

I Help A NPC Become The Legendary Witch

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[Mission Requirement 2: Act as low-key as possible and keep your movements secret. Control the rate of information leakage below 45%. Current rate of information leakage: 2%]

[Mission Reward: 100,000 experience points, 3 random rare weapons,+50 Fox-faced Witch's favorability, 5 blank travel cards]

[Mission Hint 1: This mission is a prerequisite mission. Your performance in this mission will affect the direction of your subsequent missions. Please be careful.]

[Mission Hint 2: You can share this mission with up to four other players. After the mission is completed, the rewards will be calculated separately.]

F * ck!

After reading the mission description, Hei Yu finally knew what the 'Annihilation Star' was. Although he was not on Sakuragi Island back then, the story of that cannon had caused an uproar on the forums. Hei Yu naturally paid attention to it.

Based on the power of this cannon, it should be at least at the Epic level. When he saw the mission's annex, the materials needed for this cannon, Hei Yu's mouth twitched.

Good fellow!

This was...The difficulty was too high!

" Witch Big....."

Before Hei Yu could say anything, the fox-faced witch raised her hand to stop him. Then, under the puzzled gazes of the Ka members, the fox-faced witch took out a blank card.

This was...

Hei Yu could not recognize it at first glance, but there were still some travel records card enthusiasts in the Ka. They immediately exclaimed.

Ji Xing card...

No, a blank record tablet?

They had never heard of it before. Hei Yu's face was filled with question marks. He had also heard of the Travelling Chronicles Card. However, wasn't this a Mini games within the game? Now that the fox-faced witch had brought it out at such a critical moment, what was her intention...

"Can I borrow your weapon?"

"What? Oh! No problem, of course no problem!" Hei Yu hurriedly handed his sword to the fox-faced witch.

After a flash of light, Hei Yu's sword disappeared. What replaced it was the mark of a sharp blade on the originally blank card.

"This!"

While Hei Yu was staring with his eyes wide open, Vivian handed the card to Hei Yu.

" Ding! You have obtained Travels Card " Bone Spur "

Under the fox-faced witch's signal, Hei Yu activated the card in his hand. Immediately after, his weapon appeared out of thin air.

" This kind of blank card can store items. I have 20 of these cards here, enough to store all the materials needed for Planet Annihilation. What you need to do now is to find the cooperation of the other three countries and complete the transportation of the materials through the transactions between the cards."

After the explanation of the fox-faced witch, Hei Yu came to a realization. This way, the mission would be much simpler. It was no longer impossible to complete.

However...

"The other three kingdoms?" Hei Yu probed.

"Yes, I've already found a collaborator for you. You only need to contact him."

As she spoke, Vivian showed the magical image of a player to the Ka members. Hei Yu recognized him at a glance. Wasn't this the guild leader of one of the major guilds in the Flame Domain, the Stellar Tower, "Dust Fall"?

It was said that during the closed beta test, Fallout had hugged Vivian's thigh tightly. The reason why the Stellar Tower could develop so rapidly was because of Vivian's dividends. Now it seemed that it was true.

However, Hei Yu was not jealous at all. They had indeed lost their way for a while. Fortunately, they were now on the right track. In terms of ability...Ka Ka was not afraid of anyone!

They would definitely catch up from behind and snatch all the favor of the fox-faced witch!

"In addition, because Planet Annihilation is of great importance, I hope that this operation will be kept a secret except for your collaborators. This means that even if you succeed, no one will know that it is your credit."

"Even so...Are you willing to accept it?"

Hei Yu did not need to think about this answer.

There was once a sincere NPC in front of him, but he didn't cherish it. Now that God had given him a chance to start over, he only wanted to say three words.

"I'm willing!"

"Actually, even if Lady Witch didn't ask for it, we wouldn't have taken the credit. Because in the eyes of outsiders, we have to maintain our status as traitors. Only then would the other executives of Winter have a chance to get in touch with us!"

"So, Lady Witch, from the moment we decided to be spies, we were already prepared to be misunderstood, not known by others, and even bear the infamy!"

After Hei Yu's words, Vivian was silent for a while. She nodded and said, "Alright, since time is of the essence, you should hurry up and act."

"It's the Witch!"

Just as Hei Yu was about to lead the team and start preparing their plan, the fox-faced witch suddenly called out to them before they left.

"Right, I will be secretly monitoring your actions."

"Uh... Alright, alright." Hei Yu was a little confused as to what the fox-faced witch's deliberate words meant.

But as Vivian said the next sentence.

” Therefore, your actions are not unknown. In the future, when you might be misunderstood by others, I hope that you will remember that there is at least one person who has not forgotten you.”

“She... I look forward to your performance.”

Vivian left after she finished speaking. When the Ka members who had just recovered looked again, the fox-faced witch had already disappeared.

“Brothers...Did you hear that? Now, we also have the fox-faced witch backing us up! The fox-faced witch will remember every bit of our perseverance and hard work. We don’t have to be afraid anymore. We won’t be able to clear our names in the future!”

“Precisely because of this, if anyone dares to become a traitor in the future, don’t blame me, Hei Yu, for not showing any mercy!”

“Everyone, do you understand?”

Under Hei Yu’s shout, the Ka elite members in the waste area also stretched their necks and shouted,

“Understood! Guild Leader!”

“Good, very good, very imposing! Everyone, remember, what we are going to build next is not only the Annihilation Star, but also the glory of our Ka!”

“Start working!”

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It was winter.

On the snow-covered ground, a group of fully-armed small teams were moving forward at high speed.

Even in such an extremely cold place, from the clothes they wore, it did not seem like it was winter at all. A large part of their skin was exposed, and the thin movement clothes clung to their bodies. Everything seemed to be for the convenience of fighting.

If the camera zoomed in and looked at the faces of these girls flying on the snow, one would find that they were all expressionless, as if they did not know the cold or fatigue, as if... Doll.

Suddenly, the leader raised his arm and gave the order to stop.

The entire team immediately stopped and began to guard their surroundings.

The team leader squatted down and felt for something in the snow. He seemed to have found some traces. Combined with their appearance, they should be chasing someone.

Soon, an oval-shaped doll with two ears on its head was dug out by the captain from the shallow snow.

