and Ribry were all shocked; they all tried to stop Fei.

“Sir, we don’t know what is going on down there, and it might be hazardous. You need to look after the hundreds of thousands of people in the city, and you shouldn’t place yourself in such a dangerous situation,” they said.

After they said that, they fought amongst themselves; they all tried to be the person who would take Fei’s place and explore the groundwater.

Fei was a little moved by this.

It could be explained easily if Pierce, Drogba, and Cech were doing this; Fei was their king, and it would make sense for them to be worried. However, Shevchenko and Ribry only got to know him for a few days, but they were also very worried about his safety; it didn’t look like they were pretending to care.

With these leaders around him, Fei was more confident in fending off the enemies.

“Don’t fight! Since I want to go down there, I know what I am capable of, and I won’t place myself in danger. You guys pay attention and guard this place. Also, make sure that the soldiers on the defense wall are aware; don’t let the invaders capitalize on this opportunity.”

The subordinates of Fei were still shocked, but they were too late to stop Fei. Before they could react, Fei already got into the water.

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The water in the wells was cold.

As soon as Fei entered the water, he lightly released some of the power of his Barbarian Character, and a sphere that was three meters in diameter appeared. This sphere was filled with air and blocked out the cold water, and Fei himself stood inside this sphere to avoid getting wet.

As he controlled his power and allowed himself to sink deeper into the water slowly, he used his spiritual power to scan the area around him; that would allow him to react fast once something was wrong.

Fei sensed the undercurrents in the water and understood how water was still getting shot into the sky.

After about ten minutes, Fei finally got through the water well and entered the vast underground ocean.

It was extremely dark in there; it felt like the water was black ink.

With the ability of the level 90 Barbarian, Fei could only see about 10 meters away. The darkness around him swallowed all the light, and the undercurrents around him made loud noises like thunders.

However, Fei’s spiritual power acted as his eyes, and he was able to “see” 1,500 meters around him.

Despite his spiritual power, that “vision” was still tiny compared with the size of the underground ocean.

Except for the ceiling above him, all that Fei could sense was the cold water around him. He didn’t detect any lifeforms, and he felt like this cold, desolate, vast, and unknown underground ocean was the

kingdom of the Grim Reaper.

“Maybe the water temperature is too low for any creature to survive.”

Fei thought about it and didn’t move around. After he memorized where the bottom entrance of that water well was, he continued to sink down.

“Doesn’t matter how big this ocean is, there must be a bottom,” he thought.

After another ten minutes of sinking and balancing his body around the undercurrents, Fei felt like he was 300 meters deeper, and he was sensing a lot more pressure.

At this point, he had to completely unleash the power of his level 90 Barbarian to maintain and keep up that sphere around him.

After another 100 meters, the pressure got stronger.

In the end, Fei had to summon all of his items from Diablo World, borrow the strength and the power from those items, and use everything he had to fight against enormous water pressure.

Now, Fei was about 1,500 meters deep in this ocean.

“I can’t keep going anymore. The water pressure is too high; I might be in danger.....” Fei shook his head and thought, “This ocean is just way to big! It is strange that I couldn’t sense any lifeforms. Nature is just full of miracles!”

Chapter 413: Path of an Emperor (Part One)

Fei was inside the massive and mysterious underground ocean.

He closed eyes and fully expanded his spiritual power. Like invisible tentacles, the spiritual power reached out in all directions, but it wasn't able to detect anything.

After doing some calculations, Fei knew that he could only last about 20 minutes in here.

"I have to leave."

Even though he was at the peak of Nine-Star, he would be in trouble if he ran out of oxygen for an hour. Although he was very curious, he didn't want to risk his life; he clearly remembered the idiom – Curiosity killed the cat.

After he sighed in disappointment, he controlled the sphere he was in and followed the current of the water to move back up.

At this moment, something changed. The underground ocean that was berserk gradually calmed down and the invisible force that was stirring up this ocean suddenly disappeared.

This change shocked Fei, and he subconsciously "looked down" with his spiritual power.

Instantly, his eyes almost popped out of his head.

He suddenly discovered that many mermaid-like creatures were swimming around 1,500 meters below. These creatures were swimming at a fast pace; they would disappear in just a few seconds.

Under these creatures, Fei "saw" a magnificent landscape, and there seemed to a pattern to it.

"Wait..... palaces at the bottom of the ocean!? WTF?"

Fei was so shocked that he swore habitually.

He changed his mind and tried to dive deeper to have a better look.

However, his spiritual power was being unleashed at full capacity, and it was depleting since the king had used it for a long time. Fei felt like the area he was able to scan was shrinking, and the water pressure was increasing. As light crackling noises sounded inside the sphere, Fei could no longer sense those creatures and the palaces at the bottom of the ocean.

After some thinking, Fei decided to give up for now; he won't be able to dive down for another 1,500 meters with his current strength. If he forced himself to go down that deep, his body might be crashed into meat paste. If he wanted to figure out what was at the bottom of the ocean, he had to increase his spiritual power. If he wanted to get to the bottom of the ocean and explore the secrets in this ocean, he would have to become a Moon-Class Elite first.

Fei quickly followed the current and went back up to the top.

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Prince Fairenton and his subordinates were waiting anxiously by a water well that was about three meters in diameter.

Inle jumped into this water well 20 minutes ago with a rope around his waist; he was in charge of figuring out what was going on.

“Are the people of Zenit playing a trick? Didn't something change in the groundwater? Or is there a Demon Beast in the groundwater?” Fairenton thought.

20 minutes had passed, and the water stopped jetting up into the sky.

However, Inle still hadn't returned. If he pulled on the rope, the people on the ground would drag him out of the water.

The water was calm, yet the quietness was killing Fairenton. The only thing that calmed him down was that the water hadn't turned bloody-red yet.

Fairenton was worried because Inle was one of his guards.

Inle was an orphan, and he had been accompanying Fairenton since they were both kids. When Fairenton was sent to the Big Snow Mountain to learn to cultivate as a warrior, Inle was with him as

well. Although Inle's official status was Fairenton's guard, he was like a brother in Fairenton's mind.

Inle wasn't that talented; even though he also cultivated in Big Snow Mountain, one of the Cultivation Holy Land, for more than ten years, he was only a peak Three-Star Warrior. However, he was born with a lot of physical strength, and he was good in the water. He was extremely loyal to Fairenton, and this prince always brought him along.

Chapter 413: Path of an Emperor (Part Two)

"Don't wait anymore! Pull on the rope and drag Inle up!" Fairenton couldn't remain calm after a while, and he ordered the soldiers to pull Inle up.

"Sh*t! Look! The rope broke....." a soldier shouted.

The rope got pulled out of the water, and everyone realized that it was cut; the edge was clean, so something sharp like a knife probably cut it.

"Damn it!" a lot of soldiers were shocked.

Puff!

Water splashed around in the next second.

Before anyone could react, Prince Fairenton jumped into the water well without saying anything.

"Your Highness?"

"Prince....."

"Sir!!"

The generals who were standing around the water well were stunned. "The prince is willing to put himself in danger for a guard? Who knows if there is a monster down there. If something happened

to the prince, Emperor Fuji would be mad, and none of us can live through the punishment,” they thought.

Some of the short-tempered generals were getting ready to jump into the water as well.

“Wait,” that mid-aged man who looked like a noble of Zenit stopped them. He shouted, “His Highness is powerful, and he would be able to return safely. If you guys go down, you would only be His Highness’ burden. Do you want to kill Fairenton His Highness?”

The emotional generals looked at each other in unison and calmed down a little.

“Yuck! Damn you! I don’t know how you got the trust of His Highness as a member of Zenit, but I will cut off your head and use it as a toilet for the Sand Tigers if His Highness doesn’t come back in 30 minutes!” the Deputy Commander of the troops of Jax grabbed onto the collar of this mid-aged man and threatened. After he was done, he pushed this mid-aged man to aside.

