

BABY MAFIA 741

Chapter 741 - "Space-disturbing Minerals"

Axelle took Blaze, the little blue phoenix who had grown some feathers from his head and stroked her sparse feathers as he continued.

"W-we bring quite a number of priests among the newcomers...the priests can help the newcomers to live here for a few months."

Of course, they only had around three priests and ten healers, twenty normal doctors, and fifteen special doctors...

That means these people had to be protected by all means to protect the other members and create a healthy environment for the newcomers.

Ainsley agreed with Axelle and was no longer worried about her people's health matters.

"This is good. Once we landed, we should immediately find a location to build the base while I and the 50 elites will go explore the island to find treasures."

Ainsley only had a week to find treasures, while building a sturdy base that could be used as a permanent military training base wouldn't be completed in just seven days.

The members would probably build the base for three to four months until it was truly sturdy, safe, and professional to be used as the new members' training camp.

At the same time, Ainsley also thought of building the Irregular Tamers Guild's newcomers training ground on this island.

The guild members wouldn't necessarily become a part of the Sloan Family members, but they would still have connections with the Sloan Family.

It would be good to let the two sides interact with each other through the training camp program.

Since this place was predicted to be full of monsters, it was truly the best place to train the new guild members and could be one of its hunting grounds.

The other hunting ground that Ainsley had prepared was the Roid Valley.

However, since that place also had more than just monsters such as unique minerals, herbs, plants, soil, and other nature-based materials...

The Roid Valley wasn't too suitable to become the Irregular Tamers Guild' primary hunting ground.

This island was more likely to become the primary hunting ground aside from the treasure hunt site.

"Let's prepare for the landing. Have we sent the scout teams to find a suitable place to build the base?"

Ainsley asked Elliana as she looked at the black-purple island that was slowly becoming bigger than before. They're nearing the ground.

"Have...have sent, " Elliana replied shortly as she pushed a tablet to Ainsley, letting the baby see the reports sent by the scout team.

The scout team had arrived a few days before the Sloan Family's convoy because they rode the fastest flying-type mounts.

From the past few days' observational record, the various scout teams had sent many information regarding the island's condition and had also chosen a suitable place to build a base.

The place that they chose was proven to be the safest place on the island because there weren't many high-class or dangerous monsters around.

Even the miasma density was the lowest here. It was evident in the soil colour, which was grey and not black.

Plus, the frequency of the dimensional hole opening around this area was the lowest compared to other places.

Someone among the scout teams said that some materials around the area disturbed the dimensional holes' openings.

It should be rare ores or minerals with space-disturbing attributes.

But it also means that the Sloan Family couldn't use any teleportation portal, and there might be some side effects on everyone's spatial storage.

Thankfully, the scout teams said that the side effects on the spatial storage were minimal.

The group only had difficulties accessing their spatial storage once or twice in a few days, and it's not as if the space was utterly blocked, destroyed, or anything.

The scout teams also generously marked the territory they would use to build a base by painting the ground with white powder, creating a stark contrast with the black environment around the area.

The Sloan Family's convoy soon found the marked territory since that was the only area dyed in pure white and grey.

The group immediately descended one by one while the troops vigilantly watched for any sudden monster attacks even though the scout team had cleared the path earlier.

It was strange that they truly didn't encounter any flying-type monsters, as if no flying-type monsters came out of the dimensional holes.

At the same time, once the group landed, Ainsley immediately asked everyone to start moving.

"The newcomers, group with your team leader and start building the base. The materials are already gathered, and you only need to follow your leaders' instructions!"

Ainsley had sent the base blueprint to the team leaders that she chose.

There were more than 10 team leaders to lead the 400 members in charge of building the base.

The fifty other members were the elites in charge of finding treasures, while the other 50 members were part of the scout teams that had arrived earlier.

At Ainsley's command, the newcomers who participated in this project immediately replied with all of their might.

"Yes, boss!"

This was one of their first few big projects, and all the newcomers were bustling in excitement.

The people were soon grouped into several teams that had been decided way before the department schedule, and each team got a capable team leader.

Ainsley also chose a captain to supervise all the leaders and ensure that the base could be built with no problems.

Once Ainsley introduced the captain, the female captain immediately instructed the members.

"Do not leave the area dyed in white, and remember to seek the healers or the doctors' help if you feel uncomfortable. The priests will regularly purify the miasma around the territory."

After all, no one knows whether the miasma would be more dangerous than they expected.

They had to be vigilant!

Chapter 742: "Exploration"

The captain earnestly reminded her peers to take care of their health and not to go out of the dyed territory.

When everyone listened to the captain, a lot of them recognised this fairly young and new mafia member.

She was surprisingly someone everyone knew from the previous Naran Family's siege...

It was Candea!

Candea was appointed not only because she was elites among the newcomers but also because of her marble-manipulation ability.

The scout teams said that there were many raw marble materials buried beneath the black soil, and it means Candea could really be of use.

Oh well, Candea' warning was extremely timely and appropriate.

After all, they didn't know the environment outside of the scouted area or how dangerous the monsters were. If the group carelessly explored the surroundings, there might be unforeseen accidents.

There was also the climate...although according to the previous family who owned the island, the weather here was actually so good.

It wasn't too hot, not humid, but not too cold either. It was like spring all-day, all-year. It was really suitable for agriculture, but most plants died on this island full of miasma.

Only dark attribute plants could survive, but most of them were rare and hard to cultivate.

Not to mention that the dark attribute plants could only be used as herbs, materials for potions, materials for monsters' evolution, and so on.

It wasn't suitable for agriculture at all.

Still, Ainsley was optimistic as she looked around the barren territory with nothing but dead black trees, hard black soil, and occasional purple or golden mineral veins.

"There should be a good place for mining on this island, but since the previous family didn't say anything about mining, it means that it's tough to pierce the ground..."