He looked at the strange-looking doll.

The captain frowned at first, but he immediately reacted and shouted.

“Everyone, activate the defensive screen...”

Before the captain could even shout the word “barrier”, the chubby doll in his hand shot out red and white rays in all directions. Then, a loud boom echoed in the snow and ice.

With the captain as the center, the flames soared into the sky, and the rolling heat wave spread to the surroundings.

There was no doubt that it was a bomb used as a bait.

After after the smoke, the team members were scattered all over the snowy ground. The only one who could still move was the leader who was holding the bomb, because she had activated the defensive barrier at the moment of the explosion.

Even so, the explosion that was almost at a close distance still left her unrecognizable. Her skin was torn and her flesh was torn, and burn marks covered her body.

But also because of this, you can see one after another, like a wire rope, forming a dense circuit. No, she could vaguely feel the flow of magic power in these veins, so it should be said that the network of magic roads was hidden under her human appearance.

“Damage detection...F287... Death...F288... Death...

F289...”

“The damage ratio is over 95%...The capture operation has failed...The reason for failure...[The target target is suspected to possess Mechanic class knowledge...] The target’s danger level estimation was seriously wrong...

Sending the latest data...”

Bang!

A gunshot came from afar, completely ending the captain’s emotionless mechanical voice.

A magic bullet pierced through her head, and the already heavily injured captain fell to the cold snow like her subordinate.

About a minute later.

Several figures dressed in snowsuits quickly approached the location of the team’s corpse. One of them was obviously the leader, with the ID of ” White Ghost ” above his head.

He was holding a long gun in his hand. Captain Terminator’s bullet should have come from him.

“F * ck, Brother Bai, your new Mechanic class is too strong, isn’t it? You wiped out an F grade team so easily?”

One of the players looked at the mess after the bomb doll. Even the thick snow had been blasted into a deep pit. On the white ground, charred marks of the explosion could be seen everywhere. He could not help but sigh.

Seven to eight modified test subjects, who were around level 20, were scattered all over the place. Half of their bodies were buried in the snow due to the explosion. If they were to fight head-on, it would be impossible for them, who were only level 10 players, to win. However, their guild leader, White Phantom, was single-handedly wiping out the enemy party without even letting the enemy see his figure.

He suddenly sighed. Who would have thought that the Mechanic class that was ridiculed and looked down upon by many players in the winter would have such great power? As the saying went, there were no useless classes, only useless players.

But on the other hand, bragging was bragging...

The other male player in the party looked at the tragic corpses of the ” magic puppet ” girls with heartache, especially when they walked to the side of the captain who had been shot in the head. Half of his head had been blown away by the sniper, revealing the magic network circuit inside, but their boss, White Phantom, could still remain calm.

He picked up the toolbox and began to disassemble it, trying to find some mechanical parts that could be used again.

Moreover, this wasn't the first time he had seen such a scene. Ever since Boss had advanced to the Mechanic profession, he had been abnormally persistent and excited about these magic puppet experimental girls...They were excited to be able to dismantle the various parts on their bodies.

Therefore, when his previous companion was amazed by the power of the Mechanic class, this person pursed his lips and could not help but complain,"Mechanic? If Brother Bai continues like this, he'll really become a gay master! How could he bear to do it!"

"Get lost. Do you think everyone is like you? Last time, because of you, we were mesmerized by the test subject's captain. In the end, we almost got wiped out. She's just a little older and fairer...Is it a little big? What's the big deal?"

" Oh, really? I originally wanted to share the recently released Seto, but it seems..."

" Ahem, about that, I'm not interested in that, but I have a friend..."

While his teammates were chatting and complaining, the White Phantom had already completed the preliminary dismantling of the team leader's experimental body.

He carefully put away a few small and delicate components of the Magic Road into his backpack. Then, he looked at the captain's corpse with a reluctant look in his eyes.

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This was because the other party actually had a lot of magic puppet parts that could be disassembled and used. However, he did not have enough time now. Secondly, his inventory was already full of those parts. There was no place to store them. Therefore, even if he dismantled them, it would be a problem to take them away.

"Alright, stop chatting. It's time to retreat. The reinforcements from the research base are probably coming soon. If a G-rank team comes, I won't be able to hold on either. Let's go, retreat back to the hiding spot!"

White Phantom waved his hand. The players could tell that they were familiar with the place. They tapped their feet and activated the switch. It turned out that even their boots had been modified into high-speed gliding boots that were suitable for snow. They came quickly and walked even faster. In the blink of an eye, they disappeared into the vast snow.

About half an hour later.

The White Phantom team went into an ice cave. As they went deeper into the ice cave, they finally arrived at the hiding spot of the rebel army, White Star, after many twists and turns.

Yes, ever since the open beta, most of the players who chose " Winter " as their spawn point had been captured and sent to the laboratory to be brainwashed. The players were divided into two factions. One faction had completely joined the organization, while the other faction was naturally led by the White Phantom. This way, they had successfully escaped from the brainwashing by adding points to their Intelligence attribute. After they escaped, they went against the organization.

From the beginning, he was alone. When the White Phantom's influence grew, he finally formed a guild called " White Star." Although the current rebel army players were far from being able to fight against the organization, they often fought guerrilla warfare like the first scene. It was also because their rebel forces grew bigger and bigger that the White Phantom, the first player leader to escape the laboratory, was now listed on the wanted list by the organization.

At the thought of this, White Phantom sighed.

He walked into his own warehouse and first put away the components that he had dismantled today. As he looked at the warehouse that was almost full, White Phantom sat in front of his mechanical work desk and fell into deep thought.

The biggest disadvantage of being a Mechanic was that there was not enough storage space! Especially the Dimensional Pocket!

Although there were many powerful machines in his warehouse, other than the high-explosive bombs, magic bullets, and even spider-like combat magic puppets, the problem was... How could he bring these into the battlefield?

It was fine to fight in positional warfare, but the problem was that most of the battles were actually guerrilla warfare.

In the wild, he couldn't bring the warehouse to fight, right?

Just like the bomb that he had buried in the snow earlier, it might look small, but it occupied an entire grid. It was not like the material that could stack 99+ types.