This man staggered after he got pushed back; he almost fell onto the ground.

However, he didn’t look mad.

He straightened his collar that was wrinkled as he smiled; it looked like he wasn’t affected by the bloody threats at all.

Boom!

At this moment, a ton of water splashed out as a red energy flame appeared.

“Call over the best doctors and healing mages!”

This person was Prince Fairenton. His red energy flames burned vigorously around him, and all the water on him evaporated. Due to the overuse of his Warrior Energy, his face paled.

He had Inle in his hand; this man had already fainted.

Soon, the doctors and mages came over and started the inspection.

“Don’t worry, Your Highness! Mr. Inle only fainted due to the lack of oxygen. It looks like his rope got cut by a rock, and he wasn’t able to find the exit in time. Although he is injured a little after his body hit against the walls of the water well, it is not a big deal. He should recover in a few days,” a white-haired doctor said after the inspection.

After that, a mage in a white robe chanted a spell, and a dash of warm blue energy was injected into Inle’s body. Inle’s face instantly turned red from pale, and he coughed up the cold water he swallowed.

“It is fortunate that Your Highness found him in time; otherwise, he would be in danger,” that mage sighed with an admiring expression, “As a prince, Your Highness’ status is truly prestigious. However, you are willing to place yourself in danger for a guard. I, Alahan, really need to praise you for what you did.”

This mage was also a white-haired elder, and he had been with the military for a long time. Although he never participated in battles and was only a Two-Star Mage, he had healed a lot of soldiers, and he was well-known and well-respected by them. When he praised Fairenton, it was clear that he truly meant it, and what he said resonated with a lot of soldiers.

The Jax Empire had a strict hierarchy and a lot of slaves. Fairenton was a prestigious prince, and he was willing to put himself in danger for a guard; in the eyes of many low-level soldiers, this prince had the generosity and the kindness that royal members rarely had, and they were all moved by it.

“I’m just..... doing what a commander, a general, and a friend should do.”

Fairenton lightly frowned and replied with that haughty and cold tone; he didn’t expect this old mage to say this, and he didn’t like earning respect this way.

“Your Highness! Long live Your Highness! We are willing to battle to the death for Your Highness!” all the soldiers around him kneeled down and chanted.

“We are willing to follow Your Highness and battle for Emperor Fuji His Majesty and Your Highness! We are going to conquer Dual-Flags City for you and take back our Royal Flag! We will make sure that Your Highness’ name is heard at every corner and every oasis in Jax!”

All the generals in the area also kneeled down and expressed their loyalty.

Under the bright moonlight, Fairenton's shadow dragged on the sand alongside his dark red cape. With tens of thousands of soldiers kneeling around him, it felt like he was standing on the path of an emperor.

Chapter 414: Traces in History (Part One)

What happened in Dual-Flags City shocked the civilians. They were anxious and worried at first, but Fei was able to anticipate this, and the military put up posters and explained what was going.

After the water stopped shooting into the air and the rumbling noises disappeared, they finally relaxed and went back to whatever they were doing before.

The darkness enveloped the sky. With the curfew still active, there weren't a lot of people on the streets, and the huge Dual-Flags City felt a little desolate.

After Fei roughly figured out what was going on, he resumed the activities around the water wells. More than 40 elite soldiers were placed around the water wells to guard them, and the other soldiers went back to their original spots.

Fei was the No.1 Master Warrior in Dual-Flags City, and he wasn't even able to get to the bottom of the underground ocean. If someone sneaked into Dual-Flags City through the underground ocean, then he or she must be a mighty warrior. In that case, even if Fei placed all of the soldiers in Dual-Flags City here, it would be useless.

The mermaid-like creatures and the palaces at the bottom of the underground ocean left an indelible mark on Fei's mind.

"When I become a Moon-Class Elite, I need to go down to the underground ocean again and check out what is going on down there."

Fei felt like Emperor Yassin chose to construct this city here for a particular purpose, and he felt like he had discovered a secret that had been sealed up for decades. His Barbarian instinct told him that he had found something significant and was now involved in this upcoming storm.

Fei didn't go back to the watchtower on the west gate.

He went to the Mayor's Mansion for the night.

Soroyov was already locked up by Fei, and he was waiting for the sentencing from the Military Headquarter once the war was over. Currently, there were only a few maids and servants in here keeping this place clean; Soroyov's family and relatives were moved out of this place and got relocated into another smaller mansion, and they were carefully monitored.

Fei entered the library in the Mayor's Mansion and started to read the documentation and files from 26 years ago.

There were piles after piles of files in the library. It was evident that Soroyov didn't like reading this stuff; most of the records and scrolls had a ton of dust of them.

Fei patiently went through one file after another, and he hoped to find some records that had documented the construction of Dual-Flags City; he wanted to see if he could find traces and records of those creatures and palaces.

However, it seemed like Fei had underestimated the number of records in this library.

After four hours, Fei had looked over more than 100 records, and he still didn't find anything.

He stretched his back and sighed. Out of habit, he picked up an ordinary yellow scroll made from sheepskin. When he opened it up and skimmed it over, he was shocked to find a drawing.

This simple drawing looked like those mysterious mermaid-looking creatures.

"Huh?..... who drew this?"

He flipped back to the front page and found that this was an ordinary scroll; both the material used and the manufacturing process were not fancy, and it was yellow and was about to rot after about 20 years.

"Is it just a coincidence? Or is this scroll trying to express something?"

The more Fei looked, the more he was sure that the five drawings on this scroll were painting the scene he saw in the underground ocean; everything seemed too similar.

“The rough edges and the auras of those creatures are perfectly illustrated..... it couldn’t be wrong.”

There were writings on the scroll as well.

However, they were only tales that were told by traveling poets; they weren’t connected to the construction of Dual-Flags City and the underground ocean.

Fei carefully inspected this scroll; he even tried to see if there were hidden pages, but he wasn’t able to find anything.

Therefore, he had to place that scroll down on the ground and continue to flip through other files.

He read a lot about the history of Dual-Flags City.

Chapter 414: Traces in History (Part Two)

Dual-Flags City was constructed 26 years ago. It was said that the person who came up with the idea of building a city here was Emperor Yassin; at the time, he just conquered the Capital City of Jax and was in his prime. The selection of location and the design of the city were all done by Emperor Yassin; this man displayed extraordinary patience and ordered the troops of Zenit to camp around the construction site for more than half a month. In the end, the troops were running low on food, and they had to retreat and go back to St. Petersburg.

However, after he left with the troops, it seemed like Emperor Yassin completely forgot about Dual-Flags City; he rarely brought it up again.

In the beginning, the officials and the ministers were putting a lot of attention on the construction of Dual-Flags City. After a year’s time, this mega-city was built after a lot of resources were spent. Even though the Mayor’s Mansion was set up and the native defense force was created, the attention Zenit paid to this city decreased as Emperor Yassin strangely ignored it.

Fei found it fishy.

“Emperor Yassin was very into building this city earlier, and he even ordered the troops to camp around the construction site..... why did he stop mentioning Dual-Flags City after he returned?”

Fei recalled that Zenit’s territory grew to its maximum after the Jax Empire was conquered, but it then started to contract. After Emperor Yassin went back to St. Petersburg, he rarely showed himself, and Zenit that once scared a lot of its neighboring empires stopped its conquering path. As a result, the Zenit Empire that was becoming the No.1 Empire in the region started to decline in power.

What happened?

Fei didn’t know the answer.

Fei still didn’t find the answer after four more hours of flipping through the files.

Out of all the files Fei went through, the recording of that situation was remarkably similar, and they all stopped after Emperor Yassin went back to the Capital.

However, Fei did find a lot of interesting information from the unofficial history books.

