

Ocean Lord 48

Chapter 48 Stone Golems, the Issue of Food

The stone bodies, now covered in moss and weeds, wobbled as they stood up.

With a height of over three meters and a pair of massive fists, they exuded an intimidating presence.

[Stone Golems]

[Level]: 8

[Tier]: Second Tier, 8 Stars

[Skills]: Stone Shell (Blue Skill, the stone body possesses formidable physical defense)

Rock Strike (Blue Skill, using the stone body as a weapon to deliver heavy blows that can cause impact and stun effects)

Stone Throw (Green Skill, throwing rocks at enemies)

Stone Devour (Green Skill, able to consume stones to repair the body)

[Unit Traits]: Elemental Construct (50% resistance against spiritual spells)

As the Stone Golems spotted them, they immediately let out an angry roar.

"You damn invaders, I'll..."

Before they could finish their sentence, they were hit in the face by a barrage of water arrows.

After a brief explosion, the stone bodies were left with numerous pockmarks and indentations.

Water arrows proved to be highly effective!

"Damned bug, I'm going to hammer you into a meat patty!"

The injured stone golem was even more furious. It charged over with heavy steps.

Rumbling footsteps echoed throughout the entire quarry.

The ground seemed to be shaking.

However, Ji Chen ignored him and waved his arm.

The Shallow Sea Murlocs suddenly threw out their tridents, piercing through the air and stabbing the stone golem in a perfect arc.

Dong---

The sound of harsh collision rang out.

The seemingly sturdy stone bodies were actually cut open by the sharp spear tips, revealing several cracks.

The Stone Golems were instantly filled with shock and horror.

They had consumed countless stones to cultivate their hard rock bodies, and yet today they were damaged by these fish-like creatures?

But it wasn't over yet.

Entering battle mode, the frenzied Naga Warrior, with their agitated trait activated, vigorously thrust their powerful serpent tail forward, creating a gust of wind that stirred up a flurry of grass.

They charged towards the Stone Golems, their twin blades crossing and slashing down.

Crack-

The clash of bone blades and stone fists caused both sides to tremble and take a few steps back.

Upon closer inspection, the Stone Golems' stone fists were filled with large cracks, while the Naga Warrior's bone blades remained completely unscathed, reflecting a metallic sheen in the sunlight.

The outcome was clear.

The enhanced Naga Warrior had surpassed the Stone Golems in strength and attack power.

In the distance, several Stone Golems raised chunks of rocks, hurling them with both hands.

A flash of red light appeared in the eyes of the Naga Warrior, emanating a terrifying aura.

A menacing growl escaped their mouth as their muscular arms bulged with veins, and they brought down their bone blades in a powerful strike.

The rocks were cleaved into pieces.

The best offense was a good defense.

They were all ruthless warriors, with the courage to face any enemy that crossed their path.

Their eyes were filled with cruelty and brutality, their only outlet for their inner frenzy being slaughter.

They charged once again, like war chariots crashing into the midst of the Stone Golem group.

Their bone blades clashed and opened, leaving behind a trail of sharpness wherever they went.

Boom!

Another round of water arrows exploded, causing the already crumbling Stone Golems to instantly shatter into countless pieces. Their rocky bodies split into scattered rubble on the ground.

The Stone Golems were either torn apart by the Naga Warrior's strikes or had their heads blown off by the Sea Sprite's arrows.

Body parts flew everywhere, creating a scene of extreme brutality.

The battle quickly came to an end.

Under the overwhelming advantage in rank and numbers, they failed to create much of a stir.

The once formidable Stone Golems were now reduced to piles of rubble, creating a chaotic scene on the ground.

"Ding~ You have achieved a glorious victory... You have gained 1200 experience points..."

Having watched the entire battle, Ji Chen nodded in satisfaction.

After their upgrades, the Naga Warrior and Shallow Sea Murloc displayed astonishing combat strength, effortlessly overwhelming the Stone Golems.

This victory was achieved solely through the power of their units, without Alice needing to intervene.

They fully showcased their advantages and capabilities.

Engaging in battles with regular units was the norm for players.

Players like Ji Chen, who had recently joined the game and possessed a formidable combat hero like Alice, were a rare breed and stood out from the rest.