Ainsley mumbled as she checked the marked territory first to make sure that the territory was absolutely safe.

She ensured the people's safety and health issues before discussing the island's overall condition.

"I see from the report that this island has no forest, no mountain, no cave, no other natural elements other than dead trees and hard, contaminated soil."

Ainsley looked at her elite people as she spoke, waited for them to digest the information before continuing.

"I wonder how the monsters can live in this kind of environment."

Obviously, the herbivore monsters couldn't live here at all. It means that only the carnivores roam around the island, which directly elevates the island's danger level.

"Also...some of the scout teams create a rough list of monsters living on this island, and most of them have either earth, darkness, or metal attributes."

The type of monsters that had this kind of attribute were usually reptiles. It wasn't the same kind of reptile that lives inside the Roid Valley.

The reptiles living here...should be way more violent, aggressive, and dangerous.

Maybe...a lot of them would be a dinosaur type.

"Let's move in a group of five people. Don't get too far from each other and if you experience any discomfort, immediately notify the healer and doctors in your team."

Ainsley borrowed one healer and one doctor for three teams. Thus, for ten teams, there were around three healers and three doctors.

The remaining one team with no healer or doctor was assigned to Ainsley's elite group, and Nouvan would be the healer.

"Right, check whether we can use our spatial storage smoothly or not. Also, the phone signal..."

Ainsley checked the phone signal and internet connection on the island as she instructed her people to do their preparations.

As she expected, there's no internet connection here and the phone signal was quite bad.

The unknown material on the island should be the one disturbing the phone signal or maybe because the island was too far away from the Godlif Country or any other countries.

This place is really deserted...

After making sure that everything was okay, Ainsley immediately left the white territory and led the fifty people along with her close people to explore the island.

Since the island was too big, Ainsley only decided to explore the areas which weren't too far from the base.

"I want three teams to explore the north side and another three for the south. You guys can spread out again, and each team should explore other smaller areas in their assigned areas."

Ainsley's group would explore the west since the east was close to the ocean, and it might be more dangerous than other areas.

After the assignment distribution, the group immediately spread out to explore the areas and wrote a report to Ainsley.

After three to four hours of exploring, the group gathered at the base again and started to exchange information.

The team heading North was the first to report the situation.

"As you guessed before, boss. The monsters around here are mostly dinosaur types. There are tons of low-level monsters and mid-level monsters, but there are almost no high-level monsters."

The team only met one high-level monster on the North side, and they managed to hide from the monster.

"We also find more purple and golden veins over there than our base. But these mineral veins don't seem to be veins...it is more like a strange water stream..."

Some streams are bigger than others, and it could be said as a small river already.

The North team leader handed two bottles of purple and golden liquid that they acquired from the streams to Ainsley, which instantly aroused everyone's interest.

"...streams? River? The one I saw previously were all mineral veins. How come there are small rivers and streams?"

Ainsley was taken aback. She handed the unknown liquid to Axelle as she furrowed her eyebrows.

This island is getting more and more mysterious, ah!

Is this really a treasure island?

Chapter 743: "Hundred Thousand Demons' Blood"

Ainsley was bewildered but in the end, she decided to listen to the rest of the reports first.

“Okay, continue. Anything else?”

“Yes, boss. We found many strange rocks, and these should be minerals with a space-disturbing element. We gathered the rocks...and also the soil...”

The soil was not hard, but the ground beneath the soil was as hard as diamond.

Strangely, rain could still seep into the hard ground and some trees could grow there.

“We have tried to dig the ground but we really don’t have the suitable tools. For the time being, we left them be.”

The team leader handed the rocks, and the soil sample to Ainsley and Ainsley immediately handed it back to Axelle.

Axelle was not only an alchemist but also a diligent researcher, especially concerning environment and nature.

He’s an elf, after all. He knew a lot about rocks, soils, plants, minerals, and so on. Of course, in terms of mining special minerals, rocks or ores, the dwarves were more skilful.

“Okay, thanks for the info. Next...the South side. How is it? Is there any danger?”

Ainsley looked at the South team leader, and the leader immediately gave her a report.

“There’s no apparent danger, but the dimensional holes’ appearances are truly chaotic.”

The leader gulped in fear as she continued.

“There can be a sudden dimensional hole above our head, underneath our feet, behind us, and many other places.”

If not for their constant vigilance, they might have casualties already.

“The monsters are mostly dinosaur type and low-level. As for other things...it is the same as what the North team reported, but we found something else...”

The team leader took out a bag of something and showed it to Ainsley.

“These are scattered gemstones. We can’t determine the gemstones’ value or effect, so we collect the gems and bring them back.”

Inside the leather bag were various colourful gemstones. The gems were still rough and looked like ragged rocks, but it strangely looked beautiful and shiny.

It was already beautiful even before processing.

Indeed, Ainsley also didn’t recognise the gemstones but Axelle, who was studying the golden and purple liquid from before, suddenly widened his eyes.

“T-these...these gemstones...”

Axelle’s Voice was trembling as if he saw something terrifying. The elf’s face turned so pale that others around him could immediately sense that something wasn’t right.

Ainsley pursed her lips and looked at Axelle with a grave face.

“What is it? Do you know this stone?”

At Ainsley’s question, Axelle took a deep breath and smothered Blaze’s feathers to calm his chaotic heart before nodding.

“M-master, these gemstones are called Hundred Thousand Demons’ Blood. These gemstones...are...condensed blood of various demonic races....”

Axelle bit his lips, and his pointed ears shook.

“E-each gemstone’s colour represents a different demonic race. B-but I am sure that these are Hundred Thousand Demons’ Blood.”

People might not recognise the weird gemstones in the first place, but anyone well-versed in the history of Godlif Country and The Abyss would instantly know about this gemstone name.

Ainsley, the Godfather, Zev, the five spirits, the five buds, Elliana, and the rest of the 50 elite people simultaneously sucked in the cold air.