In these books, it was said that fish-formed Demon Beasts had jumped out of the water wells before and injured some people, and it was reported that Emperor Yassin had dived into the groundwater to inspect it. In some ancient tales, it was said that this region was a vast and limitless ocean before, and the Sea Tribe was associated with the Demons was the ruler of the area. But after the war between the Gods and Demons broke out, the Sea Tribe wasn’t able to survive through it, and they all died.....

Fei felt like these unofficial history records were more indicative of what happened before.

Perhaps the underground ocean under Dual-Flags City contained secrets that were tens of thousands of years old.

“When I become a Moon-Class Elite, I must go down and figure it out..... It feels like something is calling for me down there.”

Fei made his decision.

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The second day.

The invaders of Jax still didn't siege.

Shevchenko and Ribry were shocked and worried at the same time; they thought the cruel invaders of Jax were conspiring against Zenit, and they recommended Fei to order a raid against the campsite of Jax.

Fei rejected the idea.

The king knew that Prince Fairenton wasn't conspiring against him but rather waiting for the food supplies and his Senior Fellow Disciple from Big Snow Mountain to get here. After all, pushing the soldiers to siege a city without adequately feeding them might cause an uproar, and sieging a city without having a powerful master to back the soldiers was useless as well.

Fei opened up a big map in the watchtower on the west gate.

"Frank, you and Andrew lead 200 Star-level soldiers out of the city tonight in secrecy; dress in black armors, prepare flammable fuels, and go out using ropes on the defense wall. Quietly get through the opening in the north direction, and camp this location....." Fei pointed at a location on the map and continued, "If you guys see a troop of Jax with food supplies going by, raid them and burn all the food supplies. Make sure you guys come back after the sunset and before the temperature gets extremely cold tomorrow. I will be waiting for you guys."

Shevchenko and Ribry were excited to hear new commands.

However, Ribry asked after seeing where Fei was pointing, "Sir, if you don't mind me asking, I don't know of a path in that area that troops could use. Why are we camping there?"

Fei smiled and replied, “You guys would know when you come back. Remember, if you guys don’t see a troop of Jax that is carrying food supplies or if a powerful master warrior is guarding this troop, come back immediately! Make sure you guys don’t get caught in the temperature drop. Also, when selecting soldiers, make sure they are One-Star Warriors or extremely close to one; they need to be able to have some resistance against the cold. Go get the necessary equipment and items from the logistic department; you guys don’t need to ask me again.”

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“As you wish,” Ribry didn’t ask any more questions; he had a blind trust in Fei.

He and Shevchenko accepted the mission, left the watchtower, and started to prepare for it.

Fei nodded as he watched these two men leave.

Shevchenko and Ribry weren’t a part of Chambord, but Fei liked these two men who were straightforward, just, and intelligent, and he wanted to bring them up from their current positions.

When Fei sneaked into the campsite of Jax that night, he gained knowledge on the supply paths of Jax by accident, and he knew that the new food supplies were going to get here by tomorrow evening. Therefore, Fei gave the opportunity of gaining a lot of military merits to these two. If they were successful, they would be rewarded by the Military Headquarter after the war was over, and they might even be promoted.

Of course, Fei could complete that mission himself, but he couldn’t do everything in this war between two big empires.

After he passed more orders to secure the city, he gave the duty of guarding the city to people like Cech, Drogha, and Huerk.

Knowing that the watchtower he was in was secure, Fei opened up a portal and entered Diablo World.

He spent a lot of time in the night reading through the records in the Mayor’s Mansion and trying to find more information on the underground ocean; he hadn’t had the time to kill monsters to level up.

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In Diablo World.

On the [Ancient's Way] which led to [Arreat Summit].

“You mean the rest of [Wolf Teeth Legion] will be 30 kilometers away from Dual-Flags City by tomorrow?” Fei asked.

“Strategist Aryang did say that; he is considering if he should send a master warrior to get through the invaders who have already surrounded the city and ask you for the next step or if he should order the troops to camp outside the city,” Elena said to Fei as the wind fluttered her long red hair.

As the Valkyrie told Fei about the situation the rest of [Wolf Teeth Legion] was in, she shot out several arrows and killed a high-level demon [Succubus] that looked like a beautiful woman with a pair of wings on her back.

Whoosh!

After Fei dashed forward and chopped a high-level demon [Blood Lord] in half, he asked, “How are all the coordination between each team and each battalion?”

“Strategist Aryang said that most of the commands are being followed. There are a few affiliated kingdoms that don't listen to his orders; if it weren't for people like Ms. Cindy supporting Strategist Aryang, they would have split from legion already.”

Elena didn't say much, but she told Fei what he needed to know.

“It is within expectation..... Aryang doesn't have a noble status, and he doesn't have an official status in the legion; how could those kings be obedient? If I didn't emphasize that Aryang would be acting as the Second Chief-In-Command before I left, those kings who aren't used to being controlled this much would have caused big troubles already..... I need soldiers who can fight..... those nobles? I have ways to deal with them.”

As Fei moved forward, killed several monsters, and stained the ground with blood, he was already thinking about whether if he should show his domination again.

After 30 minutes.....

“Elena, be careful! We are almost at the summit of Mount Arreat! Three powerful Ancients are guarding the path.”

Fei reminded Elena as they finally found the path that led to the summit of Mount Arreat.

This quest they were trying to complete was named [Rite of Passage], and it was given to Fei by Qual-Kehk who was a cavalier captain in [Harrogath].

Although Fei killed the evil elder Nihlathak who had fallen into a demon, the Relic of the Ancients was already given to the super boss Baal. Using the Relic of the Ancients, Baal had already passed through the summit of Mount Arreat. Therefore, Fei had to enter Nephalem that was located on the summit of Mount Arreat and stop Baal from destroying the world.

However, before Fei could enter Nephalem and stop Baal, he had to face another difficult challenge.

There was an ancient altar on the way to Nephalem, and it was protected by three Ancients. These Ancients were in a statue form, but they would become invincible warriors once someone tried to enter Nephalem without the Relic of the Ancients; the only way to enter Nephalem was to defeat them.

“Be careful! These three Barbarian Ancients are mighty! If it wasn’t for the Relic of the Ancients, Baal could have died here.”

Fei had to remind Elena again. This quest was challenging; when he was playing Diablo 2 on Earth, he died on the altar too many times, and he could never forget about it.

After seeing how serious Fei was, Elena nodded and got acutely aware.

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Fei and Elena arrived at the summit of Mount Arreat after passing through a few tunnels.

Boom!

Before they could get a better look at the surroundings, the tunnels they just passed through collapsed and stopped them from turning around.

Fei walked in the front and protected Elena who was behind him.

It was a world of snow. Huge snowflakes were falling from the sky, and there was an altar in the front. Behind the altar, there was the cliff. With white clouds and strong wind around them, Fei and Elena could see the city [Harrogath] that looked like an ant far away; that was enough to prove how tall this Holy Mountain of the Barbarians was.

Not too far away from the altar, there was a huge waterfall that was completely frozen.

It looked like the water fell from the heaven as the origin of this waterfall couldn't be seen.

The waterfall was at least two kilometers long, and it looked magnificent.

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At the bottom of the waterfall, a massive mausoleum showed its edge behind the frozen water. Like a frozen city, it revealed one of its golden outer walls. This was Nephalem, and it was also known as [Worldstone Keep]. Super boss Baal already entered it and was about to destroy the world, but the black iron gate blocked Fei's path.

Fei's eyes finally landed on the altar.

Several structures and statues were standing on the altar in a pattern, and images of Barbarians fighting with demons were engraved on them. An ancient aura enveloped the altar, making it look very holy and majestic.

Three human-like golden statues were standing on the altar.

Looking from afar, Fei could sense the powerful auras from these statues.

These statues were holding weapons like axes and swords, and they had angry expressions on their faces. On this mountain where almost everything was covered in snow, these three golden statues were shining brightly with no snow on them; it felt like they were still breathing.

Fei took a deep breath and stepped onto the altar.