Unable to stack, this was a common problem for all machines. Moreover, as the level of the later machines increased, some machines, such as mechanical arms, would take up three to four slots, making the already limited inventory space even worse.

Therefore, the maximum space in the backpack was almost the same as the maximum space for Mechanics.

Therefore, the most pressing problem for the White Phantom now was to find a way to increase the number of machines it could carry.

As long as he could overcome this obstacle and was given enough time to prepare, the White Phantom was confident that he could form an army by himself and even take the initiative to plan a counterattack. It would not be like now, where he could only fight the experimental organization using guerrilla warfare.

[Ding, you have received a new friend request.]

Just as he was thinking of a plan for the future, a system notification suddenly appeared in White Phantom's mind.

Because he was considered a celebrity in the cold winter, there were countless people who added him every day. For the sake of peace, White Phantom was afraid of missing out on something important, so he set the settings that only players above level 20 could request to be his friend. In the end, there were actually people who could request to be his friend, which surprised him a little.

When he called out the system and opened it, White Phantom frowned.

"Hei Yu? Who was this...Well, there was a certification at the back... President Ka?"
"Wait a minute, Ka!"

The white ghost mumbled. When it saw the last authentication icon, it was even more surprised.

White Phantom had been a bootlicker before, and he was considered to be a hardcore player by now. Therefore, as a member of the industry, he naturally knew about a super guild like Ka.

Although he had heard recently that Ka had a bad start in Fallen Gods, White Phantom was still puzzled. Why would such a large guild, and someone from Thousand Islands, contact him?

However, Ka's reputation was the best stepping stone. After hesitating for a moment, even though he did not like socializing, he still agreed.

Very quickly.

It was probably less than five seconds after he accepted the friend request.

Accompanied by a “ding dong” sound, an unread private message from his new friend “Hei Yu” flashed.

White Phantom quickly looked through the list and realized that the other party had accepted a mission that required them to cross borders and find a collaborator in the middle of winter.

As a relatively famous player in Winter and the number one Mechanic player, he naturally came to find him.

Why did he mention his career here?

It was because Hei Yu’s quest, ‘Create Annihilation Planet’, was also related to machinery.

To be honest, White Phantom was a little tempted by this task.

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It was not only because of the generous SS-grade reward, but also because he had the opportunity to come into contact with the blueprint of the “Annihilation Star”. That was a legendary blueprint!

To a Mechanic, what other temptation could compare to a Legendary blueprint? ?

However, after calming down, White Phantom started to hesitate again.

First of all, there was a time limit to this mission. He had also heard of the required material, “Winter Snow Lotus,” White Phantom. It was not something that could be found easily and was a little rare. This meant that once he accepted this mission, he had to put down everything at hand and devote all his energy into it.

In fact, the White Phantom also had a Main Storyline Mission. That’s right, after he became the first player to successfully escape from the laboratory, he automatically received the Epic Mission [Rebel Seed] issued by the system.

The mission content was probably to constantly fight against the laboratory. When a certain degree of destruction was met, one would be able to obtain various rewards. The amount of rewards was not inferior to the SS grade that Hei Yu had given him.

Therefore, after weighing the pros and cons, although it was a pity, White Phantom felt that it was better to focus on his mission.

However, he was also a little curious before he refused.

[White Ghost: President Hei Yu, I would like to ask, even if I get the materials, how can I hand them over to you?】

[Hei Yu: Brother Bai, didn't you notice the mission reward's 'blank' travel record card?】

Empty...The Travelling Records Plate?

It was not that White Phantom did not see the mission reward, but because he had no interest in a card game like Travelling Chronicles, which was better than nothing, he ignored it directly.

Now that Hei Yu had reminded her, the White Phantom held a doubtful attitude and clicked into the [Details Page] of the [Empty] travel card...

“... What the f * ck?”

[White Phantom: Black Feather, are you saying that this 'blank' card can store objects in the card and then use them at will? In fact, he could simply transport the materials across the country by trading the travel records! ? 】【

[Hei Yu: That's right, Brother Bai.]

Just as Hei Yu finished replying, White Phantom's private message quickly arrived.

[White Phantom: Guild Master Hei Yu, may I ask how you obtained this 'blank' travel record tablet? Did he buy the card from the Adventurer's Association?】

[Hei Yu: This...Brother Bai, look at our mission...]

[White Ghost: I accept!]

[White Ghost: So, what is the channel to obtain the 'blank' travel memento?】

Although Hei Yu, who was in front of the screen, was a little curious as to why White Phantom was so interested in the blank card, since White Phantom's name was indeed added to the mission details, Hei Yu naturally replied,

[Brother Bai, I've asked the players in Ka about this special travel card. They clearly said that this card has never appeared in the game, at least through official channels. So I guess that the blank card is very likely an original creation of the fox-faced witch. If you want to buy a card pack from the Adventurer's Association, I don't think you can get one.]

[White Ghost: Fox Face...Witch?]

[Hei Yu: Yes, it's the NPC who issued this mission. However, the fox-faced witch is considered one of her avatars. Her real name is Vivian.]

Vivian...

White Phantom had heard of this NPC before. After all, it was very popular during the closed beta. However, it seemed to have gradually faded out of the players' sights during the open beta. Moreover, it was a Flame Domain NPC that was 80 feet away from Lin Dong. White Phantom basically did not pay much attention to it.

But now...

[White Phantom: Guild Master Black Feather, since there is a blank card, I think I can not only help you collect materials, but you can also give me a part of the assembly task of the Annihilation Star. When the time comes, I will directly give you the finished product with a blank card.]

[Hei Yu: This...]

Black Feathers, who was watching the messages in the chat box, felt as if he had been struck by a heavenly gift. Of course, he would be happy to see White Phantom help them to reassemble the equipment. After all, White Phantom was a Mechanic. He alone was probably equivalent to ten of their ordinary craftsmen. Moreover, Black Feathers was not afraid that White Phantom would not return it to them. There was a quest restricting them.

He was curious now. What was the White Phantom's purpose for putting in so much effort?

Could it be for the sake of...

As expected.

[White Ghost: President Hei Yu, in order to complete the mission ahead of schedule, I have a small request. I would like to ask President Hei Yu to help me buy some "blank" tokens from Vivian!]