“W-what? Hundred Thousand Demons’ Blood?! T-then doesn’t that mean– ”

Jevon covered his mouth, and his eyes widened until his eyeballs looked like they were about to pop out.

The others also shuddered from head to toe as they cursed the previous family who gave them this island.

“Fck! No wonder they readily give away an island as large as this one! Even if the island is dangerous and the treasures are hard to find, it’s still weird to trade it with only a potion bottle!”

Someone among the elites cursed out loud, and the others followed. All of them looked at Ainsley with eyes full of fear and wrath, but their anger wasn’t directed toward the baby.

They’re distressed for her, ah!

What does the Hundred Thousand Demons’ Blood appearance mean? It means that this place might be one of the entrances to the Abyss.

The Abyss is where all demons reside. The Abyss is rumoured to be close to the Beast Continent, where only wild beasts can live.

The monsters come out because of the Abyss corrupting the Beast Continent and sending out corrupted beasts, a.k.a monsters, through the dimensional hole.

But some monsters originated from the abyss, and most of them are dinosaur types.

Jevon’s baby monster was an abyss monster, and that’s why it was strong despite being a baby.

Now that the gemstones which were formed naturally by countless demonic races’ blood appeared on this island, plus a large number of dimensional holes and dinosaur-type monsters...

It means that this island is one heck of a hidden entrance to enter the Abyss continent!

The members immediately got cold feet.

“Boss, we should leave. Even if this island is only an entrance and not the exit and the demons won’t come out, this is still dangerous. What if we accidentally fall into the entrance, and—”

Jevon paused. He couldn’t continue his words because he really couldn’t imagine what would happen if things came true.

What if they fell into the Abyss entrance and got directly transported to the Abyss?

The demons were the nemesis of all living beings due to their chaotic and destructive nature.

They’re bloodthirsty beings who only want to consume living beings’ life force and souls.

The reason why the demons couldn’t roam freely and destroy the world was all thanks to the sealed Abyss.

Various races’ leaders worked together to seal the abyss, not allowing any demons to come out.

However, the demons could still spread miasma to the places near them or through the dimensional holes.

Just like how it contaminated the island.

Chapter 744: “The Abyss’ Entrance”

Fortunately, the dimensional holes could only transport monsters or spread miasma and could not send out the demons.

This was why the demons couldn’t come out at all and could only rely on dimensional holes to spread out miasma.

The appearance of these gemstones on this island means that there were a lot of demons who came out of the seal’s crack or something.

However, they eventually died because the entrance to the abyss only allowed visitors to come in, but they couldn’t go out.

The blood of various demons who tried to come out became these gemstones.

The Abyss’ entrance was always a mysterious phenomenon, and many experts said that it was the side effect of the seals.

Or maybe the seal is wearing off despite various leaders from countless races repeatedly strengthening the seal once every decade.

There were many cases where innocent people fell into the entrance and disappeared, never to come back.

Of course, nowadays, non-human races have a way to enter the abyss and return without being trapped by the seal. Strangely, not a single demon could come out.

However, humans didn't have this kind of strange method yet. Once someone fell into the abyss, they would never come back.

"Boss...don't tell me the treasures on this island are all the demons' leftovers?" Ethania, who was usually low-key, couldn't help but ask Ainsley with a black face.

The demons' leftovers such as their skins, eyeballs, nails, horns, wings, hairs, furs, blood, and other things are really rare and high in demand.

It's really a treasure depending on the uses.

These gemstones are really good to be accessories such as necklaces, bracelets, hairpins, brooches, earrings, and so on.

The gemstones' effects are varied depending on the gems' colour. Red gems can boost one's special ability when infused with one's special energy.

The person using the gemstone will enter the state of 'berserk' and will be five times more powerful than the usual.

A pinky-sized gemstone is enough to last for five minutes before crumbling into dust.

The blue gemstone has the demons' natural regeneration ability. The green one has an anti-poison effect since the demons are immune to poisons.

The black gem can improve one's physical strength for a period of time since the demons are naturally strong.

The pink gem can charm others because some demons have charm skill, and this kind of charm is way greater than the ability of users' charm ability.

The purple gem has a hypnotic effect or can induce nightmares.

The yellow and orange gem can amplify one's special energy for a period of time, depending on the gem's size.

These gems are really precious because the effects are better than potions, and lucky ones can even trigger another awakening after using these gems.

Strangely, there's no miasma inside the gems, and the gems can even repel miasma.

That's why the capital's wall has many gemstones like these!

Even inside the capital, one could see many traces of colourful gemstones that were already polished until no one realized the gems were condensed demons' blood.

"The previous family should have seen the gemstones too and rely on this resource to build up wealth, but....maybe they discovered something wrong, and that's why they gave away the island?"

This time, Marietta was the one speaking. She was worried that this island was just a trap for the Sloan Family...

But Ainsley shook her head because the Godfather just told her something.

“No. I think these gemstones aren’t that easy to find. It all relies on one’s luck, and the previous family isn’t too lucky. The cons outweigh the pros, so they decide to give the island away.”

Ainsley rubbed her chin as she calmly analysed the situation. An abyss’ entrance was dangerous, but she couldn’t let go of this island.

There might be a clue to Axelle’s bloodline here because...he was half-demon, right?

Ainsley peeked at Axelle, who had gone completely silent and seemingly too frightened or worried to say anything.

Everyone in the team knew Axelle’s background as a mixed-blood elf with half of his blood belonging to the demons, so all of them were also concerned about Axelle.

“Sir alchemist, you...” one of the team leaders wanted to appease Axelle but eventually stopped.

Everyone here was close to Axelle, but they were also afraid of his demonic bloodline.

Even if his elf bloodline was currently stronger than the demonic bloodline, no one knew when he would turn into demons due to his demonic bloodline.