They entered the quarry and claimed it as their own.

With this quarry, he now had a total of four quarries.

Three small ones and one medium-sized quarry.

Every week, they would yield tens of thousands of units of stone resources.

It was a pity that there were no other players nearby; otherwise, he could have sold some stone to them in exchange for other resources.

Upon assessing the combat prowess of the Naga warriors and Shallow Sea Murlocs, he was astounded by their sheer power.

Ji Chen was in a good mood as he led them back to his territory.

Wilus came up and said respectfully.

"My lord, you're back."

He nodded slightly. "How's the construction of the new residential area?"

"The residents' enthusiasm is high, and the construction progress is rapid. It is estimated that within a day, we will have completed the initial construction. However, the capacity is not sufficient to accommodate the newly joined native tribe."

"We only have 10 new residential houses, each capable of housing a maximum of 30 residents, which means we can only accommodate a total of 300 people."

"With the native tribe and the existing residents, we have a total of 472 individuals. Even with the makeshift dwellings, there won't be enough space for everyone."

"But I have already taken this issue into consideration," he reassured. "The native tribe will not relocate here all at once; they will be coming in batches. Additionally, I will continue to construct more residential houses in the future."

"That's good to hear," Willus nodded, although his face still showed some concern.

"Besides that, the food consumption in the territory has significantly increased. The current stockpile of over 6,000 units of food may not last long." Ji Chen pondered, acknowledging that it was indeed a problem.

"The native tribe consists of 410 individuals, 640 kobolds, 18 cave miners, 20 female slaves, and the existing residents, totaling 1,130 people."

In addition, we have the consumption from the Shallow Sea Murlocs, Naga Warriors, and Elite Pirates.

Even if each person consumes only 2 units of food per day, it would still require over 2,000 units of food daily.

With just over 6,000 units of food in storage, it can sustain us for approximately 3 days.

While we have seen the advantages of having an increased workforce, we must not overlook the issue of food consumption.

A scarcity of food could severely impact the morale of our residents.

It seems that for the next few days, we must prioritize the search for additional food sources.

Fortunately, some of the native members have been scouting suitable locations on the island for large-scale cultivation of seaweed rice, and we expect to receive updates soon.

The island is also abundant in wildlife, particularly in the river valley, where various animals thrive.

These animals are well-nourished and plentiful, providing us with ample meat when caught in large numbers.

The surrounding sea offers a rich fishing ground, providing an excellent opportunity for the Murlocs to catch fish.

And as a last resort, the kobolds can serve as a viable source of protein...

However, he would not do this unless he had no other choice.

"I'll increase the intensity of my hunting these few days. You don't have to worry."

With his words, Wilus felt relieved. When the lord said there was no need to worry, there truly was no problem.

This had been the consistent behavior and speech of their lord, instilling a strong sense of security and trust in them.

Waving his hand to instruct Wilus to continue supervising the residents' work, Ji Chen took a short break before venturing out with his troops.

They embarked on a hunt across the island to gather food.

The beasts and monsters that had fled to other areas now realized something in despair.

The terrifying upright ape had returned, accompanied by an even more powerful army.

This time, there was nowhere for them to escape.

Five days ago, they had retreated from the jungle near the sea, and three days ago, they had fled from the southern jungle, thinking they could finally enjoy a peaceful night.

But today, as they looked around, the greedy and ruthless upright apes had returned with their army.

However, this island was only so big. Where could they escape to now?

From every corner of the island, their mournful and resentful howls echoed, as if celebrating the birth of the new king of the island.

After a good half day's hunt, Ji Chen looked at the twenty or so jungle wolf carcasses before him and reviewed today's harvest. He decided to halt the hunting expedition.

Various types of prey, big and small, had yielded around five to six thousand units of food, barely alleviating the food problem in the territory.

Today's harvest was sufficient.

He glanced up at the sky.

The sun had already set below the horizon, and a crescent moon rose slowly.

Silver moonlight seeped through the gaps in the branches and illuminated the ground.

The surrounding insects chirped, their voices resounding loudly in the quiet jungle.

It was time to return.

Instructing his troops to carry the prey on their backs, the group made their way back, fully laden.