[Hei Yu: Alright, I understand. I will ask the NPC for you.]

[White Ghost: Thank you, then... Happy cooperation!]

[Hei Yu: Happy cooperation!]

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He had successfully taken care of the Cold Winter party's collaborator, and even had a pleasant surprise. Hei Yu had originally wanted to put the most difficult task first. In the end, who would have thought that it would actually be a good start? His expression was very excited now.

As for the remaining Qing Feng and Gui Li, it was much simpler. This was because Hei Yu knew many acquaintances in these two countries. Wouldn't they be able to capture their collaborators easily?

Hei Yu originally thought like this. However, he did not expect that Qing Feng, who was next, would directly be rejected.

[Hei Yu: Is Sister Soul here?]

The most famous player in Green Maple was naturally the big boss, "My Soul." While other Green Maple players were still bitterly using a few pitiful sets of blue and white cards, this person had already achieved the goal of the entire Green Maple, no, it should be said that he was the first person among all the players in Fallen God to collect all the "basic packs" of travel cards.

As for the method, it was also very simple. It was three words, and the ability to cash in.

Up until now, the bounty posted by "My Soul" on the forum of the Qingfengzi section was still there. As long as it was a new card that she didn't have, she would buy it all. She didn't even bother to discuss the price and directly set the seller's own price.

Hei Yu had already gotten to know this oil man from other games. Or rather, basically everyone in the gaming industry should know this tycoon.

A while after the message was sent, a reply finally came.

[My Soul: What's wrong, Blackie?]

Little Blackie...

The corner of Hei Yu's mouth twitched, but there was nothing he could do. He could not afford to offend such a big shot. Moreover, he had to ask for help from others.

[Hei Yu: Sister Soul, I have an SS-rank super rare mission here, but a portion of it needs to be completed in Green Maple. Sister Soul, why don't I share the mission with you and we can do it together?】

After Hei Yu sent the message, he also sent the link to the mission [Create Annihilation Planet].

But a few seconds later...

[My Soul: I'm sorry, I'm studying the deck right now and don't have much energy to do missions. Although thank you for inviting me, I just want to play cards right now
~(laughs)]

[Hei Yu: Don't be like that, Sister Soul! It was actually very simple. He just needed to collect some materials. They could give him a lot of experience points and rare weapons!】

[My Soul: Hey, Little Blackie, do you think I'm someone who lacks these rewards?】

Looking at the arrogant comments on the screen, Hei Yu really could not think of any reason to refute. Indeed, this Sister Soul was a tycoon, but she was also a noob. She was the kind of person who could be ten levels higher than others, but would still be abused by others. Usually, she would have to rely on a set of luxurious equipment that she had purchased to have a 50 – 50 chance.

Perhaps it was because of this that the soul chose "Green Maple" as its spawn point. And reality proved that she had indeed come to the right place.

In this country where the Traveler's Chronicles was popular, my Soul was like a fish in water. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that she hadn't lost a single game against the other players, allowing her to enjoy the feeling of being an "expert" that she had never experienced before.

So experience points? Rare equipment?

My Soul didn't care at all. To be honest, Green Maple was a country that encouraged players to play cards. As long as they played cards well, they wouldn't lack any EXP or equipment.

[Hei Yu: Then Sister Soul, didn't you see the mission reward? There's also a travel record tablet! It was the 'blank' travel record tablet that had never appeared before!】

Hei Yu tried to use the blank cards to convince the other party, just like the previous White Phantom.

However, very soon.

[My Soul: I've seen that card too. Why would I want it if it's blank? Even if you can casually store items and convert them into cards, you can't play them on the table. However, as a collection, if you can give me a card, I can take it at a high price. The price is up to you.]

[Hei Yu: It's not Sister Hun. Why don't you take the exam...]

Before Hei Yu could finish typing, a message popped up.

[My Soul: F * ck! Blackie, let's not talk anymore. I saw that singer. It wasn't easy to catch him in the wild. I have to chase after him!]

[Hei Yu: What? What singer?

Hei Yu had a face full of question marks. Since when did Sister Soul listen to opera? Unfortunately, the other party seemed to have something urgent to say and did not reply to his messages.

However, what Hei Yu did not know was that at this moment, Qing Feng on the other side...

My soul...Everyone liked to call her Soul Treasure. After hurriedly closing the chat box, she ran towards a figure squatting not far away on the grassland.

"You're selling! You're selling!"

Soul Treasure was waving and shouting as he ran. When he got closer, his figure gradually became clearer. He was wearing a dark green bard's cloak and an elegant and beautiful singer's feather hat. It was the old acquaintance that the Green Maple players loved and hated.

"Shh ~" As the Soul Treasure approached, the bard turned his head and made a small gesture to her.

Although the soul treasure was strange, it still obediently slowed down its pace and carefully walked over to see what this singer was doing.

At this moment, a small pit had been dug out under the bard's feet. There seemed to be a strange seed in the pit that was emitting a faint dark green light. However, as the bard gently used his hands to fill up the wet soil on both sides, the light was temporarily covered by the soil, and the seed rested in the dust.

After doing all this, the bard clapped his hands as if he had succeeded. A satisfied smile appeared on his face. He stood up from the ground and turned around to look at the stranger in front of him.

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“Beautiful lady from afar, what can I do for you?”

“... What are you doing? What were you doing just now?” Soul Treasure rolled his eyes at the indecent NPC in front of him.

“Hehe, life has to be interesting. As for what I was doing just now, you saw it too. I was planting seeds!”

The bard shrugged.

But what he got was a soul treasure that made him even more suspicious.

“Burying seeds? What kind of seed could make a mysterious big shot like you personally bury it?”

“Eh? Although I’m happy that you can praise me as a big shot, the truth is that I’m just like what you said and what you saw. I’m just a singer.” The bard spread his hands helplessly.

“As for burying seeds, it’s like playing cards. It’s actually one of my hobbies. I often do it.”

” Green Maple is a country of wind. All the winds in the world will eventually blow here. Naturally, some seeds will be blown here by the wind. Those lucky seeds will land in suitable places and take root. But some unlucky seeds will need a kind person like me to help them!”