Axelle’s face paled even further, and he bit his lips. He refused to look at anyone and continued to be gloomy, but he didn’t plead Ainsley to leave the island.

He also wanted to stay here and maybe uncover something about his family background.

Ainsley patted Axelle’s back and gave him a silent encouragement before focusing on her people.

“For now, let’s find the Abyss’ entrance exact location and mark the area as a forbidden area. I’ll ask the previous family if they know anything about this. They should be helpful.”

Ainsley immediately contacted the previous island’s owner even though the signal was bad.

In the end, she did accumulate a lot of information and found out the Abyss’ entrance exact location from these people.

Thus, they immediately came back to the base and brought out various tools to create a blockade around the abyss’ entrance.

The entrance was really hard to find because the only difference was that the soil there looked darker than in other areas.

Still, Ainsley’s group finally marked the dangerous invisible entrance and didn’t let anyone come close.

This move directly showed Ainsley’s decision regarding the team and the island.

They will stay and won’t leave the island!

Chapter 745: “Combing The Island”

The previous family didn’t build a base like Ainsley, but they did have various treasure-hunting tools or temporary residences scattered all around the island.

Ainsley generously took over these places and started to comb the entire island while doing a treasure hunt.

On the first day of the treasure hunt, Ainsley didn't use any of her luck-manipulation ability, fearing the great side-effect.

Because of this, they found no other treasures aside from more gemstones, strange ores, and a few dead trees.

The dead trees had a darkness-attributed wood, really unique, and it could generate wood in a short time.

The team collected these woods to fill the Sloan Family's treasury.

However, even after searching for a whole day, until the sun slowly hid behind the ocean, they found no other meaningful treasures other than the gemstones.

The gemstones were also very small, just the size of a shirt button or even less.

The group looked at each other and sighed.

"Boss, I think it is true that it is so hard to find treasures here. Even the gemstones are hard to find, and all of them are small in size..."

One of the elite members sulked at Ainsley, finally cursing the previous family once more. No wonder the previous family gave up on the island, ah!

The gemstones were hard to find and even if they found one, the biggest size was only as big as a baby's pinky.

It was a treasure but not too effective or useful for the customers.

Especially when the customers were usually the government who wanted to reduce the miasma concentration at the capital.

Ainsley also looked at the orange sky above the horizon and finally gave up.

"Let's go back to the base first. Don't forget to draw the map of the area we have combed. Tomorrow, we will go further to see if there are any other abyss entrances or treasures."

At Ainsley's words, the group immediately returned to the base and was greeted by the other 450 members.

While the 50 treasure hunter team was busy finding treasure and exploring the island, these 450 members were busy building a large base based on Ainsley's blueprint.

Using their special abilities, they had managed to build several watchtowers and simple emergency medical buildings and storehouses for weapons and other daily necessities.

Ainsley's treasure hunter group didn't place their treasures at the storehouses and instead left all the gems to Axelle.

After all, Axelle had the blood of the demonic race in his vein, and he was more knowledgeable about these treasures.

He even said that he wanted to experiment with the treasures to find out more about the island's situation.

Since Axelle was regarded as their mighty alchemist and researcher, who would stop him?

Ainsley gave her full support.

"Don't push yourself too hard. I know you want to know more about your demonic bloodline but don't be too hasty, okay?"

Ainsley patted Axelle's back as they went to the tents around the base's area. The tents would be their temporary living residence and were still located inside the white area.

Hearing Ainsley's words, Axelle's eyes reddened as he nodded like a chicken pecking its food.

"Y-yes, master, I understand. A-also...while we are on this island, I will wear the restricting collar...i-if I suddenly go berserk or something, please restrain me."

Ainsley didn't know how but Axelle already reproduced the slave choker that Ainsley destroyed when she freed Axelle from his status as a slave.

The baby looked at Axelle's stretched hands with eyes full of complex emotions. Axelle already wore the choker and was now holding the remote, giving it to Ainsley.

His life and death would now belong to Ainsley once more.

Ainsley bit her lips and reluctantly accepted the remote. After all, Axelle couldn't swear a soul oath due to his race. Axelle could betray Ainsley or harm her if he went berserk.

A pity...

"I'll take this with me...but only because you want me to have it. Remember, no matter what happens, I won't abandon you."

Ainsley tip-toed and hugged Axelle, almost making Blaze, who was sleeping on Axelle's head, burn with jealousy.

That's my dad! Kwaaak!!

Blaze flapped her wings as she pecked Axelle's hair, but Axelle only returned Ainsley's hug with trembling hands. Tears already threatened to slide down his cheeks.

"T-thank you, master. I-I also hope that I won't make trouble for you..."

Axelle didn't know if being this close to the Abyss would influence him, but he wished he wouldn't trouble Ainsley, much less harm her.

So, if he suddenly awakened his demonic bloodline and became manic...Ainsley should just kill him on the spot.

Ainsley knew Axelle's thoughts but chose to ignore them and pretended to not know anything.

She continued to hug Axelle, giving him her emotional support before she let go and went back to her own tent.

That day, the treasure hunter team couldn't sleep well because they knew the truth of the island.

The other members didn't know yet and only knew that Ainsley had set up a forbidden area which none of them can come close to.

The next day, Ainsley decided to announce the truth to the members despite the risk, and indeed, the members were all frightened to death.

"This island has the Abyss Entrance?!"

"This island is one of the Abyss' entrances, does that mean there will be many demons' carcasses too??"

Knowing that this island had such a close connection with the Abyss and the demons, the members were frightened for a few minutes.

All of them looked at Ainsley with pale faces, but they knew that since Ainsley announced this matter to them, it meant she wouldn't want to leave the island.

Indeed, she didn't let them leave.

Chapter 746: "Checking Everyone's Luck Level"

Ainsley swept her gaze at the construction members in front of her and calmly spoke her thoughts.