Suddenly, an old and deep voice sounded on Mount Arreat.

“We are the spirits of the Nephalem, the Ancient Ones. We have been chosen to guard sacred Mt. Arreat, wherein the Worldstone rests. Few are worthy to stand in its presence; fewer still can comprehend its true purpose. Before you enter, you must defeat us.”

As soon as the speech was over, a golden light shone on the summit of Mount Arreat, and the golden light all concentrated onto the three statues. Gradually, the stone tone on them disappeared, and they opened their eyes; these three statues came to life.

They were the three Ancients – Talic the Defender, Madawc the Guardian, and Korlic the Protector.

As soon as the three statues came to life, red energy flames shot out of their eyes and enveloped Fei. The dominant sensation put a lot of pressure on Fei, and these three Ancients charged at Fei and Elena like ancient beasts who broke through the limitation of space and time; every time they stepped forward, the ground would crack open.

“Stand behind me!”

Fei shouted as he grabbed in the air. His Dual-Swords appeared in his hands, and he charged at the three Ancients with no fear.

Tink!

The Ancient One named Korlic who used a colossal ax used the skill [Leap Attack] and struck at Fei first. When Fei crossed his swords and blocked this strike, his wrist numbed, and he was forced back multiple steps.

Korlic was knocked back as well.

“So much power!”

Fei was shocked.

Since he was training in the real world as well, his strength level was far beyond the balance in Diablo World. When he encountered the boss-level monsters before, he was able to dominate over them. But now, he felt like Korlic who was only one of the three bosses was on his level.

“The Ancient Ones are indeed the most powerful entities in this world!” before Fei could finish thinking, danger approached him again.

Air-piercing noises sounded, and a few throwing axes flew towards him as they circled in the air; they were so fast that Fei even smelled the body odor of the Grim Reaper.

It was the skill [Double Throw] used by the weakest Ancient One – Madawc.

Madawc was able to identify this opportunity in battle and strike right at the moment, and it made Fei feel very weird; he wanted to dodge it, but he felt like he couldn't.

Tink! Tink! Tink! Tink!

It was Elena's turn. She shot out multiple arrows, and they all accurately hit the axes in the air.

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Elena's arrows slowed down the throwing axes, and Fei was able to dodge the attack using skill [Leap]. But right after he jumped away, Korlic used [Leap Attack] at him again, and the huge ax chopped down at him forcefully.

“[Leap Attack]!”

Fei roared and used [Leap Attack] as well. Using his Dual-Swords, he mimicked the strike of an ax and collided with Korlic in mid-air.

Boom!

The mighty wind was created, and Fei and Korlic both got knocked back.

This time, Fei was in the disadvantage; his swords almost fell out of his hands as the skin on his hands were torn.

Korlic was an Ancient, and he was known for his [Leap Attack]. This Barbarian Skill reached a new height in his hands; it could be said that no one was able to understand the power and the essence of [Leap Attack] better than him.

Fei's [Leap Attack] was only level 12; the difference between them was huge.

As soon as Fei landed on the ground, a bladestorm came right at him. The summit of Mount Arreat turned into a sea of blades.

[Whirlwind]!

This was the skill that Talic was known for.

Fei instantly used [Leap] and dodged that fierce attack; he didn't want to take on that powerful attack head-on.

In just a few seconds of battle, Fei already got a clear idea of the power level of these three Ancients. Each of them had the ability to take him on, and it was no longer possible for him to defeat them in a dominating manner. This was the hardest battle that Fei had in Diablo World, and he had to take it slow and try to outlast them; that was the strategy he used in the game on Earth as well.

It was fortunate that Fei wasn't fighting alone; he had his powerful Mercenary.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

A bunch of arrows and throwing axes were flying in the air.

Elena and Madawc who were both great at long-range combat fought with each other.

Although Madawc was more powerful, Elena was able to utilize the enormous stone structures and towers on the altar to dodge his attack.

While avoiding getting hit, she was able to counterattack effectively.

In the short term, no one was able to get the victory.

“Great! I shall kill Korlic, the weakest one among them, first!”

Fei thought about it and ditched his Dual-Swords.

Although the set items [Bul-Kathos’ Children] was able to improve his power by increasing his statistics, Fei didn’t put many points into [Sword Mastery], and he didn’t know many powerful sword techniques. As a result, Fei’s real power was being limited by his weapons.

After he ditched his swords, he lowered his center of gravity and pulled back his right arm. Instantly, the weather on the summit of Mount Arreat changed. A huge transparent fist mark appeared in the air, and it dashed at Korlic as Fei punched out and shouted, “[Sky Frost Fist]! – One Strike to Kill!”

Fei couldn’t beat these Ancients in terms of proficiency in the Barbarian skills, but he had more strength than them. After all, Fei was now a level 91 Barbarian, and he added almost all of his attribute points to [Strength].

Boom!

Korlic was immediately knocked away by the fist mark.

Fei didn’t chase after Korlic.

Even though Korlic lost one-fifth of his HP, Talic, the most powerful Ancient among the three used [Whirlwind], turned into a blade tornado, and struck at Fei.

[Leap]!

Fei jumped into the air, concentrated his strength, and struck at Talic using his [Sky Frost Fist].

Boom!

Talic was knocked away as well!

Fei gained a lot of confidence after seeing this.

He knew that the Goddess of Victory was tilting towards him and flirting with him.

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In the next 15 minutes, it seemed like everything went according to plan.

After Fei used [Sky Frost Fist] for the tenth time, Korlic who used a massive ax as his weapon finally got his HP bar cleaned out.

After a roar that seemed to be filled with an emotion that could be interpreted as relief or anger sounded, a golden light shone on his body, and this light changed the environment.

This golden light turned into an unknown golden energy and dashed into the clouds from Korlic's body. Then, this golden energy fell from the sky and sped at Fei. This energy was traveling so fast that it entered Fei's body before Fei could react.

The king instantly felt a warm sensation throughout his body as if his body was being nurtured.

Then, something happened on the spiritual level. As if a dry seed finally received the proper rainfall, Fei felt a sense of comfort deep in his soul. As the bones in his body lightly crackled, a

strange and unimaginable change was taking place in his body; all of these were beyond Fei's expectation.

At the same time, Korlic's corpse disappeared, and a statue reappeared in the center of the altar. The statue was holding a huge ax, and it looked like Korlic who just died.

This was what Fei remember from the game; after the Ancients died, they would return to the golden statue form.

The only thing that was different was that the golden energy that represented the essence of Korlic dashed into Fei's body and caused some great changes.

However, since Fei was still in battle, he didn't have much time to think. As a roar shouted, blade energies dashed in all directions. All the snowflakes that were falling from the sky were chopped into dust, and it seemed like everything on the summit of Mount Arreat was going to be destroyed.

[Whirlwind]!

No wonder Talic was known as the most powerful Ancient; the skill [Whirlwind] reached another level in his hands. Fei felt like this strike used by Talic was equivalent to the high-level Combat Techniques that Moon-Class Elites used; it was filled with the power of destruction.

For the first time, Fei realized that the skills of the Barbarians could deal this much damage.

[Leap]!

Fei jumped into the air and dodged again.

Using the same method, he just threw the transparent fist marks created by his [Sky Frost Fist] at Talic from afar.

Right after this powerful Ancient finish casting [Whirlwind], he could pause for a split-second. At this moment, his defense would fall to an all-time-low.

Fei was able to seize this opportunity every time and successfully strike Talic. Every punch from Fei was able to take away one-twentieth of Talic's HP.

However, Fei wasn't at ease.

[Whirlwind] was a crazy Barbarian skill that utilized the power of dual-weapons. When Talic used it, many sword energies flew in the air. Although Fei was using the best items he got and tried to dodge to the best of his ability, numerous wounds appeared on his body, and blood flowed out of the wounds continuously.

Boom!