The bard smiled and explained, but Soul Treasure still had a look of disbelief on her face. She didn’t know if every bard had the potential to be a riddle, but at the very least, she felt that there was a hidden meaning in this person’s words every time.

“Then can you tell me when it will germinate? Anyway, I’ve already remembered this place. You can’t deny it!”

“This... Eh, hehe, actually I don’t know. Maybe tomorrow? It could also be a week, a month, or a year? But I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know.

The bard scratched his head in embarrassment.

But then, to make up for the fact that he couldn’t answer a few questions from the stranger in front of him, the bard said generously,”

“You’re only talking about me, Miss. You haven’t told me the purpose of your visit. Hmm... As compensation for what happened just now, I will do my best to answer whatever Miss asks me. Is that okay?”

The bard shook his head and sighed, as if he had suffered a huge loss. As for the soul treasure opposite him, when he heard this, his face, which was a little depressed and angry from the other party’s riddle, instantly turned into a look of surprise.

“Singer, this is what you said. You, you can’t go back on your word!”

Oh yeah, there’s still one more! You can’t play riddles with me either!” Soul Treasure threatened solemnly with his eyes wide open.

“Sigh, poetry and songs have art and beauty because of their subtle expressions...Don’t look like that. Okay, okay, okay. I promise you that I’ll answer you in the most straightforward way.”

Seeing that Soul Treasure was about to roll up his sleeves and beat him up, the bard immediately raised his hands to show his surrender.

On the other side, after receiving the bard’s accurate assurance, Soul Treasure was naturally incomparably excited. As for what he should use such a precious opportunity to ask...Do you still need to think about it?

“Then I won’t stand on ceremony, singer! Quickly tell me how you got your new cards! What exactly is the way for us to obtain the new card of the ” Expansion Pack “!”Soul Treasure blurted out this matter that made her think about it every night and rack her brains every day.

She had already collected all the cards in the ” Basic Pack “. It could be said that she was more eager than any other Green Maple player to get the new cards in the ” Expansion Pack “. Especially as time passed, more and more players had caught up in the number of cards collected. The image of an ” expert ” that she had maintained in front of the public by relying on the large number of card sets and high-quality cards was being seriously threatened.

Therefore, before the others caught up, Soul Treasure had to continue enjoying the feeling of being worshipped in order to maintain her absolute lead. She was determined to get the new card for the expansion pack!

“So that’s the problem. Then I have to mention it. There are many, many...Cough cough, if he wanted to get a new card before the association officially released the card pack, he could only rely on himself to create it!”

“Since... Make it yourself?”

” That’s right. The reason why you can see me take out a new card every time is not because I have someone in the Adventurer’s Association or because I’m an internal judge. It’s just because I’m a Card Creator.”

“Card Creator? Aren’t you a bard?” The soul treasure frowned.

“Of course it’s a secondary class, secondary class! I actually have quite a lot of side businesses, hehe...Anyway, back to the main topic, I think instead of explaining it to you, why don’t I just give you a live demonstration!”

After the bard spoke, a system notification sounded in Soul Treasure’s mind.

[Ding! ” The Reckless Bard ” is teaching you the sub-class ” Card Creator “. You are forced to enter the story mode. You can also interrupt this tutorial by forcefully logging off, which will be considered as giving up automatically.”

Only a ghost would go offline at this time!

The Soul Treasure’s eyes were wide open, and she was extremely focused. She could predict that this would be the door to a new world. At this moment, following the bard’s demonstration, it was slowly opening to her.

“Card Card creation sounds simple, but it’s actually a ‘ceremony’.”

” In ancient times, intelligent creatures would study the preferences of different gods and hold different sacrificial ceremonies to obtain the gifts and power of the corresponding gods. It’s the same for our card making now.”

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" First of all, you have to confirm the card you want to make. The rarer the card, the more complicated and difficult the 'ritual' required. Since it's teaching, I'll use the most difficult one to demonstrate it to you. Coincidentally, it's also a new 'expansion pack' card that's about to be announced."

As he spoke, Soul Treasure saw the bard pick up a tree branch and begin to draw a simple summoning circle on the ground. It should be the opening of the so-called " ritual."

Then, as if he was performing a magic trick, the other party took out a few cards from somewhere.

" The card we're going to make next is called 'Annihilation Star'. It's a legendary weapon card. After confirming the target card, the second step is to' deduce 'and collect information, read books, and investigate history..." In short, it's just like how people in ancient times had to offer specific ritual offerings in order to have the correct gods respond. It's the same for our card making."

" For convenience's sake, I'll skip the middle process. Generally speaking, a legendary-level card requires four to five other cards to be combined. The Annihilation Star here requires four cards."

The bard took out the blueprint card, the material card, the craftsman card, and the last blood card. After he placed these four cards in the corners of the array, a strange scene immediately occurred. Under the attraction of a mysterious force, they began to gather together. The cards were about to fuse with each other. Finally, an orange light flashed...

[Annihilation Star]

[Type: Weapon Card]

[Rarity: Legendary]

[Consumption: 10]

[Attribute: 10/1]

" Card Skill: Possesses two forms, switching every round."

[+2 ATK, special effect: Your attacks ignore all Taunt units and shatter all armor of the enemy you attack.]

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Soul Treasure looked at the glittering Legendary Weapon Plate in front of him, which gave off an invincible aura. He almost drooled.

However...Wait, doesn't the name of this card look familiar?

It was only at this moment that Soul Treasure realized that this was the mission that Blackie had just given her!

"Alright, the demonstration ends here. I still have some other things to do. The rest... It's up to you to comprehend it yourself ~"

" Ding! You have successfully learned the sub-profession 'Card Creator' by watching the card creating process."

With the sound of the system announcement, the bard on the opposite side only had a moment of distraction from the soul treasure before he slipped away like a gust of wind. There was no one left.

Soul Treasure was angry, but she still quickly clicked on the details of the Card Creator profession to try to digest the steps she had just taken.

First of all, the soul treasure of the four cards that the bard had fused with during the ritual was definitely not a normal travel record card. There was only one way...

A blank card!

The second question was, how did she know what ritual offerings were needed for each card?