"I know you're all scared about this truth, but I have marked the Abyss Entrance and made it into a forbidden area. As long as you're obedient, you won't be in any danger."

The only danger would be the miasma concentration, the numerous dimensional holes, the barren land, and the monsters.

The abyss and the demons themselves couldn't threaten them.

"If the demons can come out alive and harm anyone on the island, the previous owner would have tossed this island to the government or the world union," Ainsley added.

The world union, an organisation that was created to accommodate all the races in this world.

Their members were a mix of all sorts of races, but they had one ultimate goal...which was to guard the abyss seal and suppress the demons.

If this island were so dangerous that demons could be seen around alive, the island would have long become a forbidden place for anyone except for the World Union's people.

Hearing Ainsley's words, the members were enlightened and slowly calmed down.

Indeed, they heard from the treasure hunter team that the treasures they got were all the remnants of the demons.

No demons could live once they came out of the entrance or through the dimensional hole.

Some dumb demons did try to come out through the dimensional holes, and they were shredded to pieces instead because the dimensional holes only sent out monsters from the beast continent.

Even if the holes were connected to the abyss, only monsters could come out. The demons couldn't.

Unless they became monsters with low intelligence and abandoned their pride as demons.

These types of demons who willingly let the miasma corrupt themselves to become monsters usually ended up as high-level monsters.

However, their intelligence was still not as high as other demons or beasts.

They would also forget their identity as former noble demons and would be reduced to an animal-like monster.

The demons were prideful beings. Not many would want to do this.

They were immune to the miasma which was produced in the Abyss, so why would they let themselves be corrupted?

They usually used monsters as their military troops and lackeys. Becoming one of them? Hell no!

Thinking about those high-level monsters or even those above high-level...

Ainsley suspected that Zilla might be an ex-demon who couldn't bear to be locked up in Abyss for a long time and willingly became a monster.

Zilla was quite intelligent and even had a weird habit— sleeping when the sun was out.

It truly described the demons' characteristics as the night creatures, the moon's beloved children and the sun's step-children.

Ainsley rubbed her chin, deep in thought, as she dismissed her people and let them continue building the base.

At the same time, the treasure hunter team was already gathered at the border between the white area and the black ones around them.

"Boss, should we set off now? We have to go back before nighttime...we really don't have too much time to waste."

One of the treasure hunter members politely reminded Ainsley, who was still in a daze.

Nighttime on the island was really creepy and dangerous.

Last night, the patrol team reported many weird cases, such as the monsters' becoming more energetic at night, the ground shaking once or twice...

The miasma became so thick that it became black fog...

Numerous dimensional holes continued to pour out, and this time, there were many flying-type monsters, but once the sun shone, the monsters landed on the ground and didn't dare to fly to the sky.

Such weird cases...really scaring people to death, ah.

Not to mention that the temperature, which was like spring during the day, instantly became hot like summer yet cold like winter.

The mixture of cold and hot instantly created many problems for the members who had to build the base during their night shift.

Many of these members fell sick and had to trouble the special doctors and the normal doctors.

Even the healers were up all night to take care of the sick people.

Ainsley snapped awake from her daze and immediately clapped her hands, attracting the treasure hunter team's attention.

"Before we depart to explore, I'll conduct a simple observation to ensure that we are healthy, okay? It won't take too long."

Ainsley lied without batting an eyelid as she started to look at the people's luck level.

Like hell that she wanted to check their health. She's not a healer or a doctor. But she could check their luck level to see whether they're in a bad condition or a good one.

So far, almost all of the team members had quite good luck. Maybe because they're elites and it means they're obviously luckier than other members.

But Ainsley's purpose was to find someone with the highest level of luck and tried to boost that person's luck with minimum effort.

She knew that she couldn't waste too much energy to boost someone's luck anymore, or she would have a backlash. Her soul was still unstable, and the damn weird bullets were still restricting her.

She could only find someone with an exceptionally good luck level, boost that person's luck, and then make that person into their treasure detector.

Ainsley even checked the members' pet monsters! She also checked the construction team's luck level, hoping that maybe one or two could be a dark horse.

Alas, there's no one with a luck level close to diamond. At most, people's luck level was at gold or silver.

The one with platinum luck level was only Zev, Axelle, and the Godfather.

Their group is so miserable!!

Chapter 747: "Blaze, The Little Lucky Phoenix"

The Godfather's luck level used to be at crystal, the highest level, but he dropped by two levels to platinum because he exhausted his luck to survive the ordeal months ago.

His luck hasn't recovered yet...

But Ainsley wanted to see someone with a diamond luck level, ah!

If it's lower, she had to sacrifice herself to boost this person's luck to crystal.

She didn't want to cut her lifespan more than necessary or have any other side effects, okay?

There must be a way to eliminate the side effects, but for now, she didn't have a clue.

Alas, Ainsley's eyes were gloomy as she checked her people. Even Axelle's luck level was only platinum.

She herself had worse luck compared to these people.

Who else could have diamond level luck?

Ainsley had checked everyone, including their pet monsters.

She had also checked Cellino, but the baby forgot a certain blue 'chicken' who was hiding among Axelle's thick hair.

It was Blaze.

Ainsley almost forgot to check Blaze if not for Axelle, who suddenly took Blaze from his head and affectionately stroked her feather, combing her to become a pretty little blue Phoenix with minimum feathers.

When Ainsley saw Blaze, her eyes instantly lit up, and she quickly tried to check the baby bird's luck level.

That bird is more or less a Phoenix. Her bloodline is even more awesome than Cellino, and she's still a baby. Her value is high even though she's a mutant.

Her luck must be good, right? At least reaching diamond level, right?

Ainsley severely underestimated a certain little bird. For others, her being a mutated Phoenix is something pitiful, and others think that she's unlucky.

But who said that a mutated Phoenix is unlucky? Don't you know that such a mutation chance is only one in a million, and this little chick is the one who got the lottery?