Talic finally fell onto the ground and died after Fei punched out again.

Just like last time, the golden energy shot into the sky from Talic's corpse and then dashed into Fei's body like lightning. The king felt the sensation of being over-nurtured physically and spiritually again; every single cell in his body was moaning and cheering.

After this golden energy disappeared into Fei's body, one more statue appeared on the altar.

It was Talic's golden statue.

Suddenly, Fei noticed the third statue as well. It meant that Elena defeated Madawc right around the same time.

"Finally!" Fei smiled and looked at Elena's direction in fatigue.

As soon as Fei saw Elena, he was terrified.

Elena was leaning against a stone tower that was more than 100 meters tall and trying her best not to collapse. The bow that never left her hand was now on the ground, and there were a ton of wounds on her body as well. The most significant injury she had was on her waist; she almost got chopped in half horizontally. Although blood was flowing out of the wounds rapidly and her face was pale, she smiled as she looked at Fei.

“Elena..... you are injured?”

Fei screamed as fear overtook him.

The wounds on Elena scared him more than the wounds on his own body.

He instantly rushed over and chugged a bottle of [Super Health Potion] into Elena’s mouth.

“You are injured so severely..... why didn’t you notify me? Why didn’t you tell me earlier?!”

Fei was anxious and mad at the same time.

He knew that this Valkyrie didn’t want to bother him in battle; she didn’t let out any sound when she was injured, and she killed Madawc using an injury-for-injury semi-suicidal method.

In reality, Elena’s contribution in this battle was significant.

If she didn’t block Madawc who was great at [Double Throw], the three Ancients would coordinate in perfection. Fei wouldn’t be able to kill any of the Ancients if he had to constantly dodge [Double Throw], [Whirlwind], and [Leap Attack]. He might have died!

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“Don’t do this ever again, you hear me?”

Although Fei gradually calmed down after seeing the effect of the potion taking place, he had to remind Elena and instill that idea in her mind.

His worried and unsettled expression made Elena who was enduring a lot of pain laugh out loud.

“Laughing? You can still laugh?” Fei stared at Elena and growled, “If you do this again, I won’t bring you on missions and quests anymore!”

A beautiful smile appeared on Elena's face as her eyes shone.

Although she didn't say anything, the stubbornness in her eyes told Fei that she would follow him to wherever he goes.

Any man would be taken by a beautiful smile like that, especially when the girl was usually a cold yet emotionless goddess.

Fei was no exception; Elena's smile almost blinded him.

It was just irresistible!

Fei lowered his head and kissed her on her red lips.

All of a sudden, it seemed like the summit of Mount Arreat turned warmer, and the snow turned purer and whiter.

After the kiss, smiles appeared on both Fei's and Elena's face.

However, since it wasn't the right place to get affectionate, Fei took out a few more bottles of potion and healed Elena completely.

"We don't have much time today. It seems like we can only kill Baal next time."

Fei couldn't wait! That was the last quest! As long as he entered [Worldstone Chamber] and killed the final boss Baal, everything would be completed in the normal mode. According to the construct of the game on Earth, he could be going into the nightmare mode. It was evident that this Diablo World wasn't a 100% copy of the game, so what was going to happen?

Fei felt like the opportunity for him to advance to a Moon-Class Elite was close.

"Alexander, I feel like something is changing inside my body....." Elena frowned and said to Fei; when she killed Madawc, that golden energy from Madawc also entered her body.

Before Fei could reply, changes occurred.

A beam of white light dashed down from the sky and enveloped Fei.

“I’m leveling up……” Fei murmured. Although this was the typical process of leveling up, Fei was soon surprised. “One level…… two levels…… three levels……” the king was shocked by what was going on. The leveling up process took way longer this time! When that white beam of light disappeared, he realized that he was already…… level 99?!

“Leveled to the max? How? I got to the max level of 99 before killing the final boss Baal…… what would happen once I kill Baal and his subordinates? Surpass level 100?” Fei was a little stunned.

By leveling up from level 91 to level 99, Fei got eight new skill points and 40 attribute points; it was a huge reward.

When he opened up his skill tree, he realized something strange.

Both [Leap Attack] and [Whirlwind] reached level 24; Fei remembered that he put little points into the two skills.

“Could it be……”

Fei thought back to the golden energies from Korlic and Talic that got into his body. “Could it be that the golden energies were the essence of the two Ancients which contained their understanding of the two skills?”

“Alexander, I…… I think I learned a new throwing skill.”

Elena’s surprised tone proved Fei’s hypothesis. The golden energy that entered Elena’s body was Madawc’s essence which contained his skill [Double Throw].

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Chapter 417: Boost in Strength (Part Two)

When Fei returned to the real world, it was in the afternoon.

The invaders of Jax still hadn't attacked the city; that quietness made everyone except Fei very confused.

By this time, Shevchenko and Ribry had already selected the 200 elite soldiers, and they were doing some final preparation for the mission tonight. The rookies in the militia were undergoing proper training, and their shouts were filled with motivation.

The streets got a little busy as well when some of the merchants resumed their business activities; the arrival of Fei and the herald brigade of [Wolf Teeth Legion] brought everyone in the city a lot of hope.

"Go to the camp of the native forces and look for a low-level commander named Emile Husky; bring him here."

Drogba was confused by Fei's order. Although he didn't know why Fei needed to see a low-level commander, he followed the order and left the watchtower.

Fei stood on top of the west gate and looked at the sun as he thought back to the advice he got from the two magic boxes.

"Looks like I need to listen to the Elder Princess' and Paris' advice. Haha! These two women who see each other as mortal enemies have such similar ideas! So, the person who knows you the best is your enemy, huh?"

Fei found it funny when he thought back to the content in the magic boxes.

"Sir, the division manager from Soros' Merchant Group is here to see you."

At this moment, one of Fei's guards came up and reported.

"Soros' Merchant Group?"

Fei nodded and thought, "The manager from Soros Merchant Group is finally here to see me."

“Let him come in,” Fei said.

“As you wish.”

Fei turned around and went back into the watchtower. As soon as he sat down, the Ophiuchus Saint Seiya walked in with a merchant-looking man who was in his 40s.

This man was almost 1.9 meters tall, and he was neither fat and thin. His facial features were sharp, and his blue eyes weren't big. If someone looked closer, they could see the shyness in his eyes.

He had a smile on his face, and a well-styled yellow beard circled his smile. By just looking at him, one would have a hard time believing that this shy man who was wearing a traditional grey robe was one of the division managers of the most prominent business group on the continent.

However, Fei didn't underestimate this man.

If someone took an even closer look, they would find a trace of calculation in the deepest part of his eyes. His shy smile could instantly buy someone's trust and lower someone's guard, but he wasn't dumb. You could only find this look on someone who was brave yet intelligent.

“Such a terrifying person.....”

This man's appearance could have fooled Fei if Fei didn't study this manager named Roman Abramovich. If Fei didn't know how this man terrified the desert bandits and became one of the most powerful and bloody figures in this desert region, he would have been fooled.

As Fei politely invited this man to sit down, he told himself that he shouldn't be fooled by this sly fox.

“I have been longing to visit Your Majesty, but I was afraid of bothering you during work. Therefore, I only dared to come here after you finished dealing with most of the complicated matter in the city,” Roman said with a smile on his face; his tone was very polite.

However, Fei's Barbarian's sharp sixth sense told him that this man was carefully observing him like a merchant speculating a deal; he knew that this man was thinking if he was worth the investment.

"Could it be that Manager Roman came to the most dangerous place in Dual-Flags City to just visit me?" Fei asked with a smile on his face.

There were two meanings to the phrase "Most dangerous place in Dual-Flags City"; first of all, the watchtower on the west gate was the closest to the enemies; second of all, Fei killed the leaders of the seven noble families at this location, and this place was now a taboo among the nobles.

Fei heard about this phrase when talking to Husky last night, and he only laughed and didn't mind it.