Fortunately, as a player, they had the system's help. There was no need to be so complicated. They only needed to find a general clue. They could rely on the system's card master's professional skills to slowly figure out the whole picture.

Good!

The soul treasure could not wait to start testing.

Then...

[Soul Treasure: Blackie, Blackie, Blackie! Hurry up! Send me the link to your shared mission again. I'll accept it! Also, if you have any blank cards, I'll take them all. I'll take as many as you have!]

After a while...

[Hei Yu: ?]

What was this? Didn't Sister Soul not want it before? Why was she suddenly so interested in blank cards like White Phantom? What happened?

Although Hei Yu was confused, he was naturally happy. After he hurriedly sent it over, in less than a second, the name of the collaborator on the mission had the ID "My Soul".

[Hei Yu: Sister Soul, only fox-faced witches can make those blank cards. I don't have any money, but I can help you ask her.]

[My Soul: I see... You must help me ask! Money is not a problem!]

[My soul, oh right, I almost forgot. Little Blackie, I have to ask you to help me do one more thing.]

[Hei Yu: What do you mean by begging or not? What's our relationship? Sister Soul, you can say whatever you want. There's nothing in the Thousand Islands that our Ka can't do!]

[My Soul: That's great! I want to ask you to help me...Find something that had the fox-faced witch's aura on it. The closer it was to the body, the better it would be! Then, use a blank card to send it to me!]

[Hei Yu: ...]

[Hei Yu: ???]

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People can't... At the very least, it shouldn't be...

However, he looked at the lines in front of the screen that said, "Please, this is really important to me!", Hei Yu reluctantly agreed. He told Sister Hun that they would try their best. As for whether they could succeed or not...

Tsk!

Are all rich people spending money like this nowadays?

Although Hei Yu was complaining in his heart, he had still managed to settle another country. Although his Sister Soul was a noob, oh, now that she had a special hobby, Hei Yu was still very assured about Sister Soul's ability to do things.

Who wasn't afraid of money?

Winter Maple was already settled, so there was no need to mention the Thousand Islands. They would deal with it themselves. As for the Flame Domain, the Fox-faced Witch had directly decided on a collaborator guild, so there was no need for them to worry.

As for Gui Li, just as he was chatting with Sister Soul, Hei Yu had also activated his connections within the gaming circle. He had easily contacted the guild leader of "Moon Slayer". Both of them were big guilds, so they naturally hit it off and formed a cooperative relationship.

Next...

He only needed to wait for news from Guild Leader Moon Slashing.

I hope everything goes well.

Mount Taihua.

Towering mountain peaks towered into the clouds, and the continuous mountain range was like a fairyland in the early morning. When the sun set, the sunset glow was intoxicating.

Therefore, there was a legend that this was the origin of the Immortal Family of Gui Li. It was also here that the Emperor had subdued all the immortals from all walks of life. In the chaotic old era, he had shed tears for the Divine Continent and killed demons, which finally led to the current Gui Li.

And it was at the foot of this mythical mountain range...

"Stop! The few of you, the mountain area in front of you has been sealed off by the five elements. Without permission, you are not allowed to enter!"

Soldiers with green dragon patterns embroidered on their chests held spears and halberds as they stopped a group of foreigners at the entrance to the mountain.

The leader of the group had the ID “Waning Moon” above his head. He was Guild Leader Beheading Moon, whom Hei Yu had come to find.

Unlike Lin Dong’s “White Phantom” and Qing Feng’s “My Soul”, Waning Moon had placed great importance on this mission from the very beginning. She patted her chest and promised Hei Yu that she would fight to take it.

In fact, this was the behavior of a normal person.

After all, just the SS-level 100,000 EXEXP reward alone was enough to be ahead of others by a week. Therefore, after Waning Moon finished chatting with Hei Yu, the first thing she did was to gather all the elites in the guild. According to the location of the mission, “Mount Taihua”, they went to find the target material, Dihu Yan.

Who would have thought that they would be stopped before they could even enter Lianshan?

“Guild Leader, should we charge in? There aren’t many soldiers here anyway.” One of the members suggested in a low voice.

However, he was soon reprimanded.

“Can you use your brain? These are the soldiers of the Azure Dragon Office. If we really beat them up, we will be wanted the next day. Do you still want to live in Guili City?”

“Then... What should we do now?”

“We can only look for other mountain passes that we can sneak into!”

After pretending to retreat, the members of the Moon Cutting Guild actually began to spread out and search for loopholes in the nearby passes. However, after an hour, when the members of the Moon Cutting Guild gathered again, everyone was a little dejected.

No matter how many passes there were, there would definitely be openings in the mountains. But the problem was, other than the soldiers guarding the mountain, the main reason why Zhan Yue and the others were frowning was that there was actually an “air wall” blocking them.

The so-called “air wall” referred to the fact that whenever they were about to enter the mountain and reached the edge of the limit, they would be pushed away by an invisible force, as if there was an invisible wall.

This was actually quite a common phenomenon in online games. It was a crude method used by the officials to restrict the movements of players. If they were more conscientious, they might even add a voice prompt that said, "Come explore the area ahead later."

He had thought that Fallen God, which was a cross-generation game that focused on virtual reality, wouldn't have such an impact on the experience, but now it seemed that there were still some flaws.

However, this flaw made the members of the Moon Cutting Guild uncomfortable.

Guild Leader Waning Moon placed his last hope on another member.

"Xiaodong Dong, have you found the other collection points of the Dihu Rock??"

Unfortunately, this member shook his head.

"I've asked around with other acquaintances and asked them to ask a lot of NPCs. Most of them have never even heard of this kind of stone before. I even asked the people in the association to spend a lot of money to buy information from the people of the Precious Jade Tower. In the end, the NPC of the Precious Jade Tower directly returned the money, saying that this kind of stone had only been recorded in ancient books and had long disappeared. When our people asked when the record was, the other party began to stutter and even asked us why we wanted this kind of stone!"

"Fortunately, I reacted quickly because I saw that our mission had an indicator to prevent the leakage of information, so I didn't let them tell the people of the Precious Jade Tower and even told them to leave quickly. In the end, President, guess what happened?"