With luck, there comes misfortune. Her misfortune is that her family didn't like her because she's a blue Phoenix with water attributes, unlike a Phoenix at all.

She's abandoned and disliked because she's a mutant. That's her misfortune.

As for her luck? She was sent to Ainsley, got her care, and then assigned to Axelle. Axelle is such a caring father that he literally spoiled Blaze to heaven.

Blaze lived a comfortable life and was basking in potions or precious herbs everyday.

If not, how could she grow beautiful blue-ish feathers in just a few months when she couldn't do so for years before?

Thus, when Ainsley checked Blaze's luck level, she was so shocked that she almost tripped and fell.

What is this? Blaze's luck level is surprisingly at crystal level?! She's lucky enough to be a protagonist in a novel, ah!

Of course, she's really a protagonist material. She's unique since birth, and she suffered enough—typical novels' protagonists.

When Ainsley saw that glittery 'Crystal level' words above Blaze's head, she was so excited that she directly rushed to Axelle's side and looked at Blaze with fiery eyes.

"Axelle. You know that we need lucky people to find more treasures, right?" Ainsley questioned him carefully since she felt a bit guilty of wanting to borrow Blaze for a moment.

Axelle nodded at Ainsley without feeling any suspicion. "Y-yes. It's hard to find treasures here without luck."

"Good! Then, will you let me borrow Blaze? I just feel that she's a lucky blue bird- blue Phoenix."

Axelle instantly furrowed his eyebrows even though he still looked timid and respectful.

"This...is it suitable? I don't think little Zeze is lucky..."

Ainsley hurriedly denied Axelle's words. "No, no, she's lucky. Do you remember that all the gemstones we found yesterday are all found by lil Zeze?"

Yesterday, Blaze would always pull Axelle's hair or chirp occasionally, and everytime she did that, they found gemstones.

If she's not lucky, who else is lucky??

Axelle seemed to recall the incident and couldn't refute Ainsley's words. Indeed, his little daughter seemed to be lucky...

And so, he could only reluctantly hand over Blaze to Ainsley. "This...p-please treat her well, master."

Axelle believed that Ainsley would take care of Blaze and wouldn't wrong the little chicken, but he's still worried.

Ainsley waved her hand casually and nodded. "No worries. Blaze will be fine."

Ainsley accepted the sleeping 'chicken' on her palm and carefully nudged the little 'chicken' to wake her up.

"Chirp...?" Blaze slowly blinked and regained her consciousness. She's still sleepy, but when she saw Ainsley's face, she instantly sobered up.

Isn't this my dad's master? Wait, no. She's my dad's favourite baby. She's my rival, isn't it?

Blaze squinted her eyes and wanted to peck Ainsley's palm, but she remembered that it was Ainsley who received her and gave her home.

It's also Ainsley who named her and gave her to the nice Axelle to be taken care of. She's obviously a nice human...

Okay, let's not peck her. Zeze knows how to repay someone's grace!

Blaze reluctantly rubbed her cheek to Ainsley's palm, expressing her affection as she tilted her head at the baby.

"Chirp, chirp?"

What do you want to do with me? Need help? Hurry, I want to go back to my nest a.k.a dad's hair!

Ainsley seemed to understand the lil phoenix's chirping noise and she laughed softly.

"Hello Lil Zeze. I need your help. I know that you're smart and you can understand me, right? So...I want you to walk around the ground or fly anywhere. I'll just follow you."

And Ainsley secretly prepared a tiny leash for Blaze, afraid that Blaze would really wander around and then get eaten by a passing monster.

This island is really dangerous since monsters could appear out of the blue!

What if Blaze died because of the monsters?

Chapter 748: "A Natural Treasure Detector"

Blaze heard Ainsley's words and was taken aback for a moment. Roaming the island? She wanted to, but her dad wouldn't let her go that easily, okay?

He said that the island is dangerous...and there are so many monsters who will eat her!

Thus, when Ainsley gave her freedom, Blaze was so excited that she continued to rub her cheeks against Ainsley's palm.

"Chirppp! Chirp!" Go, go! Must go!

Ainsley's eyes instantly curved into beautiful crescent moons.

"Good! But for safety issues, I'll put a tiny leash on your neck, is that okay? The rope is quite long. You can move freely, and we will always protect you."

Of course, the rope itself would shrink the moment Ainsley pressed a button. In the face of sudden danger, she could bring Blaze to her arm in just a second or maybe less than a second.

Blaze knew what a leash meant, but she didn't mind wearing it. After all, her dad also wore this kind of 'leash' and called it a choker. She could wear a similar 'accessory' with dad!

"Chirppp!" Blaze nodded energetically, and Ainsley immediately put on the small leash around Blaze's neck.

It wasn't too tight but not too loose either. The leash was navy blue, a perfect match with Blaze's light blue feathers. It was quite fashionable for the little chicken.

"Okay, that's it. Now, you can go anywhere, and we will follow you! Just don't go too far, okay?" Ainsley stroked Blaze's head and silently lamented that Blaze grew up so fast.

She's already bigger than her palm even though months ago, she's obviously so tiny that her palm could perfectly trap Blaze.

Blaze heard Ainsley's words, and when she knew that she could go to play, she immediately chipped happily and started to flap her wings.

People thought she would fly high although she's a baby, but alas...she's a baby Phoenix, okay?

She did fly, but the altitude was so low that she only floated a few centimetres from the ground.

Ainsley had to look down at the little bird 'flying' happily and suddenly had the urge to facepalm.

...Blaze...you are not flying, okay? You're just floating...

Since Blaze was flying at such a low altitude, Ainsley looked like she was not walking a bird but walking a dog in the shape of a bit of a bird instead.

Not to mention that when Blaze felt tired, she would take the ground and pitter-patter forward with her tiny little claws.