"Of course, I have some gifts for Your Majesty. My division in Soros' Merchant Group is a part of Dual-Flags City, and I should contribute to the defense of the city," Abramovich stood up and laughed, "I have already ordered my men to bring the gifts with me, and they are now waiting at the feet of the defense wall. If Your Majesty don't mind, I can ask them to bring the gifts up here."

"Great," Fei raised his hand and signaled the Ophiuchus Saint Seiya to let those men in.

Soon, a series of footsteps sounded.

A few warriors who were wearing uniforms of Soros' Merchant Group walked into the watchtower. Most of them were One-Star Warriors, and they were using all the strength they got to move the six metal chests.

What surprised Fei was that Emile Husky was one of the people who was helping to move the chests.

Emile saw Fei as well. His eyes shone as he shouted, "Huh? Brother Fei, what are you doing here? Haha! I was wondering how you can scare Knite and those hooligans away, so you are working here? Haha, did you know? Majestic King Alexander just sent someone for me! Could it be that I'm really becoming His Majesty's guard?"

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For a moment, Abramovich was stunned. He didn't know who this dark-skinned man was.

"How dare he speak to the king of Chambord like this? From his tone, it feels like they know each other well..... But it is obvious that he doesn't know who the king of Chambord is....."

Fei smiled and didn't explain anything. He waved at Husky and signaled him to come over.

"Your Majesty, this is....." Abramovich asked with a bright smile on his face.

"Let me introduce you guys to each other. This is a friend of mine who I just made. I hid my identity from him before."

Fei didn't hide his identity anymore. After he told Abramovich how he and Husky met each other and praised Jessica multiple times, he patted Husky's shoulder and asked with a smile on his face, "Emile, sorry that I hid my identity before. You don't mind it, do you?"

Husky was stunned.

His eyes opened wide, and he couldn't believe what was going on.

After a while, he finally reacted. He patted Fei's shoulder and laughed out loud, "So you are King Alexander His Majesty! Haha! Am I going to become your guard? Great! Nice to meet you, sir! I will do my best..... Eh, sorry, sir! I shouldn't have touched you..... I....."

This simple-minded man was so excited that he was all over the place and didn't know what to say. He didn't mind Fei hiding the identity at all! It seemed like this man never knew how to blame others and be bothered.

"It is quite unexpected, Your Majesty. No one expected you to do investigations around Dual-Flags City yourself, haha! I'm sure Your Majesty already got all the information you need. This brother named Emile sure is lucky!" Abramovich said.

He was quite surprised by what Fei did. "This king already quietly went around the city and got all the detailed information. What a nice move!" he thought; his impression of Fei got even better.

After he thought for a while, he proposed, “Soros’ Merchant Group’s Dual-Flags City division is short on a female manager. Since Your Majesty just mentioned that Emile’s sister is smart and is capable of great things, I would have to risk offending you and Emile by asking her to join my division. Is that doable? Your Majesty?”

After founding out that there was a secret on Jessica that could be related to Angela, Fei had been trying to help the poor girl out. However, she couldn’t join the military like her brother.

After considering all options, it seemed to Fei that Soros’ Merchant Group that could take on the Mage Union, Mercenary Union, and the nobles was a great alternative.

Abramovich was a smart person. As soon as Fei praised Jessica who wasn’t even present, he understood the intent of this king who just came into power.

This was a great opportunity for him.

From the tone the king of Chambord used, he knew that this king valued this girl named Jessica. If she joined this division of Soros’ Merchant Group, it would almost tie the king of Chambord and himself together and put them on the same boat. This was much more effective than giving this king gifts.

Soros’ Merchant Group was a massive organization; it had numerous divisions that resided in almost all empires and all regions. Although these divisions belonged to the same organization, the competition between them was fierce. By going from a slave who had nothing to a manager in this big organization, Abramovich had unique characteristics and methods that others couldn’t copy.

However, he hasn’t got a single promotion since he became the manager at this division in Dual-Flags City three years ago.

It was apparent to him that he couldn’t go higher on his own. He was only a merchant who had some resources and some connections; if he wanted to get more influential, he needed a powerful ally who had similar potentials, and this ally had to give him strong support in the areas he lacked.

In the last three years, Abramovich had been accumulating resources and paying close attention to the situation in Zenit; he wanted to find an ally that matched his criteria.

King Alexander of Chambord’s appearance did catch his attention.

In the beginning, Abramovich didn't have much faith in the king of Chambord. In this world where power, background, and influence were everything, what could the king of a level 6 affiliated kingdom do?

As the competition among the affiliated kingdom took place, this smart man quickly changed his mindset.

He saw limitless potential in this king; the kind of potential that would scare a lot of people.

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After some careful observations, Abramovich found that this King Alexander was a potential ally that the gods gifted to him; in his mind, the king of Chambord was the perfect ally for him.

When he got ready and was going to go to St. Petersburg and meet up with this king, the shocking news broke out; Martial Saint Krasic died on the Martial Saint Mountain, more wars were declared, and the king of Chambord became the No.1 Commander of Jax Battle Zone.

This news excited him.

Shortly after, his old friend Redknapp from St. Petersburg sent him a letter recommending the king of Chambord and reminding him to network with this king.

Everything was happening in a sequence that Abramovich could only hope for; he felt like the Goddess of Fate was favoring him.

When Fei arrived with the 6,000 cavaliers, Abramovich started to monitor everything closely.

Heroically charging into the enemies to save Ribry, dominating over the head commander of Jax, executing the leaders of the seven noble families, arresting Mayor Soroyov, constructing the militia, creating temporary new laws.....

All of these direct and ballsy moves helped Abramovich to decide on partnering up with Fei.

Therefore, he chose a time that he considered appropriate and came to see Fei with a lot of gifts.

When Fei indirectly expressed his relationship with this girl named Jessica, Abramovich immediately understood it, and he gave the invitation proactively. To Soros' Merchant Group that had a lot of money, paying and looking after a girl was nothing.

After hearing Abramovich's invitation, Fei nodded out of satisfaction.

However, he didn't like playing the role of a dictator. Therefore, he turned around and asked Husky who was still shocked, "Emile, what do you think? Should Jessica learn from Manager Abramovich and get involved in the business world?"

Husky felt like he couldn't comprehend the situation.

Even an idiot knew the influence of Soros' Merchant Group! Usually, people couldn't even get into the division of the group in Dual-Flags City didn't matter how hard they tried, but the manager of the division was inviting his sister to join? Husky was so overwhelmed that he didn't know what to say.

"I will listen to you. Whatever you say, sir!" in the end, Husky stopped thinking and replied with this firm response.

"Hahaha! Damn! Is your head full of muscles?" Fei joked with this simple-minded man.

The king was pleased with this answer; for some reason, this simple-minded man made him feel intimate and relaxed.

Fei said to Abramovich, "Since this is the case, then I will thank you in advance for looking after the sister of my friend."

"Don't worry, Your Majesty!" Abramovich nodded and replied. He instantly valued this girl named Jessica a lot more after hearing what Fei said.

"Could it be that there is a deeper relationship between them? If this is the case, I need to be more serious," he thought curiously.

Of course, Abramovich knew that he couldn't become an ally to the king of Chambord using these small tactics.

On the Azeroth Continent, the most secure alliance was created by allies who could add a lot of values to each other. Therefore, Abramovich knew that he needed to show the king of Chambord enough reasons to treat him as an ally and not just a friend.

After thinking about that, he walked to the six chests.

Click! After he pressed a button on top of one chest, a series of cranking noises sounded, and the top of the chest opened up like a metal flower that was blossoming.

All sorts of colorful lights appeared in the dark watchtower.

Magic gems!

This chest contained various magic gems.