"According to my friend, not long after our guild came out of the building, a group of White Tiger Hall spies came looking for us."

Hiss...

After listening to Xiaodong's report, Waning Moon took a deep breath and frowned even more.

It seemed that there was a reason why the mission did not allow them to leak information. The people of the White Tiger Hall seemed to be very sensitive to the material "Dihu Rock". They also deliberately prevented people from finding the smell of this stone.

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His own people had only gone to the Precious Jade Building to ask, but in the end, they had almost been targeted by the White Tiger Hall. It seemed that they were no longer able to obtain information about “Dihu Yan” from official channels.

But now, he couldn't enter the gathering point given by the mission. He didn't know about the other gathering points either. He had also been poisoned to death.

At this moment, the members of the Moon Cutting Guild were at their wits 'end.

Just as Waning Moon was planning to look for Hei Yu again and explain to him the difficulties of the situation here and whether he could get some support from Hei Yu...

“I'm sorry to disturb you.” Suddenly, a heavy voice sounded from behind the players.

Everyone immediately turned around and looked in the direction of the voice. They saw an old man in casual clothes standing on a secluded path at the side, looking at them.

Although he was an old man, he did not look old at all. Instead, he had a tall and straight waist, a tall and well-proportioned figure, and distinct facial features.

However, why did the first impression he gave the players was still that of an old gentleman? Perhaps it was the kind of feeling that only when he was a certain age would he have a sense of maturity.

Just by standing there quietly, the old man gave off a steady and steady aura, like a rock.

Oh, of course.

There was also the most obvious, slightly old-fashioned tone.

“I heard you guys talking about Di Hu Yan just now...My friends, are you an archaeologist?”

“Uh... That's right!” Guild Leader Waning Moon reacted the fastest and immediately went along with the story. His first instinct was that he had probably triggered some quest plot.

“Sir, are you the same?” he asked immediately.”

“No, I can only be considered an enthusiast.”The old man shook his head.

Enthusiast...

Waning Moon was a little disappointed. He even used his detection skill to check on this NPC and found that he was indeed an ordinary person. He was not even level 10.

However, since the other party appeared here and even took the initiative to talk to them, there must be some clues on him.

Hence, Waning Moon quickly asked,”

“Is that so? To be honest, we are actually looking for Di Hu Yan to use...As a research sample, I can see that you seem to be very interested in the Dihu Rock. Do you also know about this strange stone?”

“Yes, I do know a thing or two.”

This time, the old man nodded. Then, as if he was strolling in the mountains and encountering a junior with the same hobby, he began an impromptu academic exchange. The old man began to talk.

“When I was young and traveling, I was fortunate enough to see that strange rock. It had an orange-yellow appearance, with half of it exposed and the other half wrapped in accompanying minerals. At that time, I was shocked by the extremely dense rock elemental energy within the crystal. Later on, it was also under the introduction of my companions that I realized that it was the Emperor Amber Rock.”

” Legend has it that Dihu Yan was originally an ordinary stone amber. It was only because they were very close to the place where the Rock Emperor was in seclusion that they were stained with the aura of that Emperor over time. Under imperceptible influence, the coarse impurities in their bodies were slowly removed, and finally condensed into pure rock elemental crystal stones. They were incomparably sturdy compared to other rocks, and that was why they got the name Dihu Yan.”

The old man’s explanation could not help but raise his image in the hearts of the members of the Moon Slashing Guild. After all, they had asked so many NPCs, but every one of them could be like this old man now. Not only did he explain it clearly, but they had even seen it with their own eyes!

“Then, old sir, where can we find such a strange rock again?”Waning Moon couldn’t help but get to the main topic a little anxiously.

“There should still be some remnants in the depths of Mount Taihua. However, the Emperor is about to come out of seclusion, so Mount Taihua has been sealed by an array formation. People like you and me who are not within the five elements should not be able to enter. In that case...”

The old man seemed to be deep in thought, but he quickly said, “Young friend, if you are really in a hurry, I have thought of a place where you can try your luck.”

“Old mister, please speak!”

It’s here, this is it!

Waning Moon and the members of Slaying Moon were very excited and secretly happy.

At the same time, they finally realized that it was not some wall of air, but a sealing array set up by the five elements. So, could it be that the Emperor was really in seclusion on Mount Taihua?

For now, they were still focused on listening to the old man’s next clue.

“Not far from Mount Taihua, there is a small town called Chiyuan Town. You should be able to find it if you ask around along the way.”

“Legend has it that an Immortal Chiyuan once appeared in that small town, and the name of the town was changed because of it. The luck I mentioned earlier was referring to this Immortal.”

“In this era of celestials, perhaps that celestial is the only one who is willing to show her face in the mortal world. As long as you find her and ask her patiently and sincerely, it should not be difficult to find Di Hu Yan.”

“As for how to find it...But I happen to have a portrait of Immortal Chi Yuan in my hands. At least we’re fated to meet today, so I’ll go with the flow and give it to you.”

After parting ways with the old man and leaving Mount Taihua, it did not take long for the party from the Moon Cutting Guild to successfully find Scarlet Egret Town.

However, when they first arrived in this town, if it weren’t for the three big words “Red Eaven Town” written on the System Map, they would have thought that they had been cheated.

The reason was very simple. The name of this town was so nice, but the actual appearance was abnormally dilapidated, and even...A little desolate?

Fortunately, there were still quite a lot of people in the town, and there was a lively atmosphere coming and going. This kind of conflict between the lively crowd and the dilapidated buildings made the people of the Moon Slaying Sect feel very strange, but in short, they still had business to attend to.

They began to take the portrait given by the old man and asked the villagers one by one. However, after more than ten minutes, the answers they received were all...I don't know him!

Oh no, there was a villager who said he knew him.

However...

"Little friend, are you sure you've seen this person in the portrait?" Zhan Yue asked the little boy in front of him, who was probably only seven or eight years old.

The little boy nodded and replied in a young voice,

"Of course! Not only have I seen it before, I even know it! This big sister keeps asking to play cards with us, but her card skills are terrible. She loses to us every time!"

"Uh..." Waning Moon didn't know what to say.

The little boy pouted when he saw that his big brother did not seem to believe him.

