Ocean Lord 15

Chapter 15

[River Murloc (Tier 2, 1-star)]

[Unlock node A-2: Murloc Body (Green Skill → Blue Skill)] [Requires 600 units of wood, 300 units of clay]

[Unlock node B-2: Diving (Green Skill → Blue Skill) Consumes 600 units of fiber, 300 units of clay.]

[Unlock node C-2: Iron Fork Equipment (White Skill → Green Skill)] [Requires 600 units of thick iron]

[Unlock node D-2: Careful (Military characteristic weakened/enhanced)] [Requires 1200 units of wood, 1200 units of fiber.]

[Unlocking any node can increase star level or level.]

Ji Chen gasped as he hissed in surprise.

He had initially thought that with the abundance of resources he had acquired, he would have enough to unlock more nodes.

However, he had not expected that the resources required for the second round of nodes would be several times higher than the first round.

The number of resources required for node D-2, in particular, was staggering, with four digits that made his head spin.

This feeling was like confidently bringing a new 2D girlfriend to a figurine shop and asking the shop assistant to bring a high-end figurine, only to find that the price of a high-end figurine was five figures.

It was embarrassing.

Pushing aside any awkwardness he felt, he examined the four nodes and found that only C-2 had sufficient resources for unlocking.

The C-2 node would enhance the murloc's weapons, allowing them to deal more damage, much like the upgrade from a big bone club to a bone spear.

It was precisely what he needed, and he tapped the screen without hesitation.

"Consumed 600 units of crude iron to unlock node C-2."

"River Murloc (Tier 2, 1-star) has advanced to River Murloc (Tier 2, 3-star)."

Advancing to two-star in one node was still in line with his psychological expectations.

The bone spear in the Murloc's hand also changed.

In a flash of bright light, the weapon transformed into an iron fork with three sharp iron prongs, clearly designed for stabbing.

Naturally, it would not be a problem to deal with enemies like the Clay Beetles.

Ji Chen's attention was drawn to the residents who had returned from logging after closing the military talent tree.

He noticed the wood they were carrying, one brown and the other a deep shade of purple-red with intricate and exotic patterns on the surface.

The red markings looked like blood, giving the wood a unique and captivating beauty. "Where did you find this purple-red wood?"

"Reporting to my lord, they were all cut down from the edge of the open space. There are such trees everywhere."

Ji Chen had them put down the purple-red wood and began to examine it.

[Jungle Wood (Purple Blood Wood)]

[Level: 4-star specialty]

[Usage: Making furniture, wood ornaments, utensils, etc.]

[The precious wood loved by the nobles. They all flaunted their furniture made of purple-blood wood.]

Ah, so this was one of the territory's 4-star precious jungle trees, no wonder it looked so appealing.

The description in the last column reminded him of the expensive wooden furniture that people were crazy about.

A single set of such furniture could easily cost hundreds of thousands of yuan, and they were always in high demand.

Looking around, Ji Chen felt a surge of excitement. The nearby forest was dense with an abundance of trees, it was as if they grew like hairs on an ox.

He realized that he was standing next to a mountain of gold!

Just then, he noticed that all the buildings in the territory were constructed using jungle wood.

Oh my god!

Using precious wood as ordinary construction materials was simply a waste of heavenly resources. It was too extravagant!

Didn't that mean that he had been sleeping on a mountain of gold for the past two days?

Ji Chen quickly ordered his subjects to separate the regular wood from the precious jungle wood, feeling his heartache at the thought of the wasted resources.

Ordinary wood would serve as a basic resource, while the precious wood would be stored and sold to the natives when an opportunity presented itself in the future.

Apart from the 4-star precious jungle wood, the territory also had another 4-star specialty: premium coffee beans.

Ji Chen conducted a thorough search and discovered a coffee forest on the western edge of the jungle. The forest contained twenty-five wild coffee trees, their branches adorned with immature red coffee beans.

[Fine Coffee Tree]

[Level: Special]

[Status: Immature]

[Usage: Generates 4-star specialty premium coffee beans]

[Effect: Consuming and using premium coffee beans can greatly increase mana recovery speed and

can slowly increase the upper limit of mana for a long time.]

[Production: 2 units/week]

25 wild coffee trees in the territory's coffee forest could produce a total of 50 units per week, which may not be much for ordinary food, but for premium coffee beans with special effects, it was a significant amount.

Furthermore, Ji Chen planned to make it a luxury brand, selling one unit per unit, specializing in the upper-class nobles and spellcasters market.

As long as the quality was good enough, coupled with proper publicity.

Even a single unit could be sold for a sky-high price!

But that was not all.

It should be noted that the special building in the territory was a jungle plantation!

[Territory Special Building]

[Jungle Plantation]

[Level: Special]

[Construction cost: 1000 units of wood, 1000 units of stone]

[Area: $50 \times 50 \text{ (m)}$]

[Effect: Able to plant jungle crops and increase their yield]

As long as they made good use of the jungle plantation, they could further increase the production of coffee trees!

As Ji Chen gazed at the coffee trees before him, his expression turned serious.

He immediately ordered Wilus to organize a wooden fence around the area to prevent monsters or animals from destroying it. He also prohibited the residents from picking and destroying it.

In addition, the surrounding trees and vegetation were also left intact to maintain the original ecological environment of these wild coffee trees.

Once the forest was depleted, they could construct a jungle plantation and begin mass cultivating coffee trees.

Then, he could profit without having to lift a finger. After attending to these tasks, Ji Chen led the Murlocs to clear out the neighboring forest.

They would drive the wild beasts out of the territory's safe range, leaving behind harmless herbivores.

With the discovery of the bass fishery that could provide a steady supply of food and the sufficient storage of food in the territory, there was no longer a need to constantly hunt for food like before.

The new plan was to domesticate and raise wild beasts and animals, and only hunt them when necessary in the future.

Otherwise, if they overdid it and destroyed the ecological balance of the island, there would be no animals to eat in the future.

During the sweeping process, Ji Chen discovered some wild spices that were brought back to the territory to be used as seasonings.

As night fell, he returned with a small portion of the prey that put up a fight and the spices.

Amidst the cheers of the residents, they began to cook tonight's food.

Dinner was fresh worm meat and fish soup. After adding appropriate spices, the original freshness of high-quality ingredients was completely stimulated.

The entire open space was filled with an extremely rich meaty fragrance.

Upon tasting the seasoning, the flavor immediately transported him back to his pre-island days.