Fei walked up to the chest and picked up a few. He instantly sensed the chilling sensation, and his hand was lit up by vibrant colors. Although these magic gems were low-tier gems, there were tens of thousands of them; it was a great gift. Since Fei had the insane item [Horadric Cube] and was able to combine them to create high-level magic gems, the value of this chest was far beyond the market value.

The magic gems that Priest Zola at Chambord gave Fei as a present were almost all used, so these magic gems came at the right time.

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“Great! Since we are in a war, these magic gems would be important strategic resources; they could at least last [Earth's Protection] array for a month. Great! I will accept this gift, and I need to thank you for your generosity, Manager Roman,” Fei said as he placed the magic gems back into the chest.

“No need to thank me, I’m just doing my part.”

After seeing that Fei accepted the magic gems, Abramovich relaxed and opened the second chest.

More lights lit up the hall.

It was another chest full of magic gems.

Fei was a little shocked.

Two chests full of magic gems was quite a fortune. Priest Zola at Chambord only got less than a chest full of magic gems after taking bribes from everyone for about 20 years, but this division manager from Soros’ Merchant Group was able to hand Fei more than 20,000 magic gems easily.

“No wonder Soros’ Merchant Group is known as one of the most prominent organizations on the continent,” Fei nodded as he thought.

Third chest.....

Fourth chest.....

Abramovich opened them one by one, and they were all filled with magic gems.

There was a lot of value presented by this manager.

Fei looked at this man who was still calm and thought, “Damn, this man is worthy enough to get my full attention. On the Azeroth Continent, wealth is also another form of power. It is evident that this mid-aged man is wealthier than I thought.”

“Great!” Fei said as he reached out and placed these four chests into his storage ring.

Crank!

The fifth chest was opened.

This time, it no longer contained magic gems. Instead, it contained a few booklets and pamphlets

Fei picked up the one that was on the top and opened it. He realized that it was a huge map that had drawn everything in detail in the 250-kilometers radius around Dual-Flags City; it was far better than the map the Military Headquarter provided him with. This map pointed out places such as oases, water sources, ancient paths, dangerous locations, and even the headquarters of the desert bandits; the military map didn't have anything like those.

During the war, the value of a map like this couldn't be measured.

Although Fei didn't show his emotions on his face, he was changing his evaluation of this man. "It looks like he has control over channels and forces other than this division in Soros' Merchant Group," he thought.

The King quietly put back the map and picked up a booklet. This was a book on the locations of all divisions in Soros' Merchant Group and the associated managers. There was also a square golden token inside the book.

"Your Majesty, doesn't matter where you are, you can find a division of Soros' Merchant Group that is the close to you. Our channels could help you pass messages that aren't appropriate for other channels such as Zenit's Military. Of course, you can also borrow up to one million gold coins at any of the divisions, and this golden token is the VIP symbol," Abramovich explained with a smile on his face. Afterward, he added, "Too bad that these are all the privileges that I can offer you. Otherwise, there would be more perks."

Fei laughed; he understood the implicit meaning behind Abramovich's words, but he didn't follow up on that.

There were still some drawings and maps inside the chest. Most of them were illustrations of high-level magic arrays, but most of these illustrations were incomplete. Abramovich could probably trade these for money, but he had enough money already. He apparently decided to give them to Fei because a master warrior like Fei might get more value out of them.

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Fei took a better look at these illustrations, and he realized that they were quite old. They were all drawn on fine leather, and there were a ton of magic pathings in these arrays. If these magic arrays could be complete, their power must be insane. Since Fei could use the help from Akara and Cain who were like mad scientists in this field and could potentially complete the magic arrays, he accepted these gifts willingly.

As Fei was about to look at the sixth chest, he suddenly sensed a familiar energy surge from the bottom of the fifth chest.

“This.....” Fei took out the sheet of leather that was at the bottom of the chest.

There were some ancient texts on this dark leather made from the skin of an unknown but powerful Demon Beast. There was a natural pressure looming on this leather; although this leather had aged, and that pressure was minimal, it was still enough to make Fei a little scared subconsciously. When Fei caressed this piece of leather, he felt a pain as if many needles were trying to pierce through his skin.

Of course, these weren't the reasons why Fei was surprised.

The reason Fei was surprised was that there was an image of the mermaid-like creature on the right top corner of this leather; that image looked very similar to the images of the mermaid-like creatures Fei found in the Mayor's Mansion last night.

Except for the image of the mermaid-like creature, this square leather that was about 50-centimeters on each side also had some landscapes and buildings drawn on it, and some ancient texts were commenting on something. This leather looked like the map of an ancient city, but how did Abramovich get his hands on it?

Fei looked at Abramovich with that question on his mind,

“I found this map in the headquarter of a group of desert bandits in the territory of Jax. They robbed a lot of my merchandises, and I wiped them out with the help of some master warriors from Soros' Merchant Group. I found a lot of treasures, and this map was one of them. I have spent four years trying to decrypt this map by hiring a lot of professionals, but it got to nowhere; no one knew where this place is, and no one could understand the ancient texts,” Abramovich told Fei honestly, “But some famous traveling poets predicted that this map is connected with a Mythical Ruin. Since I had it for four years and yield in nothing, I decided to gift it to Your Majesty and see if it could be useful for you.”

This manager didn't lie.

This map was extraordinary, and anyone who wasn't dumb could tell. However, since Abramovich couldn't decrypt this map after four years, it was pretty much useless to him. No one was willing to pay a high price for it in auctions, and he wasn't ready to sell it for cheap. In the end, he decided to give it to Fei to show his good faith.

However, since he knew this map was pretty much useless to Fei as well, he didn't want to give it to Fei and leave a cheap impression in Fei's mind. But after thinking about it for a while, he somehow put it at the bottom of the pile and hoped for the best.

"The material is quite nice. If Manager Roman couldn't even decrypt it, I probably couldn't as well," Fei said as he calmly threw that map into the iron chest. After that, he laughed and continued, "Thank you so much for the gifts."

He waved his hand, and this iron chest was put into his storage ring.

A disappointed emotion appeared in the eyes of Abramovich. "Since even the king of Chambord couldn't see through this leather, then I guess it is useless....."

However, he didn't know that Fei was already shocked to the maximum.

The ancient texts that Abramovich said no one could decrypt were very familiar to Fei; those texts were in the language used by the people in Diablo World! Except for when he learned potion-making knowledge from Akara and magic knowledge from Cain, Fei also saw a lot of these writing in various locations in Diablo World.

Of course, he knew the meaning of those texts on this map; the name of this map was [The Palace of the Sea God]

This map contained a lot of detailed information such as the locations of the structures and the defense mechanisms in them..... after connecting the dots, Fei felt like [The Palace of the Sea God] might be the buildings and structures he saw at the bottom of the underground ocean.

“There is a Mythical Ruin from the era of gods and demons at the bottom of Dual-Flags City?” Fei was very excited.

Abramovich gave him a big surprise unintentionally! Everyone knew the value of a Mythical Ruin! All the top-tier level 9 and level 8 Empires were all created by emperors who discovered and explored Mythical Ruins! It was reasonable to say that the cultivation techniques on the continent were found in Mythical Ruins.

From the map, Fei suspected that [The Palace of the Sea God] might be a level 6 Mythical Ruin!

With this critical map, Fei would be able to safely explore that underground ocean when he becomes a Moon-Class Elite. He would be able to avoid triggering the dangerous traps and explore this Mythical Ruin as if he was wandering in his backyard!

As Fei was trying hard to suppress his excitement, Abramovich opened the sixth chest.

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There were two swords with unique looks in the sixth chest.

The silver light reflecting off the body of the swords looked like mercury, and the chilly aura around the swords wasn't hidden at all. The swords were sharpened, but the tips of the swords weren't pointy; they were vicious hooks, making them look very strange. Each of the swords could be held with two hands, and their hilts were wrapped with black beast skin that could absorb sweat and increase friction. The two swords looked destructive and artistic at the same time.