Others:

The treasure hunter members were dumbfounded. Ainsley's close people were also shocked, not knowing what Ainsley planned to do by letting Blaze play around like this.

However, when Blaze had just flown for a few seconds, she suddenly dropped to the ground and pecked the ground while chirping happily.

There's something here! This Phoenix can feel it!

Ainsley instantly motioned her people to dig whatever Blaze wanted to dig, and as a result, they found a palm-sized Hundred Thousand Demons' Blood.

It was a blue palm-sized gemstone.

The members instantly sucked in the cold air.

A palm-sized gemstone! Fck! This little bald chicken is so OP!

They wasted more than twelve hours yesterday and only found small button-sized gemstones, but this chick only played for a few seconds and found a palm-sized gemstone.

...this is not fair.

But the members felt even more distressed as they watched Blaze's little adventure.

Wherever Blaze goes, there will always be treasures.

First, they found sparkling black soil that has a dark-attribute element and can grow the dark-attribute trees. Next, they found the roots of dark-attribute trees that can be used to make dark-attribute weapons.

The third time, they found the golden and purple streams and this time, there were many rocks inside the streams.

These rocks were obviously rare minerals or ore and would be extremely good for their base's defence because these rocks surprisingly could repel monsters.

Yes, these rocks had a monster-repellent effect! So unscientific!

And Axelle said that the golden and purple stream was a stream created by the mixture of rain and polluted black soil, plus various demonic gemstones.

The stream slowly became a magical stream, and it could heal someone who was too polluted by the miasma.

....unscientific.

The whole group were busy marking the stream area to bring the golden and purple liquid so that no members would suffer from the bad miasma on the island.

They also collected the mysterious rocks and collected many gemstones scattered around the river...

Well, the further they explored the island, the more treasures they found.

They found a demon's claw buried underneath a hard soil, but the ground wasn't as hard as the other grounds. They could dig up the claw.

The demon's claw could be used as weapons.

And next, they found the demons' pearls...these could directly upgrade one's energy core's quality by several times.

They also found more demons' carcasses, such as their hard skin, their hair, their bones, and so on.

The haul was really...really amazing. They only explored the island for five hours, and they had harvested tons of treasures.

The treasure hunter members couldn't help but look at Blaze with a different light.

As expected of our boss. This bald chicken is obviously a natural treasure detector! No wonder she takes care of this bald, weird blue chicken!

No one thought that Blaze is a Phoenix. She simply didn't look like one. Even her siblings would look like a Phoenix, but her mutation made her look like a chicken.

But this must be the best chicken in the world, right? Her luck is too awesome! She wants to ascend heaven as a chicken!

And this is not the end.

Blaze found another HUGE treasure!

Chapter 749: "Finding A Mine"

The treasure was huge because it wasn't really one item. What Blaze found was a whole mine of unique stones!

Yes, it was a mine hidden deep inside the island, and Blaze accidentally found the entrance to the mine.

So far, no one would have thought that the mine entrance was actually right under a huge grey dead tree.

It took Ainsley and her people a few hours to create a sturdy and safe passage for people to go down to mine.

When Ainsley found this mine, she almost cried out of excitement.

Blaze! You're really a lucky star, ah!

Actually, Ainsley had been sceptical about the island.

How could such an enormous island have no mines and other natural resources? There must be one, but the previous owner didn't find them and could only use whatever they could find.

The previous owner did say that the island was a treasure island, but only lucky people could find treasures.

Plus, people wouldn't be lucky all-day, and that means the previous owner couldn't make use of the island to create a stable business.

But Ainsley could.

She would check the newcomers' luck and chose those with the highest luck level to form a treasure hunter team when they were sent to the island for training.

Even if Blaze wasn't here anymore to help the members find treasures, the mine she found alone could already become a huge business for the Sloan Family.

That's why Ainsley even thought of leaving Zilla on the island.

Such a precious business opportunity would attract troubles and many forces might try to attack the island to snatch it from her hands.

Alas, even if the land deed was in her hands, if they were robbed over and over again, how could they do business and make a fortune from the island?

Thus, Zilla was necessary to ward off any greedy forces who wanted to rob her treasures. Zilla was a behemoth born to be a war machine.

Even when she was quite lazy in the afternoon, it didn't mean she couldn't protect the island from intruders.

As for the one who would protect the main mansion once Zilla lived on the island...if Ainsley could lure out the remaining two sacred beasts, the main mansion would have enough guardians.

Thinking like this, Ainsley immediately contacted the island's base and asked them to send over mining tools and prepare people to mine stones.

At the same time, she also thought of recruiting professional miners to do the mining instead of her mafia members.

Her mafia members were her military troops. How could they become miners? Even building the base right now was an exception because they truly lacked workers.

Ainsley texted Grandpa Yofan despite the bad signal and told him the full story before asking Grandpa Yofan to prepare for hiring miners and labourers to build more bases on the Island plus do the mining.

As for the money needed to execute the plan? The Sloan Family didn't lack money anymore.

With their potion sales and other businesses they had boosted with the Sloan Family's name, how could they still lack money?

Even the occasional request from other big bosses asking Ainsley to assist them in contracting high-level monsters already gathered a large sum of money that one couldn't imagine.

The Sloan Family was wealthy enough to throw money like water now.

Thus, Ainsley didn't hesitate to ask Grandpa Yofan to recruit miners who could work for years on the island and labourers who could build some new bases until the island was fully developed.

After Ainsley sent her order, Ainsley let the five buds explore the mine first while she waited at the surface.

She did want to explore the mine herself, but Axelle and the others immediately stopped her.

"There are many dangers inside the mine, boss. It's not about the underground monsters, but more about the environment," one of the elites helped Axelle to coax Ainsley.

The mine was naturally stuffy and suffocating even for the strong ability users.

They still had to use proper tools to visit the mine and build things here and there to let the miners do their work comfortably.