"Big brother, if you don't believe me, I'll bring you to her now! However... Big brother, I have to remind you that that sister's personality is terrible. Every time she loses to us in a game of cards, she always finds an excuse to force us to play again until she wins."

"Uh... Alright, take us to see that sister first."

Although it sounded a little different from the 'Immortal Chi Yuan' that Waning Moon had imagined, she could not completely believe a child's words. Waning Moon decided to take a look first, regardless of whether it was true or not.

However...

The little boy blinked at the waning moon and did not move.

It was only when Waning Moon took out another piece of candy that the little boy's eyes turned into crescents.

"Come, big brother, this way!"

Under the guidance of the little boy, they soon arrived at a courtyard in the center of the town.

However, before Waning Moon could step into the courtyard, an impatient female voice could be heard from outside.

“Wait... Wait a minute! That one doesn’t count. My hand slipped. I didn’t want to play this card!”

“Sister, give up. You only have two cards in your hand.”

“Damn it! Hmph, don’t be so smug. I’m just giving you two rounds because you’re young. But from now on, I’m going to be serious. I won’t lose a single time in the future. I’ll win three rounds in a row and turn the tables!”

“But Big Sister...We played two out of three!”

“Impossible! It was absolutely impossible! It’s clearly three wins out of five!”

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“Big Sister, I’m going to eat. If I don’t go back now, Mom will scold me. Why don’t...Go play with Ah Guang and the others. That’s all. Goodbye, big sister.”

Soon after, a little girl ran out of the courtyard. When she reached the door, she happened to see the little boy and the members of the Moon Cutting Guild who had been brought over.

“Ah! Ah Guang, you came at the right time! Big sister she... Eh? Who are these big brothers?”

When the little girl saw the boy, she had a feeling that she was saved, but she immediately looked curiously at the players behind the boy.

The boy, Ah Guang, quickly introduced,””Lin Lin, these big brothers are here to find the sister in the courtyard.”

After hearing the little boy's words, the little girl Linlin seemed to be a little surprised, and her small mouth opened a lot.

"Eh? I didn't expect someone to look for Sister Ah Hua. I thought she played with us children every day because she didn't have any adult friends."

"So big brother...Are you friends of Sister Hua?"

Lin Lin placed her hands behind her back and looked curiously at the players with her big innocent eyes.

Originally, Waning Moon wanted to lie, but looking at the innocent look of the little girl in front of him, he actually couldn't bear to lie.

"Uh... No, we can't be considered friends. We're just here because of your reputation and want to pay a visit to that... Ah..."

"It's Sister Hua! "The little girl burst into laughter when she saw the dilapidated appearance of the Lunar New Year.

Then, she nodded as if she was relieved and said,

"I don't even know Sister Hua's name. It seems like she's not Sister's friend. Phew..." That's great!"

"I knew it. With Sister Ah Hua's terrible personality, how could she make friends? Only children like us are willing to accompany her."

The players of Moon Slashing were speechless.

"But big brother, brothers, you just said that you came because of your reputation...Could it be that Sister Ah Hua was very famous and was actually a big shot?"The little girl quickly changed her tone.

"This... "We're not sure for the time being, but an old gentleman gave us a portrait of Immortal Chi Yuan. Your little friend said that the person in the portrait looks exactly like your big sister."

Waning Moon said as she showed the portrait to the girl in front of her.

For some reason, even though the other party was only a small child, Waning Moon felt like he was being interrogated.

On the other side, the girl looked over and nodded thoughtfully after looking at the portrait.

“Yes, the person in this painting is indeed Sister Ah Hua. It seems that you’re really here to look for Big Sister. Then we children won’t disturb you anymore!”

“Ah Guang, come with me. It’s time to go home for dinner.”

The little girl said as she finally moved out of the way of the courtyard, and then dragged the little boy who was leading the way.

“Don’t, Lin Lin. Aren’t you curious if Sister Ah Hua is really some Immortal Chi, Chi Yuan?” The boy named Guang was obviously unwilling and wanted to go in with the players.

Unfortunately, he was quickly dragged away by the girl by his ear.

As the two children walked away, the players could still vaguely hear the girl’s soft scolding.

“Ah Guang, are you stupid? Use your little brain to think. Although Big Sister brags every day that she’s very powerful and that she’s an immortal, have you ever seen an immortal hanging out with a child every day?”

“But... This time, there’s a portrait as evidence!”

“What’s wrong with the portrait? I’ll get Xiaofei to draw a portrait of me later. I can also be Immortal Chi Yuan, so I’m guessing that those big brothers must have been deceived by Sister Ah Hua and the old grandpa who drew them! Who knows, a fight might break out inside, that’s why I told you to leave!”

“Ah, this... Hearing that they were going to fight, the little boy shrank his neck in fear.

“So, Guang, remember this. If anyone comes looking for Sister Hua in the future, you have to ask them clearly like I did before. Don’t be so silly as to bring anyone over! This time, it was just a portrait. What if it was revenge next time? Although Sister Ah Hua has a bad temper, bad card skills, and is silly, she is still our friend. We have to learn to protect our friends!”

“Oh... I understand, but Lin Lin, aren’t you speaking a little too loudly? I think those big brothers can hear you...”

“I’m not afraid! They won’t mind. Alright, let’s go find Xiaofei! I recently invented a new game called Mountain Thief. It’s very fun!”

“But Lin Lin, when I was at the door, didn’t you say that you were going home for dinner?”

“Aiya, didn’t I tell you before that you can’t believe what a child says? Are you playing or not? If you don’t, I’ll play alone with Xiaofei!”The little girl stomped her feet and said in a fit of pique.

Seeing this, the little boy immediately became a little anxious and replied without caring about anything,” Play! Of course!”

Just like that, as the two children ran far away, the sound finally disappeared. However, the members of the Moon Slaying Guild remained in their spots for a moment, looking at each other in dismay.

Kids nowadays...Are they all so nice to people?

Waning Moon suddenly seemed to understand why the ” Sister Ah Hua ” inside had never won.

After the child’s episode, the players continued to move forward and finally entered the courtyard.

Soon, in the center of the courtyard, under the shade of an old locust tree, a woman with long gray hair and wearing an ancient costume came into view.