Fei grabbed onto one and knocked it with his finger, and a crisp metal ringing noise resonated on the defense wall.

“Nice sword!” Fei praised.

He didn't know what material this sword was made from; it was quite heavy. Although it was only 1.6 meters long, it weighed about 300 kilograms; that was heavier than a massive ax made from pure metal. The body of this sword was reflective as a mirror; Fei could see his own reflection on it.

What attracted Fei the most was the forging technique used.

Fei had seen a lot of elite items in Diablo World, and he learned a lot of knowledge regarding forging from that busty female blacksmith Charsi. He could tell that these two swords were on another level; Charsi couldn't recreate them with [Demon's Remains] and [Black Iron Essences] yet.

"I also found these two swords from the headquarter of those desert bandits. Some people said that these swords are more than 1,000 years old, and the techniques used are similar to the techniques of the Dwarves who existed in the era of gods and demons. A bit of Mithril, Purified Iron, and [Golden Tear of Goddess] which are all Combat Weapon materials were added to the body of the swords. They have great magic energy and warrior energy conductivity, but they are just too heavy for normal swordsmen to use. I couldn't find anyone who could use them, so they have been sitting in my storage for a long time. Your Majesty is powerful, so these two swords finally met their righteous owner."

Abramovich said respectfully. He was a person who was good with words and great at observing others, and he just flattered Fei implicitly.

"Manager Roman, you are so considerate," Fei replied as he grabbed onto both swords. After he injected some energy into them, it seemed like the swords had their own spirits and let out a series of cheerful sounds.

Everyone in the hall was surprised by this.

Fei had the set item [Bul-Kathos' Children] as his weapons; the Dual-Swords were great weapons with a lot of additive magic properties. In terms of damage, what he had now was much better than these two swords Abramovich gave him.

However, for some reason, these two swords gave Fei a special handy feeling. After some thinking, Fei accepted these two swords and placed them in the slots where the Barbarian Character kept his secondary weapons.

In others' eyes, two dashes of silver lights flashed by, and the two swords disappeared into Fei's arms.

"It looks like the strength of the king of Chambord is far beyond anyone's estimations," Abramovich who was a Four-Star Warrior himself was surprised, and he was also more pleased with this person who he selected as his ally.

Fei accepted all six chests as gifts, and he laughed as he said, “Manager Roman, thank you for the gifts!”

“It is my honor to have Your Majesty accepting all of them.”

Fei replied, “I don’t like running around the bushes. I already know the intention of your trip.”

A joyous expression appeared on Abramovich’s face. He quickly stood up and bow as he laughed, “Since this is the case and Your Majesty is busy with your work, I won’t take up more of your time.”

“Ok, Jose, please safeguard Manager Roman down the defense wall.”

“As you wish, Your Majesty!”

This Ophiuchus Saint whose name was Jose Rice walked Abramovich and his guards out of the watchtower and down the defense wall.

“Haha, Emile! Go and tell Jessica about what just happened quickly! If the people from Soros’ Merchant Group got to her first, she might be scared,” Fei laughed as he said to the simple-minded man.

“Yes, sir! I will go now..... hehe.....” a bright smile appeared on Husky’s face. After he single-kneeled and saluted at Fei, he ran out of the watchtower in excitement. But after half a minute, he ran back and said, “Sir, I will be back soon.”

Chapter 420: Second Base – Death Ancient City (Part Two)

This simple-minded man had a special aura around him. Fei felt like this Husky was like one of his brothers who slept on the upper-berth in the student residence back when he was in university; those brothers of his would always back him up didn’t matter what happened.

Shortly after Husky left the watchtower, Shevchenko and Ribry came in. Every single preparation was done, and they were here to ask Fei when to move.

Fei nodded as he walked out of the watchtower and looked at the sun that was slowly disappearing on the horizon.

The king turned around and looked at the 200 elite soldiers behind the two commanders and stated, “You guys are the bravest and most powerful warriors in the city! You guys are the heroes of the empire! There are 200 of you right now, and I hope 200 of you returns safely tomorrow! Remember, I will have a party set up for you before the sunset tomorrow! Doesn’t matter if you successfully burn the food supplies of the enemies or not, you all will get level 3 merit points!”

“Long live Zenit! Long live King Alexander!” the soldiers chanted in excitement.

At this moment, the last bit of sunlight disappeared on the horizon.

“Roll out!”

As Shevchenko and Ribry commanded, the 200 elite soldiers placed their hooks with ropes attached to the battlements and quietly got down the defense wall like agile monkeys. After that, they quickly dashed through the opening that the enemies left in the north direction and disappeared into the desert.

“Time for me to go as well,” Fei thought as he calmed down after seeing this team successfully getting through the enemy lines.

He called over Cech, Pierce, Drogba, Huerk, and Kanort and gave a few orders, and he then switched to Assassin Mode and disappeared from Dual-Flags City; his subordinates were already used to his mysteriousness.

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The wind was blowing in the desert

There was an ancient city located ten kilometers west to Dual-Flags City. Under the moonlight, all the ragged buildings, the endless shadows, and the lifeless sensation inside this huge city gave chills to people.

“Here! This must be the city that they were talking about.”

Fei stopped and looked at the ragged ancient city.

“Is this the Death Ancient City in the desert? It is a place full of danger and death,” Fei sighed as he quickly scanned the area with a 1,500-meters radius around him using his spiritual power.

He was about 1,000-meters away from the city, but he didn’t step forward for ten minutes.

There was a huge area of red quicksand in front of him, and it could easily devour anything that stepped on it.

The quicksand surrounded the city and acted like the moat, and it was referred to by many traveling poets as the Death Sand River.

It was heard that any warrior who hasn’t achieved Moon-Class would be swallowed by the quicksand when passing through it, and the corpse would become the food of the Berserk Metal-Eating Ants that resided under the quicksand.

This was the main reason why this ragged city turned into a death trap despite that fact that it was massive and most of the buildings in it weren’t destroyed.

“Let me see how berserk these cute little guys are.”

Fei thought as he quickly changed to Druid Mode.

His aura changed as nature essences appeared around him. When he waved his short wand, a cloud of white nature essences surged and turned into a white wolf.

Fei’s Druid Character was level 69, and Fei put a lot of skill points into [Summon Spirit Wolf]. This wolf had the strength of Three-Star, and it could be counted as a Demon Beast.

“Go!”

After Fei commanded, this wolf roared and dashed into the red quicksand.

This wolf was ultra-fast, and it didn't get stuck in the quicksand at first. But after it sprinted forward for four seconds, something terrifying occurred. The calm red quicksand moat suddenly started to rumble, and dense black dots appeared beside the red sand grains.

Berserk Metal-Eating Ants!

These black dots were the Berserk Metal-Eating Ants!

Each ant was the size of a thumb, their black shells were shiny as gold, and their front limbs were like sharp blades. There were tens of thousands of these ants on the quicksand, and they instantly climbed over the wolf. In a split second, the wolf that could battle with a Three-Star Warrior disappeared before it could even let out a cry as if it was an ice cube that got placed in a heated oven.

“Terrifying! They are enough to block tens of thousands of soldiers,” Fei evaluated these ants.

With memories from Earth, Fei knew that these tiny little creatures were terrifying once they reached a certain number. During the Second World War, the African Army Ants had devoured a modern elite force led by the infamous Nazi general Rommel who had the nickname of Desert Fox; there were 1,800 soldiers in the force, but they couldn't defend against those ants.

“This is the second base that both Tanasha and Paris recommended to me? This city and Dual-Flags City could compliment each other and sandwich the enemies, but how can I get the rest of [Wolf Teeth Legion] to enter this city?”

Fei decided to go into this ancient city first to check it out.

– P.S. It was brought to our attention by a fellow reader that the use of the term “Saint Seiya” isn't appropriate and we should just change it into the term “Saint”. After doing more research into it, we agree with this recommendation, and the term “Saint” will be used from now on.