At the same time, they would need to bring some strong earth-based ability users to help the future miners clear the path, kill underground monsters and ensure the miners' safety.

Well, for now, the team which entered the miners only had fifteen members, but all of them were strong.

Ainsley didn't need to worry about their safety and waited patiently until they returned after exploring for an hour.

When she saw Jevon and the others coming out of the 'rabbit hole', Ainsley immediately approached Jevon, who looked like the one holding the most information.

"How is it? How's the situation there? Can we develop this mine? What kind of precious stones or ores did you find?"

Facing Ainsley's bombardment, Jevon calmly took off his mining equipment and gave his full reports.

"The mine is quite large, and we can build a path inside to make things easier for future miners. There are almost no dangers inside, either from the natural environment or the monsters."

Jevon paused before continuing.

"There are only some troublesome low-level monsters, but earth-based ability users should be able to deal with the monsters easily."

Some monsters actually could be useful to collect the ores and dig further, only if they're tamed.

But Jevon believed that Ainsley could easily solve this problem, either by hiring monster tamers or doing things by herself.

But Ainsley didn't plan on recruiting more monster tamers.

The ones she wanted to send to tame these useful monsters or tame other monsters on the surface were the future Irregular Tamers.

The mine can become another training ground for future guild members!

Chapter 750: "Inheritance Stone"

The guild members' safety would also be guaranteed as long as other ability users were there.

"Hum, good, good. We are really lucky. What about the ores and stones produced here? Do you know the total and the types?"

If there were too limited ores, the mine wasn't worth the development cost. They could just ask the mafia members to mine the ores and stones.

But if the resources were many and wouldn't disappear for years to come, that would be really worth the investment.

When Jevon heard Ainsley's words, his eyes flashed with a complicated light, but his face was red from excitement.

"This...boss, the number of precious stones inside is a lot. Like...really a lot."

Jevon's voice slightly trembled without him knowing.

"One of our Ability Users can sense how many precious stones are inside, and he said that we wouldn't be able to get all of them in three years."

It was estimated that all the stones would be completely ravaged in ten to fifteen years!

When Ainsley heard this, she also trembled from head to toe, full of excitement.

"Good, good! Now, if the stones are precious—"

Ainsley hadn't finished when Jevon already beat her to it.

"The stones are all Inheritance Stones! They are Inheritance Stones, boss!"

BOOM!

Something just exploded in Ainsley's head.

Inheritance stone. Who wouldn't know this kind of legendary stone that only existed in legends?

Just like its name, inheritance stone was a stone that could aid others to give inheritance to their future generations.

The stone could absorb one's special ability and store it inside until someone used the stone.

When the user activated the inheritance stone, they would receive the sealed ability inside and gain that exact ability.

What big bosses and influential forces feared off was always about the future generation.

Many nobles and mafia families fell because their future generations failed to live up to their expectations.

Mainly because their new generations didn't awaken a powerful ability like their predecessors.

But the Inheritance Stone could solve this problem. The bigger the stone, the more abilities it could store and the longer it could store the abilities.

Of course, the stones had different colours corresponding to different ability types, but people could just test which ability one could store inside the stone, and they could freely use the stone after the experiment.

Anyway, one Inheritance Stone the size of a baby's pinky finger was enough to make even the mafia council drool over it.

Now, Jevon said that there were tons of said stones, and one wouldn't lack such stones for fifteen years to come.

....they struck it rich. No, the Sloan Family could basically soar to the sky once they got their high-ranking title!

Ainsley's eyes reddened as she sucked in the cold air. She didn't believe that Blaze's luck would be so...so good. As expected of someone with luck comparable to a novel's protagonist...

The mine they found was really a treasure! But also a looming danger since many people would try to snatch the mine.

Owning that kind of mine would basically give you so much influence over those owning high-level energy crystal mines.

After all, even non-human races also wanted Inheritance Stones. All kinds of races could use Inheritance Stones!

Ainsley didn't know why there would be this kind of mine on the island, but Axelle said that Inheritance Stones were naturally created from a mix of miasma and the demons' special ability.

When demons died, their special abilities wouldn't disappear like humans but would float out of the body just like a small ball of light.

But no other races other than a fellow demonic race could inherit or consume this ball of light.

Thus, the lonely ball of light would fall deep into the ground, get mixed with the miasma, and harden over time.

It became Inheritance Stones.

Other races usually acquire Inheritance Stones when they visit The Abyss, but it was rare since the demons would have inherited the ball of light when their comrades died.

Only places like the island would have such stones. Mainly a place where there was an Abyss Entrance.

Other places in this world also had Abyss Entrance, but whether there were Inheritance Stone mines or not, it all depended on the environment itself.

This island...is really a treasure island. For such a mine to appear here...but this island was also full of hidden dangers.

Ainsley hadn't named the island when she received the island land deed and the previous owner also only called it Treasure Island, but right at this moment, she suddenly thought of a name.

Pandora Island.

That's such a fitting name, isn't it? An alluring box that lure a Goddess to open the box out of curiosity but instead releases calamity all over the world...

This island is exactly like that.

Pandora Treasure Island.

Ainsley decided the island's name just like that as she asked Jevon and the others to show the Inheritance Stone's samples that they got from the mines.

"We only pick up three fist-sized stones so far, but I think we can win the tournament with this stone." Jevon handed over the three stones to Ainsley and let her admire the stones.

Unlike the Hundred Thousand Demons' Blood Gemstones which looks like rough asymmetrical rocks, the Inheritance Stones looked more like a pearl.

It was smooth outside, but one could see the chaotic torrent inside. It was like a transparent pearl trapping a colourful tornado.

The tornado must be the energy that could absorb one's special ability, while the pearl's surface was the one keeping the ability inside.

Such a unique stone, Ainsley was really fascinated by it.

So this is the legendary Inheritance Stone!