## Ocean Lord 46

Chapter 46: The Great Construction

However, with so many resource points, there was a need for an adequate workforce to operate them.

And that workforce would naturally be the Kobolds.

Currently, the Kobolds assigned to the resource extraction were as follows:

For the two miniature crude iron mines, one had already been occupied by cave miners, requiring only 14 Kobolds. As for the two small crude iron mines, a total of 84 Kobolds were needed.

The small stone quarry required 42 Kobolds, while the medium stone quarry required 168 Kobolds.

For the three small clay mines, excluding the four cave miners, an additional 122 Kobolds were required.

The two miniature Mithril mines required a total of 28 Kobolds.

In total, the above resource points required 458 Kobolds.

The remaining 182 Kobolds were allocated to tasks such as logging and other work, or they would be deployed when new resource points were discovered in the future.

After this wave of harvesting, all resource points could operate at full capacity.

They generated tens of thousands of units of resources every week.

This provided continuous fuel for the advancement of the territory, like a moving war machine.

The completion of the resource inventory signified a temporary end to the Kobold tribe's affairs.

The next step was to continue developing the territory.

Half of the pirates would remain behind to oversee the Kobolds until dedicated units could take over their duties.

The other half would return to repair the pirate ship.

The Aspiring Hero, Panther, received orders to join the pirates and learn the ways of a pirate captain.

Ji Chen himself, accompanied by the Murlocs and Naga warriors, escorted the remaining 182 Kobolds back to the territory.

Due to the addition of the native tribe and the enslavement of the Kobolds, the popular support in the territory had dropped below 60 points and returned to a level slightly above 50.

The bonus to labor efficiency was not as high as before.

This was an unavoidable issue that arose from the sudden increase in population within a short period of time.

However, with the influx of so many people, the prosperity of the territory had significantly increased, reaching a four-digit level. From the perspective of prosperity, the territory could now be considered at the level of a town.

But in terms of the overall development of the territory, it was still at the level of a small village.

At first glance, apart from the Lord's Manor, which had a slightly decent appearance, the rest consisted of shabby and dilapidated houses or wooden frames with dried meat hanging on them. The ground was also muddy and uneven.

In terms of scenery and environment, it was even less appealing compared to the native tribe's waterborne thatched houses.

Ji Chen was, after all, someone who appreciated aesthetics. In the past, he could tolerate such poor conditions due to poverty. But now, after obtaining so many resources from the Kobolds, he could no longer tolerate it. He immediately made up his mind to improve the environment!

He set aside a portion of resources for upgrading the troops.

Ji Chen opened the construction interface and began a bold and drastic transformation of the territory.

"When the weather is good, living in thatched cottages is passable, but if there's severe weather like a storm, it's hanging by a thread."

"So, let's start building wooden and stone structures for housing now. It may consume more resources, but the advantage is that they are more durable in the long run."

In the construction interface, there were many styles of houses to choose from.

There were the elevated wooden houses seen before, thick-walled stone houses with small windows suitable for desert areas, and pointed-roofed wooden and stone houses suitable for snowy regions.

The system didn't restrict players from constructing any style of the house.

However, it would be unwise to build desert stone houses in a rainy area.

"What style of housing is suitable for the seaside, looks good, and has good additional effects... Oh, 1 know!"

Ji Chen's eyes brightened, and he stopped flipping through the options.

[White-wall wooden stone house (Earth-style)]

[Level: Tier 2]

[Consumable materials: 150 units of wood, 400 units of stone, 150 units of clay.]

[Area:  $10 \times 25$  (m)]

[Living capacity: 20[comfortable]~30[crowded]

[Effect: 1. Medium speeds up the recovery of energy and physical strength. 2. Additional increase of popular sentiment by 5 points. (Non-Stackable). 3. Slightly increase in the attractiveness of the territory.]

This kind of one-story residential house had white walls and red tiles as the main theme. It had an arched door and windows, and a small courtyard with a garden. From the outside, it was quite beautiful and exquisite, giving off the feeling of a small villa.

Moreover, the three additional effects were also very good. There were no negative effects.

Especially with the additional 5-point increase in public sentiment, it perfectly suited his intentions.

It was decided!

Although it consumed a significant amount of resources.

But as they said, clothing, food, shelter, and transportation were essential.

Clothing and food needs had been temporarily met, so it was time to focus on shelter.

The well-being of the people couldn't be neglected, even if it meant enduring some hardship!

Each new residence required 150 units of wood, 500 units of stone, and 150 units of clay.

He planned to construct 10 residences at once.

Since he was wealthy at the time, he could fully afford the expenses.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, he began to adjust the layout of the territory.

The first was the location of the lord's manor.

The initial location of the lord's manor was on the left side of the territory, with the entrance facing east.

Now, he would move it to the center of the territory, facing the sea and the beach. He would leave an empty space of about a hundred meters in front of him and build a stone plaza.

When the forest near the beach was cut down, the liege's residence would be able to see the sea directly through the stone plaza.

In this way, the atmosphere of the territory became grand and impressive.

Next was the construction of the new residences, all located in the right area with spacious pathways between them, leaving enough space for future expansion.

The recruitment camps for the units were placed on the left side, while functional buildings such as the tool house and detection tower were situated in the upper-left space.

After some adjustments, the entire territory became aesthetically pleasing.

The arrangement of the buildings was neat and well-defined, providing a sense of satisfaction even for those with OCD tendencies.

Ji Chen looked at his masterpiece with a hint of pride.

"It seems I do have some talent after all."

After clicking the confirmation button, a significant amount of resources disappeared from the territory's resource panel.

The construction of ten new residences required a total of 5,000 units of stone, 1,500 units of wood, and 1,500 units of clay.

The stone-paved empty space, along with the stone pathways connecting the buildings, cost an additional 2,000 units of stone.

Among them, the most consumed resource was stone.

Despite using up a considerable amount, he still had around 1,000 units of stone remaining.

What did it mean to be wealthy beyond imagination?

But what was even more astonishing was the possession of two small stone quarries and one medium stone quarry.

Operating at full capacity, they were able to produce 12,600 units of stone every week.

As long as there was a steady supply of wood and clay resources, he could continue with these large-scale constructions on a weekly basis, swiftly providing all the residents with luxurious garden villas.

Even Ji Chen himself started to envy the residents for having such a wise lord like him.

"Ding- Due to your massive construction efforts, it has touched the hearts of the residents. As a result, the public sentiment increased by 5 points, and the current public sentiment is 65 points."

You see, there it was.

When the new residences were completed, the public sentiment would increase by an additional 5 points, bringing it back to 75 points. Public sentiment would no longer be a problem.

On one side of the territory, the construction of the new residences was in full swing.

At that moment, Ji Chen walked to the left side of the territory and arrived at the recruitment camps for various units.

It was time to start strengthening and upgrading the units.

Territory development was crucial.

But in that world, strength was the absolute core, and the units were at the heart of it.

To establish a foothold and even reach the pinnacle of the world, constant improvement of the units' strength was necessary..